

## Colby-Sawyer Trivia

1. The library is built from two pre-civil war barns. What kind of farm did these barns come from?

**Answer: Dairy**

The Susan Colgate Cleveland Library and Learning Center was built in 1985 from two pre-Civil War **dairy** barns. To learn more about the library, visit <https://archives.colby-sawyer.edu/colbypedia/susan-colgate-cleveland-library-learning-center/>.

2. How many gallons of sap does it take to make a gallon of maple syrup?

**Answer: 42 gallons**

This one's a bit tricky. According to Professor Nick Baer, biology program coordinator, it really depends on the sugar content of the sap. With a 40:1 approximate ratio of sap to syrup, it would take 42 gallons of sap to make a gallon of maple syrup if there is 2% sugar in the sap. Many of the maple trees on campus have 3% sugar in the sap, meaning only 28 gallons of sap would be needed. Every year Professor Baer and his students put out 130-150 buckets and taps to collect their sap. The final product is produced in Sue's Sugar House, located near the library. Sue Barto Monks '60 donated the funds to renovate the old stone pump house into a sugaring operation. Colby-Sawyer produces 30-50 gallons of maple syrup each spring, depending on the sugaring season.

3. How many tater tots are consumed during one lunch in the dining hall?

**Answer: 2,700 tater tots**

According to Leslie Ekstrand, general manager of campus dining, other lunchtime favorites include chicken tenders, grilled cheese, macaroni and cheese, chicken parmesan and chocolate chip cookies!

4. What was the mascot before the Chargers was chosen in 1975?

**Answer: Kangaroo**

The name of Colby Junior College's kangaroo mascot was Colby and the baby roo in her pouch was named Junior. To see photos of CSC mascots, visit [https://archives.colby-sawyer.edu/uncategorized/SO\\_04097bab-bcf8-410b-81d7-5a06018a6f6e/](https://archives.colby-sawyer.edu/uncategorized/SO_04097bab-bcf8-410b-81d7-5a06018a6f6e/). In the archive you will find a photograph and a pdf of a letter about Victoria, an actual kangaroo from N.Y., which became the physical embodiment of the college mascot.

5. Do you need to walk around the indoor track in the Hogan Sports Center ten times to equal 1 mile?

**Answer: Yes**

Built in 1991, the 63,000-square-foot Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center contains 1/10 mile running/walking track, suspended above the Coffin Field House floor. In 2013, the college dedicated its first outdoor track, the Sally Shaw Veitch Track and Field. The track is an 8-lane ¼ mile track, meaning 4 laps around total 1 mile.

6. Where did the timbers come from that are in Lethbridge Lodge?

**Answer: Colbytown Camp**

The Lodge sat at Colbytown Camp on the shores of Lake Sunapee from 1934-1996. The building was framed with hand-hewn timbers from new London's first meeting house, originally erected in 1788. The Lodge was reconstructed on the Colby-Sawyer campus in 1998. Colbytown Camp was a 4-week summer camp run by Colby Junior College/Colby-Sawyer College faculty, staff and students. The camp opened in 1940 and ran until 1989, just one year shy of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To read more about Colbytown Camp, visit <https://archives.colby-sawyer.edu/colbypedia/colbytown-camp>.

7. What makes the Sun Shack unique in the state of New Hampshire?

**Answer: It is the first commercial straw bale insulated building in New Hampshire.**

The Sun Shack is a free-standing 24'x36' timber frame classroom that was designed and built by students using locally-sourced materials. This passive solar building features convex south-facing low-E windows, concrete floor for thermal mass, super-insulated walls and ceiling, an energy-efficient heating system, a living roof, a rainwater harvesting system and permaculture-inspired landscaping. It is one of the first commercial buildings in the state to integrate a straw bale wall system. To learn more about the Sun Shack, visit <https://colby-sawyer.edu/sustainability/sustainable-classroom>.

8. What did the female students do in protest of the college becoming co-ed?

**Answer: Chain the doors of Colgate.**

On Thursday, March 17, 1989, 100 students chained the doors of Colgate and staged a sit-in protest against the idea of coeducation at Colby-Sawyer. Ultimately, the Board of Trustees voted to admit both men and women, and the college's first official coeducation class graduated in 1994. To read more, visit <https://colby-sawyer.edu/currents/PAP8.html>.

9. What U.S. Poet Laureate called the Lake Sunapee region his home before his death in 2018?

**Answer: Donald Hall**

Donald Hall lived in Wilmot, N.H., and served as U.S. Poet Laureate from 2006-2007. His home, Eagle Pond Farm, provided inspiration for much of Hall's work, including a poem titled "At Eagle Pond." Read the full poem at <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/browse?contentId=35619>.

10. Colby Junior College received a visit from a First Lady of the United States. Who was the First Lady?

**Answer: Eleanor Roosevelt**

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt visited the Colby Junior College campus in October 1941. To see photos, visit [https://archives.colby-sawyer.edu/uncategorized/SO\\_ee7adc9c-bb7f-4b1d-8b11-6e14ff2ecc85/](https://archives.colby-sawyer.edu/uncategorized/SO_ee7adc9c-bb7f-4b1d-8b11-6e14ff2ecc85/).