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What do we believe in here at Colby-Sawyer College? We believe in committing ourselves to our students and in making every decision by focusing on how it will benefit their educational experience, both in and outside the classroom. One of the ways in which we hope our students will learn and grow is by teaching them to understand and employ multiple perspectives. This means we expect them to learn and understand how different academic disciplines approach, explain, analyze and solve problems. We want our students to know that as they face the world they must be able to see it through many intellectual and practical prisms. We also want our students to experience different people who are part of, and beliefs that are shaped by, different national and global cultures that differ from their own. The Global Beginnings story in this issue is about those aspects of learning and employing multiple perspectives. The story is also about what we call diversity, and we use that word in its broadest sense.

There are many ways in which Colby-Sawyer has always celebrated and experienced diversity in an inclusive, welcoming manner. As a junior college we devoted ourselves mainly to educating women and preparing them for a world in which their participation as equals with men would grow and grow. In 1990, we extended our campus diversity by opening our doors broadly to men. For many years we have benefited from political diversity, religious diversity, a community with diverse and varied sexual orientations, and socioeconomic diversity. Indeed, today more than 360 of our approximately 1,100 students are first-generation college students and over 90 percent of our students receive some form of financial aid through the college.

Today, while we celebrate all the ways in which we are diverse, we are still striving to diversify our community in an inclusive and welcoming manner. We are committed to increasing our global, racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity. Specifically, we are focused on recruiting more students from urban areas and from geographic areas outside New England.

At the same time, after many years of limited study away by Colby-Sawyer students, we are striving to increase the number of students who spend some time away from our beautiful campus and who then return to teach and inspire us with the bug to study away. Through these new student populations and study-away initiatives, we believe that our campus will become an even better, more vibrant, and more exciting place where the wide world, and all it has to offer, will improve our learning environment. Through globalization the world truly is an increasingly smaller place, and that fact raises both opportunities and challenges. Our students must be prepared to negotiate that world successfully, and we must prepare them to do so. Moreover, by about 2035 there will be no majority race in America — our graduates must be excited, eager players in that wonderful, new world.

The Global Beginnings Program is just one of the exciting programs underway to expand our students’ knowledge and use of multiple perspectives in their lives. We plan to feature articles in the future issues of the magazine which may include the Progressive Scholars Program, our expanding international student population and more. I know you will find them as interesting and invigorating as I do. I could not be more proud to showcase these fantastic programs that are all about improving the education and lives of Colby-Sawyer students, which is the reason we are here.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Judge Martha Ware ’37
Alumna, Trustee, Benefactor

The Honorable Judge Martha Ware, a member of the Colby Junior College Class of 1937 and former trustee, passed away on Aug. 4, 2009, at the age of 91. She had a long and distinguished career, with pioneering positions as a jurist and in local and state government. She performed equally important volunteer leadership and service for the protection of children, educational and charitable organizations, and her beloved alma mater, Colby-Sawyer College.

Born in Weymouth, Mass., in 1917, Martha graduated from high school in Abington, Mass., her lifelong place of residence. She earned an associate’s degree in secretarial science in 1937 and went on to study at Boston University and Portia Law School (now New England School of Law), where she graduated with an LL.B. cum laude in 1941.

After passing the state bar in 1942, Martha became Abington’s first female selectman, a position she sought in order to address what she viewed as the inadequate size of the local police department and its lack of legal training. Once elected, she helped to enlarge the police department and arranged for its officers to take courses in criminal justice. She later sought a seat in the House of Representatives in the Massachusetts State Legislature, campaigning by telephone from a hospital bed when she was suddenly stricken with polio. She was elected and served for three terms (1950–1956), one of just two women in the legislature at the time.

In 1956, Martha was appointed as the first female judge in Plymouth County, where she served until her retirement in 1979. She was particularly proud of her service to children in the state’s juvenile courts, and she often said she was drawn to the law by her interest in fair play and equity for all people.

Following her retirement, Martha focused on her philanthropic and charitable interests. She gave generously to the college’s Annual Fund, and, in 1983, founded the Samuel L. and May Davis Ware Memorial Scholarship to assist students in receiving a college education. She then joined the Board of Trustees, which she served with distinction from 1988 to 1997. The college recognized her service to the institution and to society with the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service in 1989 and an honorary doctorate in 1994.

Martha was previously recognized by the college with the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1985 and the Alumni Service Award in 1974. In 2003, she was inducted as an inaugural member of the college’s Legends Society, which includes those who donate $1 million or more during their lifetimes to Colby-Sawyer. She recalled Sept. 4, 1990—when the college dedicated its Library-Commons building and Fernald Library as the new Ware Campus Center in honor of her and her beloved parents, Samuel and May Ware—as one of the greatest days of her life.

Over the years, Martha’s connection to Colby-Sawyer continued, often through visits with old and new friends, including President Tom Galligan. “Judge Ware was an incredibly special person. Not only was she a fantastic lawyer, public servant and alumna, but she was a ground-breaker as a woman in her profession and her community,” he said. “She was an exemplar to men and women of what a person with resolve, intelligence, compassion and concern can accomplish.”
Baird Health and Counseling Center Welcomes New Director

Pamela Spear of New London, N.H., was recently appointed director of the Baird Health and Counseling Center (BHCC) at Colby-Sawyer College. This position coordinates all programs, policies and procedures in the delivery of health and counseling services to students within a context of holistic health care.

Pamela holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration, and her extensive business background shifts the role of the BHCC director from a more traditional lead medical role to that of an administrator model.

The BHCC is dedicated to supporting health and well-being, preventing illness, and engaging students in active learning and responsible decision-making. The center is licensed by the state of New Hampshire as an educational health facility and its staff includes nurse practitioners, licensed counselors and a collaborating physician.

For 21 years, Pamela worked at Haemonetics Corporation in Braintree, Mass., a global company that markets automated blood-processing systems. She held a number of positions, including manager of donor center operations at New England Medical Center Hospital in a partnership agreement with Haemonetics; director of disposable manufacturing; and, for the last seven years, vice president of quality systems.

David Sauerwein, vice president for student development and dean of students, points out the advantages of having a business manager as BHCC’s director. “A business background helps in building a better functioning operation,” he says. “A practitioner can be an expert in the medical field, but management training and experience matches our current needs, which are increased demands in regard to the quantity and variety of our services amid tight resources. Pam brings the ability to think differently about potential partners and solutions. Her demeanor under pressure is calm and it calms those around her, she’s a great listener, and she speaks with understated confidence. In short, Pam’s a great team member.”

In Memoriam

M. Roy London Jr., College Friend and Benefactor

M. Roy London Jr., a long time friend of the college and a member of the Legends Society, died at the age of 85 in Brighton, Mass., in March 2009. Roy lived in Westwood, Mass., and remained supportive of and close to Colby-Sawyer College until the end of his life.

“Roy London was a smart, committed and gentle man who literally grew up on and around the Colby-Sawyer campus,” says President Tom Galligan. “His father was a beloved faculty member, and the entire London family and extended family will always be in the heart and soul of our college. They have been generous with their support and generous with their love of our school and its traditions.”

Roy was born Oct. 14, 1923, in Buffalo, N.Y., and graduated from New London High School in 1941. He earned an A.B. from Colgate University in 1945, and, for 25 years, worked for Fairfield & Ellis Marine Insurance in Boston. He was president of Customhouse Marine in Boston and also taught at Northeastern University.

The London family’s relationship with the college is a long and storied one. M. Roy London Sr. came to New London in 1915 to teach at Colby Academy for three years, and he returned to the institution to teach at Colby Junior College from 1928 to 1958, when he served as chair of the Secretarial Science Department. Roy’s sister, Jean, later taught sociology at Colby Junior College.

In 1975, Roy and Jean established a scholarship at Colby-Sawyer in honor of their father. In 2001, the London family established a professorship at the college, the M. Roy London Endowed Chair, to recognize an influential professor and community member whose work and vocation combine excellence in teaching with an influential and attentive persona on campus and in the wider community.

Roy was a long time member, past deacon, moderator and trustee at First Parish Church in Westwood, Mass., and he served the town of Westwood on many committees and as president of the Westwood Historical Society. He was also a volunteer for a number of organizations.

Once, when asked about his father’s distinguished record of community service, Roy London Jr., said, “I believe the great people of this country are not in Washington, D.C., or in Hollywood, or on the football field. The truly great people are those who love their communities.” Like his father, M. Roy London was one of those truly great people.
Karen Craffey Eldred ’86 always knew she would stay involved with her college. With her mother and a second cousin both alumnae, Colby-Sawyer was an important part of Karen’s life even before she arrived on campus. After graduation, Karen kept in touch with favorite professors, as well as with classmates in her class agent role, and she loyally supported the Annual Fund. A regular attendee at reunions, she became further engaged as a member of the President’s Alumni Advisory Council. It became clear to her just how much the college relies on alumni for annual gifts to support crucial scholarships, faculty development, new majors, and a myriad of student-centered initiatives. Karen relished the opportunity to connect with other alumni and to learn firsthand about the programs and the resources needed to achieve Colby-Sawyer’s priorities and potential.

David, Karen’s husband, was introduced to Colby-Sawyer at her 15th reunion in May 2001. They returned to campus for Reunion a week after their wedding in May 2006. A 1984 graduate of the University of Michigan, Dave embraced our college, impressed by its small size and the personalization which he experienced as a guest, as well as the individualized academic and co-curricular programs available to every student. He quickly grasped that all gifts to Colby-Sawyer make a profound and immediate impact on the lives of our students, providing an excellent return on investment. In the fall of 2006, with Dave’s full support, Karen eagerly accepted the invitation from Chairman Anne Winton Black ’73, ’75 to join the Board of Trustees.

In this new role, both Eldreds learned about more ways to invest in Karen’s college to provide critical financial flexibility. They also learned the significant difference they and others could make in the life of the college with their resources, now and in the future. This inspired Karen and Dave’s decision to join the Heritage Society and include Colby-Sawyer in their estate as they planned for the financial security of their young daughter, knowing that they wanted to provide for all they value most. The couple acknowledges the joy they feel in the possibility of helping to inspire others to make the college a philanthropic priority as they have done, and the positive influence others close to the college had on their thinking. Karen says, “It’s enticing to us to contribute to Colby-Sawyer now, while realizing that we’ve planned for a future gift as well.”

The college is grateful for the Eldreds’ thoughtful gift intention, and we invite you to consider joining them to make a difference through your own gift planning. For a confidential conversation about how you can provide for your loved ones and make an impact with a future gift to Colby-Sawyer, please contact Peg Andrews ’85 at pandrews@colby-sawyer.edu or (603) 526-3726.

College Introduces New Academic Major in Health Studies

Colby-Sawyer introduced a new degree program this fall, a Bachelor of Science in Health Studies major with concentrations in Health Promotion and Wellness; Public Health; and Health Care Management.

The Health Studies major will prepare graduates for careers in the health care field and for graduate school programs in the health professions. This interdisciplinary major offers a strong foundation in liberal arts combined with a core set of courses in health issues and health care systems. The major includes courses from a variety of the college’s academic areas such as Business Administration, Exercise and Sport Sciences, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Nursing, and Social Sciences and Education.

The new major was created in response to surging interest among current and prospective students in health disciplines, and it provides a range of alternatives to the college’s popular nursing major in the field of health care. “This new program represents yet another way in which our faculty collaborated across traditional disciplinary and departmental boundaries to develop an innovative, multi-disciplinary major for students which will prepare them to meet health needs in their communities and across the world,” says Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah Taylor.
New Trustees

Harry Gazelle
Harry received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Alexandria in Egypt. Following an internship and four years of residency in diagnostic and radiation therapy at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital and a nuclear medicine residency at the Oak Ridge Medical Institute, he was board certified and joined Case Western Reserve University as an assistant clinical professor in radiology.

In 1963 Harry entered private practice at Fairview General Hospital, a 550-bed community teaching hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. He served as chairman of the Department of Radiology, a member of the Hospital Foundation Board, and was the first recipient of the Physician of the Year Award. He retired from the active practice of medicine in 1993.

Harry’s professional affiliations included the Cleveland Academy of Medicine, the Ohio State Medical Association, the A.M.A., the Radiological Society of North America, the American College of Radiology, and he was president of the Greater Cleveland Radiological Society.

Women’s Basketball Team that was inducted into the Hall of Fame in October 2009.

Sara has a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Massachusetts School of Law. She is an associate with a law firm in Salem, Mass., and her specialty is civil litigation. Sara is a frequent community volunteer and is involved with the Special Olympics as a basketball coach. She lives in Revere, Mass., with her wife, Robyn.

Sara is a Winton-Black Trustee.

Susan Carroll Hassett ’79
Susan received her Bachelor of Science degree from Colby-Sawyer College in 1979. She was a member of the Key Society and was her senior class president.

After graduation, Susan moved to Boston for a position in then-Mayor Kevin White’s administration. She transitioned into the business community three years later and eventually founded Conferencing Services International, which she ran successfully for over ten years before selling it to a French telecommunications firm, Genesys Corporation, in 2001.

Since that time, Susan has focused on family while remaining active in her philanthropic endeavors. She serves as a member on the Development Committee for Room-to-Grow! in Boston, a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of babies and families in poverty. She also serves on the Parents Association Board of Advisors at the University of San Diego, and as a member of the President’s Alumni Advisory Council at Colby-Sawyer College. Susan is married to John Hassett, a managing partner with Tuckerbrook Alternative Investments, LLC. They live in Marblehead, Mass.

Erik C. Rocheford ’01
Erik, an Exercise and Sport Sciences major, was listed in “Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities” in 1999, 2000 and 2001. He was co-president of his freshman class, president of his sophomore class, a Key Association member, president and associate member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society, winner of the Guy F. Williams Award in 2001, co-winner of the Key Award in 2001, captain of the rugby team, and president of the cycling club. Erik graduated summa cum laude in 2001.

Erik received his Master of Science degree in Health and Exercise Science from Colorado State University in 2005, where he authored two articles in peer-reviewed journals. He is currently a scientist at the Novartis Institute for BioMedical Research in Cambridge, Mass. He does early stage drug discovery as an in vivo physiologist for the cardiovascular and metabolic disease area. Erik and his wife, alumna Katie Lynch Rocheford ’02, live in North Billerica, Mass.

Erik is a Winton-Black Trustee.
Members of Class of 2009 Give Back in Their Own Ways

With a 72 percent participation level, the Class of 2009 came together to present Colby-Sawyer with a senior class gift of $755. The effort catapults the class into the top five senior gift campaigns within the last 15 years according to Mike Gregory, assistant director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.

The 115 seniors who contributed to the gift campaign demonstrated that gifts of any size are welcomed and make a difference. The top priorities were green initiatives to support the college’s efforts to move toward sustainability and new team or athletic photographs to display in the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center.

Other top categories were scholarships and unrestricted funds, followed by gifts designated for student life, technology, campus maintenance, teaching and learning, and the library.

Class advisor Kristine Macagba worked with gift committee members Colin Bellavance, Megan Comolli, Katelyn Kimball and Nicole Poelaert to drive the giving.

This is the second year that seniors have chosen to present the college with funds instead of the traditional single physical gift. While past classes have presented Colby-Sawyer with items such as the Adirondack chairs that grace the quad, the flexibility of their gifts’ destinations was popular with 2009 graduates and provided them the same giving opportunities they will have as alumni.

Professor Jon Keenan Visits Japan as Fulbright Scholar

Fine and Performing Arts Professor Jon Keenan spent a month at Kyoto Seika University last summer as the recipient of a Fulbright scholarship in art and anthropology. He represented the United States as a visiting artist, scholar and teacher.

The Fulbright Program, the U.S. Government’s flagship international educational exchange program, seeks to increase mutual understanding between the citizens of the United States and the rest of the world.

“As a Fulbrighter, Professor Keenan joins the ranks of distinguished scholars and professionals worldwide who are leaders in the educational, political, economic, social and cultural lives of their countries,” says Sabine O’Harra, executive director for the Council of International Exchange of Scholars.

As part of the Fulbright Specialists Program, Professor Keenan taught classes in ceramics, Japanese art history and anthropology. His lectures focused on ceramic art and its history and contemporary practice in the United States and in Japan. He also provided demonstrations of his research and creative work. He pursued his research interests in Japanese art history by investigating the role of Buddhist patronage of the arts, past and present, and the ways in which Buddhist traditions have found expression in Japanese arts.

“My Fulbright experiences in Japan will inform my teaching at Colby-Sawyer in a direct and significant way and keep me current in my field,” Professor Keenan says. “I also hope to build on Colby-Sawyer’s relationships in Asia and establish connections that could lead to academic exchanges for our students and faculty.”

Professor Keenan is the third Colby-Sawyer faculty member to receive the prestigious Fulbright award. He joins John H. Callewaert, former director of the Institute for Community and Environment, in 2007 and Joseph C. Carroll, professor of Social Sciences and Education, in 1992.

“My work in Japan was a collective learning experience, a dynamic process in which ideas, perceptions and techniques were shared,” said Professor Keenan. “I am both honored and grateful for the opportunity to have served as a Fulbright Scholar.”
100 percent of Colby-Sawyer’s Class of 2009 nursing graduates passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), which is a challenging standardized exam that each state board of nursing uses to determine whether or not a candidate is prepared for entry-level practical nursing.

The college welcomed seven new faculty members this fall in its Business Administration, Exercise and Sport Sciences, Humanities, Nursing, and Social Sciences and Education Departments.

“Over the past several years, we have undertaken a concerted effort to increase the size of our full-time faculty,” says Academic Vice President Deb Taylor. “We’ve been very fortunate to attract talented new members of the faculty to deepen and broaden our curricular offerings and to help us provide our expanding numbers of students with the personalized educational experience that is the hallmark of the Colby-Sawyer academic experience.”

The new faculty members include Jeffrey A. Phillips (Business Administration); Jeremy Baker (Exercise and Sport Sciences); Michael Jauchen (Humanities); Margie Lim-Morison and Lisa E. Wilson (Nursing); and Kathleen P. Farrell (Social Sciences and Education).

So Happy Together: Learning Commons Unites Academic Support Resources in One Location

The Harrington Center for Career and Academic Advising has a new home in the Susan Colgate Cleveland Library/Learning Center, as does the Academic Development Center.

Now under the same roof as the librarians, the Help Desk staff and the Information Commons area, these academic resources combine to form the Learning Commons and enable students to have all their academic support needs addressed under one roof.

“When the Susan Colgate Cleveland Library/Learning Center opened in 1985, our concept was to provide students with learning resources in one central location on campus,” says Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah Taylor. “All of these years later, we have made yet another significant step in that direction. This summer, the librarians, with help from faculty, conducted a significant collection management process to support the expansion of other elements of the collection, to permit the initial implementation of the Learning Commons concept, and to create more space for student study and group work.”

The Harrington Center, formerly housed in Danforth Hall, teaches career development skills and provides the resources and support for students to secure employment, internships and study abroad opportunities. Director Kathy Taylor reports increased student traffic in the library with more requests for reviewing resumes and inquiries about study abroad. She says that walk-in sessions have proved popular in Harrington’s convenient new location. Now in the same corridor as the Academic Development Center, the two centers can more easily work in tandem.

After trading its space in James House with that of Information Resources staff in the library, the Academic Development Center has also been busier than usual this year, according to Interim Director Caren Baldwin-DiMeo, and she credits this to the initiative of our students in taking advantage of the services offered.

The physical restructuring that took place this summer in the Information Resources/Library and Academic Support areas has strengthened all the programs involved, creating a Learning Commons that better serves our students.
Women’s Rugby Team In the Pink and In the Mud

The Colby-Sawyer College Women’s Rugby Team finished 4th in their New England Rugby Football Union D3 Western Conference in 2009. The women played the season in new pink jerseys to pass along the message of breast cancer awareness and the need to support research. Pink items were sold throughout the season in an effort to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen For the Cure organization. Read more at www.colby-sawyer.edu/currents/rugbyteam.html

Colby-Sawyer junior and Hudson, N.H., native Amanda Knightly is the 2009 recipient of the Robert Ross Personal Achievement Award from the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The award, presented annually to an individual from each state, recognizes her efforts to create greater awareness of muscular dystrophy and the organization.

Amanda was diagnosed at age two with Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) disease, one of many diagnoses categorized as muscular dystrophy. CMT affects the peripheral nerves, and, in her case, resulted in weak wrists and ankles. When she was about ten, Amanda experienced a growth spurt that her muscles were unable to keep up with, leading her to use a wheelchair. At that point the MDA reached out to her and she has been involved with the organization ever since.

In May 2009, Amanda received the news that she had been selected for the award. “I had no idea I was even nominated to receive the award!” she says. The nomination shouldn’t have surprised her, however, as she has attended monthly meetings, served two terms as New Hampshire’s MDA goodwill ambassador, organized programs, and promoted awareness of the diagnoses associated with muscular dystrophy for the New Hampshire chapter of the organization over the last decade.

Amanda believes the most important part of her involvement with MDA is encouraging people to become active in this important cause. She has planned and run fund-raising events such as “lockups,” in which restaurants or other venues are decorated like jails and “prisoners”—volunteers representing various organizations and companies—bail themselves out by raising money for the MDA. “We want these volunteers to have some fun, but we also want to help them realize what they’re doing is really important,” she explains.

Amanda volunteered to assist behind the scenes with the 22-hour MDA Telethon over Labor Day weekend and was presented with the Robert Ross Personal Achievement Award during the broadcast. She plans to stay connected with MDA and continue raising awareness of how people are affected by these diseases. She hopes to one day become a national representative for the organization with opportunities to speak and promote awareness across the country.

Amanda recently received word that a video documenting her experiences with muscular dystrophy has been sent to the MDA’s national headquarters for review. “I’m hoping that something big comes of it,” she says. “We’ll just have to wait and see.”

Student Honored for Achievement by Muscular Dystrophy Association

by Jessica K. McLavey ’10

PHOTO: Gil Talbot

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Two New Distinguished Professorships Named

Colby-Sawyer College named two faculty members to its newly established distinguished professorships. Susan Reeves, chair of the Nursing Department, has been appointed as the Gladys A. Burrows Distinguished Professor of Nursing, and Jon Keenan, professor of Fine and Performing Arts, as the Joyce J. Kolligian Distinguished Professor of Fine and Performing Arts. The faculty members were formally invested as distinguished professors on Friday, Oct. 16, in a campus ceremony.

“As we invest our newest distinguished professors, we are reminded that distinguished professorships are vital in the pursuit of academic excellence and one of the highest honors bestowed in academia,” said Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah Taylor. “Faculty members who receive such honors daily demonstrate the habits of heart and mind of distinction as teachers, scholars and citizens of the college community. It also establishes a transformed lifetime connection to the college and to those for whom the professorship is named.”

Distinguished Professor of Nursing

The Gladys A. Burrows Distinguished Professor of Nursing was established this year by Trustee Tom Csatari and his wife, Judy Csatari, and named in memory of Judy’s mother, Gladys A. Burrows. Burrows had directed her own philanthropy toward nursing, and her mother (Judy Csatari’s grandmother) had spent her career as a nurse. In introducing the benefactors, President Galligan described the college’s first professorship in nursing as a “perfect and wonderful match” between Tom and Judy Csatari, and the college’s Nursing Program.

“The Csataris are extremely committed volunteers and supporters of many organizations in their Upper Valley community and for Dartmouth College, their shared alma mater,” he said. “We are extremely honored and humbled that Tom and Judy have chosen to so generously and thoughtfully share their resources with Colby-Sawyer.”

Professor Reeves joined Colby-Sawyer in 2004 as interim chair of the Nursing Department and returned in the fall of 2007 to assume her current position as assistant professor and chair of the Nursing Department. She earned a Diploma in Nursing from the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, a B.S. in Nursing from Colby-Sawyer and an M.S. in Nursing Administration at the University of New Hampshire. Professor Reeves is currently working toward a Doctor of Education in Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Vermont.

Professor Reeves’s areas of expertise include healthcare ethics, nursing administration and organizational behavior. Previously she worked for 17 years as a nursing administrator at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and she continues in her role there as a vice president.

Distinguished Professor in the Arts

The Joyce J. Kolligian Distinguished Professor of Fine and Performing Arts was established this year by Joyce J. Kolligian, a Colby-Sawyer trustee and alumna. Kolligian, who resides in Massachusetts and Florida, served as a trustee from 1982 to 1991 and began her current term in 2004. A leader in the marketing and communications profession and an active supporter of civic and cultural activities in her communities, Kolligian has held a variety of leadership roles at the college since the 1970s.

“Through the years, Joyce has been committed to supporting students and faculty and has previously established two scholarship funds, the Joyce J. Kolligian Scholarship in 1986 and the Dr. Michael and Joyce Kolligian Scholarship Fund in 2004,” President Galligan said. “It is with generosity, vision and a true appreciation for the arts at Colby-Sawyer and of the importance of great faculty to our arts programs that Joyce chose to create this professorship.”

Professor Keenan, a member of the Fine and Performing Arts faculty at Colby-Sawyer since 1990, is an interna-
Members of the Colby-Sawyer College community recently gathered to recognize several new members of its Legends Society, which celebrates the extraordinary philanthropy of individuals and families whose lifetime gifts to the college exceed $1 million. The college recently learned of a $2 million bequest from the estate of an alumna who wished to remain anonymous. During her lifetime, this alumna, who graduated in the 1950s, was committed to supporting the college’s highest priorities. Prior to her death, her most recent commitment was a $500,000 pledge, also anonymous, in support of a new fine and performing arts center.

“When this very loyal graduate passed away this year, the college learned that she had left her entire estate to her alma mater,” said Trustee Chairman Anne Winton Black ’73, ’75. “Half of the bequest is undesignated and the other half is unrestricted endowment. Even in her last gift to Colby-Sawyer this friend has thoughtfully provided flexibility to the college.”

Another alumna, Eleanor Seybert Kujawski ’45, who passed away earlier this year, left the majority of her estate of more than $1 million to the college. The first $250,000 will establish the Carl J. and Eleanor S. Kujawski Scholarship Fund, and the balance will be added to the college’s unrestricted endowment.

Chairman Black described Eleanor as an active volunteer in her New York community and a loyal supporter of the Colby-Sawyer Annual Fund. An only child, she married and never had children of her own. For decades Eleanor received visitors from Colby-Sawyer, including former Trustee Kathy Nixon ’68, who kept her well-informed about the college’s progress and encouraged her to provide for the college in her estate plans.

President Galligan also acknowledged another anonymous gift from the family and “great friends of the college” who in May 2008 offered a $1 million challenge gift to build a new Windy Hill School. With just $150,000 left to raise in order to meet the $2 million goal, this extraordinary family and the generous donors who’ve responded to their challenge have made it possible for the college to begin construction of the school.

“This special family understands and deeply values the importance of early childhood education, and they have great appreciation for our laboratory school,” President Galligan said. “We talk about the building, which is very important, but never forget the impact of the building on the program and the impact of the program on our students and their educational experience.”

Colby-Sawyer’s Legends Society includes individuals and families who since 1990 have collectively contributed more than $49 million to the college. These leaders have supported students with gifts to enhance teaching, provide scholarships, enhance the campus, and grow the endowment. Their vision ensures that students will continue to thrive at Colby-Sawyer for generations to come.

President Galligan went on to thank all of these benefactors, now officially known as Legends. “I cannot adequately express the magnitude of appreciation we have for those individuals and families who have made transformational gifts like this,” he said. “They choose to do great things, to change lives, to improve lives. They have shaped our future.”

The distinguished professorships honor the recipients as well as the collective excellence of the entire faculty, according to Academic Vice President Taylor. In naming a distinguished professorship, she noted that the benefactors provide “significant and tangible acknowledgment of the vision of teaching and learning described by Albert Einstein, who once said, ‘The supreme art of the teacher is to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.’”
Old Science Labs House New Technology
Reichhold Hall science labs renovated to accommodate new computer classrooms

by Jessica K. McLavey ’10

With Colby-Sawyer’s student body setting new enrollment records each year, the demand for more study space and classroom facilities has increased. Recently, professors and students alike have expressed interest in classrooms in which more than 25 students can use computers simultaneously for research, exams and group study. The graphic design and other fine arts programs have experienced unparalleled student interest in recent years, increasing the need for a specialty computer lab in addition to the iMac lab in the Sawyer Fine and Performing Arts Center. In response, two new computer labs in Reichhold Hall, the former science building, have been created.

During summer 2009, workers refurbished two of the older laboratory classrooms in Reichhold. After weeks of retiling, waxing, painting, tearing out fumigation hoods, and lugging out old lab benches, the rooms were transformed into attractive, efficient spaces holding a total of 42 computers.

Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Nick Gaffney, who helped organize the layout of the new lab and select the computer and software equipment, says, “In some ways the new lab is superior to the one in the Sawyer Center. The screens are larger and the computers were installed with newer software. However, the computers in Sawyer Center are perfectly usable and can do most things the new ones can. I think the largest problem the new lab solves is simply providing additional high-powered computers for students to use.”

