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## Periscope

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**Set in Pompano**

James Boylan (English) has signed a four-book contract with HarperCollins and 17th Street Productions for a new series of novels aimed at the college market. Television rights go to Fox. The series, set in Pompano Beach, Fla., begins appearing in late fall 2000.

**Cosby & Colby**

Carol Fuller, erstwhile lieutenant in the development army, and entertainer Bill Cosby LL.D. '92 share the same dentist—the father of Allyson Goodwin '87, another escapee from the fund-raising shop. Carol and Cosby were both getting teeth fixed on a recent morning, and Bill was wearing the Colby sweatshirt given to him at commencement in 1992. Carol praised his choice of apparel, and Cosby allowed that he was wearing the shirt at the taping of his TV show later that day.

**A Raft of Joy**

In September more than 20 students took to Johnson Pond in homemade rafts to compete in an SGA-sponsored regatta. Teams had one hour to build rafts (no dorm furniture or boating materials allowed) before racing them across the pond and back to the cheers and jeers of a substantial gallery of spectators. "Love Boat," captained by Jon Allen '00 and made from two inflatable women and two inflatable Darth Maul chairs, was the quickest to capsize, just 15 feet from shore. The fastest entry was a Huck Finn-style raft skippered by SGA president Ben Humphreys '00. Humphreys's team spent \$250 on air mattresses and other materials to capture the \$200 first prize.

**Robed in Vermillion**

When Charlie Bassett (American studies) was on the cover of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in July, one might have concluded that only a South Dakotan could say "there's no place warmer" than

Maine. The president of the University of South Dakota recognized a South Dakotan and an alumnus when he saw the piece, and he invited Bassett to give the 2000 graduation speech in Vermillion, S.D. Bassett, who earned a B.A. there 45 years ago and stayed on to get an M.A. in 1956, says he'll be back here in time for Colby's 179th commencement on May 21.

**Tonya Brookings Fellow**

Tony Corrado (government) has been named a Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., where he will work on campaign finance issues and assist in the development of a Web site tracking new legal developments in campaign finance law.

**Service Learning with Impact**

The East Pond Association has made a partnership with the Colby Environmental Studies program to deal with the pond's elevated phosphorus content. For the past two years, East Pond, the headwater of the Belgrade Lakes chain, has experienced unpleasant algae blooms. Colby students, working with Dave Firmage (biology), developed prevention and remediation recommendations for presentation to the

**Moosecellaneous**

Forty new faculty include three Colby grads—Tina Beachy '93, Jim Cook '78 and Bernadette Graham '96. . . . We've seen a photo of a North Carolina car carrying the license plate 1 COLBY . . . that's Shannon Baker '96, former SGA president and now a med student at UNC-Chapel Hill. . . . Peter Harris (English) had a poem in the October *Atlantic Monthly*. . . . Jonathan Kaplan '94 is policy advisor to Tipper Gore, wife of the U.S. VP and Democratic candidate for president. . . . The seismograph in Colby's geo department got what Bob Nelson calls "an absolutely spectacular" record of the October 16 earthquake in southern California. . . . Susan MacKenzie '80, who teaches the Jan Plan course *The Greening of Faith* and is director of the World Council of Churches' spirituality and stewardship program, was named Conservationist of the Year by the Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club. She's married to Michael Donihue '79 (economics).

association board in December. Students began measuring phosphorus concentrations and taking lake sediment samples last winter and continued their studies through the spring. During the summer, Carrie Brooke '00 (Summit, N.J.) and Jon Brooks '99 (Chester, Vt.) lived and worked at the pond.

**No Hunting**

If you think it goes without saying that there is no hunting allowed on the Colby campus, it ain't so. Because of a new law that permits bow and arrow hunting within municipal limits, there are some hunters who think it is open season on the Colby deer

herd. Not so. Colby is private land. The campus is also an official State Game Preserve. Our land is posted. More signs are going up. Meanwhile, if you bring an apple for lunch, don't put it on your head.

**Our Own Hilary**

Hilary Gehman '93 was named to the U.S. National Rowing Team after finishing fourth in the women's quadruple sculls at the World Rowing Championships at St. Catherine's, Ontario, in August. Hilary is the rowing coach at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore.

**Scholar Athletes**

Women's volleyball and men's nordic skiing top the list of teams with the highest average GPA over the last academic year. Cross country was second among women's teams, and alpine skiing was third. Cross country also took second among the men's teams, with tennis third. Twenty-three of the 32 Colby varsity teams (16 men, 15 women, 1 coed) had average GPAs of 3.0 or better. Last year Colby had 708 athletes in 32 varsity sports, 93 of them dual- or tri-sport athletes. To these add 467 students in 10 club sports and nearly 1,500 competitors in 14 intramural sports. (Yes, there's some overlap or we had 2,675 students in 1,739 beds.)

