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Dear Friends,

Space matters. Think about your room when you were a child, or the house you grew up in, or the rooms where you lived, learned and played in your elementary school. Think about the times you visited the seashore or the mountains on a beautiful day. Think about your college classrooms or residence halls. Good, clean, functional, comfortable, safe spaces make life better. Beautiful spaces inspire. I have always known these things. They are basic and intuitive, but as a skeptical lawyer named Thomas, now I have proof. My proof is the new Windy Hill School, which is featured in this issue of our wonderful magazine.

After more than 30 years in the lower levels of Abbey and Burpee Halls, the Windy Hill School now has a home. It has a home that matches the excellence of the program it houses. Thanks to the vision and generosity of one anonymous family, whose $1 million challenge grant spurred others to make our dream a reality, the space for Colby-Sawyer’s fantastic laboratory school is clean, functional, comfortable, beautifully designed and safe. But, more than that, it is inspirational.

The new Windy Hill School is a place where Colby-Sawyer faculty, teachers and students learn from one another and teach community children from pre-toddlers through kindergartners, as well as children up to third grade who attend the after-school program. The energy being generated and spread throughout campus from the Windy Hill School is palpable. Yes, friends, space matters. The new Windy Hill School inspires teachers and students. It inspires the college community. It will be critical and persuasive in the recruitment of top quality faculty and students for years to come.

In the words of our Strategic Themes, which are also highlighted in this issue, the new Windy Hill School is a place where truly engaged learning takes place. It is a place where faculty and students work together. It is a place where the faculty challenges students, and where students are expected to do better than they have ever done before. It is place where education thrives. Moreover, the new Windy Hill School truly is a place where our Strategic Theme of living sustainably comes to life. It is anticipated that the new Windy Hill School will be the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building at Colby-Sawyer. It has the best views of Mt. Kearsarge on campus and truly celebrates our very special sense of place. And it is a place where our Child Development Program will thrive.

The new Windy Hill School is a place where Colby-Sawyer College links to the world of our community. It is a place where community children first come to learn and where Colby-Sawyer will be forever linked to their lives of learning.

Finally, this great space is a shining example of Colby-Sawyer College’s dynamic devotion to excellence. Excellent colleges have excellent spaces for teaching and learning. I was reminded of that fact on a recent visit to my alma mater, Stanford University. It is a more beautiful place today than it even was when I was there from 1973–1977. I am proud of the improvements I saw because I know as my college improves its reputation improves, and that is good for its students and graduates. The same is true for Colby-Sawyer.

Great spaces can help us become an even greater college which will provide an even better education for our students tomorrow than we do today. The new Windy Hill School will prove that over the years ahead. Now, let us turn our energy to the new arts center that we plan to build, and let us consider the transformative impact it, too, will have on our college, our students, and our future.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Galligan, Jr.
President and Professor of Humanities
Colby-Sawyer is One of 10 New Hampshire Colleges to Receive NIH Grant for Biomedical Research

With a $15.4 million award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Colby-Sawyer College, Dartmouth Medical School (DMS), the University of New Hampshire (UNH), and seven other institutions are forming a network to support biomedical research by faculty and students across New Hampshire. Over the next five years, Colby-Sawyer will receive nearly $1 million in support of its biomedical research programs.

The IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) represents a tremendous opportunity for Colby-Sawyer students and faculty, according to Ben Steele, professor and chair of Natural Sciences. His department colleagues, Professor Bill Thomas and Associate Professor Nick Baer, will coordinate and hire students for the research projects.

“For students, this means immersion in a real research project, part of which can be used for their Capstone projects,” says Professor Steele. “The grant will support stipends for students to conduct research with faculty on campus, funds for Capstone research equipment and materials, and travel to conferences, workshops and short academic courses.”

Students in the Biology, Nursing, Environmental Science and Studies, Exercise Science, Psychology and Health Studies programs are eligible to participate in the research. “The grant provides exciting and unusual opportunities,” Professor Steele says, “that give faculty and students access to resources rarely available at a small college like Colby-Sawyer.”

“I’m extremely proud of our participation in this important endeavor and grateful to my faculty colleagues who took the initiative to pursue it,” says President Tom Galligan. “It’s an exciting and significant step for Colby-Sawyer and our students. Undergraduate research can open educational, intellectual and professional doors that change lives. This grant is a significant forward step in our college’s educational evolution.”

As the lead institutions, DMS and UNH will oversee the awarding of grants and fellowships for INBRE, with the support of NIH’s National Center for Research Resources (NCRR). In addition to Colby-Sawyer, the other undergraduate partner institutions include Plymouth State University, Keene State College, St. Anselm College, Franklin Pierce University, New England College, River Valley Community College, and Great Bay Community College.
Colby-Sawyer hosted its first International Education Week Nov. 15–19, 2010, featuring events and activities that celebrated worldwide cultures and explored the benefits of international education and exchanges. The week’s events began with a major exhibition of images taken by community members as they traveled the world, and it culminated with a panel of faculty and mostly international students who engaged in a riveting discussion of “One Tibet: Many Meanings.”

Coordinated by Associate Dean of International and Diversity Programs Pamela Serota Cote, International Education Week also featured ethnic cuisine at lunch in the dining hall, a Global Film Series, and an opportunity to apply for (and even win three free) passports and participate in a competition of global knowledge. Students shared presentations about their experiences with study and travel abroad and took part in discussions of the Middle East conflict and Afghanistan.

Throughout the week, the flags of our international students’ homeland nations were flown in the dining hall, and posters were mounted in Wheeler and Colgate Halls to collect all the languages spoken on campus.

International Education Week is a nationwide joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of State and Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

In a note of appreciation to the college community for their involvement, Associate Dean Serota Cote wrote, “I believe we have begun an important global dialogue this week, which I hope will continue beyond these events for the rest of the year until next year’s International Education Week, when we can renew the spirit of what it means to be a community that is truly linked to the world.”

Dig Pink Pictured here with a facsimile of the check they presented to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC) is the Colby-Sawyer Volleyball Team. The “Dig Pink” event is a game in which the gym, players, coaches, and support staff are all outfitted in pink. There is an admission charge and also items for sale such as pink bracelets, pink ribbons and “Dig Pink” T-shirts. All the proceeds go to the NCCC. Front row (l to r): Michelle Sotile, Julia Yee, Ashley Finethy, Allyson LeBruno, Katie Coughlin and Manager Tim Sullivan. Back row (l to r): Head Coach Brett Sayer, Kristin Sawyer, Sarah Castelot, Stef Turner, Emilee McBride, Lindsey Raumkalts, Michelle Doody and Courtney O’Hara.

Lady of Pleasure Colby-Sawyer hosted the American premiere of James Shirley’s 1635 play, “The Lady of Pleasure,” for its fall production, adapting the Jacobean era play as “The Real Housewives of London” and the Mod Era of 1960s England. The production, with a cast and crew of mostly students and a few community members, marked the directorial debut for Julie Vogt, the college’s new theatre director. The play highlights the frivolous and often scandalous pastimes of 17th-century London aristocrats.
Five former student athletes and the college’s first full-time sports information director were inducted as members of the 2010 Athletic Hall of Fame in an on-campus ceremony on Oct. 3, 2010. The honorees were basketball player James Durrell ’94, professional golfer Pamela Kerrigan ’87, lacrosse player Amy Liner Field ’93, track and field athlete Scott Macdonald ’05, alpine ski racer Penny MacDonald Sirjane ’86, and former sports information director Adam Kamras.

Established in 2006, the Colby-Sawyer Athletic Hall of Fame celebrates the accomplishments of Colby-Sawyer athletes, coaches, teams and supporters who have advanced the college’s commitment to excellence.

James Durrell was the first Colby-Sawyer men’s basketball player to score 1,000 points and still ranks first in three-pointers (308) and sixth in total career points (1,548) and field goals (543). Durrell also holds the school record for points in a single game (51) and was the NCAA Free Throw Percentage Champion with a record of 93.1 percent. As a sophomore, Durrell was named the Colby-Sawyer Male Athlete of the Year, and as a junior he was the team’s Most Valuable Player.

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Pamela Kerrigan ’87 earned a degree in exercise physiology and went on to successfully compete in the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA). In 2002, she posted a career-best finish at the LPGA Corning Classic, where she scored a career-low 67 in the final round and tied for sixth. In 2003, at the Wachovia Classic, Kerrigan recorded her first LPGA hole-in-one when she aced the 159-yard 15th hole.

Amy Liner Field ’93 is one of the college’s best women’s lacrosse players and still holds the record for most goals in a single season with 67. In her senior year, she was named to the Brine All-Regional Team by the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association and the All-New England Select Second Team. She was the college’s 1993 Female Athlete of the Year, led the team in scoring all four years as a Charged, and was twice named Most Valuable Player.

Scott Macdonald ’05 is one of the best track and field athletes ever to compete for Colby-Sawyer. He still holds six school records, including the 400-meter dash, 110-meter hurdles, 400-meter hurdles, high jump, pole vault, and points scored in the decathlon (6,508). Over the course of his athletic career, he garnered All-Eastern College Athletic Conference honors in the decathlon three times and was All-New England in the decathlon twice. Macdonald also was named Colby-Sawyer Male Athlete of the Year in 2004 and 2005.

Penny MacDonald Sirjane ’86 was a four-year member of the Alpine Ski Team and earned the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association’s All-East Ski Team Award three years in a row. After graduating, she coached the team for three years. In 1990 she and her sister became co-owners of World Cup Supply, Inc., one of the largest distributors of event and ski-area supplies in North America. She was chosen to head on-hill officials for the Alpine events at the 2001 Special Olympic World Winter Games and was an on-site technical advisor to the International Ski Federation and International Olympic Committee at the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics.

Nominations for the 6th class of Colby-Sawyer College Athletic Hall of Fame inductees will be accepted through April 1, 2011. To learn more about the criteria and to make nominations, please visit: www.colby-sawyerathletics.com/hof.aspx
New Academic Majors and Minors

This past year the college introduced two new Bachelor of Arts programs, in Philosophy and Sociology, along with minors in Chemistry and International Studies.

The Philosophy major, which joins an existing minor in the discipline, seeks to provide in-depth learning about the aims, methods and texts of philosophy and prepare students for careers in nearly any industry or for graduate school. Philosophical study fosters openness of mind, development of reasoned opinions, and critical and creative thinking and writing skills. The discipline strives to lead people to a deeper understanding of intellectual history and engagement with the meaning and value of human life.

Sociology, the science of human social behavior, offers broad exposure to the discipline through courses addressing social theory, research methods, data analysis and a variety of substantive topics. The study of sociology provides a perspective through which students learn about individual and group behaviors, cultures, and societal movements. Important components of the program include the study of cultural diversity, the influences of culture and social structure, and the pervasiveness and causes of social inequality.

“Over the past several years, faculty members have worked together within and across academic departments to offer new majors and minors to enrich students’ experiences,” says Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah Taylor. “The new majors in Sociology and Philosophy address long-standing student and faculty interests in those fields. The Chemistry minor supports student interest in preparing for graduate work in a variety of fields, including exercise science, biochemistry, medical or veterinary school and physical therapy,” she adds, “and the interdisciplinary International Studies minor will better prepare students—no matter what their major or intended profession—for the demands of an ever more closely interwoven world community.”

Colby-Sawyer Named in ‘2010 Great Colleges to Work For’ Survey

Colby-Sawyer College is one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to a survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education, the nation’s premier source of news about colleges and universities.

“Great Colleges to Work For” is one of the country’s largest and most respected workplace-recognition programs. Colby-Sawyer achieved honors in five categories, including collaborative governance; compensation and benefits; work/life balance; confidence in senior leadership; and respect and appreciation.

Colby-Sawyer’s selection as a “2010 Great College to Work For” was based on The Chronicle’s institutional audits of the demographics and workplace policies of 277 colleges and universities, and its survey of the institutions’ 42,000 faculty, administrators and professional support staff. The survey was sent to 261 full-time Colby-Sawyer employees, 52 percent of whom participated.
Describe your Capstone and why you chose to focus on this subject.
As a Child Development major, my Capstone was comprised of two parts: The first focused on my internship experience, and the second outlined my research topic, which was related to the internship. I completed my internship at the New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), working directly under a Child Protective Services Worker investigating reports of child abuse throughout the region. Many of the reports which came in dealt with physical abuse, so I decided to conduct the research component of my Capstone on the use of corporal punishment and developmental outcomes of children. I compiled a literature review of current research findings and presented this information at the college on Scholar’s Day.

What did you learn through your Capstone, and in what ways was the project a culmination of your learning experience at Colby-Sawyer?
During my internship with DCYF, and while conducting my research on corporal punishment, I accomplished many of the college’s learning outcomes. While investigating child abuse, it was very important that I act ethically and professionally, as the confidentiality of our clients was important. This was also a chance for me to apply my knowledge of child development to a practical setting. To conduct quality research, I had to think critically in response to ongoing debates among researchers I encountered studying the effects of corporal punishment.

What was most rewarding for you during the process of creating your Capstone?
The most rewarding part was to know that my contributions at my internship site were making a difference not only to children and families in need, but also to the DCYF office, which at the time was short-staffed by almost 50 percent. I most enjoyed writing a memoir of my internship experience as the Wesson Honors component of my Capstone.

What did you find most challenging and difficult about the project?
The most challenging part of the project itself was deciding which aspects of my internship experience were most important to convey to the college community. The most difficult part was examining current research on corporal punishment objectively.

What do you feel was the lasting value of your Capstone, both for you and others?
I think my project raised awareness that not only are corporal punishment and child abuse real and prevalent issues, but it also made the college community more aware of the many challenges that families of lower socioeconomic status face from day-to-day. Hopefully, the memoir of my internship will allow underclassmen to get a sense of how important and valuable an internship can be for their educational and professional careers.

How would you summarize your experience at Colby-Sawyer College?
I would summarize my Colby-Sawyer experience as most positive. With the small student body, I had the chance to know and interact with my professors much more than I would have at a large university. This was extremely helpful. Also, I’ve found that my Colby-Sawyer education has prepared me for work in the real world; this was evident in both my practicum and internship experiences.
Dancing to the Top
by Lisa Stanulonis ’13

Of all the traditions that Colby-Sawyer College celebrates, Mountain Day is the most popular with students. No one knows for certain when this tradition began, but it wasn’t long after Colby Academy—the secondary school that evolved into this college—opened in 1837. Photographs from the 19th century show women wearing long skirts and men in suits and hats being transported to the mountain’s base in horse-drawn wagons.

The modern Mountain Day excitement begins with trying to figure out when it will occur, for President Galligan, as have all the college’s leaders before him, keeps the date top secret.

Mountain Day 2010
When the rumors finally prove true and the 10:05 a.m. bell sounds, I can’t be any happier because it means sunshine, laughter and a refreshing one-day break from the first weeks of school. It also means dye-covered hands for a week and a cool Mountain Day T-shirt. It’s about getting to the top, but it’s just as much about the journey we experience along the way.

My Mountain Day starts with a sprint across campus, screaming and cheering with the rest of the students as the bell rings. I grab my gear, find my friends, and board the bus for the short ride to the mountain. At Winslow State Park, near the base of Mt. Kearsarge, I eagerly wait in line for my white T-shirt. At this point I care about two things: making a rad tie-dye and beginning the race to the top. My tie-dying technique is more about covering my hands and feet in colors than my shirt, but that’s okay—the stains will remind me of Mountain Day long after it passes.

As for hiking to the summit, it’s a rigorous adventure that drains my energy, but it’s where the fun really begins. This year, equipped with an iPod and tiny speakers, I boogied my way up the trail. With Lady Gaga, Eminem, Katy Perry and other artists blasting, my group of friends and I were christened the “Party Train.”

Through many snack and water breaks, I kept the music going, cheering people on as I danced to songs like “Party in the USA.” The music encouraged others to sing and dance their way up the mountain, too, which made the trek even more fun.

Reaching the summit of Mt. Kearsarge means one thing: jumping pictures. You look silly, and I know the goofy faces I made will somehow show up on Facebook. As a freshman last year, I couldn’t have guessed I would ever have such wonderful stories. I was new to the school and barely had friends. Things have changed, and my Mountain Day experiences will only get even better as time goes on.

The Mountain Day tradition continues to change as well. This year, Students for a Greener Campus and Sodexo Dining Services teamed up to offer a “zero waste” Mountain Day—plates, forks and napkins were plant-based, making them, along with any discarded food, compostable. A recycling center was also set up at the base of the mountain. With a zero-waste goal as a new part of Mountain Day, students not only enjoy the outdoors, they also help to preserve beautiful old Mt. Kearsarge and the college’s favorite tradition for future students.

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Colby Junior College and WWII

More than 65 years ago, when the world was in the midst of WWII, Colby Junior College played its part. Seen here are pictures from our archives depicting scenes from that long ago era. To see more archival pictures go to: http://archives.colby-sawyer.edu/

The handsome naval officer to the right is the college’s former President Everett Woodman, and the man in the back of the jeep (top) is beloved former President H. Leslie Sawyer. We all recognize former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt (left), but do you recognize yourself? If so, we’d like to hear from you. Tell us which picture you or your friends are in. E-mail: dmorcom@colby-sawyer.edu or address your correspondence to: Editor, Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine, 541 Main Street, New London, NH.
One thing was perfectly clear on October 14 at the dedication ceremony for the new Windy Hill School: No one present had ever seen a space its equal in beauty or function dedicated solely to the education of young children.

Kayleigh Flynn ‘11, president of the Child Development Club, summed up the reactions of many people when she said, “I think it’s a hugely impressive building. Every time I come in for my practicum I’m impressed again. I just feel so lucky to have this facility here.”

The two-story building, which sits on a grassy hillside overlooking Mount Kearsarge, is a vibrant and welcoming place filled with natural light, lovely maple woodwork, and colorful furniture, rugs and artwork. Visitors entering the new Windy Hill School are often greeted by the delicious smell of cookies, cupcakes, or some other baker’s delight wafting through the building from one of the three kitchens where the fixtures come in adult and child-friendly sizes. It was designed with children in mind, with built-in lofts to play and hide in, low, round windows in the doors to spy through, and images of hot-air balloons, kites, planes and other flying things to watch as they hover overhead in the ceiling tiles.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Anne Winton Black ’73, ’75 addresses the audience at the dedication ceremony on Oct. 14, 2010, as President Tom Galligan looks on.

The new school was born of an anonymous $1 million challenge gift and nurtured by those who recognize the importance of early childhood education. During the dedication the faculty, trustees, staff, college students and friends, who took their seats on bright red and blue sofas in Windy Hill’s common room, could watch some of the school’s approximately 60 young students at play through the wall of windows looking toward the mountain. With the afternoon sun igniting the fall foliage into a glowing ring around the field, children streamed down the hill and launched balls into the air, unconscious of their roles as the perfect backdrop for a milestone celebration in college history.

Anne Winton Black ’73, ’75, chairman of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the standing-room-only crowd that filled the room and every area surrounding it. No one was surprised by this outpouring of support for the building’s dedication and mission—after all, it was the school’s mission that had created
such strong support in the first place.

“It is through our collective philanthropy and the shared vision for providing an exceptional laboratory school at Colby-Sawyer College that our new Windy Hill School stands before us,” Trustee Black said. “And what a beautiful and functional vision it turned out to be! I doubt there is a person here today who is not awed by how stunning this space is and how perfect it is for the children who will launch their academic journey at Windy Hill. Today’s dedication is a vivid reminder that philanthropy has the power to transform.”

The reception area, or, as Director Janet Bliss calls it, “our colorful living room,” is an example of the bold, bright colors chosen specifically to exude feelings of fun, warmth, comfort and welcome.

What could be more fun than to be a real live boy or girl playing with friends who have colorfully swirled robot arms just like yours?

Whether it’s seen from the back (top of page 10) or the front (seen here), the new Windy Hill School is a beautifully designed and engineered “place of permanence.”
When it’s reading time children can choose from a large selection of books in the library, and what youngster doesn’t like to listen to a story?

Among the many carefully planned features of the school is a room dedicated to building blocks. This is where the architects of tomorrow build dream castles and skyscrapers while the college’s Child Development majors observe them in action.

There are fixtures throughout the building, including those in the three kitchens, which are child-sized and easily accessible to even the smallest students.

Janet Bliss ’71, director of Windy Hill and associate professor of Social Sciences and Education, was present for every step of the school’s transformation since 1976, when Professor Marc Clement convinced the administration that an on-site, early childhood center would help promote and enrich the college’s new Child Studies Program. Professor Bliss recalled the school’s first year as a one-room experiment in the basement of Abbey Hall, where it was equipped with homemade bookcases and makeshift tables supported by cement blocks. She held up the green spiral notebook that had tracked the teachers’ hours and compensation ($2.30 an hour) and parents’ tuition payments ($6 per day).

“Humble beginnings,” Professor Bliss said, “and, yet, despite our cobbled appearance, people quickly began to take note that there was something exceptional about Windy Hill School. And herein lie the essence and the success of the Windy Hill School—children matter. Provide children with interesting and provocative materials and they will construct understandings and become confident in their own abilities to reason and think autonomously. Trust that children are competent and, when given appropriate guidance and challenges, they will, indeed, become the competent, industrious beings we want them to be.

“Families matter, too,” continued Professor Bliss, “as do teachers, research and the environment both inside and outside the classroom. We have received many commendations for our programmatic design and imaginative curriculum, but it is precisely the celebration of environment that brings us all here today. Certainly many people subscribe to the notion that children can prosper in spaces far less impressive than what stands here today. And I would not argue with that. What I do contend, however, is that Windy Hill is already transforming its best practices into even better practices in this environment. Everything about this new facility speaks to the importance of children and families and the people who work with them.

In the few short weeks that Windy Hill has inhabited its new home, the environment is already having a tremendous impact. Light, space, dedicated curriculum areas, expansive views, observation rooms, and even bathrooms specific to both the needs of children and adults are changing the way we are able to imagine, plan and execute.”

While the list of contributors to the new environment was impressive, Professor Bliss especially thanked the anonymous donor family who made the $1 million challenge gift that started the project and inspired another $1 million in donations from college alumni and friends, parents of current students, and even from former students of the school.

“Why did this family choose Windy Hill School for its philanthropy?” asked Professor Bliss. “Well, it definitely loves Colby-Sawyer College, and it supports the college in a number of significant ways. This family that so values the benefits of a college education, also recognizes and appreciates the importance of early childhood education. In particular, the family was impressed with the Child Development Program and the role Windy Hill plays in supporting our students’ understanding of young children.”

As another sign of Windy Hill’s position as a beloved institution, President Galligan informed the college community of a recent $15,000 gift in memory of an anonymous donor’s
father. “This gift is intended to inspire children to love farming and will be used to design and construct a new outside playground with a farm theme,” said President Galligan. “A well-run farm today can become a symbol of sustainable living, and one of our four strategic themes at Colby-Sawyer College is Living Sustainably. Consequently, we are doubly proud today not only to be dedicating a brand new Windy Hill School, but also proud because it is our very first green building on campus. The building’s green construction was made possible by an additional challenge gift from the anonymous million-dollar donors, and we thank them again for showing us the way to a better, more sustainable, future.”

In keeping with Colby-Sawyer’s commitment to creating an environmentally sustainable campus, the new Windy Hill School was designed and built to provide a healthy and safe environment. The building conserves energy and water, and by using materials that don’t contain volatile organic compounds, the architects and builders sought to ensure high-quality air throughout the school. The college, with assistance from Banwell Architects, will apply for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification—the recognized standard for “green” buildings—for the Windy Hill School.

President Galligan referred to buildings as places of permanence. “By permanence,” he said in his remarks, “I don’t mean that buildings physically last forever. What I mean is that buildings last forever in the memories of those who live, learn and play in them. They shape our memories and they shape our footprint on the future. Of course, to many of us, play is a crucial and critical part of education. It is how many of us learn about sharing, compassion, counting, fairness, negotiation, multiple perspectives, dealing with frustration, and just plain old joy.

“I’m sure that in some distant time more than a few of today’s Windy Hill students, by then grown to adulthood, will see or hear something that reminds them of their favorite room here, or their Windy Hill friends, or a teacher from the school. Perhaps one day they’ll catch the smell of something wonderful baking, and, like Marcel Proust and his madeleines in Remembrance of Things Past, they’ll be transported back to this building and the happy times they experienced here where they began their lifelong education. In that way the Windy Hill School will exist always in their memories as a place of permanence.”

After the ceremony, Windy Hill teachers led tours through the new facility on which visitors were delighted to discover the lofts, tunnels, library, block room, water tables, and even a mud room where little explorers can be cleaned up, if necessary, after a session on the playground.

Dave Eldred of Fairfax, Va., stood by while daughter Samantha, almost three, worked on a puzzle at a table just her size. “Samantha’s in a daycare at home but it’s nothing like this,” he said. “Look at the innovation, look at these lofts and the ship downstairs and the fact that there are play areas dedicated to blocks and a library. I’ve never seen anything like this place.”

His wife, trustee Karen Eldred ’86, said of the new school, “It’s spectacular. I wish it had been here when I was a student. It’s a huge opportunity. That’s what I see here, a huge opportunity for students who want to go into early childhood learning. For prospective students who walk in here I’ve got to ask, why would they see this and then go anywhere else?”

As director of the Windy Hill School, Janet Bliss ’71 has seen her dream—35 years in the making—finally come to fruition in the best way possible.