The new iMac lab, with 12 new 24-inch computers along with a scanner, projector and laser printer, is on the first floor of Reichhold. Here, video, photography and graphic design students can use specialty programs such as Final Cut and the Adobe Creative Suite to create professional quality projects and gain experience using the programs they will depend on in their careers. The classroom also dedicates an area to a small photography studio where students can shoot and upload images to the computers just a few steps away.

Deborah Campbell, an adjunct faculty member in the Fine and Performing Arts Department, shares her enthusiasm for the learning environment the new lab provides, explaining, “The new iMacs are so nice to use, and the large screens make it much easier to work on projects. Also, the state-of-the-art projection station makes it easy for the professor to provide demonstrations for the class.”

Just down the hall from the iMac lab is the second refurbished classroom. It contains 30 computers recycled from faculty desks (the faculty received new Energy Star-compliant and EPEAT Gold-certified computers that are part of Colby-Sawyer’s sustainability initiative). This space serves as the new IR lab, but professors from every program are able to reserve the classroom for use. The lab meets the need for a new space where more than 25 students can get together and work simultaneously on separate computers. One department that will benefit from the addition of this lab is Nursing, as an increasing amount of the information, programs, and exams the students need to access are web-based. The lab’s potential is limitless, as it will also be helpful to any class that wishes to use the computers for mid-term or final exams.
Colby-Sawyer is home to a group of dedicated and talented professors, 76 percent with terminal degrees and all with valuable field experience. Recently, the college was awarded the opportunity to improve those great professors’ knowledge of pedagogy through a grant for a new Teaching Enrichment Center.

“The grant is from the Davis Education Foundation and is a three-year grant to support faculty development and to enhance student learning,” said Dr. Jean Eckrich, professor of Exercise and Sport Sciences. “It will allow us to have programs and activities such as workshops where we bring in speakers. It will also allow us to utilize each other as resources and learn from each other about new and emerging processes in pedagogy and to develop our abilities from that perspective.”

According to Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah Taylor, the idea for the Teaching Enrichment Center came from Dr. Eckrich who wrote the grant in collaboration with Vice President Taylor and recently retired Grants Manager Janice McElroy.

The Davis Educational Foundation was founded in 1985 by Elisabeth K. Davis and Stanton W. Davis. Since then the foundation has lent charitable support to undergraduate programs of public and private colleges and universities around New England. Since its inception, the Davis Educational Foundation has provided over $75.8 million in grants to 139 institutions.

“Our college has been fortunate to receive other grants from the Davis Educational Foundation, and it was our collective sense that our plans for the Teaching and Enrichment Center were very well matched to their mission and goals,” said Vice President Taylor.

As many doctoral programs prepare their candidates mainly for specialization in research and professional writing, graduates have little background in pedagogy, the study of being a teacher. The new Teaching Enrichment Center at Colby-Sawyer “will help both new and experienced faculty to refine and assess their teaching techniques in a shared or individual format, and based on ‘best practices’ in the education of college students,” according to Taylor.

The ultimate goals of the Teaching and Enrichment Center are to enhance student learning through the support and development of excellent teaching practices; extend course and curricular development, including learning-across-the-college initiatives; and to enhance faculty pedagogy skills at all career stages, including leadership skills development.

With the Teaching Enrichment Center, the college hopes to further build on the knowledge of pedagogy of its more experienced professors and create mentoring opportunities for newer professors.

“The center will be the college’s structural home for pedagogical enhancement and faculty development designed to foster excellent teachers,” says Vice President Taylor. “Ultimately, students will benefit as learners, and faculty will be better supported in their teaching.”

According to Dr. Eckrich, the wheels are already in motion for the center as professors have begun to participate in activities aimed at improving their skills: a group of professors began last summer by taking part in a reading circle discussing a book related to teaching, and a workshop in January will include guest speaker Terry Doyle, who will discuss his last book, which is about student-centered learning.

“We have lots of great teachers here who love to talk about teaching, and I think this Center and these workshops are a few of the things that will enable us to keep refreshed and excited about teaching,” said Eckrich.
Mount Rainier offers a dramatic backdrop for the photogenic Myrtle Falls, which is surrounded by beautiful, high open meadows.

Extravagantly Beautiful
Photos provided by Prof. Laura Alexander

Legendary conservationist and author John Muir described the Mount Rainier area as “the most luxuriant and the most extravagantly beautiful of all the alpine gardens I ever beheld in all of my mountain-top wanderings.” This past summer Professor Laura Alexander, who fully agrees with John Muir, embarked on a trip to the state of Washington to climb 14,410 foot Mt. Rainier via the Kautz Glacier. Laura reached the summit of Rainier in 2006 via the less challenging Emmons Glacier. Although she did not reach the summit this time, she did enjoy a grand and glorious adventure, and she and the members of her party took some beautiful and interesting photographs which, along with her captions, will allow you to share her experience vicariously.

I climbed 10,000 feet to Camp Muir to acclimatize to the elevation, then glissaded back to Paradise Lodge where I met the rest of my climbing team later in the day.

Wow! Mount Rainier is one big mountain.

The descent onto the Nisqually Glacier was on frozen snow, and we didn’t want to lose our footing because there were about 10 tents on the flat spot below us that we did not want to take out like bowling pins.

Red heather, magenta paintbrush, white heather and lupine were only some of the flowers that turned the meadows into a kaleidoscope.

It’s hard to get a feel for the steepness from a photo, but, trust me, it was steep.
Boiling water—everyone needed to get two liters in them and have two liters for the summit climb. This was a 2.5 hour job.

This is what we were climbing in the dark. We eventually had to stop at 12,000 feet, as a team member was suffering from altitude sickness.

We made our way down feeling tired and exhilarated by this amazing experience. The tall mountain off in the distance is Mount Adams (12,276'). I climbed it in 2004.

We awoke at 1:15 a.m. to get ready for a 2 a.m. departure to the summit. Three hours of climbing offered spectacular views. That's my tent in the circle.

This is my tent. A spectacular location. Note I positioned the door away from the abyss on the right.
Colby-Sawyer College inducted two individuals and an entire team of student-athletes as new members of its Athletic Hall of Fame in October. This year’s honorees include equestrian Suzanne Horrigan Campbell ’78, men’s basketball player Matthew George ’98, and the 1998–1999 Chargers women’s basketball team.

Suzanne Horrigan Campbell of Bow, N.H., is one of the most accomplished equestrians in Colby-Sawyer’s history. She qualified to compete as an individual rider in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Championships in all four of her years on the team and served as captain for three years. She was twice selected as the team’s most valuable rider.

As a freshman, Suzanne placed first in the IHSA National Championship in the Open over Fences category. She was also the IHSA National Champion Reserve in the Open on the Flat category and the Cacchione Cup National Champion High Point Rider in 1975. The following year, she was again the IHSA National Champion in the Open on the Flat and Open over Fences categories, as well as the Region III Reserve High Point Rider. She received an award of merit from Sports Illustrated and was featured in the magazine’s “Faces in the Crowd” for her Cacchione Cup win.

Matthew George, of Brookfield, Vt., was an outstanding guard for four years on the Chargers men’s basketball team, demonstrating leadership on and off the court. He is the college’s all-time leader in field goals (476) and one of its all-time leaders in total points (2,050), steals (157), three-pointers (284), assists (374) and field goals (645). He was also a member of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) New England Championship team in 1997–1998.

In the 1994–1995 season, among other honors, Matt was selected as the Columbus Multimedia Northeast Region Rookie of the Year. In 1995–1996, his honors and awards continued to accumulate, and, in 1996–1997, he was selected as the most valuable player for the men’s team and First-Team All-Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC).

In his final year, Matt was chosen as Colby-Sawyer’s Male Athlete of the Year and honored again as his team’s most valuable player. He garnered many other honors, including his selection to participate in the New England Basketball Coaches Association (NEBCA) Senior All-Star game and as New Hampshire Division III Coaches Association First-Team All-Star. Matt was also named to the National Association Basketball Coach’s Second-Team All-Northeast District and First-Team All-CCC.

Also inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame was the 1998–1999 Chargers women’s basketball team which set 14 records, including six that still stand. Among them are the season records for points (2,082), field goals (774), free-throws (428) and rebounds (1,381). The Chargers won 25 games, which is still the school record for most wins in a season.

The 1998–1999 team was Colby-Sawyer’s first to go undefeated in the regular season in the conference, and the Chargers forged a 17-game winning streak to advance to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships. In the NCAA tournament, the Chargers defeated Hunter College 74–60 at home to advance to the second round, a first for Colby-Sawyer women’s basketball.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Colby-Sawyer College Athletic Hall of Fame, nomination forms and details can be found at www2.colby-sawyerathletics.com/hof.aspx. The deadline is April 1, 2010.
Bad Guys
Better Beware!!

Kimberly Fish Rumrill ’84 is smart, experienced and a master at figuring out crime scenes.

by David R. Morcom
PHOTOS: Gil Talbot
Kimberly “Kim” Fish Rumrill ’84 is a warm, highly intelligent woman with a calm demeanor and a ready smile. She’s also a wife, mother of two teenagers, homemaker, and dogged puzzle solver for the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Science Laboratory in Concord, N.H. Her official title is Criminalist II, and her expertise is serology, the science that deals with serums, especially blood.

Kim’s major at Colby-Sawyer was Medical Technology, and she says the hands-on skills she was taught gave her a strong foundation for all the science fields in which she’s worked. She remembers with fondness professors such as Kathy Springsteen, Larry Dufault, Peter Mitchell and Helen Morrison. It was from them that she learned anatomy and physiology, microbiology, toxicology, child psychology, and the other sciences that started her on her career path.

“I remember they all seemed to have a good sense of humor,” Kim says, smiling at the recollection, “and the small class sizes made it easy to connect with them. It allowed them to know us as individuals and to specifically tailor the amount of help they offered each of us.

“I never got bored because a lot of the girls in my dorm were Med Tech students, so there was always a lot of camaraderie. I remember it used to get a little cold sometimes on the third floor of Burpee in the winter, so we’d study in the hall where we’d line up our hot air popcorn poppers down the hallway and get them going while we drank our two liter bottles of Tab.”

Kim’s father was a detective, and law enforcement was in her blood, so to speak. After Colby-Sawyer, she found a job as a medical technologist in Keene, N.H., at the Keene Clinic. Meanwhile, she was developing an interest in forensic science from reading her father’s professional detective magazines. She soon found herself going back to school at the University of New Haven (UNH) to study forensic science.

After graduation from UNH, Kim was told that you needed to wait for someone to die or retire in order to get a job in the N.H. State Police Forensic Science Laboratory. During a stint as a medical technologist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Kim found that someone had, indeed, retired, and she was chosen to fill the position. That was 15 years ago.

When asked what type of evidence she receives and from whom, Kim says, “We receive our evidence from all police agencies in the State of New Hampshire, and some even comes from the FBI. We may receive evidence as diverse as swabs collected from crime scenes, sexual assault kits from hospitals, carpeting from a doctor’s office or a car, weapons, all sorts of things, you name it.

“Because I’m a serologist, once evidence reaches our lab, I have the opportunity to participate in solving crimes having to do with blood or other bodily fluids, as well as DNA, which means I’m involved in helping to solve sexual assault and homicide cases. I take the evidence, which has either been bagged or placed in appropriate containers, to an examination room where it’s spread out on clean, white paper on an exam table.”

Kim is a serologist, but a more colloquial term for her expertise is blood spatter expert. She explains that phrase as she seems to do everything, carefully and patiently. “A blood spatter expert is someone who studies
the distribution, size of spatter, and patterns of blood at a crime scene, or on a person’s clothing, or on a weapon, or wherever blood is found. What I’m actually doing in these situations is evaluating the blood stains and determining what I can say about them and what they may represent in terms of what took place to make those patterns.

“For example let’s say I find a castoff pattern, which happens when somebody has used a blunt object like a bat. As they swing the bat it’s going to cause a linear series of spatters that will travel along the wall or the ceiling. As the blood is being cast onto the wall, it forms droplets that are elliptical in shape and they’ll have long tails that point in the direction of travel. That allows me to tell where in the room the crime took place.

“One pattern I remember in particular was a case where a knife was the murder weapon. As a knife is swinging perpendicular to a wall, the blood will come off both sides of the blade at the same time and create these tiny little twin spatters that are parallel to one another.”

As Kim explains it, there is a multi-step approach to looking at evidence. For example, when she’s looking at a reddish-brown stain on clothing, she does a presumptive test for blood called the Kastle-Meyer test. The stain is swabbed and then a drop of the Kastle-Meyer solution, which is reduced phenolphthalein, is added to it. A second drop of three percent hydrogen peroxide is added. If the swab turns pink rapidly, then it’s positive for blood. If you’ve ever watched any of the CSI shows on television, you’ve seen this test done numerous times.

There’s another test that takes it one step further that can be used to determine anti-human hemoglobin, but, as Kim explains with a touch of humor, “We can only call our findings using this test as ‘consistent with human blood’ because it cross-reacts with ferrets, although we haven’t had many problems with criminal ferrets in New Hampshire.”

When asked what gives her the most difficulty at a crime scene, Kim answers without hesitation. “When I arrive at a crime scene, the body is usually already gone. I can deal with almost anything, but sometimes the smell really bothers me. The way I deal with it is to wear a paper mask with strong perfume on it. There are times when I’ll have flashbacks to the smell. If I’m at a scene and the smell is terrible, and then, weeks later back in the lab, the clothing comes in from that scene, I’ll get a most unpleasant flashback to the smell.”

Kim feels that one of the things that makes her job rewarding is when she gets to think creatively and come up with an important piece of the puzzle that will help solve a case.

One case in particular involved a young girl and an older man who had assaulted her, but who had left no evidence on the girl. However, shortly after the assault, detectives were able to retrieve the suspect’s underpants, and, as Kim explains, “I was examining them with an alternate light source we call a crime light. That’s a light that shines at a blue-green wavelength of around 450 nanometers. We use it to look for the presence of body fluids on fabrics. As I studied the inner waistband area of the underpants, I saw a faint fluorescence. It struck me that it might be a transfer of the young girl’s vaginal epithelial cells onto the suspect’s waistband. So, I took a cutting of that and did a DNA analysis. What I had thought turned out to be correct. By finding this trace evidence on the criminal’s underpants, I was able to show that the girl’s DNA ended up where it shouldn’t have been, which helped result in a conviction.”

Among the other tools of the trade Kim uses are yellow filter goggles that block UVA and UVB, the two spectrums of ultraviolet light, and allow her to more easily identify urine, semen, saliva, or sweat stains, and which stains may be from some other fluid. Once Kim determines what she believes the stain to be, she does a presumptive test using various chemicals to pin down the exact source of the stain. Finally, a cutting of the stain may be sent for DNA testing.

One of the common tools Kim uses is a biological microscope, but the new star of all the
crime-solving tools, and the one that has changed the face of crime detection almost as much as fingerprints did, is the Capillary Electrophoresis Genetic Analyzer. This powerful tool is more simply called the DNA typing instrument, and it can deliver a DNA profile from a sample as small as 50 to 100 cells, which is about the size of the period at the end of this sentence.

While the tools for solving crimes have come a long way technologically, one tool has stayed the same, and Kim feels it may be the most important of all. “The crime scene investigator is close to the ultimate tool because the more you see, the more experienced you become, the more valuable you become. If you can get to the point where you can think outside the box, you’ve made a breakthrough. The instruments and tools we use can’t think outside the box…yet, so the trained criminalist is currently the ultimate weapon in solving crimes.”

With a CSI as dedicated as Kim, the bad guys better beware.

Kim is asked to testify in court about four or five times a year, and is more often asked to give depositions. While she does not particularly enjoy testifying in court, she says the upside is that you have a chance to interact with the jury. “With so many CSI shows on TV,” she explains, “juries seem to understand much more of what we explain in court. For example, if we use the terms Leuco Crystal Violet (LCV) or luminol, they know what those are.* In the old days we’d have to spend time explaining those chemicals and what they’re used for. The downside of the CSI programs is that juries think you can get DNA off anything and everything, and that DNA can solve any crime. The CSI shows are accurate for the most part, but there are things they depict that sometimes make us laugh down at the lab.

“The worst pitfall in court,” Kim says with just a hint of agitation, “is when you get what I call ‘a mean attorney’ who may show you a book you’ve never seen before and ask if you’ve read it. When you say no, he jumps right on it and asks why you haven’t read it and proposes that it’s essentially the bible for your field of science. Then, even if you say, ‘No, that’s a pathology book,’ he still may have discredited you a little bit with the jury.”

Kim has seen difficult sights, smelled terrible smells, and has, at the least, brushed shoulders with the worst in human

*When Leuco Crystal Violet (LCV) and hydrogen peroxide come into contact with the hemoglobin in blood, a catalytic reaction occurs and the solution turns to a purple/violet color. Luminol is a versatile chemical that exhibits chemiluminescence with a striking blue glow when mixed with an appropriate oxidizing agent. Both are used at crime scenes, but LCV is easier to photograph, as it does not require a fully darkened room, whereas luminol does.
behavior. You would think it might wear her down emotionally, but Kim rejects that thought. “When we go to a crime scene,” she says, “yes, we may be walking into something that’s horribly gross, bloodstained and miserable, but I approach each crime scene now as if I’m looking at pieces of a puzzle. I just want to figure out how everything fits into place. I’ll see different patterns in different rooms, and I’ll picture in my mind the scenarios that might have taken place. What’s rewarding is when you can piece together what happened at a particular scene from what you’ve observed. Maybe you can tell that a suspect is lying about committing a crime in self defense because of the way the bloodshed event is evidenced on the walls or floor. Or maybe you discover a piece of hard-to-spot evidence that will help nail the lid shut on a criminal.”

Kim finds it most satisfying that she can work on crime by solving puzzles from start to finish. Unlike many in her field who are more specialized, Kim can go from the crime scene to doing the serology work and then take it to DNA. “I like having the ability to put all of the pieces together and then, hopefully, seeing a completed picture. You have to have a passion for your job. In every unit in the lab, whether it’s fingerprinting, firearms, computers or the drug section, the thing that gives people the strength they need is their passion for the job, wanting to solve their part of the puzzle. It’s simply a love for what you do. It’s also the challenge because just as technology advances to help us in the lab, the bad guys are using it to help themselves as well.”

For now, Kim is perfectly happy as a puzzle-solver, but she has other interests that she may pursue in the future. She teaches about blood spatter, serology and DNA at local high schools, and she feels when she’s ready to retire she may do more of this, as well as consult on forensic science. And then, of course, there’s always that book that needs to be written, which might start something like this:

'It's a pitch black night and I'm standing in the bathroom of an isolated farm at the end of a long dirt road. The farm belongs to Sheila LaBarre, a suspected serial killer. The window is open to let in fresh air, and I can hear the crickets chirping. Other than that hypnotic sound, the night is still, and the inky blackness presses heavily through the window. I'm accompanied by a photographer and a police officer, but we don't speak. I begin to spray the shower stall with luminol. As I spray, eerily glowing areas of blue phosphorescence emerge from the darkness. This is where blood has run, where a bloody handprint has been left, where a blood spatter pattern shows itself. Each of us feels the hair rising on our arms and the back of our necks. Each of us sucks in our breath with a low whoosh as these creepy vestiges of crime begin to appear. The blue glow brings forth answers no longer in hiding, as well as a haunting, chilling echo of past violence.'
Mountain Day is Colby-Sawyer’s oldest and most popular tradition. It’s a day when the bells peal, classes are called off, and everyone heads for Mount Kearsarge. At the mountain summit there are gorgeous autumnal views, a bed sheet for climbers to sign and lots of photo opportunities. Once students return to the base of the mountain, there are shirts to tie dye, games to play and a bountiful picnic feast. While some of the details of the day change from year to year, the basics are still there: the mountain, the students, and a day of fun, laughter and camaraderie.
Cartoonist Peter Noonan is an award-winning illustrator and artist. A native of Manchester, N.H. and 1995 graduate of Colby-Sawyer, Peter attended the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. His illustrations have appeared in many local and national publications and his fine art is shown in public and private collections across the United States.
Colby-Sawyer College hosted a ground-breaking ceremony in mid-October for its new Windy Hill School, the college’s laboratory school for Child Development. The Windy Hill students, equipped with hard hats and shovels, joined the celebration at the construction site behind Colby Farm, along with the college’s Child Development, Early Childhood Education, and Psychology students, Windy Hill teachers, parents, alumni and faculty, and other members of the college and New London area community.
The new Windy Hill School, seen here in concept drawings by Ingrid Banwell of Banwell Architects, is optimally located on campus and will be conveniently accessible from Main Street. It will also be as aesthetically pleasing as it will be functional, featuring “smart” classrooms, a seminar room, classrooms with built-in kitchens, and computer work areas, as well as unobtrusive observation rooms for faculty, students, and parents.

The ground-breaking celebrated the long-awaited construction of a new school that will unite Windy Hill’s programs—now housed in the basements of two residence halls—in one beautiful building with more space, better facilities, and more convenient access. In May 2008, a family that wishes to remain anonymous put the college on the path to meeting its goal, offering the $1 million Windy Hill Challenge toward the cost of the proposed $2 million school.

“The family told us they appreciated the excellent teaching and learning taking place at the Windy Hill School and that they understood the constraints of its space and location,” a hard-hatted President Galligan told those assembled for the ground-breaking ceremony. “They wanted to make it possible for the college to create a home for Windy Hill specifically designed to support Early Childhood Education. Although we continue to work on raising funds to meet the challenge, we have made excellent progress so far. Based on that success, our Board of Trustees voted to begin the construction to bring the Windy Hill dream to fruition.”

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Anne Winton Black ’73, ’75 expressed gratitude for the exceptional generosity which continues to shape Colby-Sawyer’s future. “The Windy Hill School has for many years been a signature program at Colby-Sawyer College, and today we celebrate the beginning of a wonderful new chapter in its distinguished history. The love of learning is being cultivated in our Windy Hill School students and protected by the faculty and college students who inspire the children in their care,” she said. “Our donors have given selflessly of their resources to make possible a beautiful new building. Let them, and all who pass through the Windy Hill School, find a place that cherishes the child, celebrates the teacher, and gives generations of college students the finest of academic experiences.”

The dream of a new Windy Hill school had been fostered, nurtured, and advanced by many people. “Most particularly, we tip our hat today to our friend and colleague, Janet Bliss, the director of the Windy Hill School for 31 years,” said President Galligan. “And we also tip our hat to all the Windy Hill teachers and to our colleagues in Social Sciences and Education. Finally, there is deeply felt gratitude to the family whose challenge made today possible and to the many other friends of the college whose greatly appreciated contributions brought this long-awaited project to this moment.”

The Windy Hill teachers then signaled to the hard-hatted youngsters that it was time to dig their small shovels into the irresistible piles of dirt before them. The wild, dirt-flinging rumpus began, inspiring giggles among the children and onlookers alike. The youngest students had, perhaps unknowingly, staked their claim to a new school of their own.
A Typical Day at Windy Hill School

On a typical day at the Windy Hill School some children are operating sewing machines, writing plays, inventing games on computers, photographing baby chicks or hiking in their “Hundred Acre Wood.” Others play dress up, bake bread with their teacher, construct forts and hideouts, and investigate natural phenomena.

Still other groups of children are embarking on big adventures such as scaling the Ray Climbing Wall, learning how to produce sound effects at the radio station, or critiquing a new exhibition at the campus art gallery. The school offers a rich teaching and learning environment where young children are encouraged by their teachers to explore, imagine and create. These activities show Windy Hill’s commitment to play, the arts, technology and joyful learning.

The Windy Hill School has been a magical part of childhood for area families since 1976, when it was licensed by the state of New Hampshire to serve as a laboratory school for Colby-Sawyer’s Social Sciences and Education Program. Under the direction of Associate Professor Janet Bliss since its inception, the school has become an exemplary model of best practices in early childhood education, widely recognized for its innovation, research and high-quality educational programs. The programs are based on the constructivist approach to education, in which classrooms are communities and learning occurs in the context of social activities.

Today the Windy Hill School serves 85 area children, employs 13 teachers, and provides after-school programs for grades one to three and summer programs for children up to age six. Each year 30 to 40 college students, mainly Child Development and Psychology majors, become involved in the school to learn, alongside their teachers and mentors, about young children and the institutions that support them, as well as to observe and engage in the children’s learning.

A College-Community Partnership

The new facility and location will benefit children and their families, as well as the Colby-Sawyer community. It features classrooms with built-in kitchens and computer work areas, along with unobtrusive observation rooms for faculty, students and parents.

Up to the Challenge

The building and furnishing of a new Windy Hill School is projected to cost $2 million, and fortunately, an anonymous donor family has posed the Windy Hill Challenge, offering to match, dollar for dollar, all gifts up to $1 million toward the new building.

Momentum has been building toward meeting the challenge in the last year. Generous contributors have committed $850,000 toward the $1 million challenge grant, leaving just another $150,000 to raise for the project.

“Colby-Sawyer is thrilled at the prospect of a new home for Windy Hill, and the advantages for families, college students, teachers and faculty will be tremendous,” says Vice President for Advancement Beth Cahill. “We invite everyone who has been touched by the school, as well as those who simply wish to support this wonderful educational partnership between the college and the community, to consider joining us in this challenge.”

Gifts of every level will make a difference and will be recognized in the new building. To contribute or to learn more about the Windy Hill Challenge, please contact Beth Cahill at (603) 526-3426 or ecahill@colby-sawyer.edu. Learn more about the Windy Hill School at www.colby-sawyer.edu/windyhill.

Additionally, a seminar room, two technology-enabled or “smart” classrooms for child development classes, an early childhood curriculum laboratory and resource library, and faculty offices will both strengthen the college’s Social Sciences and Education programs and enhance the children’s learning experiences. The new school will stand on the periphery of campus near Colby Farm, with expansive grassy areas for outdoor play and magnificent views of Mount Kearsarge.

The new building will be handicapped-accessible and exceed the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s requirements for 50 square feet of usable indoor space per child.

“Everyone associated with the lab school is appreciative and so enthusiastic about having a facility that matches the quality of our program,” says Professor Bliss. “The donors’ foresight, generosity, and belief that young children and those who work with them deserve beautiful environments is indeed a celebratory event.”
In the spring of 2009, the college held a contest for students called “My Colby-Sawyer Experience.” In order to compete, students were asked to submit essays and artwork describing what Colby-Sawyer meant to them. The rules of the contest required artwork entries to be accompanied by a short essay. Cash prizes were awarded. Following is the impressive winning submission by artist Derek Veilleux ’12 and the moving, heartfelt entry of essay winner Meghan Fligg ’10.

So often it seems people forget there’s more of a purpose to the existence of one’s daily schedule or day-to-day routine than what “time allows.” For some, however, the consciousness of a more significant motive is present in the moments of each and every day. These are individuals who share an understanding for the importance of our relationships with one another. At Colby-Sawyer, people...
The Family I Found On Kelsey Field

The few months of summer before I started my freshman year were interesting to say the least. I had decided to play soccer here at Colby-Sawyer and could not find a solid stance on how I felt about it. On one hand I was excited to meet new people and play a game for which I have a true passion, but on the other hand I was apprehensive about leaving the world I knew and starting all over again. Pre-season was something I had never experienced before. Coming into it I thought I was in pretty good shape, but, once we began three-a-days, it was an entirely different story. We spent hours running and pushing to become faster, stronger, more agile, to become better athletes. It was hard work and required extreme amounts of diligence and perseverance, countless days of sweat and pain, yet, somewhere in between all of that, something more important began to happen. We were 20 girls, some who knew each other, others who did not, and we were becoming a team, we were becoming a family. We were a group of girls who were all working toward the same goal. We each wanted to improve our own skills, we each wanted to make the team better, we wanted to win, but we also wanted to learn. In those first few weeks we were not only taught the fundamentals of soccer, but the determination it takes to be a better person and a better teammate. I can admit there were times when I thought about quitting, but the girls would not let that happen. Each of us ran together side by side, and, if one person began to fall behind, it was the job of the team to pick her up. Sometimes in life it is hard to find people willing to do whatever it takes to help someone else succeed, but we were lucky to find that in every person on our team each year I’ve been here.

I am currently a junior, and will be going into my last season this coming fall. It is difficult to imagine only being able to play on Kelsey Field a few more times, but even harder to think of not being with the team. In the past three years I have been blessed with meeting some of the most incredible, talented athletes I have ever encountered. These girls have not only influenced me as a soccer player, but they have also helped mold the person I have become.

