

Periscope

Gleaned by Dean Earl H. Smith from his weekly campus newsletter, *FYI*

Economics a Leader

A study conducted at Mount Holyoke College ranks Colby third among the nation's best liberal arts colleges for the quality of its economics department as based upon faculty publications. Previous studies had ranked economics departments at graduate degree-granting institutions. The study used all schools listed in the *U.S. News & World Report* college guide. Williams College was ranked first, followed by Wellesley.

To Name a Few

Sura DuBow '92, assistant men's and women's swim coach last year, has been named head coach, replacing **Sheila Cain**, who resigned over the summer to take the top slot at the University of Chicago. A political science major and swim team captain at Colby, Sura spent a year as an ESL teacher at the American English Institute in Buenos Aires, Argentina, before returning to her alma mater. . . . **Janet Kolkebeck**, formerly associate director of development and major gifts officer at the University of Oregon, has been named director of major gifts, replacing **Ann Jones-Weinstock**, who's off to ply the trade for Middlebury. Kolkebeck did her undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin, received a master's in special education from Northeastern Illinois University, and then earned an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago. . . . **Marc Glass** has been appointed assistant director of communications, replacing **Lynn Sullivan '89**, who has resigned. A 1988 honors graduate of Bates College, Glass taught English at Jay High School while working as a freelance journalist for several Maine papers. . . . **Allyson Goodwin '87** is the

new major gifts officer and director of regional campaigns. She was director of annual giving at Colby-Sawyer. . . . **Becky Birrell '92** is associate director of annual giving, coming from Wesleyan University, where she had been assistant director. . . . **Suisheng Zhao** (government) has been named an honorary senior fellow of the Zhejiang Institute of Asian-Pacific Studies in China. Suisheng is the editor of *The Journal of Contemporary China*, considered one of the most powerful influences in the formulation of Americans' attitudes toward China.

Name Straightening

Because the name "center" so well defines the function of the planned new addition to the Student Center, it has been agreed to call the new wing the **Pugh Center** and to change the name of the building itself to the **Student Union**.

Colby Pride

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes (sociology and anthropology) has been elected to the 12-member Council of the American Sociological Association. **Charles Willie**, father of Cheryl's department colleague, **Sarah Willie**, is vice president-elect of the association. . . . **Dave Bourgaize** (chemistry) has received a major award from the National Institutes of Health to assist research by him and his students on Volvox, a green algae controlled by light. The work is aimed at understanding how protein synthesis is controlled during the growth of many different organisms, including humans. . . . **Cedric Bryant** (English) was a member of the faculty of a four-week NEH-funded summer institute for Maine secondary and high

school teachers titled "Shaping Identities: Autobiography and the American Experience."

In Case You Haven't Heard

The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) has announced that Colby is a winner of the Council's 1995 Circle of Excellence in Educational Fund-Raising Award, which honors outstanding fund-raising programs across the country. Colby won similar awards in 1991 and 1992. **Randy Helm's** shop was one of 13 from private liberal arts colleges to receive the honor.

How Inflated Are We?

The Harvard Gazette reports that 85 percent of the Harvard Class of '95 graduated with Latin honors. Colby had 43 percent in that once more elite category. In an effort to combat grade inflation, several colleges have taken to publishing the grade distribution of individual classes on student transcripts. It has had the predictable effect of lowering overall averages.

Staffers Are Promoted

Three young admissions professionals—**Hung Bui '94**, **Alison Meyer '94** and **Kevin Turner**—have been promoted to the rank of assistant director. In geology, **Bruce Rueger** has been named senior teaching associate and, in Miller Library, **Karen Bourgaize** has been named circulation supervisor. **Darlene Hallee** has been promoted to administrative secretary in the office of the dean of the college and in alumni/development, **Patricia**

Ayers-Miller is now programmer and systems analyst for information services.

Full Professors

Trustees approved the recommended promotion to full professorships for **Michael Marlais** in art and **Len Reich** in administrative science and science and technology studies. Michael joined the Colby faculty in 1983; Len in 1986.

Two Named to Chairs

Two veteran faculty members—**Tom Morrione '65** and **Ed Yeterian**—have been appointed to named chairs. Tom is the Dana Professor of Sociology; Ed is the Audrey Wade Hittinger Katz and Sheldon Toby Katz Distinguished Teaching Professor of Psychology. Tom won't abbreviate his title; Ed probably will.

Moosecellaneous

Some 70 percent of Colby students now engage in international study, considerably more than the next closest NESCAC school, Middlebury, where approximately half of all students study abroad. . . . Administrative Vice President **Arnie Yasinski** has been elected chair of the board of the Mid-Maine Medical Center. Now he watches the books at each of Waterville's two largest employers. . . . Despite the crush of students, Registrar **George Coleman** and Dean of Faculty **Bob McArthur** teamed to place the greatest number of students ever in courses of their first choice. . . . Sophomore **Meaghan Sittler** (East Amherst, N.Y.) and junior **Barbara Gordon** (Glendale, Calif.) were named to the U.S. Women's Select Team, from which some members of the first-ever U.S. Olympic women's hockey team may be selected.