

by Craig Bystrynski

Ground may be broken in June for a new dormitory of about 100 beds, to be completed for September, 1981, according to Dean of Housing Janice Seitzinger.

Four locations for the structure are currently being considered by the building committee, Seitzinger stated. The sites are: directly behind Roberts Union; east of Roberts Union, next to the football field; behind Lorimer Chapel, on the hillside; and between Dana and Mary Low halls.

Several factors must be weighed in choosing the site, according to the building committee chairman, Dean Smith. Aesthetics and energy possibilities are important, he said. Also, "You wouldn't want to diminish the possibility for expansion later." He noted further that the campus is divided into three general physical areas: housing, academic and athletic, whose needs must be examined before placing the unit.

In addition, the proposed expansion of Miller Library must be considered, Smith

# 100 New Beds

stated. "First they'd have to decide they were going to renovate rather than build a new (library)," he said. According to Seitzinger, "It's conceivable to imagine that any construction involving the library would involve Johnson and Averill," in which case a second new dorm, compensating for the 87 beds in each hall, would have to be built. "The library is the most overriding decision," she said.

According to President William Cotter, the purpose of the new dormitory is not to increase the student body, but rather to make living conditions more comfortable. "We had a terrible overcrowding problem this year," he noted, adding, "We run that risk of overcrowding next year," but hope that the problem will be lessened through more students choosing to live off campus. "We hope to be able to free-up room" to create lounges in existing dormitories, he stated.

At the start of the current academic year, Cotter continued, 1697 students were enrolled. When the new dorm opens, "We are planning on a student body that will average 1640 a year," although, "You have to have enough accommodations in September," when the figure will be 1650-1890, allowing for expected mid-term attrition, he said.

Smith concurred, "Over the last five or six years, Colby has moved to the maximum that can be accommodated. We've taken it up by crowding the students into poor housing arrangements.

Although no specifics have been formulated for the dormitory, Seitzinger stated, the "concept of energy will be key." A building with solar potential and a back-up oil-burning system is one possibility, she said. According to Plant Engineer Stanley Palmer, "We're looking at passive solar heat. It is an option

which the college should take a very hard look at."

In addition, the type of housing within the dormitory is being examined. "It certainly won't be a traditional dormitory like Dana," Smith said. Seitzinger agreed, "We certainly don't want another long corridor, gang bathroom facility." New structures at other New England colleges have been studied, she added, and a questionnaire will be sent to students, eliciting their opinions.

"We're looking at what we think are creative architects," she continued. The four architects being considered for the project are Benjamin Thompson Associates, builders of the hillside complex and Boston's Quincy Market; Design Plus, renovators of Roberts Union; Phillip Chu's; and Banwell, White and Arnold.

The four firms will each make a presentation before a combined meeting of the Board of Trustees, and the Building and Ground Committee and the Student Residence Committee in mid-March. The architect will then be chosen by consensus, Seitzinger said.

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## Cotter Vetoes Faculty Vote

by Alison Jones

would be a "one-time thing," allowing all professors to catch up to the rise in the cost of living.

Bassett and Pestana are in agreement that it is, in any case, difficult to measure a faculty member's "merit." Bassett feels that measuring someone's merit by the number of books and/or articles published or by the number of students in a class is somewhat mechanical. Pestana says that it is difficult to apply the criteria listed in the Faculty Handbook objectively and that it is difficult, if not impossible, to uniformly evaluate research.

The criteria in the handbook are: 1) Teaching Ability; 2) Advising Ability; 3) Effectiveness in Discipline; 4) Contributions

to the Discipline; 5) Contributions to the College; 6) Other. Both Bassett and Pestana wonder how it is to be determined that one faculty member is worth a 9 percent increase while another is worth 15 percent.

Besides, Bassett feels that money cannot "make" someone improve his-her teaching. Speaking for himself, he said that he doesn't teach well in order to receive a raise. It is, in part, a matter of pride: "You do it because you care about what you do."

Prof. Ira Sadoff (English Department) is strongly against the merit system on moral grounds. He feels that with respect to salary increases, a choice must be made between viewing Colby as a community of scholars or

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## Charge Investigated

by Jane Eklund

A special subcommittee of the Board of Trustees is being formed to examine Assistant Psychology Professor Diane Skowbo's charge that sex discrimination was a factor in the decision to deny her tenure.