At the end of our season during my freshman year my father passed away of a lung disease. I was supposed to be embarking on one of the most exciting stages of my life, and I was forced to cope with the greatest loss I have ever known. My strength had been tested before, but never to that extent. I was not sure how I was going to handle everything by myself, but I soon found out that was not going to be an issue. The same girls who I ran with, who helped pick me up when I was falling behind, were now with me once again. My teammates and my coaches were there to stand beside me when I was not sure I could do it on my own. Through this unimaginable loss there was also an even greater discovery. I found out what it means to be a true friend, and what it means to be a teammate. I realized that although I was uncertain about joining the team when I came here, it was one of the most amazing things I could have ever done. I have made friends who, I can claim with undeniable conviction, will last a lifetime. I know that when I grow older I will sit with my children and tell them of the team I became a part of and how my family of seven grew to a family of 27 in an instant. I will tell them of Colby-Sawyer, of Kelsey Field, and the greatest choice I ever made.
A new tradition was introduced at Colby-Sawyer as the inaugural Alumni Fall Festival was celebrated on campus during the weekend of October 2–4. Despite less than ideal weather on the Hill, the event was a rousing success, as nearly 500 alumni, family members and friends gathered on campus for festivities throughout the weekend.

Plans are in the works for Alumni Fall Festival 2010—October 1–3. There’s no better time to come home than during the picturesque New London autumn, when the campus is vibrant with foliage and student activity. We hope you’ll mark the date on your calendar and plan to join us!
A large group of alumni and friends boarded the MV Mt. Sunapee for a scenic foliage cruise around Lake Sunapee.
The Department of Fine and Performing Arts and the Alumni Office hosted an Alumni/Faculty Art Show and Silent Auction.

Class of 1954—55th Reunion

Class of 1984—25th Reunion (l to r), Renee Potvin O’Neil, Nancy Sullivan Bussiere and Brigid Rice Gunn.

Class of 1974—35th Reunion (l to r), Patricia Quinn Whiting, Ann Woodd-Cahusac Neary, Susan Brown Warner and Susan Brown Holtham.

On Saturday, President Tom Galligan and his wife Susan hosted members of the classes of 1939, 1944, 1949 and 1954 for afternoon tea.

Chris Audet ’94 (2nd from right), frontman for the Van Halen tribute band, Balance, is joined at the microphone by his wife (right), Jeannine Timchak Audet ’94 and friends Kate Ireland ’98, Kaylee Ireland and Jeff DelliColli ’95.

Professor Emeritus Don Campbell poses next to his piece, “Lidded Jar.”

Sally Randall ’49

Louise Cornish Criel ’48 with her son George and daughter-in-law Karen.

Professor Hilary Cleveland (left), pictured here with alumna Janet Rich Nixon ’54, presented a workshop titled “The Impact of the 1960s on American Culture” to a large crowd of alumni and friends.

(l to r), Barbara Siferd Sunshine ’69, Marni Fowler Most ’69 and Anne Laverack Gallivan ’69 catch a ride to the Kelsey Athletic Fields for the Alumni Fall Festival BBQ.
The rain and fog didn’t dampen the spirits of the alumni who played in the annual alumni athletic matches.

Alumni Rugby: (Back row, l to r), Chuck Mayer ’06, Matt Hiller ’01, Eric Keskula ’03, John Marsh ’00, Tim Morin ’04, Jamie Georgitis ’06, Rob Wardwell ’08, Rob Ryder ’03, Sean Crowley ’04, (front row, l to r), Mason Law ’09, Anthony Giacomini ’06, Peter Mailloux ’06, Coach Chris Reed and Corey Rondeau ’09.

Alumni Soccer: (Back row, l to r), Dimitri Dimakis ’03, Dimitri Tsihlis ’01, Ryan Willis ’04, Matt Solazzo ’04, Julian Frey ’04, Dave Fitzpatrick ’06, Doug Currie ’09, Garrett LaVallee ’06, Greg Ladd ’06, Dan DeWalt ’04, Brett Soucy ’05, Tom White ’09, Nic DeZenzo ’08, Pat Colbert ’08, Ryan Oldfield ’09, Brian Doucette ’09, Tyler Davis ’08, Rob Barletta ’08, Nat Cole ’97, Jim Bullock ’95, (front row, l to r), Stephanie Kimball ’08, Andrea Lee ’06, Phoebe Wolcott-MacCausland ’08, Mallary Blair ’08, Julia Steese ’09, Leisa Jesser Tripp ’01, Aileen Jesser ’99, Heather Gardiner Shupenko ’99, Anne Michaels Yates ’95, Travis Dezotell ’97 and Pat Benson ’09.

Alumni Fall Festival Beer Tent provided a dry spot for watching the men’s and women’s varsity soccer games.

The members of the Class of 1959 were special guests at the President’s House for Saturday evening cocktails and hors d’oeuvres.

The women’s rugby team took advantage of the wet and muddy conditions!

Class of 1994–15th Reunion: (Seated, l to r), Marcy Bronzino Bettencourt ’93, Jennifer Deasy, Patty Randall Berry, Hillary Waldbaum, Jennifer D’Orazio Hollongsworth, Beth Sargent Fenton, (standing, l to r), Larry Elliott, Donna Thurau-Smith, Daniel Berry, Maura Sinacola Galvin, Tony Librot and Maria Sinacola.
Alumni of all ages had a grand time at the Fall Festival Gala Celebration, which featured New Hampshire’s premier party band The Nines.

Pati Woodburn Cloutier ’83, singer for The Nines.

Louise Moser Stoops ’54 and her husband Bill.

Julien Frey ’04 and Julie Murray Dimakis ’04.

The weekend ended with a special ceremony honoring inductees to the Colby-Sawyer Athletic Hall of Fame: (Fourth and fifth from left), Matt George ’98, Suzanne Harrigan Campbell ’78, and the 1998–99 Women’s Basketball Team represented by their three captains (far left, l to r), Melissa Eckman Binette ’99, Alison Gulubicki ’99, and Kristen Diachisin ’99.

Alumni Awards  To learn more about this year’s alumni award recipients, please visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni/awards/index.html

Tony Librot ’94 (left) accepts the Young Alumni Achievement Award from Professor of Business Administration Tony Quinn.

Kristen Peterson ’08, recipient of the Graduate Award, with her proud parents Mark and Anne.

Director of Alumni Relations Tracey Austin (right) presents the Alumni Service Award to Marsha Halpin Johnson ’59.
The goal of my 2009 sabbatical was to experience first-hand the native cultures of the Mayan and Incan peoples of Central and South America in the hope of discovering the connections between ancient traditions and contemporary practices.

To this end I spent 15 days in Belize, a week on Mexico’s Yucatan peninsula, and another nine days visiting Peru’s Sacred Valley and Lake Titicaca. During these excursions, I encountered remarkable ancient sites situated deep within the earth, in caves like Belize’s Actun Tunichil Muknal and Barton Creek and Mexico’s underground cenotes (crystal clear reservoirs of water used by the Mayas throughout the Yucatan). I explored magnificent ruins located high in the Peruvian Andes at the incomparable Machu Picchu and the rambling structures of Pisac and Ollantaytambo. Sheltered by overhanging mangrove trees and surrounded by a rainforest containing iguanas, anteaters, howler monkeys, yellow crowned green kingfishers, and flocks of colorful parrots, my Mayan guide and I paddled a kayak down the river used by natives for hunting and fishing for hundreds of years. In all I toured and studied ten historic sites in Belize, five in Mexico and six in Peru, all of which provided me with a physical sense of the world inhabited by the Mayas and Incas. I experienced first-hand the landscapes and dwellings, the flora and fauna, the sights and sounds and smells in which the native populations thrived centuries ago—and in which many still carve out their lives today.

No single moment of my sabbatical can equal the first glimpse I had of Machu Picchu as the mist began to lift at daybreak on Easter morning and a rainbow stretched over this magnificent mountaintop retreat, the only Incan enclave not discovered and destroyed by the invading Spanish in the 16th century. Also among my most memorable experiences was the time I spent with the Shos, a Mopan Maya family who live deep in the jungle of southwest Belize in the tiny village of Na Luum Ca, which translates to “Mother Earth.” Never was
Antonio Sho was clearly the most traditional member of the family—Antonio and Eugenia Sho and their ten children (some of whom are married with their own kids)—lives as close as possible to their environment which, quite literally, provides almost everything they require for their daily subsistence. Most of what they eat is found in their backyard, which just happens to be a rainforest jungle. This includes the free-range chickens which run all over their land and which they cook in myriad delicious ways. It also includes the sugar which sweetens their tea, the rice which accompanied every meal, the corn which they grind to make fresh tortillas (the best I’ve ever had), and the vegetation—like the jipy japa plant and the heart of a cohune tree—which is harvested from plants growing wild in the jungle that surrounds their thatched dwellings. The dwellings are constructed exclusively from materials gathered in the jungle, from the posts which support the rafters, to the strips of bark which bind them together, to the palm fronds from the cohune tree which provide the roofing material.

In addition to their food and shelter, Na Luum Ca supplies the natural medicines they need to stay healthy, as I discovered on hikes both on the periphery of their property and deep into the rainforest. As we walked along, Antonio (the Sho paterfamilias) would point out plants used to treat everything from heart disease, headaches and arthritis to insect bites, stomach aches and high blood pressure, which was cured in Benito, one of the sons, when conventional medicines didn’t work.

Antonio Sho was clearly the most traditional member of the family, living on land where his ancestors dwelled for as long as anyone could recall. He was a repository of oral history and traditions which he graciously shared with us one evening. It was a happy coincidence that the other guest staying with the Shos while I was there, an Irishman named Finton O’Brien, had with him some very sophisticated recording equipment as he was in Belize to capture bird and jungle sounds for the CDs he produces. Knowing of my interest in Maya culture, he offered to record Antonio telling stories one night after dinner. Since Antonio knows no English, he recounted the tales in his native Mopan language which his son Geraldo translated sentence-by-sentence. “On this ground,” he began, “we find the things we eat,” a statement which was proven at every meal I had there, though he went on to caution us about how fragile their traditional way of life is: “Today everything, like these traditions, is getting lost; no one is doing these things anymore.”

Antonio might have been thinking, in part at least, about his own sons who are far more assimilated than he and his wife and daughters are. Unlike their father, mother and sisters, the young men of the family all speak English fluently, typically wear imported sneakers, jeans and T-shirts with American logos, and exude gregarious, outgoing personalities which suggest their more frequent contact with the “outside” world. When we were in the small town of Punta Gorda, an hour and a half drive from Nu Luum Ca, they headed for an electronics store which sold CDs and DVDs. One evening, when they could get their generator going, they introduced me to the reggae sounds of the late African musician Lucky Dube, which they played on an impressive sound system, the only thing they had that was powered by electricity.

In spite of these influences from mainstream cultures worldwide, I found that each of the sons knew a great deal about their Mayan heritage and traditional way of life. The men are all masters of the machete, a remarkably versatile tool which Geraldo used to clear the jungle paths, cut open a cocoa pod so I could taste the soggy substance inside—definitely not chocolaty—slice a coconut in two so I could drink the very refreshing water inside, snip a sprig from the jipy japa plant which I ate and washed down with another drink of water, this time from a grapefruit vine which he effortlessly sliced open with a quick stroke of his machete.

Like Geraldo, all of the Shos were eager to share with me their Mayan way of life. While the males demonstrated their knowledge of the outdoors, the women, who seemed to leave the house only to wash the dishes or do the laundry at the creek (my outdoor bathtub), instructed me in what they knew best: cooking and craft-making. I tried my hand at making tortillas (which never came out as perfectly round as those made by the daughters Felicita, Melinia or Andola), weaving the bottom of a basket (using dried jipy japa plant fibers), making a few awk-
ward embroidery stitches, and grating the heart of a cohune tree for our lunch one day. Their own work was very beautiful, from the dresses they made for themselves, to the baskets and beaded jewelry they sold to me, to a most delicious treat which they served at several meals—a crispy, slightly sweetened tortilla called a “chuqua.” Chuquas are festooned on both sides with an overall flower pattern, a decoration created not by a mold of some sort but by pressing the head of an actual flower a dozen times or so on each tortilla they made. Once again I observed how Mother Earth provides what these Mayas need to make their food taste good and look quite elegant.

I clearly learned the most about how contemporary Mayas—like the Shos—are carrying on many traditional native practices during the four days I spent with them in Na Luum Ca. I absorbed much of the history of their ancestors by visiting spectacular ruins throughout Belize, like those at Caracol, Lamanai, Altun Ha, Cahal Pech and Xunantunich, where I marveled at the artistic and architectural achievements created centuries ago. I tried to imagine daily life here as it might have been between 1500 B.C. and 1500 A.D. as I climbed the massive pyramids, admired the intricate carvings on temples and altars and stelae, and envisioned spirited athletic contests on the ballcourts.

What brought me closest to ancient Mayan customs, however, was my day-long visit to Actun Tunichil Muknal, a sacred site whose English translation—Cave of the Stone Sepulcher—might suggest the Indiana Jones-like adventure it afforded me. Getting to this remote site entailed a jeep ride across a river where the bridge had washed out a year ago, then a mile-long hike deep into the jungle during which we crossed the same river several times and were fed termites by our Mayan guide, Carlos (I had just one; it tasted like carrots). When we finally reached the mouth of the cave, we had to swim inside, in water over our heads, then hike and swim through water for another kilometer—often crawling through very tight spaces—until we arrived at the main chamber, where we rock-climbed to the second floor. Here we encountered a most remarkable living museum. All around us, illuminated by Carlos’ flashlight, were dozens of ceramic vessels and the skeletal remains of 14 individuals, all in situ, where they had been left by the Mayas more than a thousand years ago. The pots, containing corn, chili peppers and cacao, served as offerings to their gods and deceased ancestors, while the copal incense discovered here would have been used during the bloodletting rituals, which accounts for the 14 skeletons. These sacrificial victims (six infants, a young child and seven adults) would have been offered to the powerful deities who were thought to reside in caves like this, including Chac the rain god, as well as the evil spirits which cause death and disease. Further underscoring the life/death duality associated with subterranean sites is the ancient Mayan belief that the spirits of their deceased ancestors made their way to these caves where, eventually, they would be reborn. Thus, entering a cave such as Actun Tunichil Muknal for an ordinary Maya would have been a very mixed blessing, providing the opportunity to honor one’s gods and ancestors but also fraught with the possibility they might be sacrificed themselves. In an attempt to let us experience the absolute darkness an ancient Maya would have known had their torch gone out, Carlos asked us to extinguish our headlamps, hold hands, and walk through the ankle-high water for several minutes as we headed out of the cave. The blinding physical darkness surrounding us would have been compounded for the Maya by the spiritual beliefs they associated with these chambers.

As these experiences with the Sho family in Na Luum Ca and my underground adventure at Actun Tunichil Muknal suggest, my own understanding of both the ancient and contemporary native peoples of Central and South America was increased exponentially through my travels. I was fortunate to meet dozens of people like the Shos and to visit dozens of ancient sites where, in often seemingly inaccessible places, these intelligent, artistic, hard-working people carved out lives that still serve as sources of astonishment to those who study them. The time I spent immersing myself in these remarkable cultures exceeded all expectations, reminding me once again that we never know where our curiosity might take us—or what treasures we might uncover—simply by being open to those unimagined opportunities which life often sends our way.
LEARNING TO SEE:
Global Beginnings Shows First-Semester Students a Whole New World

Story and Photos by Kate Dunlop Seamans
“What do you see?” asks the art history professor. The group of 17 first-year Colby-Sawyer students gazes to where her finger points. It is 9:30 a.m. on a Monday in early October, and they squint to take in the enormous work. “Tell me, what is the story of the art you are looking at?”

Rachel Keefe, an honors student and soccer player from Maine, correctly identifies the stories of St. Francis, then answers a barrage of follow-up questions. She is rewarded after each with a cheery “Bravissimo!” When the professor asks the students if they have questions, they do: Is that an angel at the top of the image, and what does it represent? And there, is that a man tumbling out of a high window? It is, and soon they see the same piece in a completely new way than when they first laid eyes upon it just half an hour before.

The art in question is not a PowerPoint slide in a Colby-Sawyer classroom but 15th-century frescoes in the Sassetti Chapel of the Basilica di Santa Trinita in Florence, Italy.

Just 370 miles to the north, 15 Colby-Sawyer first-years are filing into their Pathway class at the historic Château de Pourtalès in Strasbourg, France. They settle in as Colby-Sawyer Professor of Natural Sciences Bill Thomas picks up the theme of Seeing the Light: From Faith to Photon.

“It takes a lifetime to learn to see,” Professor Thomas tells the class. “In the womb there are just different shades of darkness; after birth, a baby learns its parents’ faces; then the world gets bigger and bigger. But sight is only part of vision; it’s learned. You can look but not see. Seeing is a challenge, and college is learning to see at a different level. Information has to be unfolded.”

These 32 students, accompanied by Colby-Sawyer’s Assistant Professor of Humanities Ewa Chrusciel in Florence and Professor Thomas, as well as residential staff members at each site, are the pioneers of Global Beginnings, the college’s largest study-abroad program.

### In the Beginning

Colby-Sawyer created Global Beginnings, in partnership with Customized Educational Programs Abroad and American Institute for Foreign Study, to offer more of its students than ever before the opportunity to study abroad and see the world—and themselves—from a new perspective.

Just 175 students have studied away from campus in the last 18 years, in large part because students weren’t able to apply their financial aid to the venture.

“One of the breakthroughs with Global Beginnings is that it costs exactly the same as a semester at Colby-Sawyer and students can apply their financial aid,” Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah Taylor notes.

Fall semester of the first year is the most flexible time in students’ schedules, and bringing them back to campus in the spring helps balance enrollment by filling spots created by mid-year graduations and transfers.

Faculty and staff across campus united to work through the countless details that arose in putting the program together. “In true Colby-Sawyer fashion, everyone just rolled up their sleeves and did it,” says Vice President Taylor.

Global Beginnings is expected to continue on an ongoing basis, though destinations may change. “We certainly have a dream and are thinking about the infrastructure we need to manage this moving forward, particularly as we plan for Global Beginnings to be only one piece of a larger picture of international study,” says Vice President Taylor.

### Meeting on Campus

The Global Beginnings students, representing six countries and eight states, arrived on the Colby-Sawyer campus August 18 for two weeks of orientation. The time was hectic. They met the Colby-Sawyer professors and residential staff members who would accompany each group, and they started language, writing and Pathways courses. There were also magic moments that tied the group together with gossamer bonds that only strengthened over the course of the semester.

Wang Yu Jia from China recalls the group doing homework at Colby Farm together, listening to student David Hart play his guitar, and swimming in a lake at midnight.

Together, the students tackled sessions of Rosetta Stone language instruction, tried to demystify Blackboard, and took cooking classes to prepare for a college experience that did not include a dining hall.

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FlorencE, italY. the 14th c. ponte vecchio spans a glowing Arno River at sunset.

### Have I Changed?

“Have I changed because of this program? It’s probably not something I’ll recognize until I look at it in retrospect. It’s hard to know in the middle, for the same reason you don’t notice when you’re getting taller. It’s day by day.”

—Alisa Slater, Azerbaijan
abroad initiative to date. These first-semester freshmen are learning to see not only from a college student’s perspective but also with an expanding worldview as they commence their college careers far from New London.

**Fitting In With Florence**

Firenze, as Italians call Florence, lives behind walls of stone and windows framed by green shutters, and for three months, the Global Beginnings students have a key to get behind those walls and into their apartments at 7 Via Ghibellina, just minutes from Santa Croce and the Arno River. Many of them seem to pretend their time in Florence will last forever, putting off a trip to here or there until “later,” even as they count the days to family visits and their own departures.

Others, though, are only too aware of how rapidly time is passing and do all they can to immerse themselves in the Tuscan hills that soon will be replaced by Colby-Sawyer’s windy hill, in the restaurants that will be replaced by a dining hall, and in the unity of the group that will be tested when they return to new roommates and classes full of freshmen they have never met.

Amanda Martin, from Bennington, Vt., and Paige Estabrooks, of Hingham, Mass., spend a lot of time together exploring the city, and Paige is very clear regarding how she feels about the experience just five weeks in: “I love it,” she says. “I don’t want to go back home. Time is moving too fast. We’ve been so on the go, with visits to Siena and Assisi—and we know we’re going to the Alps, Rome and Venice—that this weekend we’re actually going to stay home so we can go to more of the museums and things right here in Florence.”

Amanda concurs, marveling, “Some people can’t wait to go home, but I dread thinking about leaving, I feel like it’s gone so quickly. I was talking to my dad last night and told him he was going to have to visit. He said, ‘I thought I wasn’t allowed to,’ and I said, ‘If I accidentally miss my plane and end up living in Florence forever, then you’re allowed to visit.’”

On this morning, walking to the Mercato di Sant’Ambrogio, where locals know to find the freshest produce in Florence, Amanda is proud to realize that the black cowl top and dark jeans she’s wearing—even her boots, which she picked up during a recent weekend in Switzerland—were all bought in Europe.

“I don’t feel I look European, but I’m trying. I hate sticking out like a tourist,” she says. “We’re here for three months, so I want to blend in as much as I can. We’re somewhere between tourist and resident, really.”

Both girls studied Spanish in high school, and though that...
background is sometimes helpful, they wish they knew more Italian. “We’re so stuck within our group and want to venture out so badly,” says Paige, and Amanda adds, “We’ve tried to talk to Italians and it just ends in laughing fits because no one knows what anyone’s saying.”

In the market, though, no one laughs at them. Paige and Amanda make a beeline for their favorite cheese vendor, a man who beams at them from behind the counter and calls them “bellissima.” Over the shouts and hum of the market, he talks to them like a father who hasn’t seen his daughters for too long and gives them slices of bread generously smeared with ricotta cheese and topped with salami to try. Against a backdrop of unpackaged meats piled high in a display never seen in American supermarkets, he patiently waits while the girls consider their options, ruling out cheeses they have already tried and choosing new tastes. He gives them their cheese with a smile, and they move on to a fruit vendor.

Selecting apples, Paige and Amanda talk more about the group dynamics of the Global Beginnings Program. The 12 women are split into two apartments, and the five men share one. While incredibly bonded and supportive of each other overall, the students live together, eat together, and take all the same classes together at the learning center located a few minutes walk from the apartments. The men seem fine, and the women in one apartment are getting along well, but the others are still negotiating the challenges of group living.

“We were talking about this last night,” says Amanda. “We spend all our time together and should be going out every night to meet people. But, at the same time, we’re taking six classes, so I think that’s part of it—we get a lot of work so that pulls us down. I just love it here too much to have enough time to see everything I would like to. Everywhere we go, I love.”

Oh, to be able to clone yourself like Michelangelo’s statue of David, versions of which overlook the city from Piazza Michelangelo, guard the Palazzo Vecchio, and stand in the Galleria Academia. To have three selves in Florence would be almost enough. Almost.

**SETTLING INTO STRASBOURG**

On the fourth floor hallway of the Château de Pourtalès, tucked under the eaves of the 300-year old palace, Elise Nichols from Wilton, N.H., has found a quiet corner for working on her laptop. The ring of a telephone interrupts her and she clicks on the Skype icon on the computer screen—her mom is calling.

**Photos (Left to right):**
- Alex Greenlee of Maryland and Alisa Slater of Azerbaijan pause on the latest version of the Ponte alle Grazie, rebuilt after World War II bombing.
- Professor Uberer explains Renaissance architecture.
- Amanda Martin and Paige Estabrooks select cheese at the market.
- Grand Duke Cosimo I de’ Medici commissioned the interior painting of the Duomo, which was completed in 1579.
- Students relax on their courtyard balconies.
Elise gently tells her mother that she can’t talk now, promises to call later, and disconnects, smiling. What has she learned about herself in the five weeks she’s been in France?

“I think I’ve learned I can actually live without my mother, though she might not care to hear that,” Elise says. “I have one of those mothers who likes to do everything for you, and now I’m doing everything for myself. I’m proud of myself. I used to rely on her for everything, but I’ve learned I can do more than I thought I could.”

Hearing her voice, Jose Diarte, from Paraguay, and Miles Wylie, from Massachusetts, wander down to join Elise. They and the 12 other students in the France group left just four days after the students bound for Florence, but they didn’t arrive at the Chateau until Sept. 19. The group spent 10 days exploring the treasures of the City of Light, then took five days to drive to Strasbourg in Alsace, next to the German border. Along the way, they stopped at Chartres Cathedral, chateaus, a fromage tasting, museums and a concentration camp.

After the whirlwind of orientation on campus and then two weeks of activities in Paris and on the road, it was hard to settle into a life at the chateau which more closely resembled that of a residential college. With two quiet weekends set aside for the students to adjust to their workload and take a breather in their new home, the group in France started to get antsy and feel a bit like younger siblings as they heard stories of the Florence group’s independent travel, even as the promise of their own travel adventures awaited.

Not even two miles from the center of Strasbourg, the Château feels a world apart from the busy capital of Alsace, with its beautiful park setting and hundreds of acres of gardens and trails. Strasbourg is close, though, and easily accessible by bus with passes provided to students. In 20 minutes, the Global Beginners could be studying in a library surrounded by university students, or sitting at a café watching scenes unfold before them, but many find it hard to leave the comfort of the Château.

“It’s frustrating to have all this temptation around us because we want to go out and experience things and travel and all that, but we have to find time to do our work and balance stuff,” Miles says, after being at the Château for two weeks.

Finding the balance early on may be hard, but it’s not impossible. At that very moment, Maria Cimpean, a first-year honors student from Romania, stops by to ask the three if they will attend the first group dinner planned for that evening.
She has just returned from grocery shopping across the border in Kehl, Germany, where things are less expensive, and she is looking for volunteers. Elise agrees to be a dishwasher. Maria sails away to continue recruiting and organizing.

A few hours later, in the kitchen where students prepare their breakfasts, lunches and some dinners, a small crowd gathers around the stove top—they have discovered the four chickens are still frozen. Professor Thomas swings through and solves the problem, though is dismayed when told his assistance is appreciated but no longer needed.

“I am taught to do things for my elders,” Sugam Rai, a student from Nepal who has taken on the role of head chef, explains later. “We wanted to do this dinner for him to enjoy, not make more work for him.”

While some students chop and shred piles of vegetables, Sugam and Wang Yu Jia from China hover over the stove. Almost four hours later, the 15 students, their professor and three guests sit down to a feast.

“I’m really glad I’ve learned all that I have here in France,” says Greg Desgrosseilliers of Maryland, reflecting on his time in Europe. “The experience is something that’s timeless. This experience will not go away. We’re all going to take something very important out of this experience, at least one thing. I don’t know yet what it will be for me, but every day you learn something new, every day you see something new, every day there’s a new experience.”

It’s a memorable evening, created through collaboration and goodwill just like the very program itself. The students’ time is full of these tiny moments that bind them together; the full impact of their study abroad experience will emerge for years to come, and in unexpected ways. They will always carry with them the memory of exploring beautiful cities, but they might also someday find themselves standing over a stove in their own home, their spouse and children in the background, and smile as they recall a group dinner long ago in France, when they lived in a fairy-tale chateau and launched their college dreams with a Global Beginning.

CSC Faculty Abroad

Professor Chrusciciel, Florence

My Pathway class is about human desire in literature, and it coincides so well with this program. It’s so rewarding to study Dante, Petrarca and Leopardi in Florence. The highlights were three Italian guest speakers. After the class we went to a trattoria with them, and I could see by the way my students engaged in conversation with them how interested in such cultural exchange they were. This is why I also organized a trip to the Alps where students stayed with Italian families.

The intensity of the experience here makes it seem that we all are taking an extra course here: “culture immersion.” I think our neurons here are asked to fire faster and more often. Thank goodness I have a resident director, Candace Ruta, who helps students to deal with their everyday issues. It would be much more challenging without her.

I’m very impressed with how the students are doing. This group is very independent. They are doing well despite some of them being homesick. I am impressed by how well they have adjusted to the intense life here and are thriving. In class they are dynamic and engaged.

My challenges here are to encourage students to make good decisions, especially when it comes to finding a balance between studies and traveling, and to establish appropriate academic standards which will ensure they make a productive transition to the learning environment of the Colby-Sawyer campus. Students are learning here how to make choices, because one is simply not able to take advantage of all the cultural possibilities! They are relearning how to see and think from a different angle, how to be open to a different perspective.

Bill Thomas, Strasbourg

This group is tight, they’re very supportive of each other. There are dual expectations of getting them to be college students and getting to see Europe, but we’re working through how to do that. The majority of these students are really talented and working well, balancing things and taking every opportunity that comes along. There are others who are struggling with the transition to college, but that’s normal.

The Château is a neat place where the students can focus on work, but there’s no automatic contact with French people; it has to be generated. We have to do more to bring them to a functional level in the language. It takes a while in the culture for that sense of functionality to mature. We need to find a way to optimize their experience sooner. The semester goes by so fast.