Play spaces for the young students are large and inviting. Observers from the Child Development and Psychology majors can study child behavior from nearby or from adjacent observation rooms without intruding on activities.
Today the Windy Hill School serves about 60 area children through its Toddlers, Nursery School, and Primary Programs and provides after-school programs for grades one to three and summer programs for children up to age six. Each year 30 to 40 Colby-Sawyer College students, mainly Child Development and Psychology majors, become involved in the school to learn about young children and the institutions that support them, as well as to observe and engage in the children’s learning alongside their teachers and mentors.

Stephen Ensign, trustee emeritus; his daughter-in-law, Jennifer James Ensign ’99, a toddler teacher at Windy Hill for eight years; and her son, Everett, who attends the school, represent three generations of involvement with Windy Hill and multiple layers of appreciation for the new building. “We’re very fortunate to have this type of school in our community,” said Mr. Ensign. “The college is a big part of what makes our area what it is with all the things it brings to us, and with how it impacts families so positively.”

Jennifer Ensign’s first experience with Windy Hill was as a college student in the Abbey and Burpee Hall locations. She taught at other preschools and in the public school system before returning to the place where, she says, the professors “provided so much insight that it really gave you a love of childhood and an understanding of how important it is to have a space like this. It was really incredible to see it unfold and now, to be here, it’s just a great space. It’s wonderful. I’ve never seen anything like it.”

Echoing Professor Bliss’s sentiment that environment affects learning, Child Development Club President Kayleigh Flynn said, “The children definitely seem more relaxed in the new building, probably because it’s just more open. For whatever reason, I don’t know if it’s the children or the building itself, but they’re all doing their own thing and not worrying about what the other kids are doing. There are more windows, so they’re looking outside—that’s a big difference. They seem to love it. They just have a great time.”
How Four Strategic Themes are Preparing Colby-Sawyer for the Future

by Linda Formichelli

HERE’S HOW IT IS: THE WORLD IS BECOMING MORE GLOBALIZED, PROTECTING AND SUSTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER, AND THE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN ALL AREAS NEVER ENDS. WHAT CAN A COLLEGE DO TO KEEP UP?

Enter Colby-Sawyer’s four Strategic Themes. “We developed a strategic plan, but it was in narrative form, and we came away saying, ‘What are we supposed to do with this narrative?’” says Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students Dave Sauerwein. “So we had multiple meetings with the trustees, faculty, staff and students and asked what the most important things were at Colby-Sawyer. We boiled the avalanche of data down to four Strategic Themes, which we then gave names to: Engaged Learning, Linking to the World, Living Sustainably, and Dynamic Devotion to Excellence.”

The Strategic Themes help everyone from students to senior staff figure out which of the many things they have on their plates are most vital to the college’s future. Those tasks and projects which fit into one of the four themes take precedence over almost everything else because they will help move the college and its students, faculty and staff toward their goals.
Engaged Learning

The Colby-Sawyer teaching philosophy has always been predicated on Engaged Learning. Now, more than ever, students participate in the opportunities the college offers them to be involved in hands-on educational experiences. For example, the college’s on-campus maple sugaring operation involves students from all disciplines, the Athletic Training majors are on the athletic fields and in the sports training rooms helping athletes. Meanwhile, the Graphic Design students create logos for local businesses, and the Child Development and Psychology majors teach and learn from children at the Windy Hill School, a laboratory preschool that serves the college and local communities. Not only that, but Colby-Sawyer boasts small classes, internships, the Pathway Program (where students in their first two years learn to integrate different disciplines), and senior Capstones (research projects within students’ majors). So what’s left to do?

As it turns out, there are plenty of opportunities for the college to grow in this area. For example, the administration is exploring the idea of offering online classes. Some students take summer classes at other colleges, and their instructors at Colby-Sawyer often find that the outside classes don’t prepare the students for the rigorous requirements of Colby-Sawyer’s courses; online classes can address this issue. “We think this is a way to help our students keep taking our courses from our faculty, which assures that they’re going to have the same high-quality educational experience while working with faculty they know,” says Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah Taylor. In addition, the college is looking into creating graduate programs to offer students even more opportunities for pursuing their passions at Colby-Sawyer.

The college is also in the midst of planning a new fine and performing arts center. Since students are required to take a course in the arts, the new center will help them gain professional experience in the field. Vice President of Administration Doug Atkins says, “This building, when it is completed, will touch the life of every student.”

The campus and buildings themselves play a key role in Engaged Learning. “They have to be a blend of what makes people comfortable, but they also need to energize students and engage them in the purpose of their education, which, of course, is to learn,” says Atkins. To spread Engaged Learning to even more students, Colby-Sawyer is considering increasing its enrollment from 1,100 to 1,250 students. “That means we would need to have more residential space, increase our dining hall capacity, and add some additional learning space, most particularly laboratory space,” Atkins says. “So, I’ll be working with the Buildings and Campus Planning Committee to see what we can do in those directions as we plan for the future.”
Living Sustainably

“We have always been good at caring for each other within our community,” says Colby Sawyer’s Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer White, who has been in that position since 2009. “Committing to sustainability as a signatory to the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) is one significant way in which we have extended that locus of care beyond our campus to people and species around the globe, and to future generations who will inherit the outcomes of our choices.”

White, who is a whirlwind of action and ideas explains, “The very first thing I did when I got here was to gather lots of information to figure out what people wanted to do as far as sustainability goes, what we were capable of as an institution, and in what order we could implement those projects.”

This resulted in the GreenROUTES Climate Action Plan, which formalized the college’s commitment to taking collaborative action in six areas: energy; transportation; water and biodiversity; food; consumption and waste; and culture, curriculum and investment. “It’s a whole systems approach to environmental sustainability,” White says. “When most people think of sustainability, they think only of energy efficiency, but Colby-Sawyer’s plan recognizes that there are many interconnected issues that need to be simultaneously addressed.”

As part of the Climate Action Plan, Colby-Sawyer plans to reduce its carbon footprint over the next 50 years—all the way down to zero. “We were able to take a major step over the summer when we entered into a three-year arrangement to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for our electricity,” says Vice President Atkins. “This allows us to say we’re 100 percent green in terms of our electricity use, and this change reduced Colby-Sawyer’s carbon footprint by a whopping 43 percent.”

The college’s Climate Action Plan will always be in flux as the students, faculty and staff pinpoint new initiatives to tackle and find new ways to tackle them. “We wrote this as a living document, something that we’ll continually revisit,” says White. “We might want to rewrite portions of it at some point, and we can certainly redirect our attention as our priorities change and we find new opportunities to weave together the Strategic Themes.”

Colby-Sawyer’s efforts toward living sustainably go wide and deep. Many college offices are reducing their printing or even going paperless; students successfully pushed to replace disposable cups in the dining hall with reusable mugs; the college has two hybrid vehicles in its fleet and will acquire additional hybrid vehicles, if available, as replacements become necessary; Windy Hill, the early childhood laboratory school, stands to become the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED-certified building on campus; and a Sustainability 101 Handbook is under development. It will serve as a resource for professors who want to integrate sustainability concepts into their classes.
Linking to the World

Colby-Sawyer College is committed to an educational program that offers students multiple perspectives and provides opportunities to link them to the world. Recently hired Associate Dean of International and Diversity Programs, Pamela Serota Cote, has determined that her job at Colby-Sawyer is to implement the many important ways there are of linking to the world, such as developing study abroad programs and internationalizing the curriculum and the types of co-curricular programs offered at the college so that a global perspective is more infused into the educational and community experience.

“As I see it,” Cote explains, “diversity and internationalization are essential components of higher education today. We, as educators, have a responsibility to prepare our students to be successful in the world they will enter upon graduation. That world is more interconnected than ever, so students need to be exposed to multiple perspectives.”

To forge new links to the world, the college has been diversifying the campus with its Progressive Scholars Program, which is designed to recruit and retain talented and passionate urban students who hold leadership roles in their schools, jobs and communities. The college seeks to engage these students with the campus community in a way that is conducive to its mission statement and educational goals. Three years ago the initial group of 20 Progressive Scholars from two Boston-area schools added tremendous racial, cultural and ethnic diversity to the campus community. The college has built on that successful platform by expanding the program to 47 students from places like New York City, San Francisco and Chicago. Many are first-generation college students with limited financial resources who receive full scholarships no matter what their circumstances.

Colby-Sawyer is also attracting international students by sending college representatives abroad to stir up interest and by extending financial aid to them. Vice President for Enrollment Management Greg Matthews says, “In the last three years we’ve worked hard to increase the recruiting of international students, as well as our domestic diversity, and the hard work has paid off the way we hoped it would.” In 2010, the college welcomed students from 11 countries and 14 states.

While Linking to the World means bringing diversity to Colby-Sawyer, it also means sending students out into the world through study abroad programs. For example, Global Explorations is a faculty-led program that enables Colby-Sawyer students of all economic backgrounds to link to the world by studying overseas for a semester in places such as Florence, Italy, Strasbourg, France, and other locations. Because their financial aid can be applied to the cost of the program, all students can take advantage of this opportunity.

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“Globalizing education and outlook
Valuing diversity and inclusiveness
Building meaningful connections between the Colby-Sawyer experience and the outside world
Growing awareness of, and an idealistic commitment to, making the world a better place

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Dynamic Devotion to Excellence

Common to all the Strategic Themes is Dynamic Devotion to Excellence, the theme that encourages everyone at the college to be responsive, flexible and efficient in everything they do. Colby-Sawyer gives its faculty, staff and students the resources and freedom to decide what this theme means in their jobs and lives and how to implement it. “We constantly need to be attuned to what is the strategic issue of the day, the one we need to accomplish to achieve the other goals,” says President Tom Galligan. “Each professor will independently determine how to integrate Living Sustainability and Linking to the World into his or her course offerings, staff are developing Engaged Learning projects and figuring out ways to be more environmentally responsible in their day-to-day lives, and student groups have the power to develop projects that fit any one of the Strategic Themes.”

One of the facets of the Dynamic Devotion to Excellence Theme is the new Teaching Enrichment Program, which helps faculty sharpen their teaching skills and deepen their knowledge. Facilities such as the new Windy Hill School and the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center (seen above) are built with the ideals of form and function in mind, and they are the epitome of the college’s effort to consistently and persistently strive for excellence.

edge. As another example of this theme at work, the college is experimenting with offering staff members greater flexibility in their work schedules and even the opportunity to work from home, which decreases the college’s expenses while also improving employee morale.

The Colby-Sawyer community has been overwhelmingly positive about the Strategic Themes. “People have been quite receptive, responsive and interested,” says President Galligan. “I think the themes resonate with everybody.”

Because there’s always room for improvement, the Strategic Themes are more about the journey than the destination. “It will never be done,” says President Galligan. “As we reach one point, we’ll start to say to ourselves, what’s next?”

To see how college buildings can link to both the Engaged Learning, Living Sustainably and Dynamic Devotion to Excellence themes, see the article on page 10 about the new Windy Hill School.
To the Colby-Sawyer community, Mary McLaughlin is best known as the director of Residential Education and an adjunct assistant professor of writing. Outside of Colby-Sawyer, however, she is better known by her pseudonym, MOM-NOS, the name under which she writes the blog *Mom—Not Otherwise Specified*. Her blog focuses on life with her 11-year-old son, whom she calls “Bud” online, and who was diagnosed at age three with a form of autism called Pervasive Developmental Disorder—Not Otherwise Specified, or PDD-NOS. Mary started blogging in 2005, when her son was five, as a means of processing her thoughts and keeping a written record of his progress. She quickly discovered that blogging introduced her to a community of parents, as well as to adults who have autism, who were an invaluable resource and source of support.

As Mary continued blogging, and as Bud continued to grow, she found herself cast in the role of resource-giver and support-provider to parents whose children were newly diagnosed. Though her posts about life with Bud acknowledge the challenge inherent in raising a child with special needs, they are also infused with warmth and humor. “I want people to know,” says Mary, “that life with Bud is filled with joy. The popular press is full of scary images and daunting statistics, and the picture it paints of autism is overwhelming to a parent who has just received a diagnosis. I hope that, in some way, my blog can help send a more balanced message.”

The post that follows, Mary says, is one of the most popular pieces she’s written. It is the first in a ten-part series, started in March, 2010, about a visit she made to Bud’s fourth grade classroom to answer the questions his classmates had about his autism. It is also the basis of a book she is currently writing to assist children in understanding autism.
First, I should tell you that we orchestrated the visit with the stealth of CIA operatives. We didn’t want Bud to see me in the building because we knew my presence would be difficult for him. (Mom does not belong in school. Mom should only be here when she has come to take me home.) We all synchronized our watches and, as lunchtime approached, Mrs. Nee walked Bud to the lunchroom where he was meeting another staff member. Meanwhile, Ms. Walker readied the classroom while a student, Noelle, helped me slip in the side door and up the back staircase.

While we waited for a few students to return to the class with their hot lunches, Ms. Walker let me know that they’d told the children a little bit about my blog, read them a few excerpts, and let them know that people all over the world read about their classroom. The kids were delighted to know they had fans and even more delighted by the idea that they’d been given pseudonyms when I wrote about them. It seems they’d had some fun trying to figure out who was who.

When the children returned with their lunches and settled at their desks, which had been arranged in a circle, I sat down to join them. It was time to begin.

I started by thanking them for inviting me to their class. “I hope you know,” I said, “that you are really, really important people to Bud. He doesn’t always show friendship the way other people do but, believe me, you are important to him. He talks about you all the time.”

They grinned their response. “I also want to thank you for asking such great questions,” I said as I held up the index cards on which they’d been instructed to ask anything they wanted to know. “Your questions were fantastic,” I continued, “and they tell me that you really pay attention to Bud. You can all ask more questions if you’d like. Sometimes, when something seems different, people can get nervous about asking questions, but I want you to ask them anyway. It’s the best way to learn about things you don’t understand.”

My intro was over and it was time to get into my answers to the questions they’d written. I’d prepared ten pages of notes. I wanted to help the kids understand Bud’s differences, but I didn’t want to present him as “other,” as though he were an alien living among them, as though there was something wrong with him, so I developed some analogies—some things that I hoped would help them relate Bud’s experience to their own.

The first one felt the riskiest. It was my make-or-break analogy—the one on which the rest of the presentation hinged. If it didn’t resonate with them or, worse, if it seemed lame, I was afraid I’d lose them. I knew that one ill-placed snarky comment from one of the kids could make the whole thing unravel. So I took a deep breath and started talking.

“The first question that lots and lots of you asked is: What is autism? Autism is something that people are born with—you either have autism or you don’t have it. You can’t catch it. Having autism means that your brain is put together differently. Your brain still works perfectly well. It just does things differently from other people’s brains. Let’s think about the brain as a machine. You know that your brain controls everything you do. You use your brain to think about things and to make your body do things. Your brain also controls things you don’t even think about. You don’t have to remember to breathe, because your brain does it automatically for you. You don’t have to remember to blink, because your brain does it. So, sometimes you USE your brain to do things and sometimes your brain just does things because that’s what it’s wired to do.

The same thing is true in autism. Bud uses his brain for everything, too. But because there are differences in the way his brain is connected, there are differences in the way his brain reacts to things.

“Now, we all know that your brain is a machine that’s made of tissue and neurons and nerve cells. But let’s pretend it was a more simple machine. Let’s pretend your brain wasn’t made of tissue and neurons and nerve cells, but instead, it was made of metal and plastic and electrical wires. And let’s pretend that when you put that metal and plastic and electrical wire together it turned into a toaster.”

Here, the class laughed—the good kind of laughter. I carried on. They were with me.
“And let’s pretend that most of us had toaster brains. Some of us might make white toast and some wheat toast or rye toast, and some of us might make light toast and some of us dark toast. Some of us might only toast bagels, and sometimes we might even burn the toast, but for the most part, all of our brains would be able to do the same thing: make toast.

“Now, think about the pretend world that we have just created. In our world, most people have toaster brains. So, when we make the rules for our world and decide how we want to spend our time, what do you think we’ll decide is the most important thing a person can do?”

Nora raised her hand. “Always try hard and do our very best?”

“Yes!” I said. “And when we do our very best, we will be doing a great job making…”

“Toast!” they responded in unison.

“Yes! Because we have brains that are really good at making toast—so we will want to have a world where it’s really important and really valuable to make toast. Right?” Heads nodded around the room. “Now let’s pretend that Bud’s brain is also made of metal and plastic and electrical wires, just like our brains,” I said, “except that when his metal and plastic and electrical wires were put together, they turned into a totally different kind of machine. Instead of being a toaster, Bud’s metal and plastic and electrical wires turn into a hair dryer.” I swear I heard gasps as I continued on. “Now, there’s nothing wrong with a hair dryer, right? Hair dryers are great! There are some things hair dryers are really good for. There are some things a hair dryer can do even better than a toaster. But it is really, really hard to make toast with a hair dryer.” They laughed again, and nodded, and they totally, completely got it.

“So, in our pretend world,” I said, “even though Bud has a perfectly wonderful hair dryer brain, it’s going to be hard for him, because we toaster-brained people have decided that the most important thing that people do in our world is make toast. And Bud probably can make toast with his hair dryer, right? But he’s going to have to work a lot harder to make toast with his hair-dryer brain than we will with our toaster brains. It will probably take him a lot longer to make his toast. And no matter how hard he works, his hair-dryer toast will probably always look different from our toaster toast.” The room filled with murmurs of understanding.

“But, on the other hand,” I said, “think about this: When we toaster-brain people have wet hair, we are really going to hope that Bud and his hair-dryer brain are around.”

Nathan piped in. “Because we could get zapped if we tried to use our toasters!”

“Exactly,” I continued. “And the same thing is true in the real world with our real brains, that are made of tissue and neurons and grey matter and, uh…”

“And important stuff,” offered Travis.

“Yeah, and important stuff,” I said. “Because for most of us, when that important stuff gets put together, we have a certain type of brain. And we have created a society that says the most important things are the things that most of our brains are really good at—things like talking and communicating with people, making friends and spending time with people, doing lots of different kinds of things, having lots of different kinds of interests, and trying new things. Because our brains are really good at those things, we try to spend most of our time doing them. But those are all things that, because of his autism, Bud’s brain has a really hard time doing. Language is difficult for him and he doesn’t talk the same way as other people. Being social and knowing how to interact with people is difficult. Changing his routine and trying new things is difficult.”

The classroom resonated with affirmation. Bud’s classmates knew exactly what I was talking about. They knew, without me explaining any further, what kinds of behaviors I was talking about. I could see the understanding in their faces. “But, do you remember,” I asked, “how
there were some things that the hair-dryer brains could do better than the toaster brains? There are also things that Bud's brain is really good at doing. There are things that his brain can do better than a lot of our brains can do. I bet you can guess what some of those things are. Can you?"

Hands flew up all over the room, and without my prompting they recreated the list I had written in the notes in front of me.

“He’s really great on the computer. He’s better at it than lots of people.”

“He has great hearing.”

“He can remember lots and lots of things.”

“He can remember all the words to TV shows.”

“And he can remember the words to songs.”

“He’s very musical.”

“He’s a great speller, too,” I added. “Once he learns a word, he usually remembers how to spell it.”

“If I had a brain like that,” said Nathan. “I’d read the whole dictionary and learn all the words.”

“That would be a great thing to do,” I said. “And it reminds me that Bud is also a really good reader.”

Molly raised her hand. “And he has a great sense of humor, too.”

“He does have a great sense of humor,” I said. “And that’s one of the ways that his brain is a lot like other people’s. What are some of the other ways that Bud is just like everyone else?”

Again, the hands flew up.

“He can see just like everyone else.”

“He looks just like everyone else.”

“He’s human.”

“Yes! He’s human,” I said, “which means he has all the same feelings that everyone else does. And he loves the people in his life. And he likes to play and have fun. He likes to laugh, he likes to swim, and he likes to eat pizza. In lots of ways, Bud is just a regular kid.”

I looked around the room at the smiling faces of Bud’s classmates—his friends, with their toaster-brains firing. My make-or-break analogy had not been lame. We were off. ■
An Educational Adventure in Finland

Professor Ben Steele Offers a Student an Uncommon Opportunity
Researching Finland’s Common Eider

by Kate Dunlop Seamans
Photos by, and courtesy of, Colby Chase ’11

Off the southernmost tip of Finland, scattered like breadcrumbs before hungry ducks by a giant’s hand, are islands of all sizes, some large enough to support stands of evergreens, others just rocky mounds poking out of the Baltic Sea. In this land of water and forests, one Finnish creation myth says that the world was formed out of a waterfowl’s egg exploding, with the upper half ascending to form the sky.

Last summer, Finland’s waterfowl—specifically, the sea duck known as the Common Eider—helped create a whole new world of research and science for Colby Chase ’11, a biology major from North Berwick, Maine. And there was even an explosion involved—the volcanic kind.

Like the island-breadcrumbs, the courses Colby took on campus led him directly to Finland, though he couldn’t have imagined landing there when he was a first-year student back in Professor Nick Baer’s ecology class, or in Professor Bill Thomas’s BIO 106 course, The Chemical and Cellular Basis of Life, or later in Professor Linas Kalvaitis’s course on animal behavior, or even in the course he took on terrestrial ecology as a junior.

From May–June, 2010, Colby lived and worked at the Tvärminne Zoological Station, located about 62 miles southwest of Helsinki. His mission: to study the factors affecting incubation constancy in the Common Eider. He was a long way from home, but the landscape was similar enough to the Maine coast to set him at ease, and he wasn’t alone. He was there at the invitation of Colby-Sawyer’s own Professor of Natural Sciences Ben Steele, who had taught Colby in his terrestrial ecology course.

“I felt like a scientist. It felt pretty cool, you know, doing all the research. It came down to all my hard work finally coming together.”
A Proposal

For seven years, Professor Steele has flown across the sea to take part in a Novia University research project on the Common Eider. Professor Steele earned his B.S. from Harvard, M.S. from Utah State, and Ph.D. from Dartmouth College. At Colby-Sawyer he teaches courses in animal behavior and environmental studies, ecology and evolution, and he studies the Common Eider’s social behaviors, especially its counter-Darwinian habit of joint care of the young.

When Colby took Professor Steele’s terrestrial ecology course in the fall of 2009, his ecological interests stood out in a group of biology majors who tended to focus on the molecular side of things. As the semester wound down and the biology majors started thinking about their senior research projects, Professor Steele asked Colby if he’d like to branch off from the existing Common Eider projects, come up with one of his own, and put his hypotheses to the test in Finland. Colby said, “Absolutely.” His parents told him if he could scrape up the airfare, he should take this once in a lifetime opportunity. He did.

Working last spring with Professor Bill Thomas in BIO 351, Research Design, Colby designed a research proposal to study factors affecting incubation constancy in the Common Eider. The female does not feed during the incubational period, leaving the nest only to drink water. Every time she is away, the eggs are at risk from predators. Colby planned to place programmable data loggers (HOBOs) in the nests of female Common Eiders to record nest temperature every two minutes throughout the incubation period. He theorized that the temperature would fall when the female left the nest for a break, providing enough information to indicate how frequently and for how long the female recessed. He would then be able to track how the incubational behaviors affected the number of safe hatchings. Colby predicted that older, more experienced females with higher fat reserves would be more attentive to the nest, and that they would stay on covered nests at night and during precipitation. He also hypothesized that females would spend less time on the nest as the hatching date approached. With a research plan and projected budget, the proposal was articulate and professional.

“A lot of my ability to write like that came from BIO 106 with Bill Thomas when I was a freshman,” says Colby. “I remember writing these labs that I thought were just ridiculous at the time, like 10- or 11-page papers on microscopes. And rewriting it and rewriting it and rewriting it. His constant pushing made it better and made me realize what the expectations are, and how I should write something like this. I probably rewrote the proposal eight times under Ben’s and Bill’s guidance. Bill’s research
design class met once a week and every week he gave me back the proposal to fix. I know the thing by heart.”

From Classroom to Research Station

“In terms of the experience for students,” says Professor Steele, “working on a large research project with a whole bunch of people doing different things is really valuable in order to see what research is all about and what people do in science in terms of ideas and careers. The group Colby and I were working with in Finland had two post-doctorates and one graduate student plus three other field assistants and the project investigator, so there were nine of us doing different parts of the project but working together as a team. That’s really the advantage for students, and that’s what got me interested as a student in doing science—being involved in a research project.”

Professor Steele says Colby was a natural choice for the research project with his enthusiasm for ecology and an innate flexibility which would likely help him adjust to the challenges of travel, living in a different country, and eating fish and ham for breakfast. “I knew he was sharp enough to do the project, and I thought he might be influenced enough by this to have it affect his career plans,” says Professor Steele. “He’s a good student and he’s conscientious.”

Professor Steele’s faith in Colby’s ability to adapt was put to the test even before Colby set foot in Finland. As Colby packed his binoculars, lots of warm clothes, and plenty of favorite snack foods, clouds of ash from an erupting Icelandic volcano disrupted European aviation and closed airspaces as far south as Morocco. Though it was touch and go, Colby’s plane took off, only to be grounded in Iceland itself.

“Iceland Air dropped us off at this northern airport in the middle of a huge valley,” says Colby. “It was a five-hour bus ride down to Reykjavik in the fog and rain, plus it was freezing. The hotel was nice, but it wasn’t very much fun.”

What he didn’t know was that Professor Steele, already in Finland for a month to analyze previously collected data, had reserved the heavily booked car at the research station and driven an hour and a half to the airport to pick him up. After waiting three hours, word finally came that Colby’s flight had been cancelled. There was no obvious way to contact him to find out when he was coming. It meant that, when he arrived in Helsinki the next day, he had to figure out what bus to take into the city, how to get to the train, and where to change trains.