These kids are given every opportunity to take a new perspective on things and there are an awful lot of variables as to how they do that. There is no question that some are going to go back changed in fundamental ways and be brimming at the seams to share that with others.
Baseball
(15–24; 9–13 TCCC)

The baseball team made their 14th straight conference tournament appearance. They had a great offensive season and were one of the most productive teams in school history, compiling the third highest total of hits with 370. They also achieved a top-three ranking in school history in most of the offensive categories. Colby-Sawyer seniors Tom White (Lisbon, N.H.) and Chris Gaeta (Lynn, Mass.) were honored by The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) for their performances on the diamond. Tom earned a nod to the All-TCCC First Team for the second time of his career, while Chris was named to the All-TCCC Second Team. In addition to Tom’s All-TCCC nod, he was named to the New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association All-New England First Team. He was one of only two players from the TCCC to be named to the first team. Tom also received the Chargers Award for the 2008–2009 Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year. Tom finished his Colby-Sawyer career as one of the best baseball players to ever don a Chargers uniform. He solidified his name in the record books by being in the top three all-time in six offensive categories. Tom ranks first all-time in doubles (39) and second all-time in hits (164), runs (119), and stolen bases (40). He sits in third place all-time in walks with 59 and RBI with 133.

Women’s Lacrosse
(3–11; 2–7 TCCC)

The 2009 women’s lacrosse team featured only three seniors, two juniors and four sophomores. Meanwhile, the 13 freshmen were heavily involved from game one. The season was off to a promising 2–0 start before the team struggled with several close matches. Nevertheless, they won a late-season conference match at Nichols to secure their fifth straight The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) tournament appearance and their eighth in the last nine seasons. Senior Alicia Foss (Greensboro, Vt.) finished her three-year career with 248 saves, which ranks her seventh all-time. Senior Allicia Murphy (North Bennington, Vt.) was named to the All-TCCC First Team. She led the team in goals (42), assists (6), and draw controls (45). She concludes her career in fifth place all-time on the career points list with 155. She ranks tied for fifth in career goals with 124, and ranks sixth in career assists with 31. Allicia ranked ninth in goals scored and fifth in draw controls among all TCCC players.
Men’s Tennis
(9–9; 6–3 TCCC)

For the ninth straight season the Colby-Sawyer College men’s tennis team advanced to the semi-final round of The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) tournament and had 9-plus wins for the eleventh year in a row. The marquee win of the season came on March 28 when the Chargers earned a 5–4 victory over Salve Regina, snapping a 68-game regular season TCCC win streak by the Seahawks. After earning the fourth seed with a 6–3 conference record, the Chargers hosted Nichols for a TCCC tournament opening round match. Colby-Sawyer came away with a 5–2 win to advance to the semifinals at top-seeded Roger Williams, but the season ended at the hands of the eventual TCCC Champion Hawks who defeated Colby-Sawyer 5–0. Leading the way for the Chargers in 2009 was senior Evan Campbell (White River Junction, Vt.) who had a team-high 20 combined victories, including 11 singles and nine doubles wins. Campbell made his mark as a Charger over his four-year career amassing 91 total victories, which ranks third in school history. He registered a 51–11 overall record at singles and a 40–25 record at doubles. The 51 singles victories ranks second all time, while the 40 doubles victories ranks tied for third all time. Senior Ben Taylor (Derry, N.H.) and sophomore Hart Callahan (Malvern, Pa.) were 9–1 overall and 5–0 in conference play as the No. 1 doubles team. For their efforts, they were named to the All-TCCC Men’s Tennis Doubles First Team. Taylor finished his career with 27 singles victories, 29 doubles victories and 56 total victories, which all rank 10th in school history. Callahan put together an 8–5 singles record at the No. 1 flight and was named to the All-TCCC Singles First Team.

Track and Field

The 2009 season was a good sign for the future of the Colby-Sawyer men’s and women’s track and field athletes. Several underclassmen and first year competitors contributed greatly to the success of the team. Many school records were broken and 11 athletes qualified to compete at the New England Championships, including senior Caitlin Pond (Westborough, Mass.) and junior Amber Cronin (Buxton, Maine), who each qualified individually. Amber enjoyed success in the high jump throughout the season, including a 1.55m jump on April 18 at the Springfield Invitational and April 25 at the TCCC Invitational, which tied the school record she set in 2008. Caitlin earned her trip to New England’s after qualifying in the Heptathlon at Holy Cross on April 16. She placed seventh out of 15 at the championships and earned All-New England honors. The 4x100 women’s relay team comprised of Cronin, Pond, senior Julia Steese (Wilmot, N.H.) and sophomore Ashley Finethy (Alton Bay, N.H.) qualified for New England’s with a time of 55.04 at the Bryant Invitational. The team improved their time at the ECSC Invitational to 54.74, and then at the TCCC Invitational to 53.98. At the TCCC Invitational, the 4x100 team of sophomore Matt Cole (Fiskdale, Mass.), freshman Kevin Meleshuk (Reading, Mass.), senior Ryan Laperle (Brooklyn, Conn.) and freshman Tyler Griffin (Waterford, Conn.) set a new school record with a time of 44.32 en route to a first place finish in the...
event. The 4x400 men’s relay team of Cole, Griffin, Meleshuk and senior Ian O’Leary (Reading, Mass.) set a school record of 3:30.49 at the New England Championships after qualifying and winning the race at the TCCC Invitational in a time of 3:35.13. Cole also won the 400m dash in a time of 53.27 at the TCCC’s. Sophomore Josh Commey (Trade-Fair, Calif.) and Laperle also qualified for New England’s as individuals in the 100m dash. Commey clocked in at 11.33 at the Springfield Invitational to earn the trip, while Laperle won the race at the TCCC Championships in a time of 11.34 to qualify. Commey also won the 200m dash at the TCCC’s in 23.02. O’Leary set a new school record in the 800m at the TCCC Invitational in a time of 2:00.41, beating his previous record of 2:01.50. Also at the TCCC Championships, freshman Kellie Valentine (West Lebanon, N.H.) set a new school record in the hammer throw with a distance of 32.88m. She beat the previous mark of 31.43m set by 2008 Colby-Sawyer Athletics Hall of Fame inductee Stephanie Roy ’02.

Equestrian

The equestrian team performed well in the fall and spring seasons. After showing six times in the fall, the team showed twice in the spring, in addition to competing at the Regional Championships and Zone Finals. On March 29, the team was in action at the Regional Championships held at Mount Ida. Junior Jen Stavenger (Manchester, N.H.) led the riders with a first place in the Walk-Trot event. With the win, Jen qualified for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Zone Finals. At zone finals, riders compete in their division against the top two riders of each of the four regions in the zone.

Kellie Valentine ’10 led the equestrian team at the Regional Championships with a first place in the Walk-Trot event. With the win, she qualified for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Zone Finals.

Chargers student-athletes are the beneficiaries of top flight competition, receive the finest in coaching, and enjoy excellent facilities in the following sports:

Alpine Skiing
   – Men and Women

Baseball
   – Men

Basketball
   – Men and Women

Cross Country
   – Men and Women

Equestrian
   – Men and Women

Lacrosse
   – Women

Soccer
   – Men and Women

Swimming & Diving
   – Men and Women

Tennis
   – Men and Women

Track and Field
   – Men and Women

Volleyball
   – Women

Go Chargers!

In 2009 there were 19 Chargers named to TCCC All-Academic teams.
1934
Irma Sanford Behrens
JANUARY 10, 2009
Robenia Myrer Smith
MARCH 23, 2009

1935
Hazel Washburn Hutchings
JULY 21, 2007
Doris Cooper
MARCH 19, 2009

1936
Nancy Fuller Sargent
APRIL 10, 2009
Marjorie Crocker Handy
APRIL 26, 2009

1937
Marguerite Getchell Huff
MARCH 24, 2009
Martha Ware
AUGUST 4, 2009
Faith Butterfield Wyer
AUGUST 26, 2009
Barbara Thomas Graham
OCTOBER 10, 2009

1938
Barbara Howard Welch
JUNE 28, 2009

1939
Martha Morgan Burns
JUNE 1, 2009
Annette Caldwell Blais
JUNE 2, 2009

1940
Nancy White Simpson
APRIL 19, 2009
Barbara Weld McGuire
AUGUST 29, 2009

1941
Marion McGar Thacher
AUGUST 2, 2007
Jeanne Hall Johnson
MAY 29, 2009
Barbara Bartlett Hill
APRIL 2, 2009

1942
Dorothy Hess Speirs
JULY 02, 2009
Helen McGrath Hayes
JULY 07, 2009
Barbara Moulton Chase
JULY 08, 2009
Beverly Booth Taylor
FEBRUARY 24, 2008
Nancy Longmore Cryan
MARCH 20, 2009
Phoebe Neal Burns
JUNE 27, 2009
Patricia Reid Brailey
JUNE 28, 2009
Constance Ernst Hatch
JULY 24, 2009

1943
Evelyn Hendershot Gumbs
AUGUST 22, 2005
Dorothy Ramlose Fisher
FEBRUARY 10, 2009
Louise Sherman Pearce
JUNE 28, 2009
Dorothea Gay Bewley
JULY 08, 2009

1944
Helen Gottschaldt Christie
APRIL 8, 2008
Ann Merrill Heald
JANUARY 21, 2009
Madeline Chamberlain McKinnon
JUNE 12, 2009
Shirley Lorraine McCullough
JUNE 13, 2009
Margaret Gilbert Stanton
JUNE 17, 2009
Jean Bush Gabriel
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

1945
Gloria Fisher Lee
OCTOBER 11, 2007
Nancy Case Colt
APRIL 18, 2009
Helen Parmalee Leslie
APRIL 27, 2009

1946
Janet Green Dean
AUGUST 4, 2009
Charlotte Capon Twitchell
JANUARY 08, 2008
Lucille Lane Kelleher
APRIL 8, 2009
Elizabeth Abt Hardy
MAY 27, 2009
Janice Hesse Somerville
JULY 04, 2009
Barbara Buck Heenan
JULY 22, 2009

1947
Mary Ricker Bohmer
JUNE 19, 2008

1948

1949

1950
Joan Hubley Sundeen
MARCH 23, 2009
Jane Woodruff Hutter
FEBRUARY 06, 2009
Helen Germundson Bartlett
JULY 26, 2009

1951
Marion Weait Tresouthick
JANUARY 17, 2009

1952
Mary Goodnow McCollum
MARCH 9, 2007
Joan Comeskey Whiting
MAY 23, 2009

1953
Joan Otis Peterson
APRIL 4, 2008
Judith Seidler Ford
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008
Mary Lou Bridge Boyt
APRIL 12, 2009
Elaine Olson Smith
MAY 7, 2009
Virginia Erb McGinley
MAY 24, 2009
Sheila Welsh Tuller
JULY 18, 2009
Nancy Baldwin Adams
SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

1956
Gretchen Stubbs Stone
SEPTEMBER 04, 2009

1957
Grace Colton Smith
SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

1958
Jeanne Cushing Hawkins
JULY 4, 1996

1959
Nancy Houghton Lothrop
APRIL 30, 2009

1960

1961

1962

1963
Susan Thompson Lynd
AUGUST 16, 2009

1964
Nancy Dearborn Lovetere
AUGUST 16, 2009

1965
Anne 'Sandy' Coburn Odell
AUGUST 15, 2009

1966
Lisa Spencer
OCTOBER 2, 2008

1967

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Anne Smith Bradford
MAY 2, 2009

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1983
Lisa Harrison Michaud
AUGUST 16, 2009

1984
Kathy Cyr
MARCH 29, 2009

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1996
Daniel Lussier
OCTOBER 1, 2009
Farmington, CT, which is a senior residence with assisted living services. Ruth is totally cared for by a Jamaican woman named Olive, who has been with us going on 4 years. She lives with us in Apt. 109. ‘24/7.’ A progressive dementia has robbed Ruth of her ability to speak, which distresses us. Otherwise she seems quite well.”

Zoe Rollins Kraus writes, “The last time I answered your request, I had some interesting facts to tell you. However, I can hardly think of anything you would care about. The only thing I can think of is, one morning when I opened my door on my front step there was the biggest water moccasin. I had to call my dad to bring his revolver and shoot it so I could get out of my house! At the time I was living near a brook and the snake must have come out of there. Can’t believe I am 92!”

Nancy Martin LaBahn and her husband Bill celebrated their 60th anniversary last spring and have 4 grandchildren. The oldest is married, the second is divorced, and the 2 youngest have their drivers licenses. “Very helpful for us grandparents!” Nancy writes. “We stay pretty close to home and enjoy our summer at the lake.”

Trude Brauner Rose is thankful that she celebrated her 93rd birthday in good health. “I still live in my own home, and take care of myself,” Trude says. “But life is slowing down, and I lost several good friends.”

Genevieve Shaw Todd is now living at Sunrise of Braintree in Braintree, MA, and would love to hear from old friends. She has 6 great-grandchildren. The latest was born on Thanksgiving 2008: Daniel Scott Colby, son of Deborah and Peter Colby and grandson of Pamela Sheldon, all of Concord, NH. Genevieve was looking forward to the wedding of granddaughter Allison Hughes to Daniel O’Neil of Stoughton, MA, in Aug. 2009. As for me, Barbara Melendy Parker, I had my barn and porch scraped and repainted by a group of 5 teenagers and 1 adult from the Kearsarge Work Camp, which is sponsored by the Group Workcamp Foundation. They had not met before, and each came from a different state. You would have thought they were professional painters, but they weren’t—just teenagers having a good time at work, and eager to help others. This group was co-sponsored by the Trinity Bible Church of South Sutton, NH, and Casey Family Services. Each day they had ‘devotions’ after lunch, and asked me to attend. Keep smiling, Barb.

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1935
Ethelyn “Jackie” Dorr Symons
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1088 Crockett Farm Road
Coupeville, WA 98239
(360) 678-0403
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1936
Barb Melendy Parker
14 Little Britton Lane
New London, NH 03257
(603) 526-2724

Geraldine “Jerry” McKeven Bateman writes, “My darling granddaughter Laura Bateman learned that she has breast cancer. Better news is that she is in good spirits. Although she’s on chemo, she still goes to work and cares for her 3 children, with much help from her husband and oldest daughter Erika.” Jerry still loves living at the Earl M. Bourdon Center and has made some great friends there. Ruth Allen Gear's husband Fred reports that “Ruth is comfortably living in The Gables at

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daughter. My condo is nice, as is the retirement home, but I do miss CT and my friends." Inez Gianfranchi Snowdon says that although she has aches and pains, she's still going strong and manages to spend summer at her camp in Acton, ME, “watching the lake go up and down with all the rain.” She adds, “I am still volunteering at the church ‘budget box’ and doing a terrific business.”

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Class Correspondent Needed

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Ai-Li Sung Chin sent an e-mail recounting her experience at Alumni Fall Festival and the memories that it brought back. She writes, “Here is what I remember about my reunion weekend. I remember going to the President’s reception and looking for gray-haired ladies to talk to, to find out if they were near my class. Three such ladies were 5 years behind me! I was the only one there to represent the oldest 5 classes! I had brought along the picture of 9 of us taken at our 60th reunion, hoping to see some of you and to show you the picture. I was then driven around by a member of the Colby-Sawyer Advancement Office to see Appletree House, which was a dormitory where I stayed in my second year. There was a sign on the house saying it was built in 1840, reminding me what a privilege it was to stay there. My roommate for that year was Mary Russell, who took me home with her in Jamaica Plain, Boston, for my first Thanksgiving holiday weekend, since I had no family in the U.S. to go to. I also thought of Ms. Ann Silver, our class adviser, and Viola Pfrommer, my special Foreign Student Adviser who became a good friend and insisted that I call her Vi. I corresponded with both for several years after I graduated in 1939. I also recall Dr. Duane Squires, who taught us International Relations. Then there was the special field trip a small group of our class took, as reward by the college for running the first Colby Camp for refugee children from Nazi Germany. We held the camp in the field house by Lake Sunapee before the building was moved closer to campus. During reunion weekend I stayed overnight at the New London Inn. It looks about the same as in the old days, except for some updating of facilities. Oh yeah, the class picture! Since I was the oldest alum there, I had the honor of having my class picture taken with President Galligan himself!

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1940

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1941

Janice Wilkins
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Westwood, MA 02090
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1942

Bobbie Boyd Bradley
Jan. 1 – May 1:
601 Seaview Court, C-311
Marco Island, FL 34145-2939
(239) 394-2881
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May 2 – Dec. 31:
865 Central Avenue,
Aptartment 1-203
Needham, MA 02492
(781) 400-5249
e-mail: mimibrad@aol.com

My thanks to Shirley Parsons who sent me news unsolicited! She reports that all is well but she has slowed up a lot and has a breathing problem. It’s hard to imagine you “slowed up,” Shirl, but you have lots of company. It comes with our old age! Shirl also sent me an obituary from the local paper for Phoebe Neal Burns. Phoebe was a registered medical technologist at the Franklin County Public Hospital in Greenfield, MA, and had been living in South Deerfield. The poor response I had sent me to the telephone to try to wrestle up some news. Fun for me! Katherine “Kitty” Gordon Ridgway enjoys water walking for exercise. Her son and his wife are organic farmers and he is also 1st selectman of West Cornwall, CT, where Kitty lives. She has 5 grandchildren. I talked to Virginia “Jinny” Leighty Severs and was happy to learn she’s feeling better. She had been in the hospital and spent a month in a nursing home for rehab, but was happy to be home with her girls. We hope to get together this winter. Marcia Barnes Shaw-Staube and Hal took a trip to AK with Vero Beach friends. They are heading south to Vero Beach, FL, for the winter. A long visit via phone with Barbara “Bobbie” Molander

Warner brought me up to date with her. She is still in her apartment in Middletown, CT. She has 3 girls, a boy and 2 grandchildren. Her granddaughter is at Grinnell College, her grandson has finished college. Bobbie summers in Oak Bluffs on Martha’s Vineyard—a fun place for her kids to visit. We agreed to make our next reunion—2012—God willing! Harriet Figley Urschel still enjoys good health and she has been married 66 years! Congratulations! She has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. The Urschels winter in Melbourne, FL, and live in Perrysburg, OH. What fun to talk to Helen “Bucky” Starbuck Moore. Her sister-in-law lives here at North Hill and keeps me posted, but I haven’t talked to Bucky for a long, long time. She recently fell and reinjured her back, but is now home after rehab. She was in great spirits because her daughter was visiting from AZ. Her daughter has been battling MS for some time so Bucky hadn’t seen her for 5 years and was so excited that she was able to make the trip to Southport, CT. A long phone visit with Nancy Nelson Price gave me lots to report. She lives in Jamestown, NY, and until this year she and her husband (a Williams man, as is mine) have wintered in Siesta Key, FL. This year, however, they will have their first northern winter in a long time. Let’s hope it’s an easier one than last year! They have 3 boys, the oldest a lawyer nearby, and 6 great-grandchildren. Lucky ones! Our 1st granddaughter was married in July. If we’re lucky, maybe we’ll have a great before we die. Nancy Bowman Rutherford is still in her own home in East Longmeadow, MA, and still drives. She is doing well but, of course, misses her husband, George, who passed
away last year. She has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She also told me that Mary Reed Cody had moved to Newton Center, MA, from Mexico, where she lived for 20 years. Mary is near some of her 5 daughters. She is also only about 15 minutes from me so I hope to see her before long. Mary has 6 grandchildren (5 boys and a girl) and is in fairly good health, though no longer driving. She lives in an apartment complex which she loves. Peggy Irwin Shattuck lives at Piper Shores in Scarborough, ME, a beautiful life care facility overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. She is in good health and sends her best to all her ’42 classmates. Marcia “Mish” Barnes Shau- Straube also lives at Piper Shores. Dave and I almost moved there, too, but our children thought it was too far. Instead we’re in our own Paradise, North Hill, in Needham, MA, just 20 minutes away from our 3 sons. Our daughter lives in Kennebunk Beach, ME, 2 hours away. Dave and I celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary in Oct. and thank God every day for giving us so many years together. The high point of this year was our granddaughter’s wedding in July. She and her husband, Eli Barnes, met as sophomores at Deerfield Academy, both 3rd generation Deerfield alums. She went to Bowdoin and he went to U. of VA, but love persevered! We think the world of him and his family so it’s a happy time for all. Although I enjoyed talking to everyone, please do respond to my plea cards. Everyone loves to hear about their classmates! My ancient age makes this job harder each year. Thank goodness for the patience of the Alumni Office, but I do need word from all of you!

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1943

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“It’s somewhat odd, but very exciting, living in what was to be ‘the future,’ but realizing that future is NOW,” writes Elizabeth Stretch Henry, who recently found a picture of her grandmother’s 86th birthday party with herself, now 87, there beside her grandmother! She’s also been busy tending to 3 Siamese rescue cats. Her first granddaughter is now a graduate at NC and her first grandson just entered West Point. Priscilla Coan Barnes and her husband Jim are thankful for their good health. Priscilla’s granddaughter Anna’s wedding was Aug. 15. Granddaughter Ginger will bless them with great-grandchild number 11 in Dec. Last Mar. Priscilla and Jim flew to St. Paul, MN, to enjoy the inauguration of their son, Dr. Jay Barnes, as the president of Bethel University & Seminary. Virginia Hansen Gato still volunteers 2 to 4 mornings a week at nearby Baptist Hospital and is able to use her Spanish knowledge now and then in this multi-cultural atmosphere. “Thank you, Miss Alonso. (CJC 1941-43).” Jean Spencer Brown and Bob have their first great-granddaughter plus 7 other grandchildren, and are thankful that they are well. They travel on short trips, but summer on the Jersey Shore is where they love to be. Doris Douglas Butler’s granddaughter graduated from Wellesley College. Doris belongs to the local chapter of DAR and is preparing for their annual tag sale to help support a historic house the chapter owns. Shirley Hobbs Craven hoped her classmates were enjoying nice summer weather, but her part of NH has had 5 inches of rain! Some people have reading groups, but Carolyn Sigourney Holtz has drawing/painting. Her husband recovered well from his bypass surgery in July 2008. They traveled to the OR coast and visited her daughter and family at Cultus Lake, BC, in July for kayaking. Carolyn’s brother and his wife from Nahant, MA, visited them in June. Frances Morton Nugent has been happy to live at the adult separate unit community Trading Cove Commons for the past 5 years. After her husband Bob died, the house became too much for her to handle so she appreciated the association taking over and allowing her to have her own small and convenient home. She keeps busy with bridge, lunches, her family, and reading the ‘43 news. Margo DeGraff Hotaling’s husband died and she moved to the Sanford Home in Amsterdam, NY, which she loves. Margo writes, “The girls here are great and there’s a lot to do with good things to occupy our time. The Alumni Magazine is great.” Since going there, Margo lost her parents. All is well with Blanche “Blini” Worth Siegfried, who is dividing her time between Vero Beach, FL, and Bridgehampton, NY. She has 6 great-grandchildren, a Stanford graduate and a wedding in Nov. in Philadelphia. Jean Wackerbarth Hadidian’s husband of nearly 60 years died Nov. 9, 2007. Jean’s longtime friend Jeanne “Penny” Losey Bole ‘44 was planning to visit her in the summer. Jean’s 2 daughters, Olivia and Allison, ages 13 and 14, are A students and great soccer players. Frank and Jean Thurman Ramsey celebrated their 48th anniversary. They’re enjoying retirement in Good Samaritan Village, which has many great amenities. Mary Scheu Teach mailed her card as she was heading down to Irvington, IA, to visit relatives after visiting granddaughter Jessy and her husband in San Francisco, CA, where she toured the new CA Academy of Science. Mary is busy in New London and still playing tennis—barely! In Feb. we and our daughter drove to Hope College in Holland, MI, to hear our grandson Paul’s senior voice/organ recital; in Apr. after dancing and cueing at the New England Square & Round Dance Convention in Sturbridge, MA, we drove to Elizabethtown, PA, for granddaughter Crystal’s college symphonic band concert. In May we were back at Hope College for Paul’s graduation. In June, we flew to Long Beach, CA, for the ROUNDALAB Teachers Convention and the National Square Dance Convention, where we danced and taught, set up several displays on dancing in New England, attended the ARTS-DANCE meeting and took a couple days to visit our son and family in San Bernardino. We planned to fly back there in Oct. for grandson Ryan’s wedding. In July we drove the motor home 4,000 miles to Rayne, LA, for the National Square Dance Campers Association International Camporee. Virginia Mack Gregory has a new address in Troy, NY. If anyone has a new address for Ruth Eberhardt Mason, please send it to us as mail to her Parsippany, NJ, address was returned “unable to forward.” Since we had a number of 3-year Med Tech students who started their college careers with our class of ’43, we will include the few cards we received. If you do not see their writeup here, please go to the class of ’44. Priscilla Bullock Bubbar of Littleton, ME, is busy with a book group, art workshop, gardening, good friends and family. Her first great-grandchild was due in Oct. She goes to her daughter’s in Farmington, ME, for a couple months in the winter. Jean Marquier Molly had to cancel all her Colby-Sawyer reunion plans last year when she suddenly needed a heart stent and coronary artery clearing. She managed to spend part of last Dec. in IN with her granddaughters: Pam, married to Kevin, with children Dillon and Olivia; Jenny, unmarried and changing careers; and Adrienne, who is pursuing her doctorate at MI State. In Feb., Jean traveled to AL for her oldest son Michael’s commissioning in the Air Force; he’d been on fellowship in DC with the Dept. of Transportation after receiving his advanced degree in chemical engineering. In May, Jean went with Mike and his wife Kathleen to the Police Officer’s Memorial in DC and went on to West Point for the 65th reunion.
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of Neil’s class. “Daughter Nancy and husband Bob joined us,” Jean writes. “There was a memorial service for those who had joined the ‘Long Grey Line.’ We returned home to news that our 6th great-grandchild was born: Lilly Keifty, in IN. “Jean is considering a trip to San Francisco with the CA group to visit the King Tut’s exhibit and is still working on health issues.

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Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Penny Losey Bole, who is stepping down as your class correspondent after serving faithfully since 2004. This is Penny’s final column.

Ann Tilton Carpenter still plays tennis, golf and a lot of bridge. She hoped to show her youngest granddaughter Colby-Sawyer this past summer when they were at their camp on Lake Sunapee. Shirley Tunison Eustis writes, “It delights me when I meet an interesting woman and find that she went to Colby; we have that extra tie: a painter, a rescue dog trainer, a top golfer, a Sun Valley ski instructor, a med tech. Does the school attract diversity, or create it? My son, Mark, is a GPS specialist and does Homeland Security work in DC. He is married and lives 8 miles from me. My daughter Pam is an events manager for museums and international companies, is married, and lives in NYC with Bob and son Ben, age 5. I do volunteer work in the archives of the Air and Space Museum in DC. Over the years I’ve arranged art exchanges for museums internationally, worked with galleries and managed an art school. Trips to all parts of our world have been great and one of the best is the biannual CSC President’s Alumni Advisory Council—truly energizing!” Louise Fiacre Krauss has lived in Vero Beach, Fl, for 25 years. Her 60-year-old son has come to live with her and is a great help. Lou has 9½ great-grandchildren (6 girls, 3 boys ages 1-10) who all live in Austin, TX, or NM. Lou went to one of her daughters’ weddings in NM. She said she still plays golf twice a week (but very poorly!) Lila Latham Touhey summered at her home on Lake Champlain for the 65th year. Her quiet town still has an art gallery, the famous ice cream store, a post office and several gift shops. She has many friends at her retirement home in Slingerlands. At the bottom of the card where it asks “Recently Moved?” Myrtle Furbush Mansfield of Alfred, ME, replied, “No, and as long as I can drive, I’ll stay right here!” She is well after a bout with colon and breast cancer, and had a daughter in FL married in Oct. to a minister from the United Church of Christ. Myrtle planned to attend the Moose Festival in Colebrook, NH, at the end of Aug. Jane Titus George has been a professional real estate broker for the last 30 years and is a docent at the Philadelphia Zoo, where she gives tours for school groups, seniors and the general public. She spends 12 hours a week at a major grocery store in the area where she is the “banana guru” and sets up fantastic displays. From CA comes news from Connie Bailey Ackroyd, who has been helping friends move from one area of San Diego to another. She writes, “Life is much better when we’re busy, but my body doesn’t want to move as fast as usual.” She has 2 granddaughters in DC and Seattle, and her children are in HI, VT and CA. Shirley Merz Bryant lives in Bermuda Run, NC, 9 months of the year and in Hague-on-Lake George for 3 months. In the fall she watches her grandson, Ryan Taylor, play football for the University of NC. “One of my accomplishments this year was winning the Davie County Croquet Championship for 85 and over,” she says. “The last weekend of Sept. I went to Raleigh to compete in the state games.” Mary Percy Vaughan from Columbus, GA, has grandchildren and children in Seattle, Palo Alto, Los Angeles, NYC, Milwaukee, Brookline and Canada. She invites all who might be in Columbus, GA, to stop by and visit her pet-friendly home. Neither she nor her hubby drive anymore, but have access to a chauffeur service. Jane Cooper Fall of Rochester, NH, is busy playing golf, volunteering and trying to remove the clutter that has accumulated for 65 years. Elizabeth Marden Hyde had no special news to relate, but thanked me for being the scribe for our class for the past 5 years. Barbara Phillips Mello has unfortunately spent some time in the hospital and nursing home getting rid of an infection in her leg, and she has had other painful difficulties with arthritis and scoliosis. Barbara is in the church choir in Fall River and also has the joy of being a great-grandmother again, which will make this 9 great-grands! As of May, Barbara has moved to an assisted living facility called Bay View. CA alum Janet Peters Gardiner says she and her husband Dick live a simple life. She doesn’t play golf anymore, but Dick plays several times a week—and for that she is envious! Ann Norton Merrill attended her son’s surprise 60th birthday in Atlanta. Her daughter Antoinette Curtis Ledzian ’66 of CT has published a children’s book. Her daughter Debbie still lives in Greece, but planned to visit in Aug. Ann attended the wedding of her godson. Ann’s husband is 96 and she writes that he is doing great. They have 4 great-grandchildren.