“After travelling for 18 hours it’s nice to have someone meet you instead of having to figure it all out in a country where you don’t speak the language, but Colby seemed to handle that very smoothly,” says Professor Steele.

Colby and his colleagues would go back for the hatching and get there before the mother could take them to the water so they could catch and tag them.

A Bird in the Hand…

Settled into the dormitory-style housing provided at the zoological station, Colby joined the research team and got down to business. The only undergraduate student there, he was sharp enough to do the project, figure it out. ‘There was help when I needed it, but I liked having to figure out what I was going to do, how to keep track of every HOBO that was out there. I felt like a scientist. It felt pretty cool, you know, doing all the research. It came down to my hard work finally coming together. Now I have about 30,000 data points to deal with.’

Colby had to be ready with an initialized HOBO set in case the team found eggs four to five days from hatching, record when and where it went in, and know what day to return to pick it up.

“We timed it so we’d go back for the hatching and get there before the mother could take them to the water so we could catch them and put tags on their heads,” says Colby.

He discovered his data collection system, created on campus, was actually quite variable—looking at the temperature changes, he found it hard to know if the female had left the nest for a break or had simply nudged the HOBO to the outside of the egg circle, or if the thick eider down had accumulated to insulate the device. He monitored 28 nests with his ten HOBOs, had video cameras to confirm when the females were away.

“They kind of took me under their wing and showed me the ropes,” says Colby. “They kind of took me under their wing and showed me around. The amount of data they were collecting was unreal. We’d start at about 8:30 in the morning, take the boats and spread out on the islands a couple miles out to sea, and walk through the woods until we saw a duck. Most of the males had migrated by then, and while some females will nest on open islands, making them easy to find, some prefer the forest where they blend in really well. We’d have to try to reach in and grab them before they could fly away.”

Once a bird was captured, it was all hands on deck. The females were weighed, blood and feces samples were taken, along with the bird’s pulse; the wing bar was measured and the eggs were counted, weighed and floated—if an egg stayed at the bottom of a bucket of water, it was in the early stages of incubation; if it floated to the top it was close to hatching. Wing flags and leg bands were added before the birds were released.

“After travelling for 18 hours it’s nice to have someone meet you instead of having to figure it all out in a country where you don’t speak the language, but Colby seemed to handle that very smoothly,” says Professor Steele.

Colby had to be ready with an initialized HOBO set in case the team found eggs four to five days from hatching, record when and where it went in, and know what day to return to pick it up.

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“It was hands on all the time, and it was really nice being out in the field. I liked the independence of being told, ‘This is your project, figure it out.’ There was help when I needed it, but I liked having to figure out what I was going to do, how to keep track of every HOBO that was out there. I felt like a scientist. It felt pretty cool, you know, doing all the research. It came down to my hard work finally coming together. Now I have about 30,000 data points to deal with.’"
Number Crunching

Almost a full semester ahead of his fellow senior biology majors because he collected so much data over the summer, Colby got a jumpstart on his Capstone Project this fall by wrestling with those data points and analyzing their significance in BIO 486, Senior Research I. In the spring he will finish looking at his full data set in Senior Research II and be able to draw scientific conclusions, write a report and prepare a presentation for Scholars Day.

A few facets of his research experience will be difficult, if not impossible, to quantify for that final report, though. “To spend that much time with a professor off campus, working in the field at a real zoological station—it was amazing. I kind of thought going over there it would be ducks all the time, you know—bird, birds, birds. But it wasn’t, and I was very relaxed. Being in Finland was a totally different experience. Just knowing I was halfway around the world in a different country, it was kind of like a new start. Almost everyone was speaking Finnish and Swedish and I was like, oh, cool, I don’t know what you’re saying, no idea. I think I was more cautious, too. I didn’t know what to expect, so I kind of took a step back and found my place before I jumped in.”

“We got so that we worked very quickly, very efficiently, together so we got things done,” says Professor Steele. “We meshed really well. And part of the value for him is to see how much fun people have doing this sort of work. The people we worked with marking the ducks and collecting samples, they’re always joking around and laughing, having a great time. I was really glad to be able to give him the opportunity to do this project.”

Colby’s research experience in Finland is another step on his way to a career in science, to a life influenced by Colby-Sawyer professors who know him and his strengths. Yet, Colby is also shaped by his own ambition and initiative to follow the bread crumbs wherever they lead him.

When Colby thinks back to his month in Finland, he has a clear memory of being alone on an island, laden with scopes and equipment to tape record the female ducks. “It was a beautiful, sunny day and I was on this huge cliff looking out over the Baltic Sea with islands scattered in the foreground, and it was 70 degrees instead of 40. I was in a T-shirt for the first time. I was there for a couple hours, and it was great, just beautiful. I don’t think I had a bad day there.”

So what happens after graduation in May? That’s the million-dollar question, says Colby, who came to Colby-Sawyer as a pre-med student but found a new direction in the ecological side of biology. Now he is considering pursuing marine biology studies in graduate school, and he has the whole world to explore.

Why Study the Common Eider, Professor Steele?

“The Common Eider is a good species to answer questions about behavior because they are semi-cooperative in the breeding—females join together to take care of ducklings rather than just by themselves, but only some of them do it, which makes it even more interesting. Another reason is that a lot of them nest on these islands that are two miles from the field station and easily accessible by boat. It’s a fairly safe, self-contained population, so birds come back year after year, making it a system you can study pretty well. And they’re long lived, so you get to study a bird’s history over several years.

My Ph.D. research and the work I’ve done since then has been with warblers and other song birds in the forests of New Hampshire. Here, you walk around the woods hearing them and trying to find them in the top of a tree while the black flies are biting you and you’re trying to read a colored leg band on tiny bird legs with binoculars and spending maybe half a day finding one nest. So it’s the difference between that and being on the ocean and able to identify a bird a mile away, where you can walk around an island and find 30 nests in an hour.

Another advantage is that there’s no tide in the Baltic. You can just tie the boat on the edge of the island and you don’t have to worry about being able to get back to the boat, or the tide going out and the boat being stuck way up on the rocks, or about currents. The islands are all quite close, as opposed to places in Maine where you have to worry about the weather more. The site in Finland is protected. It’s a spectacular area.”
She IS the Boss

In a male-dominated business, Jennifer DuBose Lombard ‘92 proves her mettle.

by Mike Gregory photos by David Joel

n the early days of Lizzy Lift, the Chicago-area company started by Jennifer DuBose Lombard ‘92 with her sister Elizabeth, it wasn’t unusual for a customer to call and say, “Honey, can I talk to your boss?” Jennifer’s response was always the same: “I am the boss.” As the president of a woman-owned business dealing in the predominantly male world of material handling equipment—think forklifts and cranes—she admits that being taken seriously by some customers was initially difficult. “They would discount what I knew,” says Jennifer, who grew up riding forklifts at her father’s equipment rental business. “They’d say, ‘Well, they don’t make that kind of equipment.’ I’d have to school them and say, ‘Well, yes they do. I own four of them.’” Twelve years after its founding, Lizzy Lift has overcome that initial skepticism, building a loyal customer base and a solid reputation in the industry.

Originally from Oak Brook, Illinois, Jennifer came to Colby-Sawyer College after attending a boarding school in Wisconsin, where she had discovered an appreciation for studying in a smaller, intimate setting. Graduating from Colby-Sawyer with a business degree, Jennifer spent time in Colorado as a self-proclaimed ski bum (“I had to get that out of my system!”) before returning to Illinois to work as a sales agent for her father’s company. In that position she frequently dealt with contractors who needed to use women-owned businesses (WBEs) to satisfy state regulations. “It was a problem trying to find a WBE,” says Jennifer. Encouraged by her clients and sensing a market opportunity, the budding entrepreneur teamed up with her sister and in 1998 Lizzy Lift was born.

Starting in a bedroom in Elizabeth’s house, then moving to the basement, and finally to warehouse space in the Chicago suburb of Franklin Park, Lizzy Lift has managed to carve out a niche in a $1 billion industry filled with big names and many players. That niche, though, is not the one that initially formed the impetus for the company. Since its inception, Jennifer explains, her company has been used solely for its WBE status perhaps only a dozen times. “Our business just kind of grew in a different way,” she says. “I had a couple of clients who traveled and felt like they were getting taken advantage of financially as far as renting equipment. In Chicago, they might pay $900 per month for a 5,000 pound forklift. But when they went to Colorado they were paying $1,500. They asked me, ‘Is there any way you can help us? Our costs are out of control when we do projects out of state.’” After successfully tracking down fairly priced equipment for these clients, Jennifer realized there had to be other people needing this sort of help.

Now Lizzy Lift specializes in locating equipment locally, nationally, and even internationally for clients seeking equipment or services as far away as England, Brazil and Jamaica. “We started with just forklifts and scissor lifts,” says Jennifer. “Now we do cranes, dumpsters, fuel services—basically, if it’s not nailed down and we can rent it, we do.” Unlike most rental companies, Lizzy Lift owns only about one percent of the equipment they provide. They have about 25 pieces strategically placed around the country in Chicago, Memphis, Atlanta and New Jersey, but most of the time they are using their contacts, a database built over the past dozen years, to find the things their clients need. “We don’t have a lot of overhead,” Jennifer says, which has been one of the keys to her company’s success, and has helped her company weather the current economic climate.

Lizzy Lift was featured on the cover of an industry magazine in 2007 as part of a story on the growing role for
women in what had traditionally been a male environment. So, are there differences in how a woman-run company might operate? “Women tend to take the extra step,” says Jennifer, “and we’re more detail oriented.” She explains that Lizzy Lift prides itself on being a full-service company, providing customers with whatever they need. “The best compliment I’ve gotten from one of my clients is, ‘I know you’re not just sitting around waiting for me to call and give you an order or have a problem, but when I call your office I always feel like you’re waiting for me personally. You always take care of me right away.’”

Given that the company was started by two sisters who learned the business from their father, it’s not surprising when Jennifer describes Lizzy Lift as “like a family.” As co-owners, Jennifer holds the title of president while Elizabeth is secretary and treasurer. Though the business is ostensibly named for her sister, Jennifer explains that she herself suggested the name. “It’s something people won’t forget. They’ll know it’s a woman-owned company, it sort of says what is. And that’s half the battle —make someone remember your company name to use you again.” While Jennifer is more hands-on with the customers, taking sales calls and handling rentals, Elizabeth deals with the accounting, an arrangement that suits the sisters perfectly.

There are currently seven employees, down from a high of 13 a few years ago, when the economic meltdown forced a round of layoffs. During the first ten years of the company, every employee was a woman. “It wasn’t on purpose,” Jennifer insists. “No men ever applied!” When two men did apply and were hired, they each lasted about four months. “We have a unique group of women with very strong personalities,” she laughs. “You kind of have to be tough because of the industry and people you’re dealing with.” Finally, two years ago, Jennifer hired a man with whom she had worked at her father’s company, and he has successfully fit into the Lizzy Lift family.

As for her father, Jennifer laughs when she says that sometimes she finds herself competing with him for the same clients. That’s not typical, however. “For the most part we try to help each other out,” she says. “He’s usually my first call if we need something in the Chicago area.”

Jennifer acknowledges that the rental business has been hit hard by the economic downturn. In 2009 the industry, whose lifeblood is construction, had a difficult year, and she routinely heard reports of profits down 35 to 40 percent. “The rental business is going through a huge change right now,” she says. “Everyone is just driving down price to keep clientele, to keep cash flow going. There have been quite a few Chapter 11s and restructurings. It’s scary.” Happily, Jennifer sees positive signs of growth, and her company had a much better year in 2010 than the year before. She is determinedly optimistic about the future. “Because we’re nimble enough, we’ll persevere. I think we’re going to be fine. There will be times of slimmer margins and times we’re able to make more profit.”

When asked what advice she might give a young entrepreneur, Jennifer doesn’t hesitate. “Failure is not an option,” she insists, sounding very much the embodiment of Midwestern plain-spokenness. “When you start your own business, you might have to tweak it a million times. We tried a lot of different angles to find clients. When I found a certain niche that worked for me, and clients that liked our services, I just monopolized it.”

In an industry that is as macho as they come, Jennifer DuBose Lombard is proving that all it takes to shatter the glass ceiling is a woman with a forklift.
Hope and Survival:
The Anne Baynes Hall ’67 Tree Nursery and Organic Garden
by Kate Dunlop Seamans

Soon after this magazine lands in your hands, which may have recently gripped a snow shovel, the seed catalogs will start to arrive. They will come if you have ever so much as thought of planting “just a few” tomato plants, their pages full of the usual and the unusual—purple carrots, anyone? It is possible that, like your alma mater, you occupy a space that is cold and white this time of year. It is possible that, holidays behind you and spring still far ahead, you will soon sit by a fire and allow yourself to open the catalogs and dream of growing green things. Whether your garden last year was a few pea plants in pots or a half acre whose legacy sits canned, frozen and dried not far from where you’re reading, cold days are when you begin pondering what to do when the weather warms.

To think about a garden, no matter the time of year, is to think of the future. To plant something is an endeavor of hope and a story of survival, because no one knows for sure when you bury a little seed what will happen. Gardens are gifts that are born in the imagination and grow under the watchful care of benefactors who keep one eye on the weather and the other on invaders of both plant and animal varieties.

If you had visited Colby-Sawyer on a sunny day in early September, you would have seen more than a hundred tiny trees flourishing in the debut of the Anne Baynes Hall ’67 Seedling Nursery and Organic Garden. Between the trees basil plants grew large and fragrant, while nearby rows of lettuces marched in place, eggplants hung heavy and ripe; tasty little Sun Gold cherry tomatoes begged to be tasted; and cabbages, wrapped up tight, napped while peppers baked in the sunshine. Visible from Main Street and half-framed by the L-shaped space between the Colby Homestead and the Susan Colgate Cleveland Library/Learning Center, the three plots of tilled land were evidence of a gift that turned tiny seeds of hope into thriving gardens.

In mid-May, Jamie Trombley ’11 planted the first seedlings in the nursery.

For Colby-Sawyer’s Students, For Colby-Sawyer’s Future

In recent years, faculty members based in the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center have planted trees on campus to celebrate Earth Day and to honor the graduates of the Natural Science and Environmental Studies programs. Professor of Natural Sciences Nick Baer wished to expand the project to include annually planting a tree to honor graduates from each of the college’s academic departments. Instead of purchasing trees mature enough to be set out, he envisioned a seedling nursery where students could plant native species in their first year and then as seniors transplant trees to locations on campus.

When Advancement Officer Beth Camp ’92 read Professor Baer’s grant proposal, she knew just who would be interested in donating funds to get such a project off the ground—or into the ground, as the case may be.

Anne Baynes Hall ’67, of Bow, N.H., grew up on a 200-acre gentleman’s farm in southern New Jersey.
where her mother canned the vegetables of her father’s labors. She graduated from Colby Junior College with a liberal arts degree and a deep affection for the school, as is evidenced by her tireless service to the college. A former trustee, former head of the Alumni Association, dedicated member of the President’s Alumni Advisory Council, and an active contributor to the Colby-Sawyer Fund, Anne has supported several immediate priorities of the school and even founded the Anne Baynes Hall Environmental Scholarship to help students afford field studies courses in the Environmental Studies Department that have a travel component. When she heard about the seedling nursery, she thought it sounded perfect.

“The trees grown in the nursery will be planted around campus, replacing the invasive species that are there now,” explains Anne. “Students will be learning in the process; from the get-go they’ve been involved with this project, which I like. From the very moment I learned about the Environmental Studies major I thought, that is the way to go. We’ve got to sustain our planet, we’ve got to survive. Supporting this nursery is a way I can help. I figure every little bit helps. Hopefully it will affect a lot of people and the campus.”

Anne’s hope has already been realized. More and more people on campus heard about the project and got involved, and more plans are in the works. After Anne committed to the seedling nursery, the location was chosen, and it is more perfect than at first realized. On that September day, pointing to the stone wall that borders one side, Professor of Environmental Studies Leon-C. Malan said, “If you look at the landscape, with this stone wall here and the set of steps coming from the old [Colby Homestead]—the stone wall has lots of little rocks, all the rocks that came out of the old garden. It’s a functional space. The garden is now where a garden used to be.”

By the end of July, the organic garden was providing a variety of vegetables to the campus community. Using an organic gardening technique called companion planting, marigolds in the garden helped protect tomatoes and potatoes from nematodes in the soil and kept Mexican bean beetles, squash bugs, thrips, tomato hornworms and whiteflies at bay.

In early June, with the seedlings tucked in and plenty of room left over, the young trees were joined by transplants of vegetable plants as the vision of the land’s use expanded.
Seedlings of Reality

Perfect location or no, a nursery doesn’t grow without a designated caretaker, and the idea of a summer internship supervised by Professor Malan became another facet of the seedling nursery project. Jamie Trombley ‘11, an Environmental Studies major who lives in New London, heard about the opportunity and signed on. And, like any project, from one good idea grew another and then another.

The college’s Facilities Department helped remove turf and rototill the earth, which was as hard as concrete. They opened up one plot for the seedlings and then two more to grow buckwheat and rye, which would be tilled back into the ground as enriching organic matter and to create room for future seedlings. At the state nursery in Boscawen, Jamie and Professor Malan selected native species such as plum, white oak, red pine, northern white cedar, silky dogwood, eastern larch and wild raisin for the nursery. After planting, there was still plenty of room, so Professor Malan’s extra squash, cucumber, broccoli and other seeds were planted alongside the tiny trees. Though Jamie, a vegan, had helped out at home with her mother’s organic garden and on a nearby farm, she says she didn’t have a lot of gardening experience before the summer and came to appreciate vegetables—and the work it takes to grow them—a great deal more.

A dry summer made watering the nursery and garden a top priority, but a town water ban meant Jamie had to draw water and drag it to the garden either before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m. In between, there was plenty of weeding to do. The gift of drip irrigation equipment from Pamela Sanborn, fitness center coordinator at the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center, saved water and time. All the effort paid off and by mid-summer a new tradition was forming on campus: Free Veggie Fridays, when Jamie would harvest whatever was ready and offer it in the Thornton Living Room in Colgate Hall to anyone interested. People got into the habit of coming around for fresh veggies, and next year Professor Malan would like to see a recipe exchange accompany the give-away.

While the vegetables grew fast and tall, the seedlings grew, too. Tiny wisps when planted, by September they were large enough to make Anne gasp in delight when she saw them again. “They just grew so well, it’s amazing; they’ve grown tremendously,” Professor Malan told her. “We were a little worried the deer might be attracted to the white oaks; if they nip the leader we lose the tree, but I put a bit of shade cover over them to protect them.”

While honey bees reported for duty, gathering pollen from late blossoms and helping to pollinate, Professor Malan pointed to the dogwoods, some already nearly big enough to transplant. “Initially we thought we’d be on a two-year rotation of planting and transplanting, but [Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies] Laura Alexander and I came to have a look and some of them we’ll be able to take out sooner,” he said. “The conifers we’ll leave in longer, but the dogwoods we can probably put out in the spring. There are some dogwoods on campus already—they do well here, and they have berries, so they provide wildlife benefits, especially for migrating birds. With the two additional plots we’ve done an interesting experiment to break up the soil and add organic material. The buckwheat will not survive under the snow; it will fall down and we will till it in come spring. The winter rye will survive, and it will grow pretty big, and we’ll incorporate it into the soil. The buckwheat added another facet we never planned, but there’s a student doing a honey bee project, and at one point, when the buckwheat was flowering, it looked just beautiful from the road and it was full of bees.”

Eventually, Professor Malan would like to make the nursery and garden area an official outdoor classroom with logs for seating. “We can teach students about seedling lots and veggies, but to bring them out here and show them, it’s a great connection,” says Professor Malan. “It was certainly a huge learning experience for Jamie. She thought she was a country girl but she learned a lot about veggies she had no idea about. I pushed her to try to make links. I’d ask, ‘If you say it’s hard work to look after the veggies, where do you think your food comes from? And who are the people doing the hard work? Are the veggies grown here, or in Arizona and California, where they suck water out of the Colorado River?’ So that’s the benefit of students’ involvement in a project like this. They start making the links, asking how the system really works. Jamie kept a daily log and also volunteered one day a week at Spring Ledge Farm, where she learned a lot.
It's not always nice work; sometimes you’re removing boulders from the field on a hot day. This was totally new for her, to do it herself. It isn’t so glorious, and you can’t forget about it for a week.”

In the spring, when the snow is gone and the mud has once again become soil and all of a sudden you realize you can go outside without bundling up, it’s then that one or two environmental studies classes will pick up their garden tools and carry on the work begun by a student who, by then, will be preparing to graduate. They’ll choose more seedlings, perhaps transplant those first dogwoods, and prepare the earth for another season of giving and growing and sustenance. Thanks to their ecology classes they’ll know what they are looking at, and they’ll know what to do because of the guidance of their professors. They’ll also have a place to put their classroom and lab knowledge to use, thanks to an alumna who has found ways to do what she can to affect her college and the world.

“The exciting part of this project is, we’re not doing this for us,” says Professor Malan. “There’s no way I’ll see these trees fully grown, but future students will. You start planting seeds and who knows what will happen?”

For what is a garden but a story of hope and survival?

Anne Baynes Hall ’67–
Her Second Chance Then Led to Providing New Opportunities Now

While visiting New London with her mother to interview at Colby Junior College, Anne learned that she had already been accepted.

Entering as a liberal arts student, Anne switched to Medical Technology her senior year, which meant she would be on campus for another year. An eye infection made the required reading difficult, and, when the doctor gave her medicine that contained the one thing to which she is allergic, it ate away at her eyes.

“I remember working in chemistry with tears just coming down my face and, long story short, I gave up that year and went home,” says Anne. “I ended up going to a secretarial school to learn typing and shorthand but decided I really wanted to come back to Colby if they’d have me. They took me back, and that’s what I appreciate, that they gave me a second chance.”

Anne’s younger sister followed her to New London, and when the college became a four-year institution, so did her brother, even though male students were not yet approved by trustees. “There were about six male students on campus when President [Louis C.] Vaccaro (1972–1978) was here,” Anne recalls. “My brother actually won the art prize the year he graduated, but his name and picture didn’t get into the yearbook because he was a man and he wasn’t supposed to be here. He was happy when the college finally went co-ed and he could come out of the closet, so to speak.”

Anne also credits the college with helping her find her professional home with the telephone company that grew into Verizon. She spent 36 years there, starting as a service representative, becoming a supervisor for the business office, and then switching to the dispatch center where she ended up holding every position at one time or another before retiring from the national staff for the dispatch centers.

Colby-Sawyer was never far from her mind, and when the library was being built she gave a study carousel in memory of her former husband’s grandparents and her father. In addition to her other gifts, she has also committed to supporting Windy Hill and has included the college in her will.

“I like to find ways I can afford to help out,” she says. “I’ve already made plans to include CSC in my will. I want my scholarship covered, and the seedling nursery, and whatever else may come into the picture before I leave this lovely earth. It’s a great example for students to see alumni who have a connection to a place, and for them to see the contribution and the caring. It’s appreciated. They know people are thinking about them and care about their future. I may be gone by the time these trees are fully grown, but I think students should see that alums do care and want the school to continue. Whatever way alums can help out is hopefully going to impress that on the students and help them realize the good education they’ve gotten. Everyone really should give back a little bit.”
When Mike Heffernan was a sophomore at Middlebury College in the early 1980s, he sat down with his girlfriend, Karin, to talk about what he wanted to do with his life. “She asked me what makes me happy,” Mike says, “and I told her, my family. I come from a big family with seven brothers and sisters, and I love when we get together. There are always dinners and potlucks and my mom’s cooking, and everything’s happening. Karin said, ‘Oh, food! Maybe that’s something that would interest you because food brings people together.’”
The memory of that exchange is vivid now, in 2011, as this year Mike celebrates both his 25th wedding anniversary with Karin and 25 years as the Dining Services manager for Colby-Sawyer College. Their long-ago conversation led Mike to seek a part-time job in Middlebury’s dining hall, a job he enjoyed and learned from. In his senior year, he did an internship with Middlebury’s Dining Services Director Gary Starr, who recommended that Mike look into working for SAGA, then one of the nation’s best food service companies. After graduation, he interviewed with SAGA (now called Sodexo), which soon led to full-time food service positions in Vermont and Massachusetts.

Along the way, Mike learned most facets of the food business, from washing dishes to preparing, cooking and serving food, and at age 24 he became dining hall manager at Chamberlayne Junior College in Boston. Two years later, when Mike was invited to interview at Colby-Sawyer College just days before his wedding, he jumped at the chance to return to the kind of rural environment that he and Karin had come to love as college students.

When Mike arrived on campus to start his new job in the summer of 1986, he was just back from his honeymoon out west and in Hawaii. The dining hall was hopping with Gordon Research conference and Elderhostel participants to feed, weddings on Saturdays and catering jobs in between. “We joked that the honeymoon was somewhat over,” he says. “We were booked. The college’s enrollment was about 350 then, and we were trying to utilize the place as much as possible.”

That fall, Mike met the students, all women then, who often showed up for breakfast in their pajamas. He made time to greet the students and get to know each one by name. “My strengths, I think, are in relationships,” he says. “With 350 students, I could get to know everyone, and I’ve always encouraged the staff to do the same.”

Mike’s goal of befriending every student is harder to achieve today, with an enrollment of more than 1,100 students and more office work to attend to than ever, but he hasn’t stopped trying. On a frigid day last December, with hundreds of hungry first-year students converging on the dining hall at once after their Pathway seminars, Mike placed himself near the long lines, smiling at, greeting, hugging and talking with students.

To add to the chaos, it was Local Focus Day, a new event in the dining hall at which nearby farmers and vendors hand out fresh apples and hot cider, soy milk shakes and roasted nuts, nacho chips and ice cream. Students even fed their scraps to two ravenous piglets in a pen.

Mike remained unfazed. “This is what I do,” he said, breaking into a big smile and throwing up his hands. “I try to make sure everyone’s okay.”

**A Home Away from Home**

While Mike would prefer to be “on the floor” in the dining hall, his position requires more office time now for juggling budgets and generally managing operations and personnel. He often just “gets out of the way” and lets the staff, whom
he fondly calls “foxholers,” run the show.

“I’ve been so blessed with a team of professionals that you’d want to take into battle with you,” Mike says. “At times, that’s what it’s like, but everybody works together, and no matter what, we get the meal out.” In recent years, the foxholers have waged behind-the-scenes battles during storm-induced power outages to deliver memorable meals by candlelight. “They’re miracle workers; the kind of people who get an adrenaline rush from stress and turn their nervous energy into something positive,” he adds.

Over the years, some dining hall staff members have risen to celebrity status on campus. Michie Bickford, who baked her special sticky buns and donuts for more than 30 years, set the standard for creating the “home away from home” environment for students that Mike strives for. “She really cared about our students,” he says, “and tried to make the dining hall feel as comfortable and welcoming as their kitchens at home.”

These days, Goldie Burroughs and Teresa “Momma T” Gallagher, as well as many other dining hall foxholers, treat students much like their own children. Momma T, who like Mike, has received the college’s coveted “Employee of the Year” award, often sings while bustling around the dining hall and gives special attention to students in times of need, driving them to airports and inviting them to her house for special homemade dinners. Baker Julie Alexander presides over the cookie-decorating table a few times a year, beaming as students coo over cookies she has made from her own mother’s recipes.

“Hopefully, over the years, our students have felt well cared for,” Mike says. “I think—hope—that’s what sets us apart. We’re a small and intimate enough college for our staff to have the chance to really get to know our students.”

The Eternal Optimist

In 25 years, Mike has had just four office managers, whose biggest job, he jokes, has been to manage him. In separate interviews, his previous office manager, Becky Bense, now the operations manager, and current manager, Niki Curtis, both described Mike as the nicest, most positive and optimistic person they’ve ever known.

“The food business can be stressful, but nothing shakes him up,” says Niki. “He does whatever needs to be done—washing the dishes, taking out the garbage, filling the milk. He’s hands-on all day, every day.”

Whenever Becky and Niki hit rough patches in their own lives, Mike quietly supports them, just as he does all of his staff. On the day Becky had to put her beloved dog down, she called in weeping to say she’d come home to find the toilet leaking into her basement. Soon after, Mike showed up at her house with ammonia and a mop to clean up the mess. When Niki feels anxious or down, she says, “Mike always finds a way to turn it right around.”

Truly, Mike’s greatest strengths are his personal skills and love of people, along with a devotion to students that transcends the dining hall. On many nights he returns to campus to watch students’ athletic competitions or attend art exhibitions and theatre and dance performances. The night before
Thanksgiving break he showed up at a women’s volleyball game simply because most community members had left town and he wanted “someone to be there to support the girls.”

Yet, Mike describes himself as both a people person and an introvert, one who both thrives on and is exhausted by constant social interaction. He regularly works out at the gym to build strength and release aggression, a regime that steels him against stress and the inevitable times when things go wrong.

The Same, but Different

Over the years, the dining hall has changed, for better and for worse. Decades ago students were excited when pizza or burgers appeared on the menu every other week; now these foods are served almost daily.

“The sheer volume and choices of meals has taken away some of the specialness of certain foods,” Mike admits. “The simple pleasures used to be embraced by everyone, and now that we’ve standardized this stuff, it’s no longer special. We look for more exotic ways to change the menus, but I find students still like the simple comfort foods—like macaroni and cheese—which warms them up when they come in from the breeze on the windy hill.”

In response to students’ requests and current trends, the dining hall offers more “made to order” meals, fresh fruit and other healthy choices, including locally sourced foods. “I’m happy to say there’s a move away from convenience foods, though students still want their chicken nuggets,” Mike notes.

The trend Mike finds most disconcerting is that while the dining hall stays open all day now, students spend less time there than ever. “These students, their pace of life is going so fast, they’re not slowing down to enjoy their meals and conversation,” he says. “I think the biggest problem for students regarding food and health is that they’re wolffing their food down and not taking time to digest it.”

At a time when many of his lifelong friends are in their fourth or fifth careers and wondering what to do next, Mike calls himself “the luckiest man in the world.” Each year he gets to meet amazing new students, and he feels deeply grateful to a college that honors his primary commitment to his family and treats him and his staff as partners who provide vital services for the community every day.

Still, Mike can’t help but notice that times are changing; it’s December and he’s still meeting students for the first time. “I apologize and say, ‘I should know you by now.’ We want to get to know people, and if students feel we don’t, that’s a loss,” he says.

Even as the college grows and changes, Mike and the dining hall staff want to know each and every student. And it seems that students, even those who graduated long ago, want to be known and remembered. This past fall alumna Erica Wells Leighton ’97 visited the dining hall with her two young sons after hearing that Mike was still here on campus. After Mike hugged her and said, “Great to see you, Erica!” she smiled and called out to her boys: “I told you he’d remember my name!”
Reunion is a time to “come home” to your alma mater and to reconnect with old friends, and this year was no exception. Colby-Sawyer welcomed more than 500 alumni and guests to campus from October 2–4 for the 2nd annual Alumni Fall Festival. The weekend was full of activities for alumni and friends of all ages to enjoy. There were faculty-led workshops, campus tours, alumni and varsity athletic matches, Reunion cocktail parties, and much, much more. We hope you enjoy these photographs from the Alumni Fall Festival 2010 weekend.
Saturday evening’s All-Alumni Gala Celebration featured a fabulous steak dinner prepared by alumnus Chris Kozlowski ’95, owner and head chef of The Orchard Street Chop Shop in Dover, N.H., and dancing to The Nines, featuring alumna Pati Woodburn Cloutier ’83.
On Saturday, members of the Classes of 1940, 1945, 1950 and 1955 enjoyed afternoon tea at the President’s House.

Class of 1960 – 50th Reunion
(back row, l to r) Patricia Striz Parriman, Sue Hillier Puffer, Nancy Willets Ardizone, Gretchen Polk Caines, Sally Kimball Campbell, Joyce Nichols Lewis, Jane Lundberg Scott, Susan Barto Monks, Elizabeth Foss Dinsmore, Marcia Goodale Macdonald, (front row, l to r) Toni Davis Randall, Ellen Cook Barnes, Judy Butler Shea, Patty Canby Colhoun, Barbara Swanson Smith, Julie Dougherty Egenberg, Hannah Caldwell Sowerwine. Missing from photo: Nancy Johnson Sandmann.

Class of 1965 – 45th Reunion
(l to r) Ann Hodgkinson Low, Susan Thomas Maloney, Linda Ford Marcotte, Susan Wells Ferrante and Lois Gilbert-Fulton.

Class of 1980 – 30th Reunion
Karen Huntley Freeman (l) and Mary Ellen Blatchford Walker.

Class of 1940 – 70th Reunion
Betty Thomas Densmore (l) and Jane Winey Heald.

Class of 2005 – 5th Reunion
(back row, l to r) Jonathan Emmons, Mark Kischko, Jessica Gillen Landon, Nicole Barletta, Karyn Hoepp ’06, Joe Jennings, Elizabeth “Libby” Bent, Jennifer Haagensen and Ellen Kirsch, (front row, l to r) Allison Kelly, Megan O’Rourke Kischko, Cheryl Oliveira, Kristin Boumival McDonald and Jacqueline Curtis Cook.
Class of 1950 – 60th Reunion (back row, l to r) Barbara Fetzer Herbert, Barbara “Bobbie” Bishop MacLean, Coralie Nash Liechti, Josephine Carlson Clark, Jeanne Marquis Williams, Betty Alden Parker, Jean Fuller Knowlton, (front row, l to r) Nancy Frost Smith, Ann Bernis Day, Martha Frey Allen, Phyllis Sanderson Scott and Susan Morrison Mayer.

Class of 1970 – 40th Reunion (back row, l to r) Valerie Turtle, Beth Constantinides Meurlin, Barbara Brinkerhoff Maver, Elizabeth Roland Hunter, Nancy Teach, Beatrice Korab Jackson, Ann Felton Severance, Gail Remick Hoage, Sarah Haskell, Ann Lozier Rohrborn ’71, (front row, l to r) Karen Dunnett, Lynn Winchester, Susan Pomerantz, Deborah Marcoux Deacetis, Martha Clark Faucher, Nancy Connolly Johnson and Jane Birnbaum.


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Ann Hoar Floyd ’61 was the deserving recipient of this year’s Alumni Service Award.

The annual alumni athletic matches were once again a huge success with former athletes returning to campus for soccer, baseball, rugby, tennis and swimming & diving.

Alumni Baseball (back row, l to r) Dan O’Brien ’08, Garrett Chambers ’03, Jon Nicholas ’07, Chris Smith ’10, Ryan Connolly ’08, Ryan Willey ’00, Justin Sakowitz ’08, Chris Hartley ’10, Andrew Wadeleigh ’08, Jason Howse, Jon Clay ’04, George Sylvester ’00, Coach Jim Broughton, Ryan Smith ’00, (front row, l to r) Kris Ramsay ’08, Tom White ’09, Shawn Herlihy ’01, Chris Ames ’05, Eric St. Onge ’99, Dan Woodman ’08, Kevin Donovan ’07, Chris Gaeta ’09 and Dan Stone ’08.

Alumni Tennis (l to r) Jen Wood ’05, Tamsen Bolte Snyder ’04, Ben Taylor ’09 and Jennifer LaChance ’10.

Men’s Alumni Soccer (back row, l to r) Ryan Fulgueras ’96, Nat Cole ’97, Julian Frey ’05, Joe Jennings ’05, Brett Saucy ’05, xx Tyler Davis ’03, Scott Macdonald ’05, Matt Wheel ’03, (front row, l to r) Pat Benson ’09, Jim Bullock ’09, Travis Dezotell ’97, Tom White ’05, Doug Slater ’07, Ryan Oldfield ’09, Colin Belleavage ’09 and Tony Soto ’08.

Alumni Rugby (back row, l to r) Brittni Stewart ’07, Chuck Mayer ’06, Josh Dancault, Al Axelsen ’09, Coach Chris Reed, JP Santeski ’00, Peter Mailloux ’06, Cam Sardelli ’10, Christoph Gueret ’09, (front row, l to r) Megan Cardwell ’07, Cheryl Oliveira ’05, Maddie Daigleish ’08 and Mary Lougee Lambert ’04.

Women’s Alumni Soccer (back row, l to r) Katie Josephs Flint ’97, Michelle Brown Kinney ’95, Mallory Blair ’08, Phoebe Wolcott-MacCausland ’08, (front row, l to r) Heather Barber ’99, Abbie Morse ’10 and Eileen Enadyke ’10.

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Professor Jon Keenan led “Finding Your Way in Clay,” a workshop that provided alumni the opportunity to step back into the ceramics studio in the Sawyer Fine Arts Center.

Alumni Fall Festival 2011 is September 30–October 2

Alumni Fall Festival 2011 will take place from Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2. Be sure to mark your calendar and join in the fun as we celebrate Colby-Sawyer’s past and embrace its future!
The colorful harbor of Portofino, the local markets of Florence, the beautiful Tuscan countryside, and the romantic city of Venice—those were just a few of the sights enjoyed by Colby-Sawyer travelers as they embarked on a 12-day tour in November to savor the art, food and wine of magnificent Italy.

Italy’s Treasures was the inaugural trip of Colby-Sawyer’s newly revamped Alumni Travel Program. The program is designed to provide enriching cultural opportunities, to enhance lifelong education, and to provide powerful shared experiences among alumni and friends.

Fifteen travelers, including President Tom Galligan and his wife, Susan, alumni, family and members of the college’s community-based program, Adventures in Learning, comprised the group on the tour, and this made for an intimate and thoroughly enjoyable travel experience. The trip provided lasting memories, lessons in Italy’s rich history and culture, and an abundance of fine Italian cuisine—all with plenty of Colby-Sawyer camaraderie!
“There is only one Venice and the city charms me. If you have been there, you know. It is a city of water, islands, bridges, towers, churches, restaurants, glass, lace and art, art, art. Venice assaults the senses, the spirit and the mind.”

–Excerpt from President Galligan’s blog, Postcards from Italy

President Galligan tries his hand at making pici pasta!

Linda Marshall Dygert ’65 models a beautiful coat during a visit to an Italian leather factory.

“Our group of travelers ranges in age, but everyone has participated in everything from climbing many, many steps, to racing for trains and buses, to sitting back to enjoy a cappuccino.”

–Excerpt from President Galligan’s blog, Postcards from Italy
“One of the benefits of traveling is learning about the world. That is what this alumni trip is all about: lifelong learning. That is what Adventures in Learning at Colby-Sawyer is all about, too. Our time with the students in Florence was all about learning, even if the learners might have been at different chronological points in their lives.”

–Excerpt from President Galligan’s blog, Postcards from Italy
“One of our three pairs of sisters, we learned, last traveled for an extended time together in 1956 after the younger graduated from “Colby” and their family sent them to Europe on a grand tour.”

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In Florence, travelers had the opportunity to meet Colby-Sawyer Professor Chris La Barbera, as well as current students who were studying in Florence as part of the college’s Global Beginnings Program. Here, Professor La Barbera (center) shows the group some of the local sights.
“In the Cinque Terre, if you are willing to climb a few hundred steps, you can see the world. The views explain why the ancient peoples of the Mediterranean decided to set sail to see the world—the water seems endless and you can’t help but wonder what might be out there.”

– Excerpt from President Galligan’s blog, Postcards from Italy

To read President Galligan’s Postcards from Italy blog in its entirety, please visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/currents/alumnitripitaly.html.

Be sure to join us for our trip to Mexico with Professor Randy Hanson in June (see inside back cover), and stay tuned for future opportunities to travel with Colby-Sawyer College faculty, staff and fellow alumni.
**FALL 2010**

**Women's Tennis**  
(11–5; 7–4 TCCC)  

The Chargers, who entered the 2010 season as the defending The Commonwealth Coast Champions (TCCC), reached the conference semifinals for the fifth consecutive season, and they recorded at least 10 or more victories for the 17th time in the history of the program. The team finished the year with a combined doubles record of 27–21 (.562) and a singles record of 47–41 (.534). In addition to the team accomplishments, four Chargers earned individual awards for their outstanding play. Sophomore Claire Toffey (Barnstable, Mass.) and first year whiz Liz Lincoln (Plymouth, Mass.) were named to the All-TCCC First Team Doubles. Toffey and Lincoln finished 9–2 in TCCC play as the Chargers' number one doubles team. Lincoln also was named All-TCCC Second Team Singles, finishing the year 7–2 in TCCC singles play. Senior Carolyn Drake (Great River, N.Y.) and first-year player Stephanie Carlsson (Kungsangen, Sweden) were named TCCC Honorable Mention for their doubles play. Drake and Carlsson finished the season 8–2 in TCCC matches. Drake also received an Honorable Mention nod for singles, finishing 6–3 in conference singles action.

**Women’s Soccer**  
(5–12–2, 4–8–1 TCCC)  

The 2010 women’s soccer team featured seven first-year players, 11 sophomores, six juniors and only three seniors. Although the team struggled to notch many wins, there was promising play from this young group that will pay off down the road. The Chargers recorded five shutouts on the season. Sophomore goalie Shalyn Spencer (Natick, Mass.) had four of them, and junior Allie Piper (Barre, Vt.) had one. Piper lowered her career goals against average to .97, which moved her into third place on the all-time list. Spencer also lowered her career goals against average to 1.33, which ranks her fifth all-time in school history. Senior Katherine Lee (Clinton, N.Y.) earned the TCCC Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. Lee is the second Charger to win the award after Elise Kapp '09 who was honored in 2008. Lee was second on the team this year with seven points and led the team with three assists. Adrienne Bender (Wakefield, R.I.) had a team-high four goals and nine points in her first season with the Chargers.

**Men’s Soccer**  
(7–10–3, 6–4–3 TCCC)  

The Colby-Sawyer College men’s soccer team, which featured 15 first-year players, made it back to the TCCC tournament after a one year hiatus. Colby-Sawyer has reached the postseason in 15 out of 16 years in the league. Once again, the Chargers played a tough schedule with several NCAA tournament participants and ranked opponents. Nevertheless, the team recorded seven victories and three ties in 2010. Six of the seven wins came via the shutout and two of the ties were also clean sheets. Junior Will Berry (Berlin, Vt.) was the net minder in all eight of the contests, setting a new school record for shutouts in a season. Berry also moved up in the ranks of Colby-Sawyer’s all-time great goalkeepers. He currently ranks sixth in saves (193), seventh in wins (12), and fourth in goals against average (1.53). Junior Co-Captain Derek Veilleux (Winslow, Maine) had a breakout
season for the Chargers. He led the team in goals (4), assists (5) and points (13). For his efforts, Derek earned All-TCCC Honorable Mention accolades. Freshman Joe Soojian (Leicester, Mass.) contributed three goals in his first campaign as a Charger. He took just six shots on the season, but made his three goals count as they were all game winners.

Cross Country (Individual Results)

In just its second season as a varsity sport, the men’s and women’s cross country team is making strides to compete for a conference title immediately. Head Coach Wilson Perez was highly pleased with the progress the team made from the beginning of 2009 to the end of the 2010 season. The women’s team was led by a core of eight first-year runners, along with the leadership and experience of four juniors and a senior. First-year student Emily Davis (Colchester, Vt.) paced the Chargers with two top-10 finishes, and she added a 33rd place out of 108 runners at the TCCC Invitational. Freshmen runners Melanie Lund (Kingston, Mass.) and Devin Rowe (Strafford, N.H.) also impressed as Lund had two top-20 finishes and Rowe finished in the top 40 four times. The men runners were led by the teams’ only upperclassman, junior Gage Bensley (Kittery Point, Maine). Bensley was the top Colby-Sawyer runner in all but one of the competitions. He finished 10th at the TCCC Invitational, which earned him All-TCCC honors. Second year runner Alex Fusco (North Reading, Mass.) was not able to compete in every race in 2010, but was able to finish a respectable 33rd at the TCCC Invitational.

Volleyball (20–15, 8–2 TCCC)

2010 marked the eighth consecutive season the Women’s Volleyball Team has reached the 20-win plateau. The season saw the greatest offensive and defensive performances in Colby-Sawyer history. Senior Michelle Doody (Franklin, Mass.) completed her career with an offensive record breaking season. Doody broke both career and single season records for kills (1,994/557), attempts (5,049/1,595) and points (2,103.5/656.6). She finished the 2010 season ranked 10th and 11th in the nation respectively for kills per set (4.46) and points per set (5.25). Freshman Allyson Le-Bruno (Medfield, Mass.) began her career with a defensive record breaking season. Le-Bruno set a single season record for digs (768) and digs per set (6.24). She finished the season ranked 12th in the nation for digs per set and was the nationally top-ranked freshmen in the same category. For her achievements, Le-Bruno was named the TCCC Libero of the Year, as well as being being named to the All-TCCC First Team. She also was named to the All-New England Rookie Team. Other Chargers honored with postseason awards were Michelle Doody, senior Stef Turner (Boxboro, Mass.), junior Kristin Sawyer (Walpole, Mass.) and freshman Emilie McBride (Stratford, N.H.). Doody was named to her fourth All-TCCC First Team and her third AVCA All-Region Honorable Mention. In addition, she also was named to the New England Women’s Volleyball Association (NEWVA) Second Team and selected to play in the NEWVA Senior Classic. Turner and Sawyer were named to the All-TCCC Second team, while McBride earned All-TCCC Honorable Mention accolades.
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Justine Mintie Caldwell recently visited the Pathology department at Dartmouth-Hitchcock in celebration of her 70th year reunion from the School of Medical Technology. They rolled out the red carpet for her, presenting her with a copy of her original application and giving her a luncheon, flowers and a graduation certificate, since in ’38 there was no ceremony or diploma. Justine lives in Loomis Village in South Hadley, MA.

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1938

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Greetings, fellow classmates! Evelyn Seaton Treiber continues to be happy with her house in Central Village, CT. Her family is close by; she visits with her 2 grands and one great-granddaughter. Although her volunteering days are over, Evelyn continues to go on short day trips. Inez Gianfranchi Snowdon enjoyed a wonderful summer on Great East Lake. Now back in Kennebunk, she spends a lot of time volunteering at the Budget Box. Their 1st evening activity was a successful fashion show! Inez sends a big hello to all of her classmates. For about a year Barbara Symonds Ayers has lived at Mountain View Nursing Home in Ossipee. She is excited about the opening of a new facility in 2011, when residents will be relocated to larger, single rooms. Barbara is happy and reports good care from wonderful aides. A totally new, 2-story house at the edge of Blood Ledge Quarry, Cape Ann (Gloucester) awaited Mary Lee Kingman Natti after 14 months of living with her daughter. Nina Parker Gardner on the West Coast is living happily in her board and care home like many of us on the East Coast. She and 5 other special ladies enjoy concerts, parties, outings and trips to the mall for lunch. Guess we all have the same news: “Getting older!” Barbara Tracy Sandford turned 92 in Nov. “Guess that says something, and I hobble around with my cane and walker,” she says. The fall brought trips into NY City to see “Carmen” at the Metropolitan Opera. Lots of family and visitors joined her in NH last summer, and best of all were her 6 grands and 9 great-grands—all girls from 1–12!

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I hope some of you were able to get to our 70th Reunion in the fall. I was sorry I couldn’t make it. Jeanne Schwob Homer had a wonderful visit with her daughter Laura, who has moved to Fairfax, VA. Her daughter Chris and her husband are still busy with their sculpture studio in VT and received some notoriety when they were asked to do a segment on TV and show in Mystic, Quebec. As for me, I’ve kept busy working on family genealogy. Another great-grandchild was added to our tree; his parents live nearby and the other living with her. She lost both her husband and her son in 2008. It is good to learn that Marie Westberg Francis is still in good health and walks a mile or more every day. She sold her car but gets free transportation to stores and doctors in the retirement community where she lives. Her daughter and husband are close by. Jean Merrill Thornquist stays pretty much in her studio apartment, but does see Mary Lou some. Her son has moved to ME from VA. I’m sure many of us agree with her that our years at CJC were very special. I’m enjoying Foxhill and the many seminars given by professors from 4 of the local colleges. I’ve just struggled through one on War and Peace with 200 pages a week to read. There are 52 of us, next time let’s do better!

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1941
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Mercie Franke Dunfee is going on 90 and still enjoying FL and ME in the summer. She ugres “41ers” to let us know what’s going on! This year has been one of change for Mercie. Her husband died, and one of her granddaughters was added to our tree; his parents live nearby and the other living with her. She lost both her husband and her son in 2008. It is good to learn that Marie Westberg Francis is still in good health and walks a mile or more every day. She sold her car but gets free transportation to stores and doctors in the retirement community where she lives. Her daughter and husband are close by. Jean Merrill Thornquist stays pretty much in her studio apartment, but does see Mary Lou some. Her son has moved to ME from VA. I’m sure many of us agree with her that our years at CJC were very special. I’m enjoying Foxhill and the many seminars given by professors from 4 of the local colleges. I’ve just struggled through one on War and Peace with 200 pages a week to read. There are 52 of us, next time let’s do better!

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Hello from Needham. MA. Once again, short of time so there’s not much news. At our age, it’s mostly deaths and nursing homes! However, the phone helps, which is fun for me! I talked to Claire Basch Barger, who lives in Brookline, MA. She was widowed in 1993. She has 3 children, 2 boys and a daughter who lives in CA. She sees Christine Pieters LeVernoy fairly often. Virginia Nevins Blondell lives very near me in Needham. She also is a widow and has 4 children, 2 in ME, 1 in Andover and 1 in Newburyport, MA. She has 8 grandchildren, 1 granddaughter and 7 grandsons! We had hoped to get together here at North Hill but it didn’t work out. Hopefully we’ll make it in 2011.

Sara

Felton Bruins lives in Salem, MA, and has been a widow since 1999 and now (I quote) happily “lives in sin.” She has 4 sons and 7 grandchildren, including twins, who are scattered all over the country and globe. Marion Huggins Brown has 3 children and 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She, too, lives in Needham, and we hope to get together early in 2011. Betsy Short Cissel has moved from Thompsham, ME, to Belfast, ME, to be near her daughter. She had 2 sons, one of whom is deceased, and 1 daughter, both married but no children. We, too, are planning to get together next summer. Perhaps you all remember Betty Carmody Giddings. She was at Colby for just 1 year before transferring to Wheelock. She lives in Porterville, CA, so getting together hasn’t been easy or often. Lastly, I caught up with Marcia “Mish” Barnes Shaw-Strebe in Vero Beach, FL, where they will be for the winter. Both she and Hal still play golf and tennis and are relatively hale and hearty. We hope to see them this winter in FL, if our health allows us to go south, or if not, next summer in ME. And lastly and sadly, a return card from Jane Rayner Groo’s daughter informing me that both her parents had passed away—Jane in January 2010. Janie and I had similar strokes 9 years ago and compared frequently. I’ll miss her. As for me, we’re looking forward to our 2nd oldest granddaughter’s wedding in April. She is marrying a wonderful man whom we all love. It’s so nice to be able to think happy instead of sad. Don’t let me down. Send me news, PLEASE!