Cynthia Alexander Carlson adds a bit of humor to her message, saying, “I guess there aren’t very many of us left above the soil!” She may be right, for this time around I haven’t heard from as many of you as in the past. Cynthia feels most fortunate that she and her husband have all of their knees, hips and brains! She found out 11 years ago that she has Crohn’s disease, and her hubby has macular degeneration. She still enjoys driving and has managed to keep their homes in FL for wintertime and WI for spring and summer. While in WI, she gardens—in a chair—bossing a couple of kids around. Jessie “Jay” Yfe Armstrong of Chatham, NJ, writes that bridge is still on her agenda. Although she now is on oxygen, she still dines out and enjoys her 3 children and 8 grandchildren. Mary Jane Niedner Mason, who has moved into a semi-retirement village in CT called Arbor Rose, lost her 3 husbands but is now...
Dick and I last visited “Bushie” around Labor Day, lunching at a little eatery she loved, and then returning to her home in New London. With the memories of a friendship stretching back 65 years, I’ll certainly miss her happy spirit, her sharing her home with any of us from Colby-Sawyer, and her warmth and amazing outlook on life, even as she knew hers was ebbing away. To those of you who knew her, she certainly enriched our souls. I shall miss you, “Bushie,” but I am so thankful that our paths crossed in life.

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Martha Whitney Steers wanted to know why I wished to hear from an 84-year-old widow. Well, here’s why: You’re vertical and ventilating! Martha lives in a wonderful retirement community in Williamsburg, VA, learning to cope with 2 knee replacements and the loss of her dear husband. She’s been in contact with Jean Morely Lovett, who is remarried and busy traveling. She is moving in Oct. to Palm City, FL. Jean Jacob Vetter’s 2 daughters also graduated from Colby-Sawyer!

Judith Allen Lawrence is enjoying the quiet life in the small village of Deerfield, MA, after years of travel in the military.

Janet Davis Keegan leads a busy volunteer life in Manchester, NH, where she recently printed the history of Elliot Hospital in scrapbook form. She has one grandchild and 3 grandsons. Janet is in touch with Jay Shanley Puckhaber and Shal Glidden Spleaine. Shal has been battling giant cell arthritis but it doesn’t slow her down. Elizabeth Bryant Parker writes from Windsor, CT, that she’s busy volunteering at the historical society, DAR, a local nursing home and the church Republican committee—and all that with a pacemaker! She’s a 5-year cancer survivor.

Mary Lou Craffey Ackley sold her business 20 years ago and has been traveling and volunteering at her local senior center. Eileen Lutz Wolfe loves their retirement community in Hilton Head, where they have plenty of room for family to visit. She has grandkids graduating from college and getting married.

Suzanne Needham Houston has moved to Wake Robin, a continuing care facility in Shelburne, VT, and is enjoying life there with her puppy and lots of interesting people. Emily Morgan Clemmer lives in Sarasota, FL, and is mainly visiting doctors, but she enjoys beaching and going to jazz concerts. She is also a great-grandma! So is Nancy Dean Maynard, whose newest is a little boy. Lucky Nance—2 of her grands are close by so she can watch them grow. Nance is well and volunteering 2 days a week at her local hospital. Doris Peaks Kendall still enjoys living in Cape Cod, has had grandkids graduating from colleges all over the country, volunteers at her senior center and is involved in Beach Stickers. Doris is in touch with Margaret Wells Bush and Grace MacDonald Ross. Joan Smith McIver of Westport, CT, had a wonderful family 60th anniversary celebration last Oct. with her son and 3 daughters and their mates. Gus and I have had back-to-back house guests since the first of June and we loved them, but boy are we tired! As of this writing, we plan to treat ourselves to a 14-day cruise in Oct. from Ft. Lauderdale through the Panama Canal to San Diego. Thanks for all your good help in putting this column together... couldn’t do it without you!

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Jane Hatch Benson lives in West Yarmouth, MA, and has 4 girls and a boy. One of the girls had a set of twins. Jane lives with her oldest daughter in her home, and they own and operate a B&B in town called The Inn at Lewis Bay. Jane enjoys a busy life, with a course in genealogy at the community college, swimming twice a week, and volunteering at the church gift shop and the historical Captain’s House. Nancy Grinnell Sayre feels good about still living in her old house. She had a girl and 3 boys, but she lost her oldest son. One son is a vet. She keeps busy around the house and with church activities.

Shirley Rimbach Rohan is quite a celebrity: This year she was named “Citizen of the Year” by the Concord, MA, newspaper. No wonder: Shiril and her family have operated the Concord Diner and dining boat trips on the river daily for many years. She has also been involved in many local volunteer positions through the years. Her husband has since passed away. Despite her open heart surgery, Shiril is still going strong, although she states that she has turned some of her duties over to her daughter and family. If you locals want to enjoy a leisurely afternoon and early evening with good food, go to the Concord River boatyard and say Hello to Skipper Shirley; they operate from the spring until Oct. Lois Lippincott Lang is having fun downsizing, and is amazed at all of the things she has accumulated over the years. All is well with the Langs. Polly White Phillips changed courses at CSC so she really graduated with the class of 1947, but she still considers 1946 her class. She lived in NH most of her life until she lost her husband in 1990, then moved to ME 4 years later. All of her children are nearby and visit often. Polly has moved into a retirement apartment, where she especially enjoys the day trips. She has fond memories of Colby and returned several times when her daughter attended the college for 1 year then transferred to UNH. Nancy Olcott Moreland spent many summers at CSC as the wife of one of the scientists attending the Gordon research team that occupied CSC all summer long. They and their children moved to CT in 1952 when her husband joined Pfizer. Three of their 4 children live in the area. Walt passed away in 1990. Nancy has been lucky to watch her 6 grandchildren grow—“Much too fast,” she states. Two years ago, she moved into an adult living...
community in Mystic, CT. Nancy still enjoys reading. Virginia Parsons Breuer from Newington, CT, says all is well with the Bruers and their brood. Ginny still enjoys live theatre at the Bushnell in Hartford and singing. When I spoke with Mollie Miller Tanner, she was leaving soon for her holiday jaunt to her daughter’s in Long Island, and then was going to FL to spend some time with her brother. I’m doing well now but I’m not as fast as I used to be. As Gene Autry used to say, “I’m back in the saddle again, back when a friend is a friend…”

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Nancy “Hob” Hobkirk Pierson says she spends most summers in VT. She hadn’t painted in a while so was looking forward to doing that as well as seeing her VT daughter, Sally. Because of today’s economy, she was concerned about her 2 grandchildren who would graduate from college in June. Another grandson who graduated from Hamilton in ’07 flirted with law school but has found he loves being an organic gardener in Nantucket, MA. Another is “unsettled” and is living in VT. Hob loves her volunteer counseling job; she says it’s great to know she can’t be fired. The Piersons spent a week in New Orleans with a work group organized by their church. This was their first visit and they were looking forward to exploring and enjoying this quaint city in their free time. Jean Klaubert Friend was surprised to see a picture in the latest CSC Alumni Magazine of Jane Maynard Gibson and herself when they had their mini-reunion at the Friends’ home in Pinehurst, NC. I had written about Jean introducing Sybil Adams Moffat to her husband Paul at Lake George, NY, and Jean was reminiscing about the fun she had in those many summers that she spent there. Jane Maynard Gibson thought that making CSC a coed school was a wonderful thing and loved reading about the weddings of 3 recent sets of classmates. The Gibsons enjoy the time in Ponte Vedra on their golf course whenever FL’s monsoon season takes a break. Husband Jack was doing his best to avoid a knee replacement, as content retirees don’t have time for lengthy repair jobs. Jane says her golf is pretty good, up to a point. The Gibsons play duplicate bridge. When I told Jane that I had just had news from Janet Kenerson Andrews and Barbara-Jane Smith Thompson, Jane said she often sat next to Janet since our class sat alphabetically for many things. I believe Bj (or Beej) was in Shepherd dorm like Jane. Jane remarked that after all these years, she could still hear “Bj”s voice. Janet Kenerson Andrews

Jean “Jeje” Harding Pierce ’47 and Julie Loeffell Hughes ’47 enjoyed some time together in Boca Grande, Fla., in April.

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One of Shoe’s cousins, her husband, and their daughter arrived for a short visit in July. When it was time to return to the Poconos, they used the southern route so they could see their 2 grandsons, Stephen and CJ. Ann Wylie Jarrett moved to a condo in June but has kept the same phone number and email. She has great views from her big windows and lives 5 miles closer to Wilmington, DE. All her artwork was now hung and she had given her first dinner party. She enjoyed a 2-week trip to Aspen in between her moves. Jan West Williams traveled to New London in June for her bi-annual family reunion at Twin Lakes Villa. 37 family members ran relay races, played tennis and golf and went swimming. They all stopped at CSC and drove around the campus, which Jan said looks lovely. Mary “Oggie” Ogden Sutcliffe and Herb were also in NH this summer. They had a visit with both Herb’s and Oggie’s relatives. After their time in NH, they headed out to DE and MD for some camping. Oggie talked to Jeanne “Woody” Woodruff Ramsey on Jean’s birthday. Woody’s husband John turned 91 this year. Woody met John, a former airline pilot, during her stewardess years. Oggie says Woody is still head of volunteers at a local hospital. After two hip replacements, Fran Wannerstrom Clark happily reports that she is back to being “herself.” Two days after her final PT session, she headed for Philly on an Elderhostel trip with a small group affiliated with her local community college. The historic Philadelphia tour was her “coming out party.” She had signed up for the trip in the fall as a goal to speed up her “recovery” time, and it worked! Fran and her good friend climbed those zillion steps (a la Rocky who ran them up) at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She also had a great reunion with her 2 daughters in NYC and NJ. In Aug. Fran took one day trip to Saratoga, NY, to see the “ponies” and one to ME. In Sept, her “biggie” for the year was a cruise around Greece and Turkey with her daughters. Jane “Jimi” Adams Darnell went into a year of depression when she turned 80 and doesn’t want to go through that again. It’s hard to believe that we have now reached the term of “elderly”! Jimi said that her husband remembered she did the same when she turned 20, 30, etc. Jimi planned to go to her Sanibel, FL, vacation home in Oct, even if she had to take her doctor with her! She had a lousy year last year and not only wasn’t allowed to make the trip to FL but had to give up her potting hobby. 50 pounds of clay is too much for a woman with 2 herniated discs and 2 hip replacements. Polly Carver Watson has had a bit of a balance problem that has prevented her from doing much traveling and, worst of all, she’s had to give up golf. She keeps busy with bridge, movies and dining out with her friends. Her 3 children and 6 grandkids also help to keep her busy. She works out twice a week in both MA and her FL home. Beryl Knight Brown sent me a note saying she was temporarily grounded as she had been having chemo treatments for her lung cancer. She had an X-ray to check on how much her tumor had shrunk, and if it hadn’t, she would have to undergo another session with a different treatment. About 2 weeks later, she called to let me know she had received great news from her doctor: There was no sign of any cancer. Naturally, she was ecstatic and anxious to correct her news. Mase and I took life easy this summer by staying home in Gainesville. We still have a couple of trips we would like to take but haven’t made any firm plans. We have lots of friends right in our golf course community so life is never boring. Please do write as I think of all you and wish you the best of health during our Golden Years.

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Betty Pearson Brennan could not attend the 60th reunion but did visit the campus in the summer of 2008 with 2 of her 4 kids. “The mix of old and new buildings was great to see,” she says. Betty lives in the San Diego area and spends a lot of time visiting her family, which includes 5 grandchildren. After almost 50 years of marriage to Fred Brennan, Betty was widowed 9 years ago. They had met in Worcester, MA, while she was in high school. Now she enjoys cruising and meeting with friends and relatives around the country.

1950

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I have moved from MA to NC to be near family. My son Brad and wife Lisa with 4 of my grandchil-
dren are nearby. I’m a happy resident at The Pines at Davidson, a senior retirement home next to Davidson College. The Charlotte, NC, airport is nearby and provides easy access for my daughter and family to visit from CA, as well as you all! My roommate of both years at the college, Joan Hubley Sundeen, passed in 2009. Both her husband Bob of NH, and her twin, Jean Hubley Meyer of NY, called me with the news. Joan also leaves a son, Randall of NH. Ginny Colpitts Bowers and Buzz are enjoying life on Cape Cod and would like to hear from classmates in their area. Bobbie Bishop MacLean reports, “My Millburn High School, NJ, class had its 60th reunion. We have done well. We gals agreed we probably will not have any more formal reunions, so a small group of us decided to try to have a mini reunion every year. In May 2009, we met at the home of one gal who lives on Cape Cod. It was a very good time. Otherwise I continue to be active in my DAR chapter.” Lindy Clapp Macfarland and Will have been grounded in NY for 2009 while Will’s health improves. Bobbie Fetzer Herbert tells of the passing of hubby Bill in 2006. With choices of UT or NJ, Bobbie built a new home in a retirement community in NJ near her daughter, and moved there in 2008. She loves her new house and the community and has joined many new clubs. She was lead tap dancer in “Bye Bye Birdie” in Nov. She plays a lot of tennis and won her local tournament, is taking French lessons, volunteers at the food pantry, cooks for the Ronald McDonald House, and belongs to a book club, the singles club, the Women’s Association and the Brandeis Women’s Club. Her son lives in UT and they visit several times a year. Gretchen Siegfried Nymoen tells of her successful knee replacement surgery in 2009. She and hubby plan to be in HI in Nov. to celebrate their 4th wedding anniversary. If they stay healthy, they’ll be cruising from Capetown to Lisbon on the Silver Wind in Feb. 2010. Gretchen had fun chatting with Anne Bailey Shealy and Lindy Clapp Macfarland recently. Nan Frost Smith of NH and her hubby Mort delight in being in
New London occasionally. Their two grandsons are graduating from Bentley and Hamilton colleges in 2010, and their granddaughter will be graduating from high school. Another grandson and his wife have PhDs from Yale, and both now work there. 

Jane Grayson Slover and her hubby George are both doing well. They have downsized to a one-story zero lot line home, and don’t travel much now. They’ve been taking grandchildren, one at a time, on an Elderkhost trip for grandparents and grandchildren. In Aug. their youngest will be rafting on the Colorado River with Jane. She and George would be delighted to have classmates visit at their home in TX. 

Gloria Demers Collins sees Priscilla Johnson Greene occasionally for lunch. They enjoy a great friendship which includes talking and emailing often. Gloria’s hubby John maintains an email group called the WArLORD group with many heavy hitters and well known folk. Their granddaughter has her PhD from George Washington U, and their grandson is doing in VA. Their son and his wife have 4 grandchildren. They are all doing well.

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I am sad to report that Harriet Ward passed last Feb.; our condolences to her family. Marilyn Asbury Taylor writes that she has moved to White Horse Village, a retirement community. Margaret “Shelley” Bindloss White is still married to the same man and has a girl and a boy and 5 grandchildren. She lives in Stonington, CT, in a condo overlooking her grandfather’s house. Joan Happgood Johnson-Wood is on her second husband; she was a widow for 12 years and has been married for 18 years. She is living in a townhouse just outside Ottawa. Fran Sawyer and daughter visited them on the island. Joan has 7 grandchildren and says, “Life is great.” Lyn Savely Fotheringham writes, “Life with us is about the same.”

E.J. Martin Albergotti enjoys living in a retirement home in Charlotte, NC, just around the corner from the Quail Hollow Golf Tournament. They traveled to Turkey last May. Beverly Janson Mogensen is living in Vera Beach, FL. Bev Cushman Knudsen closed her business and is now working on her home. She plans to travel and says that life is great. Margery Bugbee Atherton writes that they downsized last fall in Plymouth, MA, and will continue to spend time in FL. They spent a lovely week in Bermuda. Lynn Healy Nichols spent time cruising, seeing China and the terra cotta soldier and horse sculptures. She spent last winter on Manasota Key West. Ingrid Reichold Wagner says she is enjoying Tucson, AZ, in the winter and Propts Neck, ME, in the summer. Janet Nordhouse Kennebeck enjoys Austin, TX, and getting to know all the doctors on a first-name basis. She has 5 grandchildren. Patricia Day still works in the hospital and volunteers in the thrift shop. Mary Elizabeth “Mimi” Bentley Burton says all is well in northern CA. Shirlie “Sandy” Flanders English is still in Savannah. They are retired and went on a river cruise to Paris and Norway. Elly Jones enjoys snow shoeing, hiking and cross country skiing. 

Meta “Sippy” Coane Spielman sold their home in Naples and moved to a retirement community in Ft. Myers, and asks if there is anyone in her vicinity. She keeps busy with golf and bridge, and thinks of NH often. Barbara Alpbaugh Bull writes that they travel as much as possible. Last year it was the Iberian Peninsula, Mexico and skiing in VT.

Patricia Odell Caprio has been a widow for 15 years. She is blessed with 6 children and 11 grandchildren. She lives in TX with 3 of her children. Anna-Rose Harrison Hadley lives in Naples in the winter and in Boulder, CO, from May to Nov. Margaret Nevers lives in Houston and has 4 grandchildren. They are all well. Fran Black Rosborough says she has a pretty uneventful life, but she did have a wonderful trip to Ireland two years ago. Her grandson had brain surgery and has been cancer free for 6 years now. Wonderful, Fran! Cornelia Vaughan Tuttle writes, “I’m always envious of friends who have mini reunions all over the east coast for their colleges and boarding school graduates. Why doesn’t Colby –Sawyer ever do this? There are tons of graduates all over VT and Cape Cod. I never hear of any smaller get-togethers. I am semi-retired, and sold my business to Sotheby’s. Travel a lot to Africa, twice to the Galapagos and Amazon Jungle. Barge to Alaska, and to Danube by boat. I am still skiing – a lot for 2 new knees.”

Barbara Mandelstam De Paolo divorced in 1974 and remarried in 1976, has 4 stepchildren, and retired in 1994 from the Comprehensive Nominate a classmate for an Alumni Award!

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Gordy McAllen Baker writes, “I continue to love living in NH; I’m just 15 minutes north of New London, so I get to the campus often. President Galligan is marvelous and his wife Susan plays tennis next court to me every week. I see Barbara Johnston Rodgers all the time—tough in winter while she’s skiing and I’m playing bridge.” Peggy Magoun Rothrauff writes, “I’m living in Acton, MA, in a S+ community. My travels now seem to be national, not international. One daughter and her family live in Berkeley, CA, and another daughter lives in Dallas, TX. Love visiting both of them. Other 2 daughters and grown grandchildren are nearby.” Judith Treuchet Scott is struggling with serious health problems so doesn’t have much news, but she and Dick have thought of trying to get away for a couple of weeks. “We know it will be challenging, but needed,” she writes. Barbara Young Camp was happy to have the Phillies win the World Series in fall 2008. “With 11 grands you would think I would have 1 or 2 fans but not yet,” she writes. “I am still working on the younger’s. My life is happily full of animals live. “We enjoy being here and being useful!”

Jane Carpenter Patterson writes that she and Ken celebrated their 50th anniversary. Her twin sister, Edyth Carpenter Sapp, escapes the Phoenix heat by coming to New Smyrna Beach for 3 months, renting a few doors from her. Her new joy is fishing weekly in the inter-coastal waters, pulling out trout, flounder, drum and redfish, plus doing overnight shrimping. Nan Langdon Darche writes that they find themselves in rural PA for the summer half of the year. They’re in Kempton, where daughter Gail, her husband, their 4 kids and a farm full of animals live. “We enjoy being here and being useful!” she writes. Their other kids live in NJ, MA and CT, so they see them often. Tracy Rickers Siani writes that they raised over $20,000 for the 5K run/walk benefit for the Children’s Home Society of Florida, and began year-long celebrations for the founding of their town. In June, members of Tracy’s family spent a week in Napoli visiting friends and family, and Tracy had a fun week at her son Sergio’s cabin on an island in Lake Waukewan, NH.

Susan Bice Huetteman writes, “We became FL residents this year, but will continue to be in RI during the summer. Now we are able to enjoy the families of both of our sons.” Ellen Barrows Van Winkle is sorry to have lost her good friend Carol Fox. She’s planning to spend part of the summer in Ashville, NC, with daughter Kathy and her three children. Ellen plays bridge every week to help to keep her mind sharp. Vaughan Peters Rachel writes, “Last Dec. I moved to Pacific Beach where I live near my daughter and my 2 granddaughters, Leah and Audrey. Life is a beach—it’s fun!” Gordon McAllen Baker spent 10 days in OR to see her grandson graduate as valedictorian from high school. She visited her old pals in Portland, then hiked with her son and his family on Mt. Ranier in WA. Gordon went on a great trip last March to Egypt and Jordan. Martha Funk Miller writes, “Congratulations, Jane, on the birth of a granddaughter. I hope she has arrived and both mother and baby are fine. I wish I could say my summer has been an exciting one, but instead I have been living with a broken arm for almost 8 weeks. Thank goodness for my family.” Joan Vincent Donelan writes, “I have a large family and 11 grandchildren who keep me busy. One contributed to the Woods Hole Film Festival, one received her master’s for OT, and 2 graduated from high school. The rest are busy with sports like lacrosse, gymnastics, figure skating and ice hockey. I am still enjoying good ole Cape Cod in the house I grew up in.” Victoria Sawdon Banghart is still living a fun and productive life in Elkhart Lake, WI. “Our family has grown with our sons and daughters and 10 grandchildren—we are very blessed,” she says. Victoria corresponds with Anita Johnson Beselin, who is living in Portugal and has traveled all over the US, and saw Georgene Haney Campion, who is a successful artist in suburban Chicago. Victoria has been working in a gift shop and is making quilts. Susan Wiesner Bray writes, “I lost my husband Wats on Dec. 24, 2008, to cancer. We were married 52 years on June 30, 2008. When I returned from our FL home where I spend 6 month of the year, I learned that my son’s wife wanted a divorce, and that is what is taking up most of my time this summer.”

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Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Glenice Hobbs Harmon, who is stepping down as your co-class correspondent after serving faithfully since 2003.

It was good to hear from so many of you using the postcard system. Glenice Hobbs Harmon decided to “retire” as one of the class correspondents. We worked well together, and Glen and I teamed up to attend a number of class reunions, too. Glen loves to have the grandkids come to visit. One daughter and her family will be moving from UT to VA, and Glen is happy to have the family a bit closer to home. Glen and Vic belonged to garden clubs, and some of their flowers now grace the Cobban flower garden. Glen is also involved with church activities and senior exercise class. Joan Batchelor Brown had a special trip to Boston with a
neighbor who had never been to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. They admired the Italian Courtyard, the beautiful paintings of the old masters and lovely tapestries. Joan wrote, “Good to appreciate all this art and how fortunate to have learned so much at Colby.” Joan and her sister, Anne Batchelor De Grazia, treated Barbara Knight Price ’55 MT and Jo-Anne to a day at the Gardner Museum and the Boston Fine Arts Museum after CSC classes were out for the summer. We were pleased to be able to identify paintings after participating in the Art Appreciation class at Colby. Helen McWalter Finan wrote that grandchild #10 was born June 1, 2009. She added, “John Patrick Finan joins his sister, Molly Lucia, age 2, and will be leaving for Sri Lanka later in the month.” Ann Rosenbach Scott went on a month long cruise in Nov. 2008, starting in Rome, going down the Mediterranean Sea, pressing on to Africa and across the Atlantic Ocean to Brazil, and finally coast-to-coast to Africa and across the Atlantic Mediterranean Sea, pressing on to Rome, going down the cruise in Nov. 2008, starting in the month.”

Ann Rosenbach Scott went on a month long cruise in Nov. 2008, starting in Rome, going down the Mediterranean Sea, pressing on to Africa and across the Atlantic Ocean to Brazil, and finally coasting into Ft. Lauderdale, FL. She adds, “We have been in our new house for over a year now and finally finished decorating.” Ann and her husband celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in Sept. 2009. Peg Lewis Moreland is doing well living with her daughter and her husband. She says it’s a lovely household of three teenagers (one granddaughter is now attending college), one black Lab and two friendly cats. “I have a nice lady come in 3 days a week for half a day, who has a car and can take me out as I don’t drive now,” she says. “Jody took me to the Garden Club Antique Show and Sale on the Green in New London and COA had a big book sale in the old school gym.” Jean Cragin Ingweren sent a note with a change of address, adding, “The Ridge at Riverwood is a place to enjoy other people over cards, do watercolor painting, make pottery, do aerobics and Pilates, garden, etc. We have movies, concerts, interesting discussions, swimming, and a great library. It reminds me of college, as it’s very enriching. Come visit.” Helen Johnson Sargent, our ME resident, and husband Dick Lindholm sent pictures taken in 1953 and 2009. She added a note that life is good and they were looking forward to attending the 55th reunion. They dated in high school, skied together in college and married in 2007. Joan O’Neill Ross had a wonderful trip to London and Paris in April 2009. She spends her summers at Ipswich, the town that’s famous for fried clams in MA. Joan’s health remains good. Barbara Dennett Howard took a trip to Dallas, TX, over the Memorial Day weekend to attend the wedding of Bob’s granddaughter. “While we were there we were able to visit with former Simsbury neighbors we hadn’t seen in 20 years,” she says. “We visited the Dallas Arboretum, which was absolutely beautiful. We also went to Dealey Plaza where President Kennedy was shot.” Mail was returned for Kathryn von Brauchitsch Heidtke. Can anyone help us with this? Harriet Johnson Toadvine spends summers on Cape Cod and returns to FL for the winter. She writes, “My husband and I had a most interesting time in DC with Nancy Sellers Mion ’55 and her husband John at a Barbara Bush Literary program.” She adds, “I had minimally invasive open heart surgery in May 2009. I am progressing well, but slowly.” Moving into the South, Betty Buckel Foster in NC announced that she and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to the great Northwest and Alaska. Along the way they visited their son who lives in Seattle, WA, and a daughter and son-in-law in Portland, OR. Betty retired in 2008, but is busier than ever. Shirley Wax Baron and Bob of FL continue to enjoy good health and an active life on Key Biscayne. Shirley says she is playing a lot of duplicate bridge and writes, “My two sons are well and grandchildren are about the same age as we were when we were all together at Colby. Hard to believe!” Loved this note from Ruth Levy Schultz: “Met Bernard Arieff and now we are living in sin, did not marry—either one of us. Bernie’s wife died and we met through a mutual friend. Have been living together ever since, first at Hamlet and now at Boca Pointe. We both play golf—I only play 3 times a week, but Bernie plays at least 5 times a week.” After 16 years in Naples, FL, Barbara Brown Bateman and her husband made a move to The Villages. “We wished we had done it years ago,” she says. “We have not met anyone here who doesn’t like it. My husband Al plays golf twice a week and once or twice a week goes to a cribbage game or pitch and poker club. I continue with genealogy, DAR and motor sports fan club, and I golf when I can get it in. This truly is ‘America’s Friendliest Home Town.’” A (blank due to a number torn off the card) years ago we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with our children and their families on a 7 day cruise to Bermuda.” Emily Spencer Breauagh lives in MI. She writes, “Thanksgiving 2008, my FL daughter treated my brother and family, and sister and us (16 in all) to a Thanksgiving feast. On our drive home to MI we visited Lois Kaufmann Anderson and her husband Dick in Pinehurst, NC. It had been over 50 years yet we recognized each other immediately—just a few extra wrinkles. Also in Nov., I became a great-grandma for the second time. A daughter, Michelle’s second child, half sister to their adopted son, was born. They received custody of her in June 2009. Grandchild #5, a boy, married in June 2009, so it was off to FL for the week of the wedding. Our next trip will be Branson, MO, and Sedona, AZ, in Dec. Until then, its tennis, painting and Civil War activities.” Norma Oksa Reeve and husband Gary celebrated their 50th wedding celebration. She writes, “Our daughter Wendy was married in June 2008 at the start of a Caribbean cruise, and both families went along for a weeklong celebration. Laura, our other daughter, launched her writing career as her first book Peacekeeper (by Laura E. Reeve) was published in Dec. 2008.” Peacekeeper is a science fiction story, and her second book is due to be published soon. Another CO resident, Margot Thompson, wrote that her and Anne Dwyer Milne's
trip to China was terrific. In the summer Margot spent time on Cape Cod and NH visiting Anne and Jean Cragin Ingwersen on Lake Winnipesaukee. Janet Hofmann Hansen of CA tells us that their last granddaughter graduated in June 2009 and will attend USF. “We will be spending 3 months during the summer in our 1901-built house in Harbor Springs, MI on Lake Michigan,” she writes. “What a nice change from Carlisle.” Barbara Knight Price told me what she’s been doing since her husband passed away. One of her sons moved from another state to live with her and find work in the area in early spring 2009. Accompanied by one of her daughters, Barb hopped a plane to FL and had a wonderful week at the Animal Kingdom Resort at Disney World. Since she has 4 daughters living in WA, she and another son were looking forward to a good visit in the North. It’s a pleasure to pass along an inside look of the 55th reunion at Alumni Fall Festival prepared by Janet Rich Nixon for everyone to read. She writes, “While neither the class reunion photo of 5 members of the class of ’54 nor the recollection of any participant will attest to the fact that 12 classmates returned, that is indeed the fact. Since I was there early Friday for the daylong President’s Alumni Advisory Council meeting, I had a chance to chat with Anne Dwyer Milne, who is also a member of PAAC, and Sandy Davis Carpenter ’55. We enjoyed a complimentary lunch open to both PAAC members and returning alumni followed by an enlightening lecture/slide show discussing Mexico by popular professor Randy Hanson. I had the pleasure of sitting with Jo-Anne Greene Cobban, Peg Lewis Moreland, and Helen Johnson Sargent, who returned with her husband from ME. Helen was staying with Nancy Paige Parker who lives in New London, registered for Alumni Fall Festival, but never did have a chance to be at any of the events I attended. Myrtle Westhaver Flight entered a unique and colorful painting of ‘Flowers at Fuller Village’ in the art show/auction that Susan Galligan enjoyed winning, and I was pleased to have Myrtle give me a copy as note paper. It was interesting to visit the Sawyer Fine Arts Center with Myrtle after the BBQ to chat and view all the entries. We also enjoyed the Fall Festival Alumni Games. Returning to Dexter’s Inn for me resembled one of our traditional class reunions. We came back to campus for the All-Alumni Gala Celebration in Wheeler Hall of the Ware Campus Center, which used to be our library. It was super to be there with Louise ‘Weezie’ Moser Stoops and her husband Bill, Gertrude ‘Chris’ Bast Vermilya and her husband Cliff, Judy Gilmore Getchell ’59, and her husband Gary, and Weezie’s delightful sister Edith Moser Apostal ’62, and her husband Bill. At the President’s house Sat. for tea I met Barbara Dennett Howard and her husband Bob, and they joined us for class picture time and a little of the cash bar, hors d’oeuvres, and food stations gala with dance music to suit every class year and dance style provided by The Nines, featuring Patti Woodburn Cloutier ’83. When we arrived in Colgate for class picture time, it was nice to have Elizabeth ‘Libby’ Moss Phillips join us for a little conversation. Carol Nelson Reid was the only one registered to attend who I did not visit with. I, personally, enjoyed having a variety of activities to choose from. A number of us were impressed with the way Professor Hilary Cleveland wove a tapestry of the impact the 1960s had on American Culture and how she motivated some interesting discussion with her lecture Sat. a.m. This was followed by a chance for insight into the very successful current admissions procedure and President Tom Galligan’s exuberant update of CSC today, all of which were held in the Ivey Science Ctr. A rainy, foggy Sat., but I must ask—were any of us ever less enthralled with our years at CJC just because we had many surprising weather changes? Even though alumni were not able to fully appreciate the beautiful Kelsey Athletic Fields, they had to appreciate the typical Colby-Sawyer expertise and adaptability. Huge tents had been set up with tables for the delicious BBQ and beer garden. And the soccer, baseball and rugby games were played, even though at times it must have been hard for the players to see each other. No matter how our reunion format is set up, I am always glad to have reason to be back on campus when students are there. It was nice to see 9 returning classmates even though not all at once.” Jan was greatly relieved that on Election Day her “positional vertigo” was correctly diagnosed and treated after 3 months of “feeling like my head was no longer a part of me!” Frannie Pryor Haws of HI writes that 3 of her 5 great-grandchildren live near her town. She takes them swimming, to ballet classes and to mini-golf. From your class correspondents, past and present, I’ll sign off with Aloha to all.

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Irmeli Ahomaki Kilburn of Needham, MA, retired in March from her work as chief librarian at the Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs. As many of you may recall, she and Bob (MIT grad) were married on the afternoon of our graduation from CJC, and he began his career as a professor at Boston U. He retired from full-time teaching in 1998, and Imie had planned on retiring within the next year. However, Bob had a severe stroke in April of 1999, putting him in a wheelchair for the remainder of his life. He was assisted by home health care workers while Imie continued to work. He passed away in June of 2008. Imie reports that 2 of her 6 grandchildren are now starting their sophomore year in college. She planned on coming to CSC for Alumni Fall Festival in early Oct., and was looking forward to seeing several of the ’55ers there as well. From CA comes news from Barbara Curtis Sturgeon that she and Bill planned a cruise in Sept., starting in NYC and ending in Quebec. They planned to visit Boston on their way. She and Bill visited CSC several years ago, and they found the campus beautiful. Their son Bill is a captain on a private yacht, and their daughter Sharon lives in Austin, TX, with her 12-year-old son Robbie. Fortunately, they do see each other fairly often. Barb also notes that she had attended the memorial service for Lucy Hill Coons ’56, who had attended CJC for about a year as a member of the class of ’56. Lucy and her husband Bainy and 5 children lived in CA (first in Coronado and then in Baja in Rosarito Beach). Barb reported that the service was a lovely celebration of Lucy’s life. Barb added that she heard from both Rosic Harbart Keenan and Elaine Gilman shortly after Lucy’s death. Marcia Harmon says that she had a very good winter, spending time with her good friend Norm Stanton, traveling between Boynton Beach, FL, and St. Croix. In May they came back to ME for the summer. In June they visited Nancy Petke Silverstein and her husband Morris for a weekend in CT. Nancy, her husband, and their daughter and son-in-law spent a weekend in July with Marcia and Norm. Nancy and her husband became the proud grandparents of a grandson on Aug. 23rd. Marcia recently had a nice visit with Beth Bryant Camp ’92, CSC’s Advancement Officer. In Oct. Marcia planned to attend

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her 56th high school reunion in Winchester, MA, and hoped to see Sandra Davis Carpenter and Marjorie “Midge” Dexter Ayers ’54 there too, as it was to be a multi-class event. She then planned to head back to FL from ME shortly after Thanksgiving for the winter. She adds that one of her granddaughters is now a freshman at the U of Redlands in CA, while the oldest granddaughter is taking a semester off. “I’ve heard from so few of you during this past year—I hope it means that you are all well and busy doing all those things you’d put off until you found the time to do them.”

1956

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I write this on a beautiful summer day in ME, thanking everyone who sent me Christmas cards with notes! Sally Marker Hayward has a granddaughter at the University of WY. Sal is proud of her Pittsburgh pro athletic teams...two of them (Steelers and Penguins) did exceptionally well in 2008. Judy Tinsman White writes that she did not have her knee replaced last year as reported. She still has all original parts! She had a bad year with her dad passing away last year as reported. She still has one who sent me Christmas cards with notes!

1957

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Annette Gingras Hobbs writes that she was settling into their new home last Christmas; they moved from PA to Anthem, AZ. Mary Gale Gilchrist loves her new apartment on the water in Southampton, NY. She is still working. Barbara Brown Barrett and Charlie had a wonderful visit with friends in San Diego for the annual Marine Embassy Guard Association reunion. They saw people they had not seen in 40 years! Their oldest son is a medic in the army reserves. Barbara and Charlie have 3 sons. Sally Maras Culbertson says there were several gals from Shaker Heights at CJC in our class. She writes that Nancy Bryan Bentley went on to Bucknell after CJC and Joanne Faragher Weppler is now in Boca Raton, FL. Sally’s husband John is a retired college professor and Sally’s 2 oldest grandchildren are studying engineering in college. She and John have 11 grandchildren. Sally misses Seattle, where they lived for many years, but loves living near family in Avon Lake, which is close to Cleveland for Sal to enjoy the world class museum and orchestra. Sally’s first year of retirement was great but she’s now looking to get involved and do some volunteering. Barbara McIntire Haskins has retired as a dog trainer but is now active at the Enfield, CT, senior center, line dancing and working out at the fitness center. Barb also volunteers in the kitchen for special events. Joyce Caaron Hall stopped a couple of times last summer on the way home to NJ from her NH summer home. Barb also has had lunch with Jane Campbell Engdahl ’57. The family still goes camping in their motor home in the summer. Nancy Morris Adams sold her home in Canterbury, NH, and now owns a smaller home on the Contoocook River in Boscowen, NH. She and her friend Peter were in ME for the summer, where Nancy taught a yoga class to the lobster men! Nancy still travels most of the year to CO, MX, and FL, then to ME each summer. Ed and I (Nancy Hoyt Langbein) traveled to Carmel, IN, this past winter to celebrate our anniversary with my sister Barbara Hoyt Baker MT ’49 and her husband. We visited the Indy 500 Speedway and car museum, which was excellent. Last Spring, Marsha Smoller Winer and Nate were in from CA for a family gathering in MA. We met them in Kittery for a delightful reunion and lunch. Please send me your news!

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Kim Yaksha Whiteley ’57 and Barbara Eiser Boyer ’61.
dent of the Pastel Society of NH and a juried member of the NH Art Association. A pretty major identity shift!” Both of Barbara’s children have 3 children of their own, all living in NH, and her husband’s daughter has 2 children, living in Greenwich, CT. She gets to Colby fairly often and enjoys seeing all the changes and expansions. Barbara has had visits from Debby Kent Springer and Robin McDougal, and welcomes anyone else who is coming to her area.

Suzanne Vander Veer reports that Diane Shugrue Gallagher, Elaine McKenzie Kutrosky and Kim Yaksha Whiteley were at Suzanne’s house for a 4-day weekend in Aug. “We did the Barnes Foundation, Philly, ferry to NJ, swimming and eating and laughing,” she says. “I go up to PAAC to Colby-Sawyer and will stay with Adelaide “Happy” Anthony Griffiths, see Diane Shugrue Gallagher and Sally Hutchinson Carola in Boston. Life is busy and good to me as I am active in the community and an elder and Stephen Minister at church.” I, Jill Booth Macdonell and Kimberly Slover, Director of Communications from Colby-Sawyer, toured the famous Tent City in Sacramento and other homeless spots in March that Oprah featured on her show. I continue to do photography of the homeless and have 2 photos of homeless children in our Mayor’s office at City Hall here in Sacramento. I have a wonderful new grandson, Wyatt Janover, born in SF on Dec. 16, 2008. It is a privilege to hear from you and your changing lives. Please write about your wisdom and experiences of aging.

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I’m so glad I was able to contact so many of you. I apologize to those who weren’t at home when I tried to contact you. It sounds like all of us are enjoying our retirement. I stay busy with the Red Hatters (my moniker is “Lady Jane”). My hubby John went with his brother to South Africa in Mar. It was an exchange trip with Rotary International so they met many other Rotarians there. We are looking forward to them visiting us. My daughter moved to Dallas, TX, from CO. We are very proud of our granddaughter, Danielle, who graduated from CO State U in May, and of our grandson, Ian, who graduated from high school. The other 7 are coming along nicely. My son, John, flies into Scottsdale, AZ, now and then so I get to see him. The police-man in Baltimore and his family are fine too. Karen Jorgenson Lewis has 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren, 2 in college, the others in high school. They live in FL and golf a lot, and also travel often. Becky Lovingood retired from teaching, where she did special music events, after 38 years. She has traveled to Southern France and has been around the world over the years. Nancy Cook Latta is retired and has 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. She and her family cruised to Alaska last spring with her children. Elizabeth Laidlaw Cochran has 2 boys, one living in Exeter, VT, and the other in Arlington, VT. She is excited to be grandma to a 1-year-old girl.

Georgia Moss Andrews has 5 grandchildren now. She travels to southern climes in winter. Ruth Malmquist Craffey’s daughter Karen Craffrey Eldred ’86 is still on the Colby Sawyer Board of Trustees, so she is very proud. She is thoroughly enjoying her “happy, happy” 18-month-old granddaughter.

Suzanne Dorr Culgin winters in FL, where she visits her mom. She has 3 kids, 1 in AR, 1 in Salt Lake City, and 1 in MA. On some weekends she goes to Lake Winnipesaukee to visit her daughter, who has a house there. Erica Hartmann enjoys being in the same town with her 4 children and 3 grandchildren. She is teaching tano to 4 - 15

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The class of 1959 celebrated their 50th reunion October 2-4, 2009. A farewell brunch on Sunday was held at the home of Marsha and Bruce Johnson. To commemorate the passing of classmates a poem was read and as each name was read a gold balloon was released. It was a lovely way to remember those who had once been with us.

1958

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year olds, and volunteers at a hospital. Erica does animal care for working people and belongs to a community center where she does aerobics. Judy Runge Hjerpe celebrated her 50th anniversary in June. She golfs a lot, is active in theatre and is learning to play bridge. She also belongs to a 150-member choir and loves to travel. Gail Goff Even is enjoying retirement, going on day trips and going south in the winter. Her children are in VA and KY. Sandra Harper Di Vincenzo is retired and spends a few months in FL in the winter. Marion Hill Dunn is retired from her own music store, where she and her husband sold mandolins online as well as in the store. Marion belongs to the FL Federation of Garden Clubs. She is a flower show judge and treasurer of the State Garden Club. She is also a master gardener and is now studying landscaping. Grethchen Seabold Johnson is retired and learning bridge and golf. Both of her boys are pilots. Priscilla Tufts Bartle has 6 grandchildren. They have been in the same home for 43 years. She retired in Jan. from an early intervention program school, and is now volunteering for an integrated pre-school. Her class was half 3- and 4-year-olds with special needs and half children with ordinary needs. Virginia “Gina” Tupper Anderson lives on Cape Cod in the summer and goes to SC in the winter. She sees Carolyn Farrand Hager frequently. Barbara Mitchell Ellis is retired and enjoying life. She has 3 children. One son is flying for Netjets International and is a glider pilot. Her daughter was a glider pilot and now teaches in a CA school for learning disabled children, and she has one living in OH. She and her husband traveled to Argentina and Chile for 2 months and met many well-known glider pilots there. Her husband, who worked for Cambridge Aero Instruments, designed the secure GPA system for gliders when they went to an event in New Zealand. She says she is a glider passenger “under protest.” She is very proud of her 2 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. Priscilla Allen Doel enjoys teaching Spanish and Portuguese at Colby College in ME. She has 3 children who have “flown the coop” and they enjoy the company of their dog and cat. Susie Gurney Buckey writes that their children and 4 grandkids keep them busy. “We have 6-year-old twins in Dublin, OH, and a 2-year-old and an 8-month-old in Winnetka, IL…plus John and Lauren in Napa, CA, both in the wine business, and Rob here in Jacksonville. I have started the Pink Ribbon Golf Classic at The Ponte Vedeta Inn and Club. We are giving lots of money to the Mayo Clinic and to Baptist Beaches Medical Center for Breast Cancer Research.” Ann Darracq Graham and hubby have lived in La Mesa, CA, since 1968. Their 8 grandchildren live close by. She and her husband travel in their motor home several months each year, mostly to the eastern seaboard to visit friends and relatives. In 2007 they went to Alaska and then to Quincy, MA, for her 50th high school reunion. Babysitting for grandchildren, Curves, scrapbooking, reading, crossword puzzles and eating out with friends are all part of an enjoyable life for Ann. The class of 1959 celebrated their 50th reunion on Oct. 2–4, 2009, at Alumni Fall Festival. 23 classmates returned, some with husbands. A farewell brunch was held on Sunday at the home of Marsha and Bruce Johnson. To commemorate the deaths of classmates we gathered outdoors. A poem was read, and as each name was read a balloon was released. It was a lovely way to remember those who had once been with us. Those who returned were Judith Anderson Anderson, Judith Christie Anderson, Priscilla Tufts Bartle, Deborah Clark Benedict, Diane Taylor Bushfield, Patricia “Penny” Doyle Donius, Bonnie Bladworth Fallon, Mary Joyce Klapproth Forsyth, Sarah Beal Fowler, Judith Gilmore Getchell, Marilyn Winn Goodwin, Marsha Halpin Johnson, Carolyn Farrand Hager, Catee Goldberg Hubbard, Nancy Cooke Latta, Shirley Noakes, Janet Preble Prew, Carolyn Bokum Redmond, Suzy Parris Ten Broeck, Jane Dittmann Voss, Carole Hammell Wenthen, Judith M. Wilkinson, Linda Bereton Wirts, Jacquelyn Duffany Schmidt. We look forward to our 55th and hope for a larger turnout.

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Judy Gemmill D’Errico writes that after graduating from CJC, she graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1962 and then worked at McGraw Hill Publishing for several years. She married Lionel Smith in 1964 and had a daughter. After she and Lionel divorced, Judy worked for 7 years at the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an international, interfaith pacifist organization. She and Robert D’Errico were married in 1992. Judy earned her master’s degree in social work in 1992, and she worked for 20 years in foster care in NYC. Judy is now retired and doing some volunteer counseling. Robert works in Human Services and has no plans to retire yet. Daughter Robin is an attorney with her own part-time practice, primarily defending poor people, and her husband Michael designs websites. Their son Lorenzo is 8½ years old. Robert’s 2 sons and their families live near Albany; his son Rick and his wife Betsy have 2 children, Grace, 13 and Zach, 12. Robert’s son Rob is an executive recruiter and his wife AnnMarie is a high school music teacher and choral director. “Robert and I enjoy vacations at the NJ shore and Key West,” Judy says. “Last winter we took our first Caribbean cruise and will go again this coming winter.” Judy’s CJC roommate Katherine “Tucket” Batchelder Gibson was Judy’s matron of honor at her first wedding. “I have seen my other roommate Ellen Boldt Kaiser over the years but she now lives near Seattle,” Judy adds. “Now Ellen, Tucket and I exchange Christmas greetings.”

1961

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I had a nice phone chat with Prue Jensen Heard the first part of July. She had just had a golf lesson in the pouring rain! Sue Greene retired from her job in DC and is living in NYC. Her mom is 102 years old. Nancy Oakes resides in East Aurora, NY. She has retired as a professional gardener. Prue roomed with Nancy our senior year. Betsy Burbank Sink has an apartment in Dallas and would enjoy hearing from her classmates. Contact Prue for details. Sally Cook Gregg and husband Arthur reside in Chapel Hill, NC, and summer in ME. They are retired and enjoying life. Thank you, Prue, for the class news that...
you provided for my column. Trish Haysworth Leary has lived in France all her married life. She and husband Jay have 2 daughters. One of the girls lives in NYC and the other in London. Trish visited Prue in ME several years ago. The Learys now live in Aix-en-Provence. Carol Graves Cinimlicuca and husband Edward are now living in NYC and enjoy their condo on the East River. They have a daughter who resides in NJ and a son who lives in NYC. Jackie Taft Lowe lives in Dallas and has a summer home in Brookline, ME. Her husband John is a professor at Southern Methodist U in Dallas. Please send me your news either at my home address or via e-mail. Would enjoy hearing from you!

1962

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Hi, everyone. This past June, Pat White Nash, Ellen Forbes, Jill Schofield Wainwright and I had a nice long lunch at the Daniel Webster Inn in Sandwich, MA. We planned to meet again late that month in Sturbridge, MA, where we were to be joined by Marcia Meyer Snyder. Jill Schofield Wainwright and I also had dinner with Margot “Mitzie” Fraker Wynkoop and her husband on their way to Nantucket in late June. They are well and happily retired. Susanne Landa Molliere wrote that she and John just celebrated their 17th anniversary and love living out in the countryside of northern VA. John works from home providing telephones and communications to the Veteran’s Administration and other agencies. She has had 3 major spinal surgeries in the past 10 years but is doing well. Sue is an active gardener, and both she and John are active in historic and preservation efforts. At last count they had 2 great terriers and a tortoiseshell kitten. Christy Hale Riker moved from Pittsburgh, PA, to Cochiti, NM, a couple of years ago and absolutely loves it. Christy volunteers 3 mornings a week at the local kindergarten, works in her high desert gardens and says that cooking is still her favorite hobby. Christy and husband Bill belong to the Sandoval County Historical Society, the Albuquerque UU Fellowship and Oasis, which sponsors lectures and trips for the over-60 crowd. Christy says, “Come visit!”

1963

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I’m still managing my B&B Inn, Meadowood Farm, in VT and doing all the cooking. Hubby Cliff is working in Fort Myers, Cocoa Beach, and West Palm Beach, FL. I visit him once a month. It’s not the best arrangement. I’ll return to Naples, FL, in Nov. to enjoy the winter. Surprisingly, the season has been good at the Farm. People still want to travel and experience the peace of horse country in VT. Margot Dewey Churchill has retired to Cape Cod. Hubby Fred is working half time. “We love being on the Cape,” Margot says. “We bought a small house and downsizing feels just right. Is there a Cape Cod Colby-Sawyer group that meets from time to time?” Frances “Lee” Montgomery writes, “Like many people, trimming my life a bit to fit the economic times: selling my horses, selling my beloved old Saab convertible, beginning to market my big old farmhouse in VT for rentals. I now have a new puppy! I had a great lunch recently with Peg Rogers Andrews ’85 from the Development Office and learned all about Colby-Sawyer’s building plans.” Sandy Newbert Fitts writes that their summer was full of weddings of friends’ children and their niece Sarah, and, sadly, their son Tim’s divorce. Carol Davis Bonazzoli says, “Hubby Fred and I are enjoying our summer in MA and looking forward to visiting friends in London before a cruise which will include Normandy Beaches in France. We have had lots of visits from grandchildren this summer!” Carol planned to return to Captiva, FL, for the winter season. Bea Campbell Kempster writes, “After a hang gliding thrill in Mar. with my 90-year-old mother, sister and nephews in FL, I took off with husband Jack for a ‘suitcase’ summer. We went to Europe for a 2-week adventure, including a stop in Erinhausen, Austria for our older son Ted’s wedding. Once back in the US, we went to San Antonio for the International Shriner Convention, then on to a week in NH in Aug. to see family and sisters Kitty and Nancy Campbell Harris ’62. Lee Crawford writes that she married Robert Crawford on Dec. 26, 2007. They live in Charleston, SC, and Grafton, VT. Lucy Finlayson Cacagni continues to work as a certified real estate appraiser in NY and CT, and she enjoys community volunteer work. “Since my divorce,” she adds, “I have been spending as much time as I can spare with the ‘grands’. Sharon MacKnight semi-retired from Stamford Hospital in CT; she’ll remain per diem evenings and celebrated 40 years at the hospital in Sept. “I had a nice visit with Becky Irving ’42 in the summer,” she says. Suzy Shafer says hi. She is enjoying her retirement and still lives in Westport, CT. She would like to hear from her classmates and says we should try to get together for the next reunion. Susan Lum-Creitz, lives in Cambridge, NY. She writes, “I have 4 children, live in a beautiful 1790 colonial, and work part time for the real estate magazine. I had 2 roommates who I have lost contact with but would be interested in seeing where their lives have gone: Nancy Holden Jorve and Noelle Quakenbush Joralemon.” Marion Abbe Lord writes, “My husband and I have been enjoying retirement for several years and have enjoyed travelling now that we have the time to do it. We are just back from a 6-week trip to the British Isles with a cruise through the Baltic. We love our summer home in the western NC mountains. We spend 6 months a year in FL and 6 months in NC.” Mary Lee Burnham Scalise is enjoying a busy life with Vince in the Finger Lakes of upstate NY, seeing Barbara Buck McDonald and Judy Demerais Franzoso occasionally. She spent a week in the north woods of Algonquin Park, Ontario, with Connie Rogers Sweet. Tara Purcell Fell writes that she and Dave have lived in northern UT for 2 years. “We love it out here in Cache Valley, living in the very small town of Wellsville, in the fields at the bottom of the Wellsville
Mountains,” she says. “We have children in MD, NC, CO and UT along with 14 grandchildren.”

Patricia “Monie” Cunningham Sullivan writes, “Aug. 15th is the anniversary of my college roommate Lynne Reno Peirce’s death and I will forever miss her dearly. A group of us, all the first floor of Best, started gathering 30 years after graduation, the ‘best’ thing we ever did! There were 7 of us and now there are 5. Bonnie Whitney Burton, who was our illustrious Best Dorm President, died and then Lynne died very suddenly.” The 5 of them planned to get together at Nanci Cate Steen’s in the Ozarks in Oct. Kathy Ketchum Weeman says hello. Susie Bladworth Beeson writes that she and her husband are 24/7 caregivers to his 100-yr-old mother. “This basically means we stay home most of the time, but I have a perfect part-time job as a church secretary,” Susie says. “My daughter Jennifer is newly engaged this pastel. They are going to be able to live in their homeland with dignity.” During her trips she would often see artisans in a large park trying to sell beautifully made work in the freezing cold to handfuls of tourists. Gail, who minored in art while at Colby-Sawyer, decided she had to do something to help.

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—Mike Gregory

Gail Talanian O’Reilly ’63

As a second generation Armenian-American growing up in the Boston suburbs, Gail Talanian O’Reilly had little sense of her ethnic identity. She attended the same church as her neighbors and followed a common path of American women of the time, attending college to become a schoolteacher. She became active in the League of Women Voters and other civic organizations—“American kinds of things,” in the words of her father. After 18 years as a teacher she joined the family firm, a highly successful realty firm. It wasn’t until visiting Armenia in 1991 to witness the rebuilding efforts after a devastating earthquake that Gail really felt the pull of her heritage. As she says, “If you’re Armenian and you go to your homeland, you don’t come back the same person.”

Gail became involved with the Armenian Assembly of America and began chartering flights to take others to see their homeland. Now independent of the Soviet Union after 85 years of communist rule, Armenia was a country in economic turmoil. “People were leaving,” explains Gail. “I wanted them to be able to live in their homeland with dignity.” During her trips she would often see artisans in a large park trying to sell beautifully made work in the freezing cold to handfuls of tourists. Gail, who minored in art while at Colby-Sawyer, decided she had to do something to help.

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The e-mail blast I sent sure made a difference as I heard from numerous classmates. The rest of you, please send your e-mail address to the school so that you can be included in the 1964 notes next time. Nancy Dearborn Lovetere is proud to announce the launch of her new website, www.nancylovetere.com, featuring an eclectic blog and information about her forthcoming book on the history of rural Bath, ME. Betsy Meyers Hunnewell and Laurie Whittemore tentatively planned on attending the reunion. They had not been back since the 35th. Judy Curtis Zscheile was not able to attend the reunion but hopes to make it back to New London for our 50th. They have been doing some traveling from their home in CA in their RoadTrek van and are finishing up landscaping projects for their home, which they built 6½ years ago. Diana Tripp has been in CO for the past 11 years, bouncing between Boulder and Sedona, AZ. She works in pastels and her website is www.dwtfineart.com. Lynn Beaty Sealey and her husband Rand live in Seattle and have a second home in Walla Walla because of the burgeoning wine industry there. Her husband started an online newsletter for WA state wines, so they make numerous trips around the state. In 2000, Lynn retired from working as a microbiology supervisor at a local hospital lab. Since then, she has spent 6 years as a trustee on the Annie Wright School Board in Tacoma, where she spent her last 2 years of HS. She and her husband enjoy hiking and skiing, both cross country and downhill, and try to keep in shape by walking (Lynn) and running (Rand). Pat Donahue Jones is a compliance officer with a financial services firm in Boston. She plans on retiring a year from Nov. but returning
Leah Caswell ’65

Which dorm(s) did you live in? Burpee basement!

What do you remember most about Colby-Sawyer? The fun we had. I remember once laughing so hard with my Burpee basement roommates that I fell off the bed. I remember the study breaks we took to walk to the “Curb,” a soda fountain in the arts center, for a late evening repast. And I remember skiing nearly every day the bus made that trip up the mountain.

What are you doing these days? Since 1984 I have run my own company, Liberty Design Co. We manufacture stencils, as well as a line of paints and stencil brushes.

How did you get into the stenciling business? I was a school guidance counselor, recently divorced and supporting my son on a meager salary. I reasoned that, if I could start my own company and work hard, I might be able to provide my son with a good education—and perhaps ski in the Alps occasionally. Stenciling was popular in 1984, so I decided to manufacture stencils, to which I later added paints and brushes. I named the company Liberty Design for the liberty of women to do as they choose with their own company and work hard, I might be able to provide my son with a good education—and perhaps ski in the Alps occasionally. With the advent of the Web, we are also selling to individuals via www.libertydesign.com.