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For those who feel bad that they missed our reunion in Oct., fret not! Give a big gold star to Nancy Dean Maynard: She and one of her granddaughters drove up for the lunch on Sat., which she enjoyed, but she was the only one from our class present! Kudos to you, Nancy. Anne Heuer Lewis writes, “My husband, Ted, and I have an ideal life—we summer for 4 months every year on Martha’s. All 5 of our children with their spouses and dogs spend time with us at the Vineyard. In the winter we live in our little villa in a retirement community run by the Hyatt Corp. in Glenview, IL.” Anne and Ted took their entire family to HI to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. June
Mitchell Douglas-White wants us to know (as of this writing) that she’s NOT 85—yet! She lives on Cape Cod and is still very active performing in local theater, writing, playing bridge and travelling. Nancy “Shenny” Teachout Gardner planned to go to MA to celebrate her birthday with family; her son was turning 60, so it was to be a joint celebration. Shenny also looked forward to seeing her 2 grandchildren and great-grandson. Martha Whitney Steers and her daughter have just returned from a fabulous cruise on the Seabourn touring Italy, and were looking forward to a Caribbean cruise in Feb. She doesn’t venture much from the ship but enjoys all the activity. Mary Harder Long and her husband, Henry, still live in the same house he built for them in Watertown, CT! They have 4 daughters living close by, 8 grandchildren and now a great-grandson. They’ve traveled quite a bit but that’s slowing down; they’re most comfortable in their home in the country with swimming and skating nearby. Joan Smith McIver writes, “Everything seems to be humming along and at our age no news really IS good news. My husband and I are in reasonably good health and the rest of the family has no major problems. I demonstrate for withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan with others here in Westport (did it for Iraq in years previous).” From Whitefield, NH, Carolyn “Kelly” Eaton Carbonneau writes that she’s still happy at Forest Lake. She has 4 children with good spouses, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. “Life is good,” she writes. Ruth Gay Frederick taught in a 1-room school (grades 1–4), then 1st grade in a small elementary school and finally 3rd and 4th grade in a larger school—and loved every moment. After retirement she joined 2 other women in founding a library in her rural area. She suffered a stroke in 1999 but still lives in the northeastern corner of PA. Jean “Jay” Shanley Puckhaber is still in her home in Ballston Spa, NY, where she continues to collect antiques, kewpee dolls, coins and postcards. She plays lots of bridge and she and a friend helped establish the National Bottle Museum! Four married children live from WA to VA and NH. Elizabeth Bryant Parker is very busy with the Republican Town Council, DAR, Windsor Historical Society and 1st Congregational Church. She’s had 4 heart surgeries and 2 pacemakers, and has slowed down considerably (she’s certainly not alone!). Elizabeth has one daughter in Keene, NH, and 4 grands. News of Grace MacDonald Ross comes from hubby Wayne. She suffered a TIA several years ago, which affected her hearing, seeing and memory. However, she is up and about most days. They still enjoy their home and visits from family and friends. Wayne ends with an invite to drop in when around Sun City Center, FL. Suzanne Needham Houston has a busy and fun life at Wake Robin in Shelburne, VT. She has an interesting neighbor, Alice Squires Bassett ’44. Don’t we all remember Dr. Squires and his class on Marriage and the Family? I didn’t get to the Reunion, but I had a representative in New England so I felt as if I was there: My daughter was on a trip to the East Coast and visited with Shirley Glidden Splain. They had a great time and sent wonderful iPhone pictures. The next weekend she spent time with Nancy Dean Maynard, her 2 granddaughters and 2 greats! Please See In Fond Memory

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Thank you to all who sent news and support for our class! Anne “Anje” Elliott Chaffin is an adjunct professor at NM Junior College in Hobbs. For the past 10 years she’s been teaching ESL and tutors any student needing help in English essays or reading. Anje’s husband passed away in 2006. She’s since traveled to China, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India, and was planning a winter trip to Antarctica. She has 8 grandchildren and, at 83, keeps fit by exercising each day. She writes, “Life is great!” Jeanne Courtemanche Gay and Roger are fine and grateful to be busy and living in the same home after 55 years. Both brothers are in the South urging them to move down. “We still enjoy life here and, besides, who would feed the birds?” Jeanne says. “Our oldest bought the property next door 30 years ago. She passed up Colby-Sawyer for Green Mountain & Pico! After graduating from B.U. she has been a project manager at EMS and able to work from home.” Claire “Nuge” Nugent Sullivan and Henry spent a fine summer in Newport, RI. They joined Virginia “Ginny” Horton Adams and Bill for their 65th high school reunion in Haverhill, MA. Nuge and Henry are now in FL on Jensen Beach—look them up! They were planning a Caribbean Cruise during the holidays. It was great to hear from Jocelyn “Jos” Newton Schermerhorn, an old friend from Winchester, MA. She appreciated her classmates and faculty at CJC, plus the many skills she acquired over the years. Jos and Horace have enjoyed 61 years together, and have 4 children, delightful daughters-in-law and a son-in-law, and grandchildren! Jos has a book waiting to be published, ran a pre-school swimming program at the YMCA pool in Newton, held various volunteer posts, taught Sunday school, and served as Warden in the Episcopal Church. In Oct., Margaret “Peggy” Fish Langa and Paul celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. She recently returned from CA with her son, Steven, granddaughter, Rachel and oldest daughter, Victoria. They visited the Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks, Pebble Beach, Carmel and Hearst Castle. Good news from Olga “Oggie” Wells Dalton: Martha “Marty” Worth Oberrender and Gerry have moved to Lincoln, MA, and they look great! The old gang—Jean “Jelé” Harding Pierce, Barbara “Punky” Hunt Pierson and Marty—were coming over for lunch with Oggie before leaving her for the winter. Dorothy “Pooh” Fitch Adamson writes, “Despite the body parts needing attention, I still enjoy the memories of those good ol’ days. Would appreciate hearing from the McKean gang.” Marion

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“Nicky” Nickerson Paulson writes that she and Dave lived in Duxbury, MA, all their married life. Five years after his death, Nicky moved to the Village at Duxbury, attending church and partaking in local activities. Her son and 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren live nearby. She also has 5 step-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren. Nicky has kept in touch with June Morse Parker who, sadly, died in Sept. To view her obituary, go online to the Groce Funeral Home in Asheville, NC. This past Oct., Jean Gilchrist Simmons ‘46 and Dick visited Nicky in Duxbury. As for me, Bud and I are fine and expecting 2 great-grand ones. Quite a gift for the joy of 60 years! Grace is shy and won’t tell you what terrific grandkids she has but they are! Sami finished high school a year early and is working while studying dentistry, and Jesse is an A student. He’s good in all sports, and in his spare time is a life guard at Hogan.

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1948

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I am so grateful that some of you understand my plight in gathering news. Frances “Fran” Wannerstrom Clark is one of my great correspondents. She always has news for me as she’s a non-stop traveler and an artist, as well. In mid Apr., Fran took a bus trip to NYC with a group from her local New Britain Museum of American Art. Their first stop was the Tenement Museum, an apartment building at 97 Orchard Street on Manhattan’s Lower East Side. Built in 1863, this apartment building was home to many new Americans. Fran’s tour group then went to lunch at the famous Katz’s deli. Fran also went to VA with an Elderhostel group, and spent time in the Pacific Northwest, San Diego, and Tucson, where she got to spend some time with 2 of her grand-

kids before returning home to CT. Martha “Patsy” Dimmitt White and Peter are well considering their ages. She still finds it hard to believe we’ve all been around for 80 years. I sent an old photo of fall color in New London and it made her realize how much she missed New England’s autumn! The Whites’ youngest son, Chip, is Head Coach of the US Ski Team’s women’s speed skiing team, and has left for a stint in Europe. Their older son, David, is a dentist in Vallejo, CA. The Whites’ daughter, Cordie, and her family live fairly close. Patsy’s grandkids are scattered far and wide. Kyle lives in Bend, OR, and Ashley just started her 3rd year at Vet School at Purdue U. Patsy keeps very busy with volunteer work at the League of Women Voters, Novato Housing Coalition and the “Y.” She is currently working on a campaign for a local sales tax measure. Nancy “Hobby” Hobkirk Pierson and Jim are happy and healthy. Hob was in NJ most of the year but still going to Pawlet, VT, for the summer. She has daughters, grandkids and a garden in VT that she enjoys. Life goes along with no drama and they hit as many cultural things as they can in NYC and environs. Jim’s work keeps him busy and Hob still tutors, paints, walks and reads. Hob and Jim took Cornelia “Nini” Hawthorne Maytag out for dinner when she was in NYC. They had a great time as both are as perky as ever. Nini spent 2 weeks in CA in Aug. She got to celebrate her birthday 4 times in 4 of her favorite American cities and towns: Aspen, San Diego, NY and her home town of CO Springs. Nini is blessed to have all 3 of her children living nearby. In early fall, she took a short trip to NYC to see Linda Purl, the daughter of CO Springs friends, perform in cabaret. Nini was looking forward to another jaunt to NYC to see Michael Feinstein. Nini asked if Mase and I wouldn’t like to visit her this summer during the US Women’s Open (golf) at the Broadmoor Hotel Resort’s east course on July 4–10, 2011. It’s very tempting as we were there for the 1995 Women’s Open and it would be fun to go back. We had several friends playing in that one and hope to have our previous Lady Gator golfer, Sandra Gal, in the 2011 tournament. In 1995, I could walk miles on a golf course. I might need a wheelchair this time! Madelyn “Maddy” Pennickie Cattell says she’s still hanging in there and enjoying a good life at the Village at Penn State as it’s like living on a cruise ship. Jane Maynard Gibson reads every last word of our Alumni Magazine and sends a number of articles on to others who might be interested. She feels CSC is a wonderful college and reading what the students are doing almost “blows her mind.” Jane and Jack spent 10 days in Cashiers, NC, where they were seeking a little relief from FL’s long, hot summer. High Hampton is a lovely spot for families with lots of golf courses and few sand bunkers. However every step is either up or down. They faced this every day before going out on the golf course. After less than 24 hours, Jack said, “Jane, with or without you, I am going home tomorrow”—which they did. So much for going on vacations at 6,000 feet up without air conditioning, cell availability or telephones. Jane suggested that they think of it as an adventure, to which Jack said, “I’m not here for an adventure, I am here for a vacation!” Jane and Jack still enjoy playing golf on the Ponte Vedra courses even though their games are not quite the same as they used to be. Other than his bad knees, Jack is quite spry at 86. Jane corresponds frequently with her old Shepherd buddy, Barbara “Bobbie” Strauss Lowenbaum. Bobbie is feeling great after 2 successful hip replacements and sends love to all. Both Lowenbaums are well and husband Ralph continues to do some landscaping in the St. Louis area. He loves to fish and was off on a fishing trip when Bobbie wrote her note. Their oldest son, Michael, has a big law firm in St. Louis. Their oldest grandson, Scott Lowenbaum, is a world known artist, while his brother works for a fun company, Groupon (www.groupon.com), which features a daily deal on the best stuff to do, see, eat, and buy in more than 150 cities around the world. Daughter Cathy’s boys are Lee, working in St Louis and Alex, a senior at the U. of Denver. Cathy’s 3rd son, Eddie, lives in a suburb of Chicago and has his own commercial real estate company. He has 2 children, Andy, 15 and Katie, 11. Bobbie still dabbles in selective real estate and plays tons of bridge. She still remembers all those bridge games we played in the numerous “Butt Rooms” at CJC. Ann Wiley Jarrett just got back to DE from a great trip to CO and UT. She hitched Zion and Bryce National Parks with her oldest son and only daughter, Bill and Sara Jane, and families. Ann
was happy to say Sara Jane’s thyroid cancer treatments were done and the outcome was good. Priscilla “Pan” Irish Demos had recently returned to her home in Grand Junction, CO. She and George enjoyed their 15th summer in Tin Cup, an old CO mining town at 10,000 feet. She had her very 1st art show and felt a bit like Grandma Moses having her 1st show at age 82. She exhibited her work along with a mixed media photographer at the Grand Junction City Hall. Barbara-Jane “Beej” Smith Thompson got to spend time in her Sanibel Island, FL, timeshare, and went to Argentina. Her grandson, Schuyler, lives in Chile, so Schuyler’s mom, dad and Beej took advantage of his location. They had a great holiday together but Beej said the only flaw was that the day the 3 of them were to fly home to the states was the day that Chile awoke to a living nightmare: A magnitude 8.8 earthquake struck the central part of the country and her grandson wasn’t able to get back to Santiago for 4 or 5 days. Carol “Weis” Weissenborn Smith said that in spite of having 2 new shoulders, 2 new hips, and 2 new knees, she still plays golf twice a week all summer long. She is one of the oldest in her group but she managed to win quite a bit of small change. She plays a lot of duplicate bridge and 2 new knees, she still plays golf whenever possible. She speaks glowingly of the teaching nuns and the 6 students she and 2 great grandchildren plus 2 great-grandchildren, a boy and a girl. Their daughter-in-law is a master rower and had recently rowed at the Head of the Charles with 7 other women. Our deepest sympathy goes to Sara “Sally” Ackerman Frey. Her very talented husband, Leonard, passed away last Apr. In May, Mase and I, Phyllis “Les” Hartley Wells, took a tour/cruise to AK that we were saving until we got old! Had a great two weeks, the first by coach and trains and the second by Holland America’s MS Ryndam. Loved the cruise part and could have stayed on the ship another week. In Sept., we went on a quick trip to the Niagara-Buffalo area, where we attended a ship’s reunion for the 1st time in years. The USS Fort Snelling (LSD-30) was one of Mase’s commands and later, was one of the amphibious ships in his squadron when he was Commodore of Amphibious Squadron 6 in Norfolk, VA, in the early ’70s. It was a fun trip as part of our tour included a day at Niagara Falls. Mase and I just had our 20th annual Halloween Party. It’s a lot of work for an 80-plus couple, but it gives everyone a lot of laughs so it’s worth it. Please See In Fond Memory

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1951 Reunion

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Bobbie Green Davis made a trip to New England in early fall, where she visited a friend in Amherst, MA, who had a broken arm. Her next stop was in Worcester, MA, to visit a friend with a bad leg! Along the trip she woke up with a bad back but is feeling better every day. Please send any news so we can fill our column up with exciting updates from our class.

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1952

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

Hi, everyone. I’m your new correspondent. Everyone with e-mail knows this already and I am very grateful for their response below. But now that the rest of you know, please send news for the next issue. Polly Heath Kidder writes about the terrible fire they had at Twin Lake Village on July 4th. One house burned to the ground and another was badly damaged. No one was hurt and they were able to find accommodations for all the guests. Both houses should be ready for their May 30th opening. Margaret “Marny” Scruton Green and Brem have downsized to a convenient condo in a small town on Lake Ontario. They have 3 sons and 7 grandchildren, with 2 families close by and one outside of Chicago. She is very well and plays golf whenever possible. But Brem, an avid golfer, has been sidelined by some health issues that hopefully will be resolved very soon. Marny asked about the next reunion which she said she “might actually get to.” Good thinking! Nancy Shumway Adams and Roger attended a lovely memorial service for Suzanne “Susie” Betts Burrell’s ’53 husband Staff, who Shum says “was beloved by so many people young and old, and who worked tirelessly for their community of Dennis Port, MA.” What a wonderful tribute for Susie and her 5 children and 7 grandchildren to read! Shum joined her old roommate, Marion “Max” Hickey Whiting and husband Pete for their 60th high school reunion. Per Shum, they look great and are keeping busy and young with their children and grandchildren in North Hampton, NH. We will have to hear more about Shum’s research on Salem witches: A relative of hers may have been the last one hanged! Mary Jane Fritzinger Moeller and daughter Jeanne went to Kanab, UT, where they volunteered for 3 days at the 3,000-acre Best Friends Sanctuary that cares for over 1,000 abused animals. Then they rafted down the Colorado to Grand, Zion and Snow Canyons. Elizabeth Carlson Salomon traveled to a very remote part of Namibia, Africa, to visit a Mission School and the 6 students she and friends have been sponsoring. She speaks glowingly of the children, the teaching nuns and the kind, gentle people she met in the area. She topped

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affects.

off her trip with a 4-day safari.

Although Nancy Angell Turnage

keeps busy with church work,

11 grandchildren, volunteering,

square dancing twice a week and

working out, whenever I talk to

her, it seems that she and Bob

are either about to leave or are

just back from a trip. They have

travelled around this country,

done elder hostelling, toured

Europe and the Middle East

and in Oct. came to ME to visit

us. Sarah “Sae” Bond Gilson

and Ben sang in the Kearsarge

Chorale in New London. She

says, “You have to know how

wild it was to be singing in the

Baptist Church after 57 years!”

I’ll preface Natalie “Nat” Clarke

Jones’ news with some of our

history: We grew up together.

We met our future husbands

“Eddy” and “Ent” in Jr. high, as

well as “Paul,” who married Nat’s

CJC roommate Barbara Hallett

Lester. Ent and I were so sorry to

hear Nat’s news that Eddy died

of brain cancer 3 years ago. He

was a genuinely nice, salt-of-the-

earth guy! Nat still lives in NH

in the house they built in the ’80s,

where her daughter, 3 sons and

6 grandchildren gathered last

summer for a family reunion.

Nat keeps busy with seniors and

volunteer work and ended her

e-mail with “Be good to yourself

and enjoy every day.” I look

forward to hearing from all of you

and hope that, like Marny, we’ll

think seriously about actually

getting to our 2012 Reunion!

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1953

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Marina Filides Latchis

spends the winter in VT, and her

home is in Venice, FL. Her kids are

all scattered around the world

having successful careers. Susan

Bice Huetteman

writes from

Sun City, FL, that she finds time

for walking, writing children’s

books and enjoying her life.

Four of Patricka “Tricia” Dobbs

Montgomery’s children are over

50 and she can’t believe it. Tricia

and her husband have had hip

and knee replacements and are

now among the bionic world.

She took one daughter and 2

granddaughters on a Caribbean

Cruise in June. Fun! Vaughan

writes from

San Diego that they live near 2

granddaughters. She has grand-

sons at USC and NYU, and her

oldest daughter lives in Berkeley.

Vaughan retired in ’98. Her hus-

band developed Grade 6 prostate

cancer and treatment has been

successful with minor after-

affects. Joy Appel Halsted

lives only a few miles from me

and one of these days I will call her

and maybe we can get together.

I’m signing off and thanking my

dear classmates who make this

column possible. Please send me

your news—I need you!

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1954

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and share with other members. Glenice Hobbs Harmon lives on our route to Salem, and naturally, we stopped to say hello. She sent in a note, too. “I love the seacoast area, as it was where I grew up,” Glenice writes. “Our spring visit with our daughter in MA included a tour of the Cherry Blossom Festival in DC.”

Janet Rich Nixon fell and ripped a tendon in her groin, but it’s healed enough for her to enjoy hiking treks and young Dave’s recent visit from MT. Barbara Knight Price and her daughter Jane traveled from CA to New England, stopping 1st in CT to visit Barbara Drenckhahn Loughran ’55, then through MA into VT to visit the Ben and Jerry’s factory, north to NH and on to Kennebunkport, ME. Barb visited with a cousin from FL and one from ME, both of whom she hadn’t seen in over 30 years.

Virginia Sbarra Boeck writes that for the last several years she has participated as Library Trustee and President of Friends of the Verona Public Library in NJ. Another Med Tech, Margaret “Peg” Lewis Moreland, moved back to the assisted living community. Jim and I surprised her one day with a quick visit passing through New London. Peg reported she was doing much better health-wise and that we caught her reading the Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine.

Janet Hofmann Hansen’s note: “Tobey and I spent a wonderful summer in Harbor Springs, MI, where we saw so many of our lifelong friends. I had a very nice phone visit with Sally Beardslee Foster. I volunteer at our Carlsbad (CA) Ranunculus Fields, which is a must to see.”

Joan Potter Nelson writes, “Beth Bryant Camp ’92 from CSC organized a mini-luncheon at my home. It was fun to be together and hear about the exciting things happening on campus. I have just had a knee transplant and all is progressing nicely. We hope to leave our home on Amelia Island the 1st of Dec.”

Shirley Wright Cantara enjoyed entertaining the grandchildren in Aug. on the coast of ME. A special trip to Rangeley for a week of white water rafting on the Kennebec River-Class IV proved to be an exciting time for them all. Brandon, age 15, Jordan, 13, and Cameron, 12, live in NJ. “I am retiring from the travel business at the end of 2011,” writes Arline Soderberg Ely. “A friend and I have started a jewelry company called The Sirius Bead Collection and we have several dates in Dec. to show our pieces. If all goes well we will continue into 2011. My son Thom is in Bhutan for 2 weeks as a guest of their travel industry. He hopes to set up bike tours in that country for next year. His bike business in AK has been very active with lots of tours from the cruise ships coming into Skagway. My health is good and I hope to ski downhill and cross country in 2011.”

Barbara Dennett Howard and her husband were asked to drive their ’99 red Mustang convertible in the Yarmouth, MA, St. Patrick’s Day parade. “As we drove along we saw people jumping out alongside us,” she writes. “It was our family from CT to surprise us. Our grandchildren had made posters and they presented me with a dozen green carnations. What a celebration!”

Emily Spencer Breaugh’s son-in-law just came out of a 4-week coma, so her attention has not been on the mail. Her granddaughter just had her 3rd child—a girl. Emily planned to cruise from L.A. to Mexico the day after Thanksgiving. As always, thanks for sending in your greetings and adventures big and small, as well as sharing ideas.

1955

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Fall Weekend is now behind us. While the attendance from our class was slim, the enjoyment was huge! Imeli Ahomaki Kilburn wrote that she and her Colby roommate Carol Myers Ditmore were going to be roommates for the Fall Weekend. She writes, “We found it was still possible to be roomies after all these years.” They attended several of the activities: the luncheon, the banquet (where they became reacquainted with Marcia Symmes Harmon and Nancy Petke Silverstein) and even danced part of the night away afterwards! Marcia, Nancy and their partners spent Fall Weekend in the Sunapee area and traveled over to campus to enjoy many of the weekend festivities. Imie also said that she traveled to Finland last fall, where her granddaughter was becoming acquainted with Imie’s homeland. She is studying there as part of her program at Amherst College in MA, and is loving every minute of it! Carol Myers Ditmore spends a lot of her time volunteering at her local hospital. Since her husband’s death Carol has also become more involved in her church—the same church that Imie attends. Now their paths cross often. Barb Curtis Sturgeon couldn’t attend Fall Weekend as she and her husband, Bill, were planning on visiting their son in Ft. Lauderdale prior to going on a Panama Canal cruise and then returning to Ft. Lauderdale for a big boat show. Her son is a captain on a private yacht, so Barb is looking forward to looking at all the yachts there. Rosie Carhart Keenan has been in touch with her old roommate, Betty Ann Godshall Westphal. While Betty was with our class just one year, she certainly made loads of friends! Betty’s husband, Jack, died about 2 years ago, and now Betty has moved to TX, where she’s doing well. Rosie and Mike have enjoyed seeing their daughter and their young- est son, who visited for a few days. Nan Wilkins Kaplan, Patti

(L to r) Elaine Andrews Demetroulakos ’55, Gretchen Davis Hammer ’55, Patti Cook Cohen ’55 and Nan Wilkins Kaplan ’55 gathered for a mini-reunion luncheon in October.
Cook Cohen, Elaine Andrews Demetroulakos and I decided that since we were all unable to attend Fall Weekend at Colby, we would have a mini-reunion on our own. We met in Lebanon, NH, for lunch and although 3 of us hadn’t seen each other since our graduation day, we fell right back into our old pattern of much talk, lots of laughs, and even a few tears as we remembered our long-time friends and relived some great times. We found it amazing that we still had so much in common and decided that we’ll do this again after the New Year. Hopefully others will join us, too. I hope to hear from lots more of you after the holidays...your news is what makes this column interesting, as well as fun to write.

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1956 Reunion

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Carol Molander Linsley wrote with the sad news that Gail Craven Watson passed away at her home in TX recently. Our sympathy goes out to Gail’s family. Gail had lived across the hall from Carol and Pat Cooke Dugger in Shepard Dorm. Ed and Nancy met in Boston for lunch in early Sept. with Marsha Smoller Winer and Nate, who were in from CA for a family wedding and to see her sister Corinne Smoller Goldstein ’52. Marsha and Nate planned to take a trip in Oct. to Croatia and along the Adriatic Sea. In Dec., they planned to be at a friend’s timeshare in Cabo, St. Lucia, for 2 weeks. In Oct., Ed and Nancy attended the dedication of the new Windy Hill School at Colby-Sawyer. In Sept., Judy Tinsman White and I attended a luncheon hosted by Joan Potter Nelson ’54 at her beautiful home on the water in Harpswell, ME. Beth Bryant Camp ’92 was up from the college to give us an update on what is going on at Colby-Sawyer and the 5 Colby Junior grads regaled her about what was happening in the late ’40s and ’50s. It was great to get to know Connie Foster Henry ’46, Ruth Nies ’54, and Joan Potter Nelson ’54 better. Pat Foster Moll has seen Julie Abrams Dunbar, who moved to Old Lyme, CT, several years ago. They met at a garden club meeting and have become quite friendly. Pat and Julie were good friends 53-plus years ago and picked up where they left off. In Apr. ’09, Pat Cooke Dugger and I took a trip to Holland and Belgium and had a great time. Pat and Dick took an extended Amtrak train trip to L.A. and then to San Antonio in the winter of 2010. Pat’s daughter, Melissa Moll ’81, lives and practices law in Hancock, ME, where they have a 2nd home. Their property includes a post and beam house and a 1-room schoolhouse. They have restored and furnished the schoolhouse and it’s open to visitors and school children. Their next step is to get on the National Register; it’s on the ME Historic Register now. Please send news...I am all out!

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1957

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Correction: In the last issue there was an error when reporting on news from Judy Provandie Johnson ’60. The news was actu-

ally from Judith Abbey Madden. We apologize to both Judy and to Jill Booth Macdonell for the mix-up.

In July, Robin McDougal took a trip to Bosnia and Romania. “The family I’ve been helping here in Denver, who are refugees from the Bosnian War, went with me to show them their country,” she writes. “It is very mountainous and beautiful, but the destruction brought on by the war is still with them. Romania was a much happier place to be. I toured there for 8 days with a car and a driver. My object was to see the sights, but especially the UNESCO World Heritage Romanian Orthodox churches—they are so beautiful!” She recently returned from a 6-day bike ride on the historic Cumberland & Ohio Canal. Garnett Seifert Shores writes, “My husband, David, and I had dinner last week with Ted and Janet Park Been. They also live in Virginia Beach. We didn’t know each other at college, but got acquainted at the 50th reunion and enjoy seeing them from time to time. Also, visited with Bob and Diana Donigian Nazarian in Salem, NH, in Oct.” Garnett still volunteers as a docent at the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk, VA.

Madge Hewitt Staples writes that her Clarke passed on last winter. Our prayers are with you, Madge. I, Jill Booth Macdonell, am writing and photojournalizing the homeless, still. I followed a young, homeless father with a year-old baby girl for 4 years, before she was put in a foster home in the early ’90s. He recently died on the river and his daughter is now 21 and wanted to know what her father was like. I told her he tried so hard to keep her, but he was young. He was well-liked, kind, gentle and loved...
her very much. I remembered so many things and sent her photos I had of her and her “street” godmother, her 1st steps on the street, and an award-winning photo of her dad and her at the CA State Capital Rallying for the poor when she was 2. She asked if she could call me again, and I said it would be a privilege.

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Judy Christie Anderson writes that she and David have joined others in easy retirement living, but not complaining. They spent most of the summer in Stonington, ME, at their summer place. They plan to be in New England this spring and hopefully will visit Colby-Sawyer. Carole Hamell Wenthen and Fred continue to enjoy retirement, doing a bit of traveling and volunteering. Carole joined a group of docents who will participate in the opening of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Center in Fayetteville, NY. They spend their time between the Syracuse, NY, area and SC.

Barbara “Bobbie” Shepard McCoy and George will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Feb. She and George go to AZ during the winter months and were to leave from there for Ft. Lauderdale for a cruise on the Princess line. They have planned an open house for their friends in Feb., and in Apr. they planned to have a celebration at their church in their hometown when their family can be there. Diane “Di” Taylor Bushfield and hubby spend the summer on Cape Cod and then head to Ormond Beach, FL, for the winter. Bruce and I have been a Friendship Family to Zui, a Vietnamese girl at Colby-Sawyer, for 3 years now. Our granddaughter, Katy, who graduated from high school last year, is doing a gap year in Hanoi, Zui’s hometown. Katy has become acquainted with Zui’s family and they have taken her on many outings and are helping her with her conversational Vietnamese. In Jan. we are going on an OAT program to Vietnam and Cambodia and hope to see all of them. Keep sending me your news and changes of address and/or e-mail.

1959

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Our 50th Reunion was wonderful! We had the biggest turnout ever: 20 of us and some spouses. The weather slowed us down a bit but we still took the dinner boat cruise on Lake Sunapee. I want to thank the committee who helped make the weekend a huge success. Input from Judy Butler Shea, Marcia Goodale MacDonald, Barbara Swanson Smith, Sally Kimball Campbell and Ellen Cook Barnes was invaluable. Sat. was a day of varying activities topped off with cocktails at President and Mrs. Galligan’s home. The Gala celebration was incredible. The meal featured chef Chris Kozlowski ’95 and dancing to The Nines featuring Pati Woodburn Cloutier ’83. On Sun. some of us gathered outside Lawson Hall to plant 25 daffodil bulbs in memory of classmates we have lost. The morning ended with a delicious brunch at the Sunapee Country Club. I hope everyone ordered the 50th Reunion memory book, but for those who did not here are some notes: Toni Davis Randall and her service dog, Jessie, came from Winter Park, FL, where Toni has a wonderful needlepoint business. The flight to Manchester was Jessie’s first flight and she was a star as she assisted Toni on her rounds. I look forward to seeing Toni as she comes near The Villages for further training with Jessie. Judy Butler Shea, who came from Lake Placid, was instrumental in the planting of the daffodils. I was so glad to see Gale Hartung Baldwin as she was to have been my roommate for the 45th and I did not want to be alone again. Barbara Swanson Smith lives near New London so she and Lyman hosted Betsy Foss Dinsmore and Peter and Ellen Cook Barnes and Gene. Julie Dougherty Egenberg and John split their time between Stowe, VT, and Naples, FL. Sue Barto Monks came with her husband, Bill, who had only been out of the hospital a short time. Some of us got to see the Sugar House that Sue donated to the college. Sally Kimball Campbell and Tom, Gretchen Polk Caines and Bill, and Sue Hiller Puffer were several of the ABBEYites who returned. Hannah “Haydi” Caldwell Sowerwine and David, who live in CA, presented a program on their work building bridges in Nepal. Fascinating lives they have lived! Marcia Goodale MacDonald and Jerry were in fine form. I know I have missed some of the returnees, but for all who did come back there were many laughs. In other news, Susan McKenzie has retired after 39 years at Sloan.
Kettering, where she was supervisor of 2 diagnostic laboratories and manager of the bone marrow labs. She has made many trips to France and is busy doing church visitations as well as enjoying the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Giants and Alliance Francaise. **Ann Parsons Klump** was scheduled to come but her husband, John, is not well. We send our best to you. One distressing note: We have lost 25 classmates over the years, have 44 who do not wish to be contacted, and we cannot locate a lengthy list of classmates. If you know of anyone you have not contacted in the last 5 years, please try to reach out to them and have them join us for the 55th! I, **Patty Canby Colhoun**, saw my son, CB, in Denver and then my sister in Vancouver in late June. Then, in Sept., I had a great “0” birthday trip to AK with my daughter, Ann. My dogs and I also spent 10 weeks in Boothbay. Send me news, please! Please See In Fond Memory

**Elizabeth Grove Schweizer**, **Anne Mansell Moody**, **Jackie Taft Lowe** and **Susan Olney Datthyn**. We’re very interested in any suggestions, comments or requests you may have for this special celebration. Please let one of us know as soon as possible. Also, if you have any photos to share from our college years, we would appreciate a copy of them. Thanks, and we hope to hear from you.

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**1962**

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Hi, everyone. **Suzy Fitz Peterson** and her husband, Pete, love living in Tabernash, CO. They enjoyed skiing 58 days last winter, are raising a new puppy, and finally were blessed with a grandchild. Last summer they golfed, hiked, took trips to Telluride to visit their daughters and families, and were heading back to Cape Cod to visit Suzanne’s 97-year-old mother. Carol “Kari” **Swanson Amazeen** has retired from a tapestry of careers to a wonderful “active adult” community in Plymouth, MA, where she keeps busy with volunteer work, social and community activities and 2 singing groups. After raising 3 boys, she divorced in 1987 and lived in various places in MA before moving to GA to be near one of her sons and his family. When they moved back to the Northeast after a year, she packed up 2 years ago and moved to Plymouth. Her grown sons are scattered about: 1 on Boston’s North Shore, 1 in Philadelphia and 1 in Stockholm, Sweden. They have given her 5 grandchildren. She travels whenever and wherever she can and enjoyed a trip to the Galapagos in May. **Ellen Cordingly Maître** and her husband have been living in rural Coeur d’Alene, ID, since July 2004. They are both retired and Ellen keeps busy with the local garden club and volunteering for the humane society at their retail store. They are also mini-ranchers in the summertime when the heifers or steer arrive to graze on their pastures. Their 2 sons live in southern CA, and they are the proud grandparents of 3. **Judy Bodwell Mulholand** and Bob have been living in Naples, FL, year-round since ’93, where they enjoy golf, bridge, travel, friends and family. They have 4 children and 7 grandchildren, mostly scattered around the country but with 1 family living in Naples. They often see **Judy Park Kukk** and Tom, who live in Naples and also have a home in Akron, OH. Both of their children and their families have settled in Naples. Everyone is in good health and enjoying life. As for yours truly, I attended my 50th high school reunion, which was a 3-day “blast from the past,” before returning to FL for the winter. I hope you all will attend yours and then get ready to reunion with your classmates from Colby in the fall of 2012. Dick and I also took a cruise through the Baltic Sea in June, visiting 7 countries. Until next time, stay well and have fun!

**1963**

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Greetings from Meadowood Farm in VT. We had a good season at the B&B, with guests from all over the US and the world. Last Aug., my daughter, hubby and 2 little granddaughters invited me to stay with them at a villa in the Umbria region of Italy near Orvieto. For 3 weeks I enjoyed family and the rural countryside around the villa, which is a working farm. Then I toured Florence and Rome. Thanks to the 6 classmates who sent their news. Many of us will be attending our 50th prep/high school reunions this spring. Does it seem that long? **Sharon Stokes Pitz** and Pete have lived in North Conway, NH, for 23 years and have 2 sons, a daughter and 8 grandchildren; the oldest started her freshman year in college. She keeps in touch with **Carole Underwood Bruere**, who live in Naples and family. They have 4 children and 7 grandchildren mostly scattered around the country but with 1 family living in Naples. They often see **Judy Park Kukk** and Tom, who have a home in Akron, OH. Both of their children and their families have settled in Naples. Everyone is in good health and enjoying life. As for yours truly, I attended my 50th high school reunion, which was a 3-day “blast from the past,” before returning to FL for the winter. I hope you all will attend yours and then get ready to reunion with your classmates from Colby in the fall of 2012. Dick and I also took a cruise through the Baltic Sea in June, visiting 7 countries. Until next time, stay well and have fun!

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Please save the dates of Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2011, for our 50th Reunion. Hard to believe! Tracey Austin, director of alumni relations at CSC, will be guiding the reunion committee through the process. So far, the committee consists of the following class members: **Prudence “Prue” Jensen Heard**, **Susan Heath Bint**, **Elizabeth Grove Schweizer**, **Anne Mansell Moody**, **Jackie Taft Lowe** and **Susan Olney Datthyn**. We’re very interested in any suggestions, comments or requests you may have for this special celebration. Please let one of us know as soon as possible. Also, if you have any photos to share from our college years, we would appreciate a copy of them. Thanks, and we hope to hear from you.

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Kempster and Jack have been in FL for 8+ years. Her sister Nancy Campbell Harris ’62 is living 20 min. north and her sister Kitty is living 20 min. west. Every week they have “Thursdays with Sisters.” Her mom, age 91, is still active and living nearby. Bea spent a week in Europe and attended her son’s wedding in Austria. She writes, “We’re as much in the middle of the state as anyone can be, so somebody has to be passing through. Call and we’ll do lunch.”

1964

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After our newsy column last quarter, there is not as much news this quarter. Sarah Caldwell Anderson has left the world of retail and travel mania to open a staging business called UpStage, helping folks prepare their homes for sale. Her daughter, Lis, was in business with her until relocating to TX. Both of Sarah’s children moved West within a month of each other last summer, taking grandchildren, dogs and all. Ellen Terhune Schauff remains in Germany, living outside of Frankfurt, where her husband Dietrich is in a health care facility. Miss seeing her for sure. Her husband, Tom, passed away last spring. He continues to work for Philips Medical from a home office and Rachel—the artist—is inspiring with her breadth of imagination and joie de vive. Daughter Brooke is in her 2nd year of teaching science to middle school kids at the Berkeley Carroll School in Brooklyn, NY. Joan and Averill took a ski trip to UT last winter with Brooke. Joan sees a lot of Marion Price Moore; Marion and Mike live in Waterbury Center. Joan planned to work at Stowe again over the holidays. Joanne Hess MacKay wrote trying to get in contact with her roommate Patricia Halbleib Werth. Joanne has a son living in Seattle so gets out to that area often and would love to get together with Patti. The Alumni Office is the place to find your long lost roommates. They do a wonderful job of keeping us all in communication. Once again I plan to spend mid-Dec. through mid-May in Bonita Springs, FL. Happily, Rick and I have had our 3 sons and their families (total of 14 people) in FL for Christmas. If any of you are ever in the Naples area, please contact me.

1965

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45 YEARS! It doesn’t seem possible! Our 45th reunion was the 1st weekend of Oct. Six of us showed up. Sue Wells Ferrante, Lois Gilbert-Fulton, Ann Hodgkinson Low and Chris Murray McKee were the 1st ones there, and Sue Thomas Maloney and Linda Ford Marcotte arrived mid-afternoon with their husbands. The campus looked great and the events were fun and interesting. We were invited to several classes and got a special tour of the new Windy Hill School. Tina Biggs Ferraro has been elected to the college Board of Trustees! It is with sadness I report that our college Board of Trustees! It is with sadness I report that her husband, Tom, passed away last spring. The day before reunion was the President’s Alumni Advisory Council meet-
ing. I have been participating in that forum for about 6 years and this year Rosalie Belanger Sorenson was there. Susan Woodruff Macaulay was disappointed to miss our reunion due to other commitments. She and John have been able to travel a great deal recently and planned to increase that in the future after he retired in Dec. In the last year they have been to Glacier National Park, China, Costa Rica, Corpus Christi along the TX coast, and France, among other places. While on the France Seine River cruise, Susan met another alumna, Patricia Dobbs Montgomery ’53! Their husbands, both former Naval officers, had lots to talk about, too. John serves on the National Board of Institute of Management Accountants. They have 2 sons and a daughter-in-law. Susan wanted to share an event that she hoped “will resonate with others who have had one or more children who just couldn’t find themselves.” Their son Craig, 37, after 20–30 jobs, graduated summa cum laude and with honors from the School of Management, U of TX at Dallas in May 2010. He has begun his PhD program in International Management at UTD. He is married to Veronica, a most supportive wife! Their son Todd, 34, has worked for 10 years in network administration at Fujitsu America and is figuring out how to fulfill his dream to be a poet and shoemaker. Susan finished, “I absolutely plan to be there and shoemaker. Susan finished, to fulfill his dream to be a poet. Susan finished, to fulfill his dream to be a poet.”

Linda Ford Marcotte was married last year after many years of being a widow and she looked great! Get me your information and let’s rally in time for 5 years from now. It would be fun to have a large group of us. Meanwhile, stay healthy and have fun!

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1966

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I haven’t heard from anyone in my class but I do work with Laura Cogswell ’72 here in Neonatology at DHMC. Laura is an RN in the Intensive Care Nursery and also the nurse coordinator for our Transitional Care Program for babies going home from the ICU who need continuing care. She does home visits and also follows them in clinics here at DHMC.

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1967

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Here are updates from a few classmates. Don’t know if y’all are gettin’ tired of responding or what, but I only have these few. Francie King has started a small business that is devoted to the writing of personal histories. She explains, “At a family’s request, I interview an individual or couple about their lives and times, then create a manuscript, assemble photos, letters, and other documents, and render all into an archival book, CD, or a full DVD to be passed down to family members.” Some of her work appears on her website www.HistoryKeep.com, and she tells all of us to “think of doing this yourself, for your children and grandchildren. It’s a priceless gift to give.” Whitney McKendree Moore reported that the last column for our class elicited responses from 2 classmates for whom she had been searching! She stays in touch with Mary “Libby” Hatch Moore, her sister-in-law, as well as with Wendy Weinstein Fish. Whitney says that both of these classmates are enjoying life as grandparents. (Hey! How about sending me some news, Wendy and Libby?) Whitney and her husband, Barry, often return to New London and are happy that their son is flourishing at his 2nd year at Bard College. Whitney and Francoise Roland Crowell hope to reconnect in the foreseeable future. Deborah Gould reports that even though it’s been a long time since her Creative Writing class at Colby (with Cornelia Childs), she was delighted to announce that her 1st novel Household was to be published in Jan. 2011! To take a sneak peek, go to www.reckhousepress.com. Nancy Hess Coleman and her husband Fran have both retired and they spend half of the year in FL and half of the year at home on Long Beach Island, NJ, where they ran Fran’s family restaurant for a number of years before retirement. They stay busy with their 7 grandchildren, who are scattered from MA to NJ to MD and down to FL. Nancy and Fran have been doing some traveling, most recently to HI and AK. So now to me, Sis Hagen Kinney. After a fretful summer of tests and CT scans and MRIs, I had a cyst at the end of my pancreas removed, as well as my gall bladder. The doctor cleared me for travel, so hubby Bobby and I drove to VA to see our daughter Natalie, who has recently decided to quit the entertainment business and go back to school to become an RN. Two days later I was in the ER in Newport News, VA, and back in the hospital. After 3 days in the hospital, I was released and we headed back to SC. I will be very glad when I can return to teaching and my full-time practice!”
time schedule. Week 4 of recuperation still finds me without much stamina. In the meantime, all 4 kids are doing well; boys are all still in the Raleigh/Durham, NC, area, and 2 beautiful granddaughters are thriving and growing like weeds! I am really looking forward to May 2012, when I can retire and enjoy the grandkids a whole lot more. And, that’s all the news I received from the class of 1967! Send me your news. Would love to hear from you!

1968

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Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Kelly McWilliams Dvareckas, who is stepping down as your class correspondent after serving faithfully since ’02. This is Kelly’s final column.

In preparation for publishing the semi-annual news for the Classes of ’68 and ’69 MT, I always send out some type of engaging request for comments from you. I have never been disappointed with your responses. I have loved re-connecting with so many of you. It’s bittersweet that I am now looking for a new classmate to pen the news for our 2 classes. Please contact the college to sign up. Kristina “Krisser” Carlson Fletcher and I were together our 1st year in Page Dorm. She remembers giving me my nickname when I 1st arrived at CJC. She let me know that Joey Swan Hogg is in NC, Sue “Sue-Z-Q” Schantz Spiro is back in Barrington, RI, with husband Jim, and Margery “Margi” Tichnor Bialeck is retired and living the good life in Manchester, CT, and FL. Kris is director of guidance at New Britain High School, the largest high school in CT, and says she might retire at the end of next school year, but is having a great time. Her son Andrew, 32, lives in Stamford, CT, with his wife, Mariana, and daughter Sarah is 30 and getting a 2nd masters in elementary ed. Her husband, Bruce, is a general dentist in New Britain, and they’ve been on 4 international dental medical missions and have sponsored 4 in New Britain. Kris hears from Deborah Hummel Scholes and Martha McCaw Hertz. She would love to get in touch with many lost friends: Janis Dunn, Wendy Weinstein Fish ’67, Leslie Williams Kamali ’85, Ann Takala Boule, Nancy Gordon ’70, Julia Stoddart Strimenos ’69, Dorie Carter ’82, Patricia Patterson Kean ’69, Sue Baroni Hilbert ’69, Ruth Rhodes Nahm ’69—all the Page wonder women! Kris also thinks of Ms. Dorothy Egan, her English professor, “who no doubt has not a clue what a positive influence she had on me and many others.” I’m sure the Alumni Office can help you reconnect, Kris. Margery “Margi” Tichnor Bialeck and Hal now have a grandson, Ryan Andrew Bialeck, in Charlotte, NC. Their granddaughter, Emily Grace, is over a year old. Heidi Grey Niblack writes, “John and I split our time between NYC in the fall, Palm Beach in the winter, and CT in the summer since retiring 8 years ago. Life is busy and good.” Meredith “Mez” Dodd Taylor ’69 MT and husband Tory were winding down into retirement after a busy summer of archaeology pack trips. During the past few years, they worked with the WY State Archaeology Office and U of WY on a new discovery: possibly the oldest high altitude prehistoric occupation site in North America. She writes, “We discovered even more artifacts in dozens of lodges in new “villages” above treeline—10,000–11,000 ft. Apparently these Indians went up high to harvest pine nuts, insects and wild edible plants each summer and fall. Tory and
I am working on a book about a place I entitle "On the Trail of the SheepEaters. It's all very exciting and a lot of fun." Meredith and Tony sold the last part of their horse pack outfitting business in Yellowstone, but are still doing Winter Wildlife and Wolf Watch trips. Meredith is looking for contact information for Pamela Herd MacKellar '69, who is in NM, too. I found former La Chaumiere dorm-mate Ann "Jolynn" Meriam '69 on Facebook, a great way to stay in touch. She has lived in Bainbridge Island, WA, since 1978. Each summer Lynn Macdonald Bishop and David hold a grandchildren's mini summer camp in Sugar Hill, NH. Anne Maitland '69 is executive director at Literacy Volunteers on the Green, a non-profit organization in the greater NYC area. As for me, my son, Casey Dvareckas, is now engaged to Stephanie Street. Stephanie is a student at MassArt in Boston. Our daughter, Jill Dvareckas, lives and works in NY for the same solar energy company. Husband Jack continues to fight to get the economy and housing market under control in southern NH. I am now in my 7th year teaching a class of English Language Learner refugees and immigrants in Manchester, NH. I have 19 students; 12 are from Nepal. There's never a dull moment.

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This year's Alumni Fall Festival Reunion was astonishing! A heartfelt thank you to all alumni who joined our group at the recent 40th class reunion and our 60th birthday party. Thank you to our reunion group (Valerie Turtle, Deb Marcoux Decacit, Nancy Teach, Beth Constantines Meurlin and Gail Remick Hoage), who did a fabulous job of organizing, as well as to Deb Marcoux Decacit for arranging all the accommodations. We had a great Fri. night and Sat. night visiting, talking and laughing with alumni like Bonnie Lewis '71 MT, Jane Birnbaum, Bea Korab Jackson, Beth Roland Hunter, Martha "Muffy" Clark Faucher, Ann Felton Severance, Susan Pomerantz, Nancy Teach, Sarah Haskell, Ann Lozier Rohrborn, Nancy Connolly Johnson, Barbara “Barbie” Brinckerhoff Maver, Lynn Winchester, Jackie Feldman, and Karin Reimann MacQuarrie. Heidi Rice Lauridsen also joined us on Sun. for a delicious brunch at Nancy Teach's. If you were not in attendance we truly missed you, but we talked about you so you were in our hearts. We missed you but you missed a lot...like Turtle's flowered bell bottoms she wore up to Dartmouth and can still fit into, and a lot of stories from the Colgate trouble makers—Lynn, Pomerantz, Karen and Deb! I thought it was only me that Dean Kary knew on a first name basis—I was surely wrong! However, Felton reminded me about how many grandmothers I had that died in one year! Such fun! The rainstorms kept some away but Pomerantz heard from Keppele "Keppie" Miller Sullivan, I heard from Joan Haverkampf von Leesen and there were many others. Reunion gave me a chance to see the new campus and to meet in person and thank Tracey Austin and Tracy Poland, who I have worked with over these many years. It was also great to meet so many people at the Gala and I loved the class of '60 who sat beside us celebrating their 50th year! The Colby-Sawyer College throw that was presented to me at Nancy's in thanks for writing this column was not necessary; however, it was greatly appreciated. (Takes a lot for me to bring a tear.) I hope the rest of the alumni will please keep in touch and drop me a note to post in the news. You can reach me on Facebook or via e-mail.

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These gals from the class of 1970 gathered on Friday evening of Alumni Fall Festival to reconnect and celebrate. (Front row, I to r) Martha "Muffy" Clark Faucher, Bonnie Lewis '71 MT, Sarah Haskell, Nancy Teach, (middle row, I to r) Ann Felton Severance, Deb Marcoux Decacit, Lynn Winchester, Beatrice "Bea" Korab Jackson, (back row, I to r) Susan Pomerantz, Ann Lozier Rohrborn, Jane Birnbaum, Beth Constantines Meurlin, Gail Remick Hoage, Barbara Brinckerhoff Maver and Valerie Turtle.

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Nancy Bokron Lavigne and her husband took a cruise to AK in Sept. on the Silversea. Mary Lou Sibley Wolfe is living outside of Seattle and wonders if any other Colby Girls are out in that area. Ruth Bentley finished up with a BS from Roger Williams U. in Bristol, RI, and then studied mechanical engineering at Northeastern U. In 1985, she moved from RI to Pasadena, CA, where she worked in aerospace and aircraft manufacturing engineering and then began teaching at LA Community College. She taught piano and now sings in classical LA choruses. Margot Woodworth Seefeld celebrated her 60th with Anne Alger Hayward and Annie Pouch Aronson in North Haven, ME, last summer. As for me, my daughter, Jennifer, and I took a trip to Budapest and Prague this summer and had a fabulous time just being together. She’s 25 now, living in Allston, and has a great job in sustainable energy. If you’re ready for a little beach house on the Cape, please call me. I can send you listings and then you can come for a tour! Any time you think your classmates might like to know what you are up to, please drop me an e-mail!
Guy Piegari ’74

Colby-Sawyer officially went co-ed in the fall of 1990, but don’t tell that to Dr. Guy Piegari. One of the few men to gain a diploma before male students were common-place, Guy earned his associate’s degree in 1974.