And when you’re not working? I enjoy the company of my parents who are 93 and 96 and, along with my brother, help them to live independently in their own home. I care for my precious 13-month-old granddaughter, Piper, two days a week. We go to museums and concerts and are generally on the road looking for adventure. I play the horn when the spirit moves, kayak all summer, ski all winter, and travel as much as I can.

planned a trip to Amsterdam to visit their 6-year-old grandson and celebrate their 10th anniversary. Susan Patricelli-Regan writes that she and husband Bill just welcomed a healthy granddaugh- ter, courtesy of their son Craig and his wife Kristi. Craig is a Navy air-traffic control officer stationed in Corpus Christi, TX, and Kristi just completed her teaching degree. Second son Colin is busy with his assistant men’s crew coaching position at Williams College in Williamstown, MA. In the winter he works full time with H & R Block. Christopher, the oldest son, has been transitioning from a NY club promoter and event coordinator to a successful website designer. Susan continues to work as a consultant for her former employer DIAGEO, as director of trade and community relations for the corporate relations department. Bill has taken an active volunteer role as chairman of their town’s Cox TV committee. They have 2 horses, 6 Jack Russell terriers, a foxhound and 4 cats. Susan continues with her avocation as a rider/trainer with clients off property on weekends. She wishes to say hello to her former roommate Elizabeth “Lee” Reisner Murray. Ellie Love-Ammermann writes from Germany, where she continues to give English lessons at her English Academy outside of Munich, Bavaria. She has been married to a German for many years. She is learning Italian so that she can offer other languages at the school, including French, Italian and German. Ellie’s son recently married a Thai girl with 2 weddings—one in Bangkok and one in Bavaria, where they live. Ellie makes numerous trips to Italy to tend to her vacation home in Tuscany, which she rents out. She did the restorations of the inside of the home several years ago: www.casa-cantante.com. Barbara Pinkerton Corns was trying to talk her roommate Sherry Reiche Greene into joining her at the reunion. She’s been to New London to visit her brother and sister-in-law but was unable to visit the campus. Barbara spends her time in Cleveland, Key West and Duxbury, MA, in the summer. She recently retired from the Medical U of SC as the associate provost of education and student life. Valerie Taft West and her husband are doing some long awaited traveling: They went to the British Virgin Islands and the PGA Championship in MN. Next on their docket is a trip to Seattle to visit her son’s family, including 5-year-old granddaughter Lili. Her other son lives in NYC and is a musician. Valerie’s husband has 2 wonderful daughters; one is in Charleston and the other in Germany. Between them they have 3 other grandchildren. “I’ve had a wonderful career and now am enjoying life as a retired, but not retiring, person,” Valerie writes. Nancy Bland Wadhams and her husband spend the summer at their cottage on Bear Island on Lake Winnipesaukee, NH. They are expecting Alice Lawton Lehmann and her husband to visit for a couple of days. In Oct. they planned to return to CT to sell their home; they’re ready for condo life since they are away so much. In their spare time they love to spend time with their kids and grandchildren, read, travel and do any activity out of doors. Nancy has taken up watercolor painting and is involved with The Village For Families & Children in Hartford, CT. Liz Ridley Mills has just moved to Grantham, NH, after her husband Richie retired as president of St. Joseph’s College in Rensselaer, IN. They also spend time in their second home on Hilton Head, SC. Ellen Terhune Schauf is back in Germany with her husband Dietrich, who unfortunately has Parkinson’s disease. Because of a fall while there, he has been hospitalized, so Ellen will remain in Germany for an undetermined length of time. We all wish you both the best, Ellen, Liz, Cathy and I will miss you at our semi annual luncheons in Concord, NH. Speaking of Cathy Wood Hallsworth, she was enjoying the summer; all the rainy days gave her more time to quilt, which is her passion. Cathy has had some of her quilts juried in the Lowell Quilt Festival and the VT Quilt Festival this year. She and Dave are off to Boothbay, ME, for their annual vacation there over Labor Day. And lastly, Rick and I are enjoying our retirement. Last July we purchased a second home in Bonita Springs, FL, on a golf
course. We will only spend 4–5 months in FL, but after the early winter we had this past year, it might be longer. When in NH, I keep involved with volunteer work with my church, the Women’s Golf Association, and the President’s Alumni Advisory Council and the newsletter for Colby-Sawyer—plus bridge, book club and my passion for counted cross stitching. Rick planned to go to CA over Labor Day to see 2 girls we hosted (ages 17 with handicaps of 2 or less!) in the First Tee Tournament with the Champions Tour at Pebble Beach, then to Santa Rosa for a few days in the wine country, and finally up to Seattle for a few days’ visit with our son, Mark, and his family. Our youngest son, TJ, and his family live right here in NH so we get to enjoy them on a regular basis. Next summer Rick and I are planning a trip to AK with 3 other couples.

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Allison Hosford reports that all is still well on their farm; they had just finished shearing their Christmas tree plantation and are harvesting onions and potatoes from their garden. Prudence Hostetter mentioned that it was hot and humid at home in FL, but that she had a great time on Nantucket. Prudence was going to the Raleigh/Durham area to meet up with Susan Yuckman Reed. She keeps in touch with her old roommate Francie King, who has started her own business in the Boston/Marblehead area. Prudence has been trying her hand at substitute teaching. Pat Maher Christodoulou left Colby after the 1965-66 school year but loves being in touch with pals from those days. She would love to hear from Joyce Wilkinson Oesch, Sigrid Thorne, or any of her “old buddies from Shepard Hall.” Pat still loves living in NY and works in her cardiologist husband’s office. Betty Bland Homeyer writes, “Unable to make it to Colby-Sawyer during Alumni Fall Festival, Georgann Hoffman Berry ’68, Sally McCracken Smith and I got together in the White Mountains the week before. Georganne made the trip north from VA, because she missed the NH mountains so much! Sally and I gave her a good tour of all the beautiful foliage and sights.” Betty adds that she continues to be amazed at how busy her life is now that she’s retired! “How did I ever find time to teach and do all those lesson plans and paper corrections?” she wonders. She’s been learning to paint with watercolors and became involved this year with a writing critique group. High on her list of things that she does regularly is playing with the grandkids: Millie, Isaac and Miles. Emily Waterman Mooney reports that she will be in her 35th year of teaching this fall. She has taught driver education for the last 7 years at Oxbow High School in Bradford, VT. She also taught PE for 11 years in CO, and then moved to RI where she also taught PE and was the athletic director at a private school for the 15 years prior to moving to VT. After a few more years of teaching PE at Oxbow, she switched to driver education. She says that she also has a summer property management business that keeps her busy from Apr. through Oct. She hopes to retire in 5 years and then concentrate full time on her landscaping business. Emily is also a ski instructor in VT on weekends. She has 2 sons: Kit Peabody, a lawyer in Boston, and Alex Mooney, who works for CNN in DC and will be in Georgetown Law School this fall. Son Kit and daughter-in-law Antonia became parents of Emily’s first granddaughter, Ali Marshall Peabody, on June 25. Whitney McKendree Moore sent proof that she has a high school graduate: a photo of her son Ned, who was about to enter Bard College for his freshman year. He was in residence at Camp Hazen as a counselor this summer along with the son of Gusty Lange Ettlinger ’68. Whit reports that she stays in close touch with Ann Lincoln Mitchell, Wendy Weinstein Fish, Beth Janes Nesbitt ’74, and Mary Hatch Moore (who is her sister-in-law). Whitney also says that she sometimes connects with Ann Blackman ’66, and that she’s searching for a long-lost chum, Elizabeth Berg ’66. Whitney adds that she’s been earning her keep by playing guitar and singing in nursing homes, which she finds “really gratifying.”
got a job! She landed a job as the stage manager for 5 of the bands that play throughout the park at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA. So, we’re the proverbial “empty nesters” now. We went to VA one time to visit with not only Nat but also other family. We’ve been to Durham to visit our middle son and his family: Ted, Felicia, 4-year-old Savannah, and 1-year-old Caroline. We’ve also been to the Newland/Linville, NC, area to take care of my dad’s house there. If you ever have any news from our class, please pass it along. You can either e-mail it to me or to alumni@colby-sawyer.edu. We love hearing from classmates and your classmates enjoy hearing all about you! Keep us posted!

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I am writing just before our 40th Reunion. Good grief! I do not even feel that old, let alone that it’s been 40 years since we graduated from Colby Jr. College. I hope that many of you will have attended the reunion, and I’ll have more news and pictures to share in the next column. Thank you to Marni Fowler Most of Pembroke Pines, FL, Barbara Sifred Sunshine of Plantation, FL, and Anne Laverack Gallivan of North Chittenden, VT, for your efforts in getting people together for the reunion. Meredith Bennett ’70 MT writes that they still live in Free Union, VA, in the same house they bought 29 years ago. Meredith doesn’t work anymore, but her husband Tom is at the university in Charlottesville. Her mother (class of 1937) has moved in with them because she has almost completely lost her vision, though she can walk on marked trails on their property. Meredith went to UT in May and plans to go to the Grand Canyon next year. “I’m holding up pretty well mostly thanks (I think) to working with weights for the last 5 or 6 years and of course plain old good luck,” she says. Evelyn Morison Huber writes, “I lived in Columbus, OH, for 33 years after graduating from Colby. I taught elementary ed. for 30 years and at the same time raised a girl and a boy. My husband’s job brought us to the Philadelphia area—a town called Exton, PA, near Westchester. Barbara Lane Gellis is still teaching and living in New Rochelle, NY. Her husband Stuart is in photography business. Their daughters Karen and Lauren are married and living close by. Karen and Alex have 2 children who are now almost 4 and almost 5 years old. Lauren and Mayan have a baby boy. “I contacted Jan Brett not too long ago to tell her that I love reading her books to my 2nd and 3rd grade students,” Barbara writes. “Now I’m also reading them to my grandchildren.” Margo McVinney Marvin lives in Minnetonka, MN, has 3 grown boys (the last one graduated from Boston College in May), and 2 granddaughters ages 3 and 6. Her husband Jack is retired, but still consulting. “When I’m not traveling (which is my favorite thing to do!), I am involved with the Assistance League of Minneapolis, and am honored to be President Nominee this year,” Margo writes. “I would love to know if anyone lives in the Minneapolis area.” Terri Reynolds McKeon is now retired and would love to find CJC classmates living near her. May through Oct. she lives in Bridport, VT, on Lake Champlain. Nov. through Apr., Terri lives in Gold Canyon, AZ, 35 miles east of Phoenix. She and her husband Dave celebrated their 40th anniversary in Oct. “Classmates living nearby or traveling through VT or AZ are welcome to call or email me so we can get together,” Terri says. Diane Wright Smith says she and her husband David moved just outside Ft. Myers in southwest FL in 2005. “Although we are both still working, we love the Florida lifestyle,” she reports. Their elder son, Sean, has headed back to grad school for a master’s degree in interactive media. Their younger son Chris has his own graphic design company in Las Vegas and is going to make Diane and David grandparents for the first time. I, like most of the grandchildrens our age, love Jan Brett’s books and buy them for my grandchildren in doubles, one book for their home, one to read from at my house. They are always awestruck to hear that their Grammy was in art class with the famous Jan Brett. My daughter, Emily, is still in London with Spink & Sons. My sons, Ian, Garth and Alec (all Naval officers), are all stationed out of San Diego. Ian and Garth are in the Far East on deployment until Jan. I had a wonderful 60th birthday party in San Diego last Mar, with all my children. I wasn’t able to make the reunion as I was undergoing knee replacement. Please go to www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni and sign up with The Loop. This way you can connect with each other! And while you’re there, send me a message about what YOU are doing for the next column. Happy Holidays!

1970 Reunion
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I’m on Facebook (Gail Hoage), so contact me so I can reconnect with you and share some interesting news about you to the ’70 Alumni! That’s how I found Susan Pomerantz, who is still in TV production in NYC. My oldest son married this July at a beautiful outside wedding. Carole Kobayashi and I still keep in touch and you can also find her on Facebook. She just returned from a New Orleans vacation. Heidi Rice Lauridsen and Bonnie Adamski Lewis ’71 both live in New London, so maybe they could update us on the town and growth of Colby-Sawyer as well as themselves. Please contact me on Facebook, by mail or e-mail at gail@ michaelsschool.com so I can add some fascinating facts about you, your life and your success.

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I’m writing this in Aug., but by the time you read this it will be winter—but updates like this will always warm your heart, cold weather or warm. Lee Sherman Wainwright of MI writes that she’s been working with adults with developmental disabilities for 10 years. She and her husband talk about retirement and may consider moving back to New England. Lee’s daughter was married a year ago and is an art director for an Internet ad firm. Her daughter also lives only 5 minutes from Lee, while her son is living in Boston, just finished
his MBA and was lucky enough to find a job after graduation. Debbie Congdon Lorenson celebrated her 34th wedding anniversary in June. She was dating her husband while she was at Colby-Sawyer. She has a son who is married and who works as a hydrogeological engineer in Helena, MT. Her other son obtained his degree in marine sciences at U of ME, and is now pursuing a master's in international business at ME Maritime in Castine, ME. Debbie worked 9 years as a “Colby trained” medical secretary and then stayed home to raise their boys. Her husband Rich founded a jewelry store called Schroth and Lorenson Jewelers in Summit, NJ, in 1974. Debbie started working in the store about 11 years ago and continues to work with her husband daily. Debbie says that she has met numerous customers through the years who have attended Colby-Sawyer. Debbie stays in touch with Joan Messenger and Carole Hall but didn’t give me any updates on their lives…so Joan and Carole, you need to write! Nancy Gillen Kunis saw Joanne Hill Munyon in Charleston, SC, in May. They hadn’t seen each other in 10 years and so had a great reunion. They are trying to put together a mini reunion with Patty Brown Kinnunen in either the NC Mountains or the SC beaches. Nancy still keeps in touch with Liz Hough-Harden ’73, Carlyle “Carky” Claypool Conrad and Cindy Sawyer Campbell. Nancy says she even found Maureen Thompson Coykendall on the Colby-Sawyer Facebook page…she encourages all of you to join the college at www.facebook.com/colbysawyer. Jane Woodworth wrote to tell us that she loves hosting a political radio talk show twice a week on WESO AM 970. Jane continues to live in Sturbridge, MA. Kristen Johnson has been living in western MA the past 8 years, having lived in Brookline, MA, for 18 years while she and her husband raised their 3 children. Kristen has worked for glass artists, worked at the Fiber Arts Center, been a jewelry designer and juried for the NH League of Craftsmen 3 times. She would like to someday become a full-time artist. Kristen and her husband welcomed their first grandson in June. I would like to thank all of you who have sent/e-mailed me your news. It is great to have had such a good response. It is your giving of yourselves that make this column more enjoyable for us all. Now, let’s hear from the rest of you!

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Laurie Ferguson ’75

Which dorm(s) did you live in?
Burpee.

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getting laid off in Silicon Valley at start of dot-com crash and selling my house in San Jose, then-fiancé Rolf Moeller and I bought a 35' trailer and traveled for 3 months throughout western US, western Canada and AK; we married in Homer, AK, in Aug. 2001.” The couple then moved to St. Cloud, FL, in 2002 for Rolf to attend school to become a marine technician, then on to Charleston, SC, in 2003 for Rolf’s new job; they’re still living in the trailer. In 2003, Sheila was hired as a civilian contractor for the US Coast Guard Sector Charleston (RE). Since her contract with the USCG ended, Sheila has been working in real estate. I opened a new company called Keller Williams with a few partners in Concord, MA, and despite the economy we are doing great! I see Lynn Specker Martin, Betsy Hill Lynch, and Priscilla Walker Dallmus all of Acton frequently. Also get together with Nancy Hill Smith, Linda White Maynard, Maura Curry ’77, Beth Jones Westra ’77, Kathy Nielson Detore ’77, and Suzanne Burchfield ’77 once or twice a year, looking forward to seeing them on Nantucket with Lynn Martin. I see Emily Leclair ’77 twice a year with a group meeting in Nantucket.

Gloria Modderno Costello and her husband Tom decided to adopt a child after raising their 4 to young adulthood. “One more became 10 more, and we are now the proud parents of a grand total of 14 amazing children,” Gloria says. “Our first was a little boy with Down Syndrome, and we loved raising him so much that the 9 that followed all have special needs, some cognitive, some medically fragile and some both.” All 14 kids range in age from 2 to 30. “It is a wonderful life, so rewarding and a whirlwind at the same time,” Gloria writes. Gloria and her husband also have 3 grandsons. She invites people to e-mail her at Momx12kids@yahoo.com. (Yes, she needs to update that address!) Melinda Miller Sexton became a grandmother on Dec. 1, 2008, to a baby girl named Carter Lill Sexton. Katherine Burke started a consulting business in Jan. 2007 after 7 years at Eyetech Pharmaceuticals. She consults with biotech companies doing clinical drug trials for ophthalmic diseases. She also works with some large companies like Pfizer and Novartis. “Anastasia just turned 21,” Katherine writes. “She is working at JP Morgan this summer and will start her senior year at Columbia this year. Ted is the treasurer and managing director of Advanced Wealth Solutions Group, a financial advisory group in NY. We go to Bridgewater, CT, every weekend and still live on Second Ave in NY after 25 years of marriage.”
on their 400-acre cattle, tobacco, peanut, corn, and soybean farm, and Betsy runs a non-profit horse rescue there as well. Kathy Brown Teece writes, “Erica, 26, lives in Manhattan and works for a pharmaceutical advertising company. Alex, 23, lives on the island of Oahu and teaches 7th grade English for the Teach for America program. Samantha, 20, will be a junior at the University of VT in the fall and lived and worked in Burlington, VT, for the summer. My husband David is busy expanding his wholesale plumbing and heating business. And I keep busy with volunteer work at a local Survival Center/Food Pantry, involvement with my church, and traveling to visit with the kids. A shout out to Sarah Krueger Bressin and Ellen Dutra Houghton.” Andy Clifton Harper writes, “I am spending the summer away from hot Phoenix at our cabin in Munds Park, 20 miles south of Flagstaff. The country club here provides for lots of opportunities: golf with the ladies league, exercise classes, happy hours, cool weather, and many friends.” Andy and her husband Gary planned to spend a couple of weeks in Spain and Portugal in Oct. Debbie Pratt writes, “Last Oct. my husband Ted and I visited Anne Delaporte Smith down in Castleton, VA. I hadn’t seen her in at least 20 years, but it felt like yesterday. We had a blast with Anne and her husband Tom, and we got to meet her adorable daughter Jensen. We are planning to get together again soon.” The news from my neck of the woods is that I’m currently looking for work as a training director in the Boston area after my position was eliminated at my previous employer. I remain hopeful that the economy continues its upswing and I find a new fabulous place to work. I continue my professional contribution as president of the MA chapter of the International Society for Performance Improvement, most recently orchestrating a workshop on social networking and best practices in training. I’m on Facebook, LinkedIn and Plaxo, so if you want to connect, send me an invite. On the home front, my 2 kids are both in high school with one graduating this year. My husband works at home frequently and we enjoy many dinners together with his short commute from the living room. Many thanks to you who sent me info and I encourage you to sign up in The Loop so I can keep in touch with you, as I can only reach out to classmates who submit their email address. I wish you all happiness, health, and peace.

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

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Hello, class of ’82. Not too much news this time. Lisa Dargis Nickerson writes, “Nickersons here in VA, we’ve successfully graduated both of our children from high school! Michael is now a junior at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg and Megan starts her freshman year next week at the U of Richmond. Michael was in Italy this summer. He did a 6-week study abroad program in Sicily studying the geography of Europe and modern Italian culture and society. Our daughter Megan is studying business and will take a course in Italian this year. Her plans include spending a semester in Florence next year. Maybe then we’ll be able to go visit her!”

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Is 2010 your Reunion year?
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Laurie Hall Berry
is living in Bow, NH, and has been married to her husband for 7 years. “We have a combined family of 10 children: 8 boys plus 2 girls,” she writes. “That includes 5 birth children ages 2 - 20, 3 children adopted from Guatemala (all age 11), and 2 stepsons age 16 and 18. Eight of our kids are still living at home.” In her free time, Laurie is working part time as a home care nurse, mostly doing home IV infusions, and is homeschooling the 3 5th graders. She’s still spending her summers in Portsmouth, RI, where they love to kayak and play on the beach. Cara Landen Wall writes, “I have been home raising my 3 kids for the past 13 years. Mikaela is 13, Mary Frances is 11, and Christian is 8. Three kids, 3 schools living in Marblehead, MA.” They have a 2nd home on a lake in ME. “You can find us outdoors year round engaging in all activities,” Cara adds. “We sail, hike, ski and bike.” Cara works part time at the local YMCA educating members in the fitness center. Her husband is self employed. They’ve been married for 15 years.

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Hello again, class of ’94. I am saddened to report that Kate Cyr passed away on Mar. 28, 2009, in Lynn, MA. Kate worked as a staff accountant for hotel chains and retail rental properties, and had lived in VA, NC and CA before settling in the Boston area. She was out enjoying time with friends when she had what is believed to be an aneurysm. My sympathies to Kate’s friends and family. She will be missed by all those who knew her at Colby-Sawyer.

Brooke Scarpa moved to Charleston, SC, and works as an interior designer at a furniture company. She visited campus in Sept. when her “little” brother Christopher Scarpa ’02 was married in New London. Brooke caught up with Rick Ellis in the spring when he was in town with his students. Jack Tremblay and Heather Quigley Tremblay ’95 welcomed their third child, Ellie. Says Jack, “Heather is excited to have a daughter to do girly-girl things like dress-up and tea parties. Jacob, Teddy and I have tried our best to participate, but it’s hard to hold a tea cup with a baseball glove on.” Heather, a stay-at-home mom who homeschools, runs a science club for other home-schooled kids. Jack recently hung out with Dave Morin and Dan Berry in Mattapoisett, MA, to help Patty Randall Berry and Dan get settled in their beautiful home.

Dawn and Sara Hodgkins Morin ’95 welcomed Finn, a new chocolate lab puppy, to their family on Aug. 15. Dave was recently elected to a third term as president of Yankee Toys, a Land Cruiser 4x4 Club. Marc Wysocki, finishing his 8th year at Berkshire School, says, “I recently became an EMT and have joined the local ambulance service.” Marc’s wife, Tammy Hoyt Wysocki ’91, still works as the preschool teacher on campus at the day care. Son Keenan turned 5 in Aug. and was getting ready for kindergarten. Tracy Sutherland Fitch sold her condo and moved to Winchester, MA. She was sad to leave the city, but needed more space! Theresa “Rene” Whiteley-

Neil Cremin ’94 and his wife Nicole welcomed daughter Maggie Ryan on June 14.
Warren lives in Amherst, NH, with her husband Travis and 4 kids, the youngest of whom entered preschool this year. Rene has started running again and hopes to complete her first half marathon this fall. Neil Cremin, happily married with daughters Lucy (3) and Maggie (born June 14), lives in Malden, MA, and is involved in sales for Wells Fargo Wholesale. Neil wishes that his golf game were better and he could get out more than every Tuesday with his league.

Kristen Kelly Blankenship has gone back to school in San Diego to pursue a master’s in special education and an Education Specialist teaching credential for students with mild to moderate needs. Kristen’s daughter Sumner is 9 and started 3rd grade. Says Kristen, “I was lucky enough to be eight weeks pregnant with my second child, and we were able to visit friends, including Beth Sargent Fenton (whom I also caught up with one Sunday morning) and Jennifer Ellis Vachon. Says Jennifer, “It was great to spend the day with her and the kids, watching them run through the sprinklers and have a water fight.” Jennifer added another member to her family: Delaney Mae, who arrived on July 2. Andrea Hammond Burke still lives in Milton Mills, NH, and works as a part-time speech pathologist for Early Intervention. Her youngest of 4 children turned 2 in Oct. Sadly, Andrea lost her mother in June after a 5-year battle with cancer. Says Andrea, “I share this as a way of expressing my feelings and how blessed I am to have Beth Sargent Fenton in my life. Beth made trips to spend time with me and my parents’ house during my mother’s last few months. Beth, you are truly one of my dearest friends and words cannot express how much your love and support has meant to me, my family, and me. We love you!” Andrea, we pass along sympathy for your loss. Rebecca Yturregui accepted a new position at Wellesley College in Apr. 2009 as the inaugural director of marketing and stewardship. She celebrated 10 years of wedded bliss with Che in Oct. 2009—or at least she thought she had. Turns out that due to a paperwork glitch, they weren’t legally married. “A few bureaucratic hoops later, we’re now married,” she says. “Question is, do we go on another honeymoon?” She has been in touch with Heathervock Stockford Van Gelder, Charlotte Tims, Sarah Clements Yoslov, and Brooke Scarpavia Facebook. Rebecca says, “Life is very good, although I do still harbor fantasies of dropping out of the rat race and moving to the middle of nowhere ME and raising Bantam chickens, Border Collies, and goats. Maybe when I turn 50?”

Heather Stockford Van Gelder graduated with her master’s in education in instructional technology from Drury U in Springfield, MO. She also spent time in Zambia, Africa, where she stayed in the village of Kaoma and produced a documentary called “A WISE Journey,” a case study about the not-for-profit organization W.I.S.E. (Women’s Initiatives that Strengthen and Empower). Says Heather, “It was one of the most amazing things I’ve ever experienced, and I got to touch a lion!” Christine Boulangerc McCarthy is living in Franklin, MA, and continues to work at Liberty Mutual as a customer service manager. She gave birth to Andrew in 2006 and is enjoying life with husband Kevin. Celine Goulet ’95 is finishing her master’s thesis while teaching at UNH. She’s performing small-scale studies on state-protected plants and snakes while also conducting research on an endangered species. As for the Reeds, I have moved to the creative services department of the Eagle-Tribune and have found it a fantastic learning experience. Once again I have enjoyed hearing from all of you, many for the first time in more years than we all wish to count. Speaking to you all has been one of the benefits of writing these notes, and I thank you all for sharing with me and your friends from CSC.

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1995 Reunion

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Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Jeanne Corcoran Wiggin, who is stepping down as your class correspondent after serving faithfully since 2004.

Brenda Sherwood Barth gave birth to Grayson Rae on Dec. 16, 2008. Says Brenda, “She is a joy to be around and we’re enjoying parenthood. We bought a new home this past June and have had fun getting to know the new neighborhood. I continue to work at Bow High School, and I do historical research for Castle in the Clouds during the summer months. I still get together with Sara Gilderdale Morcom, Lynne Morse, and Kim Lunt Dugas ’98 when time allows us this luxury.”
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Hello, class of 1996! We hope that this update finds you all well! I, Kristin Sneider Mulready, am still at ImmunoGen, and Josh and I are keeping up with the boys who are now in 1st and 4th grades. I, Jen Rowell Pedersen, am still working part-time at Calef’s Country Store. The rest of my days are filled trying to find the energy to chase my 3-year-old. Boy, I feel like the sprints I do after him are harder than any track practices I ever did on the hill! We were thrilled to have a second reunion with the 6-pack, Donnelle Mozzer Bowers, Kim Parent Flanagan, Laurie Bowie Foberg ’97, and Sarah Racine Vallieres ’95. Everyone is doing well, and we find the ME coast agrees with us quite nicely!

Diane Marsden Morley and Ryan Morley ’99 welcomed their second child, Ty Alden, on Mar. 14. Diane works part-time at Hallmark Health and enjoys her time with the kids. Daren “Dow” Villeneuve is still in Wheat Ridge, CO, teaching English at Smoky Hill High School in Aurora. He earned his master’s degree in English from the U of Colorado in May, noting that the oral comps was the hardest test he’d even taken. Dow and his wife Colleen welcomed daughter Miriam Pauline Villeneuve on May 28, 2009, weighing in at 7 lbs., 2 oz. In July, Dow caught up with Holly Ferris Merriam ’95 and her 2 kids when she visited Boulder, CO. Tiffany Taylor Merrill was overjoyed to see husband Chris make a safe return from Afghanistan in Jan. 2009 as planned. Tiffany says, “The girls and I were thrilled the deployment was finally over. We celebrated with an unbelievable trip to Disney World in Feb.” Tiffany and Chris also celebrated his return with a 10th anniversary trip to Niagara Falls, Montreal, and Toronto. “We’ve been very busy this summer, making up for his not being here last summer by doing lots of camping and fishing!” A hearty thank you to Chris for his service and to you all for the sacrifices of being without him. Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous 2010!

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Hi, class of 1997! Hope everyone had a great summer! Regan, her husband Roland, and their 3 children Camryn, Audrey and Larson traveled to NY and VT to visit family, spending a few days with sister-in-law Amy-Jo Sichler Baringer and her family. Says Regan, “We had a great time and the kids all enjoyed playing with their cousins.” Says Amy-Jo, “My 6-year-old Luke has started football and loves it, and his 2-year-old sister Janie is his biggest cheerleader! We had a blast with Regan, Rol and the kids in August!”

These ladies from the class of ’96 enjoyed a summer mini-reunion in York, Maine. Pictured are (l to r) are Kristin Sneider Mulready ’96, Jen Rowell Pedersen ’96, Donnelle Mozzer Bowers ’96, Laurie Bowie Foberg ’97, Kim Parent Flanagan ’96 and Sarah Racine Vallieres ’96.