After serving in the army for several years, including a year in Vietnam, Guy decided to become a physician’s assistant in 1972. “I graduated with the first class of the second program started in the country,” he recalls, “which was through Dartmouth Medical School. After graduating, I practiced in Newport, N.H., for approximately two years before deciding to go back to medical school to become a physician.”

Before he could go to medical school, though, Guy needed to obtain liberal arts pre-med requisites, which is where Colby-Sawyer came in. “They were willing to help me out,” he explains, which meant a lot to the married father of two with a full-time job and limited resources. Entering the college in the fall of 1972, Guy commuted from his home in Newport. As a 24-year-old, married, male commuter student, it’s perhaps no surprise that he felt “worlds apart” from most of his classmates.

Following his graduation, Guy ultimately attended Dartmouth Medical School and realized his dream of becoming a physician. He returned to active duty in the military, fulfilling his obligations in 1986, and joined Berks Cardiologists, Ltd. in Reading, Pa. Now a full partner with this large practice, his area of expertise is Interventional Cardiology. Guy also serves as the director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at St. Joseph Medical Center in Reading.

Asked his thoughts on Colby-Sawyer becoming a co-educational institution, Guy demurs, insisting that he is neutral on the topic. As for his experience as one of the few male students at the time, he responds dryly that it might have been more enjoyable had he not been married with two small children.

—Mike Gregory

1972

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Well, friends, no one had time to answer my blast, so we’ll have a short column this issue. Always good to hear from folks, and remember, I can’t write the update without input from you! Betsy Monagan Heitz is living in Davis, CA, with her husband of 35 years, George. Betsy’s daughter, Gretchen, is a high school math teacher in Davis and presented Betsy with her 1st grandson, James Monagan McMeekin. Betsy’s son, George, and his wife just got their PhDs in electrical engineering from Stanford. They live in San Francisco. Lucy Main Tweet retired from Talbots 2 years ago after a 15-year journey with them that took her around the world a number of times. Lucy has written a knitting book and created a website called Knitologie. She has 2 books finished and 2 on the way. Part of the challenge is finding the right publisher, and if that effort proves too complicated, she is considering publishing the books herself or going the electronic route. I was on campus in early Oct. at the start of Alumni Weekend. It was as refreshing as always and I assure you that Colby-Sawyer remains as committed to the quality of the whole college experience and education as they were the day we arrived...ough, 40 years ago. Our 40th reunion is a mere 2 years away (it will likely be the 1st weekend in Oct.). Put it on your calendar now and plan to come back and relive the magic and visit your “ever young” friends!

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Hi, everyone! Lots of news to report: Sally Williams Cook has a new book coming out called Yankee Miracles, jointly written by Sally and Yankee batboy-turned-Yankee-executive and Steinbrenner confidante Ray Negron. Yankee Miracles will explore the miracles that can happen when baseball players transcend their own personal lives to find a universal calling outside the baseball diamond. After teaching at BU law school’s graduate tax program for a number of years, Melissa Langa has been promoted to adjunct professor. She also continues to maintain her 5-lawyer law firm in downtown Boston called Bove & Langa. Melissa and her husband, Jeff, have continued to improve their sailing skills and he is a big yoga fan. She also recently joined the Board of the SpeakEasy Stage Company, a theatre company in Boston’s South End that brings theatre premiers to Boston. Finally, Melissa recently visited the NC mountains to celebrate her parents’ 60th wedding anniversary (her mom is Peggy Fish Langa ’47). Karen Raymond Brown lives in Ringoes, NJ, and is still working for Johnson & Johnson as a clinical data manager, which has taken her to India and Germany. Unfortunately, her husband was recently laid off from Daichii Pharmaceutical Company, where he was an IT auditor. Daughter Lisa entered high school, where she is enjoying being a part of the marching band. Karen and her family enjoy kayaking, geocaching, and walking their dog with friends on the weekends. Susan Smart Ferguson still lives in the Kansas City, MO, area...31 years now! “It is my 11th year in the Blue Springs School District,” she writes. “I have 2 wonderful grandchildren, Helena, 2, and Breck, 9 months. Still playing USTA tennis when not spending time with the kids and grandkids. Back in touch this summer with my roommate, Pam Moe Dunn! Still hear from Holly Hurd DiMauro, Deborah Lawrence Forman and Ann Flanders Damon.” Jackie Leigh Welsh recently had a visit from Allison Faccone from the Colby-Sawyer Advancement Office. It was perfect timing, as Jackie was just about to retire and move to Bradford, NH (about 15 minutes from New London). Jackie had lived in NJ for 33 years, where she raised 3 children. Rob, 25, is a captain in the Army and stationed in Anchorage (after spending a year in Afghanistan). Ben, 23, is currently working at Pats Peak in Henniker, NH, and Haley, 21, is taking time off from school. Jackie also has 2 stepchildren and 3 step-grandchildren. She had 2 careers with a 12-year break in between to be home with her children. The 1st was in the hotel business in NYC. She then moved on to a marketing position for the visiting nurse association. Jackie met her 2nd husband, Tim Rodd, in 2000. They were married in...
2004, and retired to Bradford. Tim is an adjunct at Colby-Sawyer and teaches 2 freshman English courses. Jackie and Tim are a “friendship family” to a CSC student from Sweden who is on the tennis team and fast becoming a star. In addition, Jackie is getting involved with the President’s Advisory Alumni Council and, in town, is helping to manage the voter list. Jackie would love to find Mary Logue, Melinda Straus Schwartz and Dawn Larsen Kerivan. Eleanor Cummings Bowe and Jerry’s daughter Stephanie and her husband, Adam, gave them their 1st grandson, Grant Theodore Ullman, on Feb. 14, 2010. Three weeks later daughter Gretchen and her husband, Stephen, welcomed grandson #2, Graham Joseph Tornabene. Ann Woodd-Cahusac Neary was one of 200 teachers invited from across the nation to participate in a Town Hall meeting on “NBC Education Nation” with Brian Williams. Ann was invited as she is part of an ongoing research project funded by Bill and Melinda Gates. Paige and Mack, Ann’s youngest children, have started high school and continue their love of water polo. They both were selected to be part of the regional Olympic Development Team and continue to represent the Northeast at summer Junior Olympic competitions. Daughter Emily has begun her sophomore year at Colby-Sawyer. Stepdaughter Devon, a recent NYU graduate, has just moved to New Orleans to work for an organization that is rebuilding housing in that area, while stepdaughter Caitlin has left her career as a hair stylist to go back to college and pursue her dream of becoming a veterinarian.

Ann’s husband, Matt, is spending a fair amount of time in Washington, DC, with his new volunteer job representing dentistry on the Government Affairs Committee. Heidi Hammond lives in Leucadia, CA. She has been in La Jolla and Leucadia for 31 years, where she raised her 3 boys. She has been HR Manager at Crabtree & Evelyn for the past 6 years. Son Luke, 13, is winning contests in skateboarding in Southern CA, and Max, 21, is a champion surfer. Heidi, who is divorced, sells wholesale flooring with ProSource Wholesale Flooringcooering. She is also a ballroom dance instructor and ceramic artist in her spare time. Heidi recently reconnected with Jan Lyle Malcolm ’73 and Susie Barton and would like to know what happened to Kathy Stavros and Stephanie Hornbeck Olin. Pam Moe Dunn’s son Adam, 29, is a banking manager and daughter Stephanie, 27, is engaged and operates her own graphic design company. Pam keeps in contact with Sue Smart Ferguson, Deborah Lawrence Forman and Holly Hurd Di Mauro. Clare “Missy” Steers Wilich is living in New Castle, NH, on the seacoast. Her son has settled close by and her daughter is a junior at the U of VT. Missy started a personal assistance business called Seacoast Concierge about 3 years ago. For me, Sue Brown Warner, my husband, Mike, and I recently returned from 2 weeks in Hong Kong and Singapore, where we visited my stepson Jason, who lives in Singapore, working for UBS. We even traveled by ferry to Indonesia to play golf one day. I am still director of internal communications at Terex Corporation in Westport, CT. Thanks for all the news, and keep those letters coming! If you want to get in touch with former classmates, I can help! Just call or send me a note and I’ll do my best to make the connections.

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Reconnect with friends and classmates, and celebrate your college memories.
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Wendy Dow Miller reconnected with Joan Heffernan Meek ’77, who was her “little sister” at Best. They found that their interests in photography had started at Colby and have since carried forward to the present. Joan has won awards for her photos in the Lyme Land Trust contest in prior years and Wendy won honorable mention this past year! Nancy Barnes Berkeley had the honor of representing President Galligan as a delegate for the induction of Clark U’s 9th president. She writes that despite the heat, “it didn’t bother me a bit to stand with pride in my full regalia right up front with the Iveys—we processed in order of founding of our institutions (CSC 1837!) so I was in good company.” Dick Baynes, while attending the NH Lodging and Restaurant Association annual meeting and expo, happened to run into Chris “Koz” Kozlowski ’95, outgoing chairman of the board of the NHLRA and owner of one of the top restaurants in NH—the Orchard Street Chop Shop in Dover. Dick writes, “I had to burst his bubble as he thought his class was the first one with men in it.” Marilyn “Lyn” Hastings Traver’s daughter Ali is trying to get into medical school while her son Will is in Chicago working in his new job for Microbac Labs. Her youngest son, Sam, is a sophomore in high school. Ruth St. Onge Fortini writes that after living in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands for a couple of years, she and her husband of over 33 years, Ed, moved to Charleston, SC, 17 years ago. Ruth is the Student Medical Education Coordinator for the Department of Surgery at the Medical U of SC.

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Julie Zischkau has been living in FL for the past 18 years and for the past 3 has been an administrative assistant in the Russian Studies Center of Stetson U. She has 2 children in college (1 is graduating this year), 2 children in high school (1 is graduating this year, too) and 1 in 5th grade. She would love to hear from Deborah Byington ’76. Leslie Powers returned from Iraq after a year at COB Speicher as an army
trauma flight nurse. She’s now working at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in the ER. Ellen Dutra Houghton’s daughter Lauren is a senior in college. Her niece, Kelly Dutra ’08, has been working at Dartmouth-Hitchcock as a nurse. She has reconnected with her roommate from CSC, Marjorie McFaddin Scavone ’76. She’s also remained in touch with June Bascos. She’d like to hear from Kathy Brown Tceee. Ellen has been happily married for 22 years and has 5 step-grandchildren. Her mother has moved right down the road and they enjoy having her closer. Ellen is trying to keep her hand in the art world and has managed to stay in close touch with her fellow BFA graduates from UNH. Keith Peary, who lives in Frederick, MD, reports having dinner at Bryan Voltaggios’ chef’s table; runway seats at DC fashion week at the request of his daughter, the fashion major; and a big 60th birthday party with family and friends. He and his wife, Andrea, live in the historic district, and Keith has a remodeling company in VA. The news from my corner of the world is that I celebrated 21 years of marriage to my wonderful husband, Joel. Our son went off to college at Lafayette College in Easton, PA, last fall. He’s very happy there and is getting involved in the theatre as well as his studies. My daughter is learning to drive and we drive around our town. Joel and I celebrated Independence Day with Joyce Weldon Feeney ’78 in West Dennis last summer. Thanks for sharing your news and best wishes till we meet again.

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Barbara McKenzie Holch writes from Annapolis, MD, where she resides with her husband, Niels. They have 3 wonderful boys, Charlie (who graduated from Colby College in ME in 2009), Ben and Jack, who both attend Emerson College in Boston. Ben is a film major and Jack a sound/theater major. Barb’s current passion is donating time, talent and treasure on a fundraising board for their local and only home-less shelter. Over the years, she has tried to help those in need in various ways, from relocating hurricane Katrina victims to gathering resources for local women in need. Barb maintains constant contact with her Colby-Sawyer roommate, Debra Bray Mitchell ’79. Barb asks that we send a special prayer for our friend Victoria Corse, who is enduring another bout of breast cancer, and will be directing any donations for the cause to her directly at this difficult time in her life. Morah Alexander was laid off as an operations manager at GE financial when they sold the business and decided to go back to school for her masters in elementary ed at Lesley U. She said it was a lot of hard work all after these years, but she loved it. Unfortunately, after this wonderful accomplishment, she has had trouble finding full-time employment and has been subbing, waitressing and babysitting. Despite it all, Morah says she is so much happier doing something for humanity instead of a big corporation and recommends that anyone thinking of a life change should go for it! Morah often keeps in touch with Kathryn “Kay” Kendrick Reynolds and has traveled with her to Paris and Las Vegas (where Kay and her husband renewed their vows in a drive-through chapel) and cruised the Western Caribbean. Laurie Russell Title’s husband, Dave, has a new job as superintendent of the Fairfield school system. They’re in the process of selling their house in Waterford, where they’ve been living for 20 years, and moving to Fairfield, CT. Karen Griffiths Smith still resides in White River Junction, VT, and works at the Eyeglass Outlet in Lebanon, NH. Her 3 daughters are doing well: Avery, 24, works in the area; Emily, 22, attends school at Mass Art in Boston; and Kelly, 15, is a freshman in high school and hopes to follow in her mom and Nant’s footsteps by attending Colby-Sawyer! Karen and Patricia Joy Stewart ’80 had a fabulous time together spoiling themselves at a spa last May. Karen keeps in touch with Kay Kendrick Reynolds on Facebook and hopes to see more of us there! Patricia Collins Duffy’s love for “American Idol” accidentally resulted in the launching of a new music division in a marketing company called Music On & Up. Music On & Up and its fan club, the Young Performers Club, focus on promoting young performers and assisting them in their music careers through artist management, public relations and booking management services. Patty will be busy with 2 graduations this spring as daughter Bridget graduates from Dartmouth and her son graduates from Brooks School. As for me, I still live on Main Street in New London and continue my freelance work as a virtual assistant providing office management services to small businesses. Can’t beat the commute! I recently returned from a trip to Philly to visit my son Josh, 28, and tour the historic sites, as well as a quick jaunt over to Gettysburg to visit the battlefields. I keep in touch with my “old” roommate Suzanne Horrigan Campbell, who is still teaching middle school in Hooksett, NH, and stops in to say hello on her trips up to Horton’s Farm to ride her horse. I hope you are all doing well and, as always, hope to hear from more of you for the next issue. In the meantime, please keep in touch by visiting the CSC Facebook page or by logging onto the Colby-Sawyer website or, as always, e-mailing me!

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Let me be the 1st to wish you all a happy 2011; as I am writing...
As a girl, Karen Wessel Cohen knew she wanted to either become a librarian or have a career in medicine. Majoring in Medical Record Administration was the perfect way to combine both her goals. Today, she is the owner and president of a highly successful occupational health consulting firm.

Originally from Norwell, Mass., Karen came to Colby-Sawyer because of the then-offered major in Medical Record Administration. “It was a very small program,” she remembers, “about 4 people a year.” After graduation, Karen went into the public health service as a commissioned officer, spending three years at the National Institutes of Health where she learned about occupational safety and health. After leaving to work for a series of independent consulting firms, she started her own company, Corporate Health Resources, Inc. (CHR), in 1986. Launched from the basement of her house, today CHR employs 70 people in ten offices nationwide, has about 500 customers, and annual revenues around $8 million.

CHR specializes in occupational health, consulting with companies to provide health exams for workers—from drug screens to tests to ensure employees aren’t being adversely affected by something to which they might have been exposed. Acting as a third-party administrator, CHR is a nationwide examiner network, utilizing local clinics and medical offices to perform exams in all 50 states. Test records are computerized and health physicians can then review the data to look for trends in the health of workers. Catering to such businesses as chemical and pharmaceutical manufacturers and petroleum companies, CHR’s client roster includes big names such as BP, Hewlett Packard, and Alcoa.

As the president, Karen is heavily involved in marketing and reviewing quality control feedback, making sure that CHR only uses the very best clinics. “After every single exam,” she explains, “a quality control technician calls the examinee and finds out how the experience was.” She jokes that her business is like a very large doctor’s office that just doesn’t see patients directly. While there are many companies that provide drug screening, there are far less offering the more comprehensive exams that CHR offers. With perhaps five major players in the industry, Karen reckons that her company is probably the third largest.

CHR continues to grow, and Karen proudly notes that revenues in 2010 were up 20% from the previous year. Though they’re courted every once in a while by other companies, Karen has no interest in a merger. “I like to work for myself,” she says, though she is quick to point out that, in fact, she works for her clients. “I have 500 bosses,” she laughs.

Happily married for 25 years, Karen has three sons, two still in college and one recently graduated. None of them, she notes wryly, have opted for a career in the health industry.

—Mike Gregory
Correction: In the last issue, there was an error when reporting on Akemi Shiojima. She received degrees in Art History (not Japanese Art History) from École du Louvre and Université de Paris IV-Sorbonne, both in France. Since ’05 she has been a curator at Bridgestone Museum of Art in Tokyo.

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tracks like Laguna Seca, Infineon/ Sears Point, and Thunderhill. I also bought a motorcycle about a year ago, so I’m looking forward to getting out on the race track with that. ”As for me, life continues to be busy with my daughters, Ellie, who’s in the 2nd grade, and Caroline, who’s in the 1st. My husband, Nate Camp ’98, and I were able to reconnect with several alumni at the Alumni Fall Festival here on campus. It was great to see so many familiar faces back on campus! I hope everyone is doing well and will continue to send your news and updates, or drop in and say hello to me in the Advancement Office on campus.

1994

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Hello, all. As always it was great to hear from you. Mary Carkin and her clients just received the 2010 CO Governor’s Tourism Award for Outstanding Marketing Program. Congratulations! Dave Morin has been doing well with his new graphic design business RGB 24/7 (rgb247.com). “Working for myself has been both a joy and a challenge,” he writes. “It did allow me to spend the entire summer home with our 7-year-old, Jack, and for that I feel very fortunate.”

Mark Wysocki began his 10th year at Berkshire School as a recently-promoted assistant director, and continues his position as head athletic trainer. Liz Tooze Witham has been busy at work bringing 3 new online educational programs to market. You can learn more at www.sixredmarbles.com.

Heather Dutton Dombroski was remarried on Sept. 27, 2008, to Patrick Dombroski. She is still working for the State of NH in Child Care Licensing and loves it. Stacey Banks Nieman gives thanks to many members of the CSC community after her family were victims of the Nashville flood last May. Six feet of river water flowed through the 1st floor of her home, 9 feet in the garage. Stacey writes, “My great friend Julie Camp flew to Nashville to help us with the demolition/clean up 2 days after the flood. Laura McGuinn McCarthy ’93 put together a care package with items donated by Melissa Smith Johnson ’95, Jody Smith Hickey ’96, Courtney Johnson LaPorte ’95 and Jennifer Mortimer ’96. Thanks to all of our CSC family for showing their love and support during such an uncertain time in our life!” In the middle of all that stress, Julie Camp was able to watch Stacey graduate from TN State U with a M.Ed in Administration and Supervision. Tony Librot met up with Holly Long Maturo as she was in town for a hockey tournament. As for me, I’m keeping busy with all the usual family and professional running about. I got a chance to spend a week with my son and his scout troop in Myles Standish State Forest. I also got a chance to talk to Chris Audet after his band BalancE’s fantastic show at Patriot Place in Foxboro. Thanks to all who wrote in.

1995

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Hello, class of ’95! What a remarkable milestone for us... 15 years out of college! I hope that many of you attended and enjoyed the Reunion this year. Unfortunately attending this year was not in the cards for me, as I’m currently in the midst of that ‘grown up’ activity that comes after the purchase of the 1st home—the sale of the 1st home!
I’m otherwise well, and continue my tenure (now 4 years!) as audit manager with United Rentals Inc.

Chris Kozlowski and Christen Wallingford Kozlowski ’96 celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary! The 2 boys, Dom and Gabe, are doing great and are absolute hurricanes. Koz and Christen attended Jim Bullock’s wedding and saw James Gowell and Nicole Mayo Gowell ’94, Kevin McGovern, Mark Cassinelli and Sarah Goodridge Cassinelli ’98 and Jeff Pilibosian ’96. Chris Andriski was the best man. Koz is finishing up his tenure as chairman of the board of the NH Lodging and Restaurant Association. He just introduced his new Flat Iron Catering Company on the 72nd birthday of the NH Lodging and Restaurant Association. He is happy and healthy. Amy

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Hi, class of ’97! Hope everyone is happy and healthy. Amy

I also am in close contact with Ari Lombardi Willey ’00

and his wife, Kate, welcomed their 1st baby, Michael, in June.

Shelby Hunt is working as a foreign service officer at USAID in New Delhi, India. This is his first tour. He has 3 kids. Please keep Chris and me in the loop about what new things are going on in your lives!

Congratulations on your new position, Matt! Michelle Brown Kinney lives in Lincolnville, ME, with her husband, Dave, and girls Izzy, 6, and Maren, 4. Dave is the town administrator for Lincolnville, and Michelle is a nurse practitioner. Michelle thoroughly enjoyed the CSC Reunion this past Oct. She and Holly Ferris Merriam were road trip partners on route to the event. Becka Sargent’s 2nd baby, Tali Valentina, has just turned 1; Becka’s son, Riel, is now 2½; both children are doing great! Becka started a new job this fall as principal of the McGlynn School in Medford, MA. 

Jill Rivers is still living in Athens, Greece. She has taken a year off from teaching to reenergize her batteries and is enjoying taking classes online, working out, reading, relaxing and giving private English lessons. Jill hopes to get another teaching job overseas for next school year. She went to 10 countries in 2009 and by the end of 2010, it was to be 6 more. Jeannie Corcoran Wiggins loved visiting with old friends at our 15-year Reunion. Jeannie has taken a temporary sabbatical from her public relations business in CT to spend time with her 2 children, Gavin, 6, and Kelsey, 3. Gavin started kindergarten in the fall and is loving it.

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Hi, everyone! It’s been great to receive updates that include new additions to your families.

Jayson Thyng is still working for Market Basket as a deli manager in Portsmouth, NH. He and his wife, Tricia, are living in Fremont, NH, in a house they bought 2 years ago. In Jan. 2010 Jayson and Tricia welcomed their 1st child, Kaylee Nicole. Jayson’s time is spent working and enjoying watching his family grow. Congratulations, Jayson!

Melissa Eckman Binette and Martin Binette ’98 welcomed a baby girl in May, Hadley Joy. Big brother Camden is adjusting nicely. Ari Lombardi Willey and Ryan Willey ’00 welcomed their 2nd child, Greysen Ryan Willey, in July. Congratulations to Ari, Ryan and big sister Brooke! Jessica
Lamoureux Montgomery finished up her last year of nursing school in Apr., then went on a 5-week vacation with her husband and daughter. Jessica got her RN license in early July, and started her 1st nursing job at a local clinic in Nov. Amber E. Montgomery was born on July 12, 2010.

Joshua Bailey and his wife welcomed their 1st child, Asher Edwin Bailey, in Sept. Asher gets regular visits from his adopted Uncle John Bridges. Josh continues to work at Orthopaedic Associates in Portland doing physical therapy work.

Devin Healy is enjoying life in Lakeland, FL, working for an orthopedic group and spending time with his wife, Cheyanne, son, Daryn and 2 dogs, Kylee and Sox. Kelley Healey Blake is enjoying her son Colin, 5, and daughter Riley, 2, and participating in Ribbon Girl events throughout the year. Kelley is a special education teacher in Canton, MA, and continues to follow her love of photography; her website is www.hk-photography.biz.

I, Suzanne Blake Gerety, had a summer full of traveling including a trip to Disney World with the kids. After all the excitement of Disney the kids still asked to go to Storyland, so we spent Columbus Day weekend in the White Mountains having fun at there and at Santa’s Village too. It’s been a blast experiencing all the amusement parks and holidays all over again through the eyes of my kids. Enjoy the moments and I hope you had a wonderful start to 2011!