Kelly Ervin Packett ’98 and her son Cameron at the Central Park Zoo.

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Blushing bride Lauren Smyrl Koron ’97 is surrounded by her alumni friends on her wedding day. (L to r) Ashley Grant ’08, Mary Druding ’83, Melissa Smith Johnson ’95, Sarah Holmes Tucker ’95, Lauren Smyrl Koron ’97, John Koron, Beth Chartier Tower ’97, Kim-Laura Boyle ’98, Jolene Thompson Stratton ’97 and Liz Cronin Gosselin ’97. Missing from the photo is Tyler Davis ’07.

this year, so with 2 kids under 2 we know she is busy! Colleen Cross Carlson ’98 moved back to NH after living in MA for 5 years. She and her husband bought a house in Merrimack, and she works at Amherst Middle School as a 7th grade language arts teacher. Rachel Anderson Dodge works on the rapid response team at Fl Hospital in Orlando and enjoys family time with her 2 children, Eric (2) and Christian (8 months). She and her husband have kept the kids busy with the park, library, Sea World and Disney. Lauren Smyrl Koron still lives in Wilmot, NH, and works for Nestlé Purina as a veterinary sales consultant. She and her husband welcomed their first child, Victoria Kimball Koron, on July 18. Erica Wells Leighton and her family had a great summer traveling to ME for her sister’s wedding. Her sons Davis (9) and Nathan (5) were excited about starting, respectively, football and soccer. Congrats to Erik Daly and his wife Betsy, who built a new house in PA that they’re enjoying with their 3-year-old, Harper!

1998

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Sorry for the hiatus in the last edition of Class Notes. If you are on Facebook, send me, Chris, a friend request; if you aren’t, e-mail me to let me know what you are up to. Me? I’m loving life in ME. I hung out with Steve Townsend in Portland in Sept. and also saw Brian Dyer ’99. Life is good in Amesbury, MA for Marty Binette, Missy Eckman Binette ’99 and their son Camden. Brian Karbel ’99 got engaged and started a job at Allurent as an account executive. Jamie Gilbert lives in Middletown, CT, took a new job in loss prevention for Banana Republic, and is applying to Boston U for the Master of Criminal Justice program. Jamie reports that Lisa Lachowsky works as a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines and as an exercise physiologist with cardiac rehabilitation patients. Kelly Ervin Packett relocated to Nesconset, NY, and had a baby boy, Cameron Drew, on Jan. 8. Kelly still owns Building Blocks for Parents and keeps in contact with Elise Picard Howe and her 3 kids. Melissa Morgan lives in Manhattan, works in Queens as a licensed social worker in an outpatient mental health clinic, and volunteers on weekends. Chris Cousins, wife Jennifer Blais Cousins ’99, and family relocated to the Pittsfield, ME, area where he took a reporter job at the Bangor Daily News. Brian

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Holly Brooks Robinson ’99 was married on September 20, 2008, in Lions, Colo. Joining Holly (center) on her special day were alumni friends (l to r) Abigail Hamlin Sehnert ’99, Curtis Low ’97, Kathleen Walsh Cyr ’99 and Maura Higgins Semmes ’95.

Heon welcomed his first child on Dec. 31, 2008, and started SportLuxe, a wakeboard and water-ski boat distribution company. Shannon Zimmerman Figueroa is on year 5 at Holy Cross Hospital. Theresa Saucier Bousquet works at Fairhaven High School as the athletic trainer and is seeing her 1st child off to kindergarten this year. Sarah Wall Bates lives in Kansas City, MO, with 4-year-old Abigail and started work for an in-house ad agency in the reference department. Danielle Rychalsky got engaged and is planning a wedding in Hawaii in Summer 2010 as well as a new career path in nursing with hospice. Nate Camp went through a tough patch with the loss of his mother to cancer; on the positive side, he was recently named the head men’s basketball coach at Kearsarge High School in New London where he lives with Beth Bryant Camp ’92 and family. Jill Rubchinuk LaChance keeps in touch with Beth Ferreira Webster and Adina Barber Cripps. Jill Bishop Avery, living in Gardiner, ME, with...
Michele Grodzicki Frenkiewich has lived in Glenburn, ME, with Brian and their 3 girls—Ayla (6), Kylin (4) and Ainsley (18 mos.)—for 18 months. Says Michele, “Brian has begun his 2nd year of residency in family practice, and I am working per-diem in home health, which has been very rewarding.”

Jessica Lamoureux Montgomery took the summer off with 18-month-old daughter Morgan, then returned to school in the fall with only 2 semesters of nursing school left.

Joshua Bailey and wife Lisa have been married for a year in their home in Scarborough, ME. Joshua still works as a physical therapist at Saco Bay PT in Saco doing sports specific therapy and orthopedics. Says Joshua, “I still see John Bridges often as he lives just down the way in Cape Elizabeth, and I talk to Eric St. Onge when I can.”

Shawn Bachelder and his wife Kristi have been renovating their home in Sharon, VT, and their other home in NC. Shawn is the business manager at The Car Store in Norwich, VT. As for me, Suzanne Blake Gerety,
I keep busy with my son Ryan, who is now in pre-k, and my daughter, who is almost 3. My media company is in full swing and I presented at the Dance Teacher Summit in NYC this past summer and met many of the past and current SYTYCD contributors. The family travels now and then with my husband Ed who speaks professionally, and the kids have fun at the hotel pools! It’s great to hear from you all—keep us posted on all of your milestones.

**2000 Reunion**

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Hey everyone, it’s Tara Schirn Campanella with lots to report. I am moving to Naval Air Station Lemoore in the CA desert, which should be an interesting change of climate! My husband Jon and I celebrated our 7-year wedding anniversary, my daughter Gianna is 5 and starting kindergarten, and Sofia is now 2. Hard to believe we are creeping up on our 10-year reunion already! Melissa Labrie Ashley, who is also married to a Navy sailor, is enjoying her new digs in Jacksonville, Fl. Jaime Skillern Hebert visited family in ME this summer but prefers the heat in AR with hubby Chris and 4-year-old daughter Sophie. She works at a school and does freelance writing on the side. Maryellen Skulski Mittr, living in a new apartment in Newton, MA, in the ballroom of a renovated mansion, has been in “The Producers” at the Turtle Lane Playhouse in Newton and in “Psycho Beach Party” with the Hovey Players in Waltham. Sandy Weirs Haggerty and husband Sean Haggerty ’99 are raising her (appropriately named) son Colby. Hayley Cozens lives in a great beach house in Winthrop, MA, and works for an accounting firm as an in-house recruiter. Katie Sykes Follis, husband Matt Follis ’99, and 18-month-old Caroline hope to move into their new home before Christmas. Katie still works for Merial Pharmaceuticals. Jen Prudden got engaged, bought a house, and is planning a wedding. Chelsea Bisbee Correia and husband Jason Correia ’97 live in Bedford, NH, where she’s teaching 4th grade in the Bedford School District for her 9th year. Says Chelsea, “We had our second child, Sienna Correia, on Apr. 10th, 2009. Both her and Dakoda (3) are the light of our lives.” Nicole Bennos Lentine and her hubby celebrated the birth of daughter Chloe on June 3 and are enjoying life in Marina Bay. Michelle Levesque Lefebvre cares for daughter Hailey (4) and son Zachary (9 months) in CT. She adds, “I’m busy working as a Tastefully Simple consultant with a team of 7 girls and working full-time at a law firm.” Michelle keeps in touch with Cindy Bailey Mace, whose son Ryder will turn 1 in the fall. Cindy says that “Auntie Catherine “Anne” Raeburn and her hubby love spending time with little Ryder and hopefully he will have a little playmate soon, wink wink. Bryan Youngs was getting married in Oct. Julie Longtin Morales lives in NY near her parents with daughters Payton Olivia (3) and Hannah Elizabeth (19 months). Says Julie, “I am working for Northeast Parent and Child Society for the Therapeutic Foster Care Program.” Shannon Rowell Pine and her husband Tim welcomed son Landon Alexander Pine on Jan. 14, 2009!

**2001 Reunion**

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Tara Schirn Campanella ’00 with her husband Jon and their daughters Sofia and Gianna.

Randi Everett Korona ’02 married Tim Korona on October 11, 2008, in Sharon Springs, N.Y. Posing for the CSC alumni group shot are (l to r) Bob Behn ’02, Erin Slavin Tate ’02, Randi Everett Korona ’02, Nikki Fowler Martin ’02, Missy Brown Kane ’01, Katie Lynch Rocheford ’02, Erik Rocheford ’01, Jenny Buck Carney ’02 and Brendan Carney ’02.
and loves every second of it! Christine Symmes Luciu gave birth to a daughter, Ava Helen, on June 2. Momma and baby are doing great! Christine, Ava and dad Rich still live in Boxford, MA. Cheryl Lecesse lives in Wilmington, MA, and still works as editor of the Concord Journal.

In Dec. 2008, she became a first degree black belt (!). Heather Billings has had quite the eventful year, traveling to CO to visit Andrea and Eric Emery ’04 and Nick Braun ’00, to Seattle for Brad Bennett’s wedding to Debbie Panza Brenner (while also seeing Addy Danaher and Matt Danahy ’05), and to Cape Town, South Africa with her sister. In Apr. Heather ran the Boston Marathon in memory of her best friend Missy and raised money for the “Make A Wish” Foundation. What an experience, Heather! Andrew Cesati is the mountain sports director for Crested Butte Mountain Resort, and his department provides athletic programs in alpine racing, freeride skiing, snowboarding and gravity mountain biking. Says Andrew, “We design and build terrain parks is busy, but damn fun!”

Addie Goff works at the North Shore Academy in Peabody, MA, as a student support specialist, and recently got an apartment with Katie Reeder almost on the beach. Roommates once again! Addie has spent a lot of time hanging out with Ali Quinton ’04 as they play in a kickball league together. Debbie Panza Brenner still lives in Concord, NH. Says Debbie, “As of Aug. 2009, I will be working at Second Start in Concord, an alternative high school program that serves school districts throughout NH. I’ve shared many days with CSC alumni who make life more fun and exciting, from my 30th b-day surprise and Derek Flock’s 30th to rock climbing with Pat Kelly and Melissa Hazelton ’01 and random get-togethers with the Reeders.”

Jenny and Brendan Carney started Central Path Acupuncture and Wellness (www.centralpathacupuncture.com) in Waltham, MA. Jenny is also an interior decorator, graphic designer and art gallery manager, while Brendan teaches Tai Chi at community centers and works as an instructor at Harvard Medical School for its “Structural Acupuncture for Physicians” course. Amanda Anderson is working on her

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I hope this update finds the class of 2002 doing well. I encourage everyone to share updates and photos as we love hearing what’s going on in your world!

Briana Angelone Lepore married Anthony Lepore in East Providence, RI, on Nov. 1, 2008, 5 years to the day after they met, then honeymooned in Mexico. “We had a beach/big band theme with the groom wearing an ivory dinner jacket and a great RI band, The Rockin’ Soul Horns, had us dancing the night away. Brie Stanley Elliot ’03 did a reading and had a great time with her husband Brent. Jamie Soucy Blizzard ’03 was there in spirit as she was in Germany with her husband Bill. I am working out of our CT home as a business development associate for JB Hunt Transportation.

If anyone wants to get in touch, my e-mail is bangelone@hotmail.com.”

Crystal Colby Desmond gave birth to a daughter, Charlotte Rose, on Mar. 28. She is a stay-at-home mom

Maggie Warner ’04 and Jen Tooley ’03

Anne DeCosta Bousquet ’03 with her son Caleb Thomas and daughter Emily Katherine.

Natasha Deane O’Donnell ’03 enjoys a vacation at Mandalay Bay with her husband Greg and daughter Reese.

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Hello, class of 2003! I can’t believe that 10 years ago we were all getting ready to attend our first year at CSC! We have come a long way since then. In May, my husband and I, Lisa Noyes-Hardenbrook, were elected to the board of directors for the Friends of UNH Hockey. We attend monthly meetings and team functions and help raise funds for team enhancements. Jenny Tooley finished her doctorate in physical therapy and is working in outpatient orthopedics. She spends her spare time biking and traveling, and when I last heard from her, she was on her way to a dude ranch!

Lida Vanasse graduated from Bay Path College in May with an MBA with a concentration in Entrepreneurial Thinking and Innovative Practices. Erica Pockell just bought a house in NC and is working in outpatient orthopedics. She spends her spare time biking and traveling, and when I last heard from her, she was on her way to a dude ranch!

Randi Everett Korona married Tim Korona on Oct. 11, 2008, in her hometown of Sharon Springs, NY. The day was beautiful and fun for all those in attendance, especially the Colby-Sawyer alumni who partied the day and night away. Randi and her husband honeymooned in St. Thomas.

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Kate Rocheford Ferguson ’04 and Matt Ferguson ’03 are surrounded by their alumni friends on their wedding day. (Back row, l to r) Chris Scarpa ’02, Drew Drummond ’02, Kathryn Meadows Gray ’04, Krista Lind Tracey ’04, Matt Ferguson ’03, Pati Woodburn Cloutier ’83, Nikki Fowler Martin ’02, (front row, l to r) Tim Ingraham ’03, Amy Potter Drummond ’00, Erik Rocheford ’01, Katie Lynch Rocheford ’02 and Kate Rocheford Ferguson ’04.

Sara Simoneau Martin and her husband Thomas also

months and loves it! Liz Joseph marked her 6th year as a labor and deliver/newborn nursery nurse at Dartmouth Hitchcock. She had also planned for an Oct. 2009 wedding in Quechee, VT!

Sue Galas married Eric Tolley on June 20, 2009, in Washington, DC. Meghan Oriel Wallas works for Madison Handbags and also keeps track of her 2-year-old son Brody. Jess Wilfert has been working as a personal trainer at Boston Sports Clubs for 2 years and is pumped that 2 of her greatest friends from CSC, Wendy Theall and Sarah Cailier, have come aboard. A lot of babies have also been born for the class of 2003! Ann DeCosta Bousquet welcomed her second child, a daughter named Emily Katherine Bousquet on Oct. 10, 2008. Ann was laid off from Community Newspapers and spent the summer with her children and job searching, while also riding horses again and attending a few shows. Sara Simoneau Martin and her husband Thomas also

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welcomed a baby girl named Lily in Oct. 2008. Natasha Deane O’Donnell and her husband Greg had an early surprise when their daughter Reese Catherine O’Donnell was born almost 3 weeks early on Nov. 22, 2008. Jamie Soucy Blizzard and husband William had a daughter on Dec. 22, 2008 named Gabrielle Noel. The whole Blizzard family now lives in Germany. Congrats to all of the new additions!

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Hello, everyone! I hope this edition finds everyone doing well!! Rebecca Brault Bearce married on July 25 in Duxbury, MA, with many CSC friends attending. After honeymooming in Maui, the couple returned to their new home in Pembroke, MA. Nina Lavigne Shedd started a new job with the Department of Homeland Security in Mar. 2009, then she and her husband welcomed their son Joseph Thayer Shedd in May. Nina sees Sarah Crete, Krista Lind Tracey, Jessica Price and Lauren Kovach on a regular basis and also spent time with Amanda Githens Brougham while she was visiting from TX. Maggie Warner celebrated her grandfather’s 90th birthday with her cousin Kathie Warner Kirkpatrick ’61 on Oct. 13, 2008. She had a busy school year teaching and coaching at Sanford High, with her lacrosse team reaching the State Championship! Maggie spent Thanksgiving in Indian Creek and Moab, UT, camping and climbing. In Apr., she and Jenny Tooley ‘03 vacationed in Sanibel Island and Fort Myers Beach, FL. Stacey Fraser received her master’s degree in museum studies in May and is working part-time at museums in NH and MA, while living in Portsmouth, NH, in a beautiful old house with her fiancé Justin and planning a June 2010 wedding. Stacey spent the July 4th weekend on the Cape with John Marsh ’00, Tim Morin, Shawn Crowley and other friends. Kate Rochford Ferguson married Matt Ferguson ’03 this summer in New London, CT, with many Colby-Sawyer alum in attendance—even the lead signer of their band. Kate is excited to be starting a dietetic internship in Oct. at MA General Hospital. Lisa Maggio is still living in Miami, FL, with Rebecca Groene, and they both enjoy seeing Melissa Leitch when she comes to visit. Rebecca was engaged to Richard Lowe after he proposed to her under the Eiffel Tower! Liz Graham ’05 graduated from Norwich U in June with a master’s in justice administration. Liz continues to work for the Department of Homeland Security and was promoted to a Law Enforcement Specialist. Stepheeny Anderson Gonzalez and her husband Dave have started house hunting. Sarah Crete is working for the Social Security Administration while finishing a second master’s degree in organizational leadership. Stacey Dupont Nadeau married her husband Nick on Aug. 29, 2008, then bought a house in Milford, NH. Stacey is attending UNH for a master’s in elementary education and expects to complete it by 2011. Erin Sawler Massa and her...
husband Eric moved to a new place in Feb., which was quite a challenge as 6 inches of snow fell the day she moved! In Nov. Erin met with Stacey Fraser in Portsmouth for a fun night out. To prepare for the next school year, Erin took the MTEL and has been studying for the GRE. Beth McElwee Bristol and her husband welcomed their healthy 8 lb. 11 oz. daughter Hailey Isabel Bristol on May 28, 2009. Tamsen Bolte Snyder married Steven Snyder on June 14, 2008, with Mt. Sunapee in the background and Ali Quinton and Cecily Danver as maids of honor. Other CSCers in attendance were Euginnia Manseau ’05, Meghan Gately ’05, Jenny Woodbury, Jolene Rackliff Damon ’03, Serica Shieve Marden, Christopher “Skippy” Scarpa ’02 and Professor Laura Alexander ’98. Tamsen and her husband live in Croydon and enjoy life on the pond. She still works at Stryker Biotech and is pursuing an MBA in leadership at Franklin Pierce U. As for myself, Mary Lougee Lambert, I have completed a second bachelor’s degree in business management and have been house hunting for what seems like an eternity. My husband and I celebrated our son’s second birthday with many friends and family and great weather. In May a group of us went to Long Trail Brewery for the annual River Raft Race, then headed to Jon Evans’ house for grilling!! This summer my family and I took great vacations to our cottage in ME where I spent time with Maggie Warner and Sarah Kelley Carrier.
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The class of 2005 sure has been busy. In addition to a cruise and travel to Ireland, Kelly Bateman graduated from Southern NH U in May 2008 with a degree in general studies in education. When not teaching first graders, Kelly enjoys nights out with Kim O’Connell ’04, Maggie Warner ’04, and Matt Danahy, and get-togethers with Kim and Mike Sullivan ’04. She is excited to begin looking for teaching jobs in NH. Tim Bradley and Andrea Grecci ’04 have been living in Truckee, CA, for 3 years where they enjoy snowboarding and exploring the Lake Tahoe Basin. Andrea works for a local preschool and Tim for a property management company in addition to doing videography for sports website REELcomp.com. They visited Matt Athorn, Meghan Gately, and Tony Giroux in Vail, CO, this spring. Chris Burke ran his first marathon this Apr. in Boston with a time of 3:57 and is purchasing his first home in Malden, MA. Kristen Derec Travers still lives in Weymouth with husband Justin; in March they welcomed their first son, Logan. She started a new job in May as a state social worker. Julian Frey is still working for Stiles Associates in New London, while living on a lake with Joe Caforia ’04 in Georges Mills, NH. Jennifer Haagensen got her MS in biological sciences from the Drexel University College of Medicine in May 2009 and planned to attend the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Aug. 2009. She went on a cruise around Long Island Sound with Cory Marien ’07. Allison Kelly has traveled a lot this year, including a VT trip to attend Jaime Guimette’s wedding. One trip was a 10-day adventure to Costa Rica in which Allison zip-lined in the jungle, traveled by bus in the mountains, hitch-hiked from village to village, and fell in love with the Costa Rican life and people. She vacationed in Hollywood Beach, FL, in June for her birthday with Ali Natowich. Allison planned to run the Hartford Marathon in Oct. with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s team in memory of her grandmother. Ellen Kirsch loves her work as a Transition Coach for LARC and its School-to-Community Transition Program and was head coach of LARC’s track & field

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Liz Reinecker Campbell ’05 was married on July 18, 2008, in Billerica, Mass. Posing for the Colby-Sawyer group shot are (back row l to r) Tarren Bailey ’06, Kevin Crotty ’06, Jen Wood ’05, Matt Danahy ’05, (front row l to r) Jenni Beaulieu ’05, Lea Severance ’05, Chris Campbell (groom), Liz Reinecker Campbell ’05, Kate Prescott ’04, Professor Jean Eckrich, Christine Staub (former CSC employee) and her daughter, Audrey Staub.

Colby-Sawyer was well represented at the wedding of Meagan Pollard Robitaille ’05 and Adam Robitaille on November 15, 2008. Pictured (from the top of the stairs going down) are Ellen Lampman Reed ’03, Nicole LeBlanc ’04, Jeff Blasza ’06, groom Adam Robitaille, Meagan Pollard Robitaille ’05, Kelly Dubois ’04, Stacey Philbrook ’05, Trent Edwards ’06, Allison Huckabee ’04, Tristan Stenson, Kevin Moran ’04, (front row, l to r) Anne DeCosta Boussquet ’03, Ellie Scuccimarra ’02, Allyson Titcomb Butler ’04, Kate Provencher ’05, Samantha Schlegelmilch, Stephanie Walsh Moran ’04, Peter Mailoux ’06, Kristin Koslowski ’06 and Steve Rogers ’06.
Amy Tarte ’06

Most of us, upon hearing of an outbreak of the H1N1 virus, would probably want to get as far away as possible. That’s not an option for Amy Tarte ’06. In her role as the Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator for the city of Alexandria, Va., located only minutes from our nation’s capital, she has to remain calm when a crisis hits. And right now, H1N1 is enemy number one.

Which isn’t to say the flu is all she focuses on. Preparing for different kinds of natural disasters, terrorist attacks, deadly outbreaks—it’s all in a day’s work for Amy. She manages a vast network of over 500 volunteers and performs a great deal of community outreach. What are her biggest challenges? Says Amy, “Staying calm and orderly when the stress level is to the max.”

This native of Meredith, N.H., began her career handling emergencies as a first year student at Colby-Sawyer, becoming a volunteer firefighter at the suggestion of an Abbey neighbor. The following year she also became an EMT with New London Hospital. Amy, an Exercise and Sport Sciences major with a biology minor, was seriously considering medical school. Horror stories of residency that she heard at the hospital helped push her in another direction.

It was a course about emerging infectious diseases in society that made Amy think for the first time about a career in public health. “I realized that I wanted to help people on a systematic level,” she says. Given a choice of master’s programs to attend, she opted for George Washington University, thinking that the move to the D.C. area would provide her with exciting opportunities.

While commuting to Washington for her studies, Amy first lived in nearby Fairfax County, Va., working for the Fairfax County Health Department managing the Medical Reserve Corps. Moving to Alexandria in 2009 brought her to her current job. “I’m now working at the city level, rather than the county level,” she explains, “which presents its own challenges of fewer resources to handle the same problems.”

Chief among those challenges right now, of course, is handling the H1N1 flu. Amy is responsible for setting up mass vaccination clinics, and, for most of this fall, worked weekends to make sure people could get vaccinated. She also helped organize a flu vaccination exercise held on September 11, which was attended by Katherine Sibelius, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Service. With her master’s degree almost complete, Amy is already looking to the future. She can imagine moving to the federal level, perhaps to the Department of Homeland Security or Health and Human Services. “I’m basically in the most important area of the world right now,” she says, “planning for—and with—the most influential people in perhaps the most influential country in the world.”

—Mike Gregory
Garrett Husband '07 and Katelyn Sheaff Husband '07 were married on June 27. Colby-Sawyer friends in attendance for the celebration included (front row, l to r) Rachel Pierson ’07, Katelyn Sheaff Husband ’07, Leah Condon ’07, Kristen Scott ’07, Leah Sisson ’07, Nicole Tringali ’07, (back row, l to r) Seth Weiss, Dan Munsey ’07, Kevin Crotty ’06, Dave Bonin ’07, Nate Truncellito ’08, Pat McKinnon ’10, John Johanson ’07, Tyler Fournier ’07 and Garrett Husband ’07.

dence in learning and providing a great basis of good science!” Liz Reinecker Campbell was married on July 18, 2008, in Billerica, MA, but she and her husband are still living in Columbia, SC, where she works for Lexington Medical Center. Alena Slabon Davis and her husband Matt Davis ’06 relocated to VT to be closer to his mother. They are the proud parents of Madelyn Margaret, born Feb. 22, 2009 and are having a fantastic time being parents. Marissa Zinser is now working for Proximo Spirits, a subdivision of José Cuervo, now working for Proximo Spirits, a great basis of good science!”

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Editor’s Note: Welcome and a special thank you to Stephanie Guzzo, who has agreed to help serve as a class of 2007 correspondent.

Thanks to everyone who submitted updates! Looks like you’ve been busy! Melissa Ferrigno is still in Sunapee, NH, working for an insurance agency. She can usually be found with Brian Campbell ’08, Katina Caraganis, Jimmy Giddings, Laura Sawyer, and Michelle Isner ’08. We have lots of alumni going on to continue their education! Ashley Rodkey works in a 2nd grade classroom as a 1:1 aide and was accepted to Grad School at UMASS Amherst, starting 2010 for elementary education. Steph Goggin is headed to Antioch U of New England in Keene, NH, for an M.S. in environmental education. Steph,
Rafferty ’08 and planning an Aug. 29, 2010, wedding at Lake View Pavilion in Foxboro, MA. The couple bought a house in MA. Garrett Husband completed his MBA degree, concentrating in general management, from Plymouth State U and graduated on May 9, 2009.

Sarah Heaney ’08, who has agreed to serve as class of 2008 correspondent, has been busy working as a registered nurse in the ICU at Newton Wellesley Hospital in Newton, MA. Kristin LaRochele works in St. Petersburg, FL, as a registered nurse in a neonatal intensive care unit. She and her fiancé Nick Mosier are planning a Sept. 2009 wedding.

Michelle Falvey and her fiancé Kyle Wescott have purchased a town house in Hudson, MA, and were planning a Sept. 2009 wedding. Michelle has been busy working as a registered nurse in the ICU at Newton Wellesley Hospital in Newton, MA. John Bosse ’08 presents his Colby-Sawyer Capstone research, “Shoulder External/Internal Rotation Imbalances: Forward Shoulder Posture in College Students,” at the National Strength and Conditioning Association’s (NSCA) National Conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

In the revenue management division.” Thanks for everyone who submitted updates!

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Editor’s Note: Welcome and a special thank you to Sarah Heaney, who has agreed to serve as class of 2008 correspondent.

Sarah Heaney works as a receptionist at a busy doctor’s office and was training for the Manchester Half-Marathon in Nov. This summer she celebrated her 23rd birthday with a canoe trip on the Merrimack River (the same one from New Student Trips) with Colby-Sawyer alumni spanning 4 years. Michele Falvey and her fiancé Kyle Wescott have purchased a town house in Hudson, MA, and were planning a Sept. 2009 wedding. Michelle has been busy working as a registered nurse in the ICU at Newton Wellesley Hospital in Newton, MA.

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Christine Letendre has been hired as a typesetter for the Deluxe Corporation in Groton, MA.

He also made time for fun this summer by attending the CMA Music Festival in Nashville, TN, for the 3rd time. John Bryan and Alesha Carlsen became engaged on Mar. 8, 2009, and plan a June 4, 2011 wedding in New London with the reception in Hanover, NH. Molly Mullen was promoted in Jan. at RatePoint, a start-up IT Company, and now works under the Vice President of Sales. Molly also became involved with Team in Training (a non-profit for cancer research), took theatre classes, and planned an Oct. vacation to the Grand Turks Islands with Kate Managan ’09.

Ashlee Willis is working towards a doctorate in physical therapy through Franklin Pierce College in Concord. In between studying, she is keeping up with alumni and has seen Kyle Koch, Lindsey Santoro, Tarren Bailey ’06, Kim-Laura Boyle ’98, and of course boyfriend Mason Law ’09. She’s also been keeping up with past and present CSC staff including LuAnne Ryall and Jean Eckrich.

Sarah Heaney ’08 celebrated her 23rd birthday with a canoe trip on the Merrimack River. Alumni joining the adventure were (l to r) Sarah Heaney ’08, Pat Sylvia ’08, Angela Eastman ’08, Kristen Belanger (non-CSC grad), Travis Soule ’06, Chad Nussinow ’06, Adrian Pelletier ’07, Kathy Corr ’07, (kneeling) Sam Moore ’09 and Charlie Belvin ’08.

Kathryn Mirick ’09 with her aunt Lynne Warburton Najarian ’87, on Commencement day in May.
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