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Hi, all! This is Jen. I hope everyone is doing well. My big news is that I got married this past Aug. 21st in South Bristol, ME, to my longtime boyfriend, Brian. He and I actually met through Chuck Gaede and Brett Gaede ’02! We had a beautiful day and were very lucky to have Zanna Campbell Blaney, Kate Lovell and Chuck Gaede as part of our ceremony. Also in attendance were Brett Gaede ’02, Katie Sykes Follis, Matt Follis ’99, Jessica Dannecker and Molly Prudden ’12. We’re still living in Melrose, MA, with our 2-year-old Chocolate Lab, Hinckley. I continue to teach 3rd grade in Andover, MA. Katie Sykes Follis writes that her daughter Caroline is perfect and CSC alumni weekend was great. Kate Lovell is living in Norwood, MA, and is working for her family’s hockey business, Lovell’s Hockey Schools. She runs the pro shop and is a personal trainer for the women hockey players. She’s also still involved in acting. Jessica Dannecker is working for Vette Corp. She travels to Asia periodically for work and spends much of her time in NJ visiting her boyfriend. Jenny Wallerstein McPhee ’01 is still living in downtown Phoenix. She gave up agency life and is doing some freelance PR consulting. That’s freed up time to do more traveling, like visiting friends in San Diego and hitting Las Vegas with friends from MA. Kelly Sargent Feciuch is managing a corporate fitness center for Oracle. She is also back to school for nursing...
at Rivier College. Mike started his own construction company so they are both very busy, as well as keeping up with their 2½-year-old. Steve Drozell is living on the Cape in Dennis. He’s still landscaping but considering moving to a different company, and his photography side business is starting to pick up. Steve and his girlfriend were about to close on their 1st house in Dennis. Rebecca Parsons Bottino writes, “I expanded my family with the birth of a beautiful and mellow baby girl, Lilliana Marie Bottino. She joins her older sister Lauren, who couldn’t be prouder of her baby sister.” Julie Longtin Morales is starting to look into a master’s program in “something,” probably nursing, in the very near future. Her kids are growing way too fast. Payton started Pre-K and Hannah, 3, is in her 1st real big-girl tap class. Shannon Goodfellow Sherman has been working at Cape Cod Hospital for 10 years as a cardiac/medsurg nurse. She was also nominated by her peers to be the Chair of the MA Nurses Association and represent over 600 registered nurses at the hospital. She’s happily married for 2 years to Dean Sherman, who has his master’s in PT and who runs a clinic on Cape Cod and is involved with teaching within his profession. Shannon and Dean own 2 homes and hope to start a family in the upcoming year. Jillian Gragnano Sutherland is busy working in the OR at Yale New Haven Hospital and selling Pampered Chef on the side. Kaitlyn Tuite Crossen is an OB/GYN nurse practitioner in Worcester, MA. Tara Strand Balunis writes, “I was married on July 31, 2010, in South Yarmouth, MA, to Dan Balunis. Michelle Labrie Strand ‘03 was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Shannon Goodfellow Sherman and Michelle Miller ‘01. Matt Strand ‘03 was a groomsman. Dan and I are living in Sturbridge, MA, with our dog Maggie. I am still teaching 1st grade and working on my comprehensive examination for my doctoral degree at UMASS Amherst.” Sheridan Johnston has been hospitalized for some time now from her mitochondrial condition, and classmates can contact Tara Schirm Campanella for her mailing address if they wish to send along notes of encouragement.
Kelsey Barberi LaPerle ’02

Which dorm(s) did you live in?
McKeen, Shepard and Colby.

What do you remember most about Colby-Sawyer?
Making some incredible friends and accepting my diploma on graduation day with a huge sense of accomplishment and pride.

Which faculty or staff member inspired you most?
Professor Maurissa Abecassis, because she encouraged me, inspired me and supported me in such an outstanding way. She helped me realize my aspirations and always pushed me just enough so I would always succeed.

What is your favorite memory about Colby?
My favorite memory about Colby is seeing my husband, Ben Reeder ’99, get engaged to his high school sweetheart, Becky. It was such a magical day filled with friends, food, and love.

Why do you think you chose to be a pediatrics resident?
I chose pediatrics because I love working with children and I enjoy the variety of patients and procedures.

What’s the worst injury you’ve sustained?
A scrape on my knee during a roller derby bout. It was painful, but not as bad as I thought it would be.

What’s growing in popularity as a women’s sport?
Roller derby is growing in popularity as a women’s sport. It’s a fun and challenging sport that is gaining more and more fans every year.

What do you think you know someone who skates, watch what? Yes, I would love to watch roller derby with anyone who is interested.

Anything you’d like to say to your fellow alumni?
Thank you for your support and for being a part of the Colby community.

—Mike Gregory
show has already received a nice review.” Glad to hear you are getting to showcase your art, Neill! Heather Billings ran the Boston Marathon in Apr., finishing in just over 4 hours! Heather writes, “I had a great summer! Got to see a bunch of Colby-Sawyer folks at Pat Kelly and Melissa Hazelton’s ’01 wedding on the Cape. Went to The Hamptons with Nick Braun and tried to learn how to surf! I have recently moved to Newton, which I love.” Michael Mooney and his wife, Signe Linville ’06, are enjoying married life and living in Enfield, NH. “I recently acted in and produced a short film with fellow CSC alum William Peters ’04,” says Mike. “It is an official selection for the VT International Film Fest. William also directed the short. We are currently putting together the website www.motelshort.com, but for more info you can check it out on our Motel Facebook page.” Best of luck, Mike and William! Erin Hardy Yelle and her family are living in VA while her husband finishes dental school. She loves being a stay at home mom and spending time with her 2 boys. Andrea Chula Emery and her husband, Eric Emery ’04, recently moved back to NH from CO with their daughter, Ayela. They are happy to be closer to family and friends. On 10/10/10 Jen Foss and Jess Kelleher ’03 were united in marriage at Owen O’Leary’s Restaurant in Southborough, MA. Jen says, “We’ve been together for 7.5 years, so I guess it’s about time! We were blessed to be surrounded by our loving family and friends, including several CSC alums! In attendance were Rebecca Sherlock ’03, Carrie Walters ’04, Nicole Sheppard DeGennaro ’03, Rebecca Ober ’05, Marshall Greenleaf ’04 and Maegan Flowers ’04. We also attended Nicole Sheppard DeGennaro’s wedding to Ben DeGennaro on 10/09/10, where Jess and I caught up with Brandy Vose Schlesinger ’03, Adam Schlesinger ’03 and Pilar Bescos Brackett ’02. Then we were off to our honeymoon in Hershey, PA! It was a ‘sweet’ way to begin a new chapter in our lives.” Congratulations and all the best, Jen and Jess! Pat Kelly and Melissa Hazelton ’01 were married on July 9 and are enjoying life as newlyweds. Ellie Scuccimarra is going on her 4th year as a marketing manager for Lucky Strike Entertainment; she lives in Boston with her fiancé, Jonathan, and their Chihuahua, Rex. They recently had dinner with Anne DeCosta Bousquet ’03 and her husband, Justin. As for me, Nikki Fowler Martin, I’ve had a very busy year seeing friends and celebrating 30th birthdays with Randi Everett Korona, Jenny Buck Carney, Brendan Carney, Bob Behn, Erin Slavin Tate, Katie Lynch Rocheford and Erik Rocheford ’01. All of us along with our non-
CSC husbands and wives spent a fun week in Wells Beach, ME. The weather was perfect, and a great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who shared their updates! It was great to hear from you. Sounds like life is good for the class of ‘02! Looking forward to hearing from everyone else in the future.

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I hope this note finds the class of ‘03 doing well. First, I would like to congratulate Meredith on October 10, 2010.

Beth Morel ’03 married David Blair on October 10, 2010.

Mary Lougee Lambert ’04 married Adam Dubois on Oct. 10, 2010. Our class has also welcomed quite a few new additions this year. Karissa Pignone Fitzell and her husband purchased a house last spring just in time to welcome their April Fool’s baby, Sophia Kelly Fitzell. Karissa is still teaching at private school in Salem, NH, and she says that although the traveling has settled down quite a bit, she and her husband are enjoying their new home and spending time with close family and friends. Sarah Valero Hollis, along with husband Bobby and son Brayden, welcomed another boy, Camden Kenneth Hollis, to the family on June 19, 2010. Sarah writes that life with 2 little boys is very busy! Jamie Soucy Blizzard gave birth to her 2nd child, William Roger Blizzard, on Aug. 26, 2010. Jamie writes that and her husband look forward to moving back to the states after 3 years (and 2 children) in Germany. Adam Dubois and Andrea Lyle Dubois celebrated 3 years in business with their organic baby store in downtown Milford, NH, STORK Organic Baby Boutique. They carry a wide range of products to help parents raise their babies in a natural environment and carry clothing up to age 6. Recently they won NH Magazine’s Best of NH award, along with Yankee Magazine’s Best of New England. Their daughter, Adelaide, is now 2½ and helps out every day at the store. Their website is www.storkorganichbaby.com. Natasha Deane O’Donnell and her family walked in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk to benefit the Jimmy Fund and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Her nephew Dario, who was diagnosed with leukemia in 2006, inspires their walking team, Dario’s Army. Combined, Dario’s Army raised over $6,000 and walked over 150 miles. As for me, my husband Adam and I traveled to FL in Sept. and spent some time at Disney World. We are very busy volunteering for the UNH men’s hockey team and over the summer I was voted to hold my own position on the board of directors. I hope everyone had a great winter and look forward to hearing from everyone in the spring!

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Hello, all, I hope this finds you all doing well. Tia Holt Beaton and Tim Beaton ’05 tied the knot in Kennebunkport, ME, on June 27. Last Nov. they bought a house in Haverhill and started their family by adopting a black cat named Sammy. Tia has been working as a senior clinician at a private high school for the past 3½ years and says life is good. Kate Rocheford Ferguson recently graduated from a dietetic internship at MA General Hospital and is now a registered dietitian hunting for a job in the nutrition field. She and her
husband, Matt Ferguson ’03, are looking to buy a house within the next year and enjoy spending time with their dog Jax. Recently, Matt and Kate have spent time with Drew Drummond ’02 and Amy Potter Drummond ’00, Megan Costello Burch ’01, Ben Crowell ’01 and Abby Lefebvre Crowell ’01 and Chris Scarpa ’02 at a friend’s BBQ in New London. Stacey Fraser-deHaan was married to her husband, Justin Fraser-deHaan, on June 26. Their wedding took place in Portsmouth, NH, and the reception was on the water at the Seacoast Science Center in Rye. In attendance were 10 CSC alums and their significant others. Stacey and Justin moved into her grandparent’s home in Lexington, MA, and adopted a blue tick coonhound they named Sadie. Stacey is anxiously awaiting Justin’s return from his year-long deployment to Kuwait with the Army National Guard. As for me, Mary Lougee Lambert, my husband and I welcomed our 2nd child on July 13, a beautiful baby girl named Bianca. She is a great addition to the family and my son loves being a big brother. My husband and I bought a house in Mar. and I began my MBA in July. It’s been a busy, but great year.

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Rich Gould and his girlfriend have been living in his grandparent’s old house in Charlestown, MA, for a year and a half and have completely renovated it. Rich works on Beacon Hill at the State House as a legislative aide in the MA State Senate.

Jaime Peterman Adams and her husband, Keith Adams, welcomed their 1st child, Ashton Key Adams, on Sept. 8, 2010. Kelly “KJ” Krasco is now working at Merrimack College as the full-time Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach and is happy to be back in the Boston area.

Marissa Zinsser Hayes and her husband welcomed their son Collin in the spring of 2010. Elizabeth “Libby” Bent ’05 married long-time boyfriend, Travis Colón, on September 26 in Plymouth, Mass.

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Adam Hussey ’05 and his wife, Alei, were married April 22, 2010, in the Philippines.
took jobs as RNs at Holston Valley Medical Center, a level 1 trauma center. Chris works on a general med-surg floor and Gwen works on a post-surgical/urology floor. Jen Haagensen is in her 2nd year of medical school in Philadelphia. Adam Hussey writes, “I am currently a missionary with Action International Ministries and have been working in Manila, Philippines, for the first 2 years doing videography and youth discipleship. This past Apr. 22 I was married to a beautiful young woman named Alei. We both do videography together and disciple youth in local churches.” As for your class correspondents, Monica Michaud recently moved back to Lewiston from Richmond and is still working as a Pre-K teacher for Lewiston Public schools. She still dances and is overseeing some extracurricular activities at school. Cody O’Leary is loving life in Burlington, VT. She had a great time at Alumni Weekend and got to see a lot of her fellow classmates and relive the glory days for a weekend.

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Once again, the class of ’06 has been busy. Beth Norris is teaching 8th grade Language Arts in Hudson, NH. She married Sean Gilda ’07 on July 17 surrounded by family and friends. For their honeymoon, they took a Mediterranean cruise to Venice, Italy; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kusadasi, Turkey; Santorini, Greece; and Corfu, Greece. Allison Stacey married Aaron Cota in June, and is now Allison Cota. She is currently working on her capstone for her MBA degree, which she expects to complete in May 2011. Congratulations on all of the weddings for the class of ’06! Becky Schaeffer Gaudreau is living in Montreal and has started her master’s of education and society at McGill U. This summer she had several CSC alums visit, including Anne Coulter, Kathryn Couture Bresciano, and Krista Woznakewicz ’07. Jay Dapprich is continuing his education at Curry College, studying for a master’s in elementary education. Emily Holt is in her 3rd and final year of grad school at the U of RI, studying physical therapy. She completed her 1st affiliation at an outpatient clinic in MT last summer. Sarah LaRosa is studying international education at George Washington U in DC and is working as a study abroad assistant at Marymount U’s Center for Global Education. More congratulations to Matthew Voss and his wife, Jennifer, who welcomed their 1st child, Nathan Ryan, on May 11. Ashley Lorance has moved to Charleston, SC, to open a showroom for Lululemon Athletica, and is continuing work on her master’s degree. Kara Bordeau has moved to Morrisonville, NY, to be closer to her family and has started a new job at CVPH Wellness Center as a NSCA certified personal trainer and fitness specialist. She is creating pool programs at the facility such as adult swimming lessons, personal training in the pool and a masters swim team. She also runs different aerobics and strength training classes. She is now working towards getting licensed in NY as a massage therapist, since the requirements are different from those in NH.
Katelyn Sheaff Husband and Garrett Husband are still working at DHMC in Lebanon. Katelyn is a registered nurse on the Intermediate Specialty Care Unit (ISCU) along with classmates Holly Latulip Converse and Adrienne Robbins Deters. Garrett works as an analyst in the revenue management division. Katelyn is currently attending Rivier College to become an APRN in 2013.

Jenny Keefe ’07 and her boyfriend, Ryan Pelletier, bring their son, Jaxon Joseph Pelletier, apple picking for the first time.

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Kristen Young Treacy married John Treacy on Sept. 26 in Prescott Park in Portsmouth, NH. They celebrated with 25 friends and family aboard the M/V Heritage on a sunset dinner cruise in Portsmouth Harbor. Their ceremony was officiated by her husband’s stepfather with their parents, siblings and closest friends present. CSCers that attended were Jenna Rogers, Nicole Berthiaume ’08, Nicole Horgan, Megan Comolli ’09, Emily Birkhead ’09 and Katherine Davis ’08.

Stephanie Guzzo lives in southern MD and is an athletic trainer at St. Mary’s College of MD. This past June she had her graduate thesis abstract published in the Supplement to the Journal of Athletic Training after presenting it at the National Athletic Training Conference in Philadelphia. Nicole Kenny is still living in NC, and school is keeping her very busy! Nicole is in her 3rd semester of nursing school at Duke U, and absolutely loves it. She is enrolled in their 16-month accelerated BSN pro-
gram, and will graduate in May 2011. Meg Martin still works night shift as an RN at Beverly Hospital in Beverly, MA. She is living in Haverhill, MA, while her fiancé, Chris, finishes flight training to fly as a pilot in the Marine Corp. Since Chris is gone a lot, Meg and Katie Carlson ’08 have been spending time together. Halie Ostien was married on Aug. 14, 2010, to Duane Manley. Melissa Ferrigno is currently living in Sunapee. She still gets together with Brian Campbell ’08, Jess Stewart ’09, Jim Blondon ’04, Laura Sawyer and Michelle Isner ’09. TJ Coffrin is living in Franklin, NH, and working in Concord for Walgreens. He is working with his non-profit, the Yonso Project, for the 4th year now. He volunteers at CSC for admissions and talks to prospective students and parents. TJ still sees Nicole Horgan and Nicole Berthiaume ’08, and keeps in contact with many others. Marissa Desousa Marquis and Jacob Marquis were married on Sept. 21, 2010, joined by friends and family at the Woodlands club in Falmouth, ME. They are currently living in Boston with their chocolate lab, Coco.

DeSousa/Marquis Wedding

Marissa DeSousa Marquis ’07 and Jacob Marquis ’07 were married on September 21, 2010, at the Woodlands club in Falmouth, Maine. Posing for the Colby-Sawyer group photo at the Marquis wedding are (front row, l to r) Elizabeth Luddy ’07, Kristin Caron ’07, Jacob Marquis ’07, Marissa DeSousa Marquis ’07, Beth Norris Gildea ’06, Abigail Young, Meghan Hunt ’07, Lindsay Pillsbury (transferred), Rebecca Jones ’07, (back row, l to r) Matt Erickson ’08, Nicholas Cote ’08, Ben Wood ’08, Jackie Oddo ’07, Sean Gildea ’07, Matt Pendleton ’07, Adam McCorison (transferred), Chris Zito ’08 and Zack King ’07.
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Jill Goldstein had a son on Jan. 7, 2010, named Dylan Andrew Gladding. Malcolm Smith is currently working with the Elmira Jackals Hockey Team in Elmira, NY, as director of community relations/administrative assistant for the team. Brian Campbell is living in New London and working as a night shift supervisor for Golden Cross Ambulance in Claremont, NH. He also has started his own photography business on the side. Angela Eastman has begun work towards her MFA in creative writing for young people at Lesley U and Pat Sylvia has started working towards his MBA at Southern NH U. Kyla Cloak Small married Geoff Small on May 29, 2010. Krystle Martin, Jenna Jordan and Brittany Marcy were bridesmaids for the Rockport, MA, wedding. Krystle Martin recently moved to Lebanon, NH, and loves working with infants and toddlers as a program coordinator for a children’s center in White River Junction, VT. Also working there is Sara Patenaude ’03. In her free time, Krystle frequently gets together with CSC alums for Girls’ Weekends.

Kyla Cloak Small ’08 exchanged marriage vows with Geoff Small on May 29, 2010. Pictured are Kyla with her bridesmaids, (l to r) Brittany Marcy ’08, Jenna Jordan ’08 and Krystle Martin ’08.

Sarah Heaney ’08 and Adrian Pelletier ’07 at Castle in the Clouds, where he proposed.

Ashley Goulter ’08 and her competition horse, Reba.

Jill Goldstein ’08 gave birth to a baby boy, Dylan Andrew Gladding, on January 7, 2010.
Lisa Giordano graduated last June with a Master’s in Forensic and Counseling Psychology with a Certificate in Latino Mental Health. She is currently a 2nd year student in a clinical psychology doctoral program at MA School of Professional Psychology. Kimberly Simard married Zachary Ackles ‘07 on Oct. 23, 2010, in Concord, MA, with lots of CSC alumni in attendance. Ashley Goulter has been competing at quite a few horse shows lately. She and Chris Houston-Ponchak ‘06 also took a trip to CO this past fall to attend a wedding.

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Editor’s Note: Welcome and special thank you to Nicole Poelaert, who has agreed to help serve as a class of ’09 correspondent.

The class of ’09 has been very busy since the last issue! Kathryn Mirick is living in Newport News, VA, and is the director of a private preschool. She is also going for her master’s in special ed. Aubrey Thomas and Megan Comolli have entered the field of law. Aubrey is living in the Boston area and has recently been promoted to a paralegal. Congratulations, Aubrey! She is also contemplating grad school to return to the field of communication. Megan recently moved to VT and is attending grad school at VT Law. She is going for a Juris Doctor (JD) and her master’s in environmental law and policy. Sean Ahearn and Lauren Wasiczko find themselves in the pool of grad school as well. Sean has relocated to OH and is working towards his master’s in popular culture studies at Bowling State U. He is also working towards a Ph.D. in media and culture studies. Lauren is attending Sage Graduate School in NY for a doctorate in physical therapy. Also focusing on grad school are Elizabeth Cressman and Noah Richard. Elizabeth is still working as a preschool teacher and is taking prerequisite classes to work towards getting her master’s in speech-language pathology. Noah is working for Ipsen Biomeasure, a small pharmaceutical company, as a quality control analyst. He is preparing for grad school next year, and still working on his book! The idea of returning to school seems to be appealing to Cassandra Malloch as well. She is currently living in Southampton, NY, where she enjoys quality time with her family. After receiving her BA in psychology from CSC and actively pursuing a master’s in social work from Wheelock College, she has decided that she will instead pick up a 2nd Baccalaureate in English Education (English having been her 1st great love). She has applied to, and hopes to attend, RI College in Spring 2011. She feels this new journey will be time well spent and a pursuit she has missed. In addition to her new field of study, Cassandra hopes to move back to New England. Katey Kimball recently moved to Marlborough, NH. She still works at Keene State College while visiting CSC and is actively pursuing her master’s in business administration. Although she maintains a busy schedule, she still finds time for road trips and crashing parties with her faithful accomplice, Nicole Poelaert.

Stephanie Manyak ’09 (center) recently attended a Coast Guard Academy football game with her boyfriend’s mother, Maureen Dunn ’80, (l) and grandmother, Mary-Cliffe Killion Dunn ’53 (r).

Malloch is helping to build a school for children aged birth to age 5. She is also playing her violin at weddings. Also working hard in the field of education are Nicole Farnham and Kristen Romanko. Nicole is currently a high school English teacher for Twinfield High School. When she’s not in the classroom, she is shaping up their extracurricular program. Since graduation, Nicole has found an interest in social services and psychology. She is looking forward to pursuing a career as a counselor for at-risk teenage boys. Kristen finds herself living in the great state of MA, in Mansfield. You can find Kristen at Beginnings Child Development Center, working with an energetic group of 3-year-olds. She spends her time outside of work with her family and her many friends and teammates from CSC. She also cheers on her women’s volleyball team from Wheaton College; she spent time after graduation as their
assistant coach. Just a hop, skip and a jump away from Kristen you will find Abby Cramer, who is busy getting her MS in library science from Simmons College in Cambridge, MA. Dave Martin is working at a financial data processing company in CT as a quality assurance coordinator. He enjoyed attending this year’s alumni weekend at CSC and reuniting with his friends! He’s really looking forward to the ski season as well. Jess McCabe is seeing new sights with a recent move to Baltimore. She is busy working for a company as a web designer. She finds time in her schedule to take in and use Baltimore’s beautiful art scene for inspiration. Jess Stewart finds herself enjoying her days in the beautiful North Country in the area of CSC laughing with her wonderful friends. She enjoys working at the Lake Sunapee Country Club. Thank you to everyone who sent in responses to this edition of the alumni updates! Please remember to continue sending your most recent contact information as it changes. Also a special thank you to Nicole Poelhart who jumped to help out at the last minute with this article!

2010

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Editor’s Note: Welcome and special thank you to Neil May, who has agreed to serve as class of ’10 correspondent.

Hello, class of ’10, I hope everyone has been doing well! Margaret McCarthy has been making a difference in the lives of children working at a group home for teenage girls in Central VT, where girls go to stay when they are pulled from unsafe homes or foster homes, or are runaways. It’s been a difficult experience at times, but also a very rewarding one. Megan Ruggerio is attending graduate classes at Emerson College and working in the Majestic and Paramount Theaters in downtown Boston as an usher. She will also have the opportunity to teach undergraduate composition classes at Emerson by next fall. Amy Hebert has been attending Springfield College pursuing a master of education in student personnel administration in higher education. Jessica McLavey spent this past summer working at the 4UR Ranch in Creede, CO. She returned to NH in Oct. to start her position as a working student at Apple Tree Farm in Hollis, NH. She is also beginning her career as a writer. Abbie Morse is enjoying her new job with Benoit Mizner Simon & Co. Real Estate as the graphic designer and advertising coordinator.

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he SNOB Film Festival, a showcase of independent cinema, takes place every fall in Concord, N.H.—the name stands for Somewhere North of Boston. In 2010, top honors at the festival went to the short film Motel, the directorial debut of Will Peters ’06. Winning two prizes, Best Short Comedy and the grand prize, Best in Fest, Motel is an eerily comic tale chronicling the ill-fated attempt of two friends to get a motel room for the night. The film stars Michael Mooney ’00 and Ben Watts ’03, and was shot in only 16 hours on location in Bedford, N.H. In addition to its showing at SNOB, Motel was screened at the Vermont International Film Festival and can be viewed online at www.motelshort.com.

Dyan deNapoli ’81 has been educating people about penguins for fifteen years, appearing on radio and television and at conferences nationally and abroad. Her new book, The Great Penguin Rescue: 40,000 Penguins, a Devastating Oil Spill, and the Inspiring Story of the World’s Largest Animal Rescue (Free Press), chronicles the huge international rescue effort that took place ten years ago after an iron-ore carrier sank off the coast of South Africa, spilling 1,300 tons of oil and threatening to kill 75,000 African penguins. At the time, deNapoli was a staff member at the New England Aquarium, and she joined thousands of volunteers on a grueling effort to save the birds from extinction. The book, released in October 2010, received a very favorable review from The New York Review of Books and made the “Required Reading” list of The New York Post. It can be found wherever books are sold and at www.thepenguinlady.com.

The first novel from Deborah Gould ’67 is Household (Reck House Press). Published in January 2011, it centers on Margaret and Lee, a young couple who move into a farmhouse in rural Maine. When cracks in their relationship develop, Margaret begins to retreat into the world of a family that lived in the house a hundred years before. More information is available at www.reckhousepress.com.

Finally, Sally Williams Cook ’74 informs us that publisher W.W. Norton has acquired Yankee Miracles, which she is co-writing with former New York Yankee executive Ray Negron. To be published in the fall of 2011, the book will explore the miracles that can happen when baseball players transcend their own personal lives to find a universal calling outside the baseball diamond.
Miss the good old days of learning among friends at Colby-Sawyer? Miss taking challenging classes and participating in lively discussions led by dynamic professors? Miss doing homework and cramming for exams? Okay, maybe not the exams and homework! Renew your Colby-Sawyer learning experience by joining a journey to Central Mexico with Professor of Social Sciences and Education Randy Hanson and a group of fellow alumni. You will take an intensive course in Mexican history and culture by exploring the ruins of ancient civilizations and visiting modern Mexican cities. You will see artist Frida Kahlo’s home and the house of Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky, savor traditional Mexican food, dance to tropical and norteno music, bargain for folk art at markets, and much, much more!

For further information or to reserve your space on this trip please contact Holly Walker at Compass Travel at compasstrvl@yahoo.com or (603) 526-9600.

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