Chairman of the Board Robert Anthony informed Skowbo of the new committee, headed by Trustee Albert Palmer, in a letter dated February 19: "As soon as feasible, please write Mr. Palmer setting forth the specifics of the basics for your complaint."

In a telephone interview, Palmer said the committee will investigate the charge of sexism, and will not review the tenure case. "The Board has a responsibility to see that the procedures are followed and that there's no discrimination involved; that there's nothing out of order," he said.

Palmer added that he had not yet received the names of the other committee members from Anthony. He said the committee will begin working after he hears the details of the case from Skowbo.

President Cotter commented: "It would now be up to Diane to bring forth the evidence of sex discrimination. Diane has raised only recently an allegation of sex discrimination." He said Skowbo originally wrote to him, Dean of Faculty Paul Jenson and Anthony, and did not mention sex discrimination in any of the letters.

"What is the basis of her allegations? I still don't know," he said.

Cotter added that he will not re-examine Skowbo's tenure case. "I was trying to follow

the decisions made by the faculty-elected body. I'm not going to second-guess the Committee (on Promotions and Tenure). They have made positive guidelines about where there was doubt."

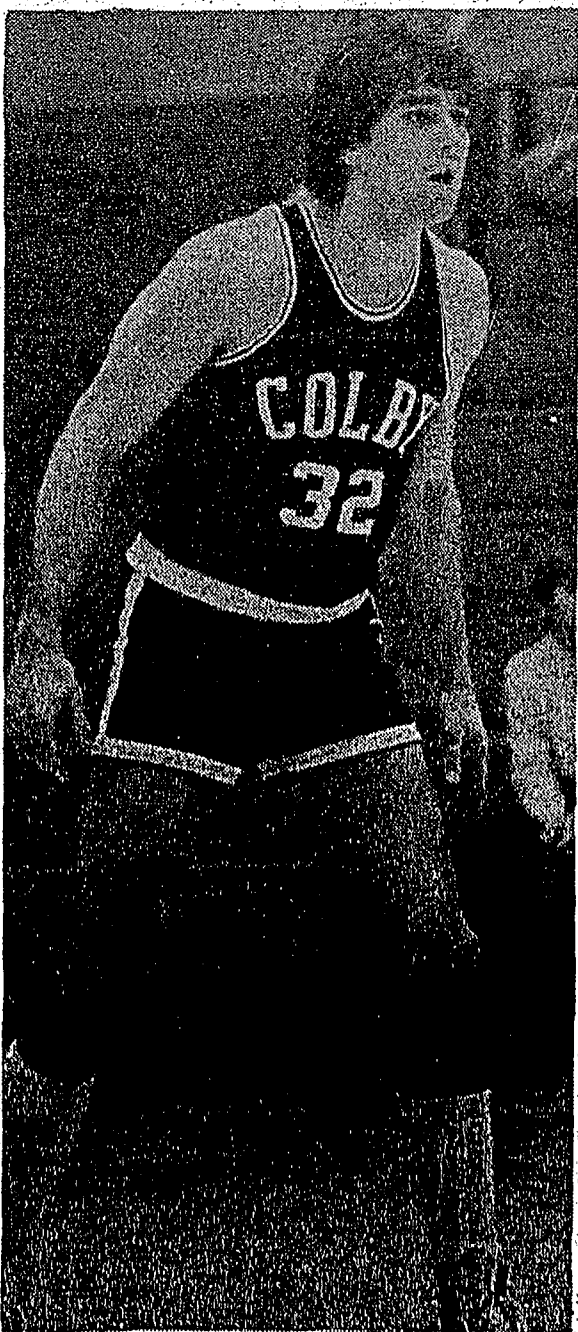
He said: "The Board of Trustees expects the college to keep the percentage of tenured faculty to non-tenured faculty constant. We have a limited number of spots, good people are going to be turned down. It's inevitable if you're going to have young people on the faculty."

Headed that had all seven candidates been recommended unanimously for tenure, he would have asked the committee to rate them in the order of which they deserved tenure. "Frankly, it would have been impossible for me to present seven candidates to the Board."

Cotter said he was "shattered" by the fact that a woman and a minority were denied tenure. "I think it's a disaster. Nothing would have made me happier than if they had been in the five and if the two denied tenure had been white male Protestants."

## ECHO Friday

As of last week, the ECHO will be out on Friday mornings, instead of Thursdays, because of a printing conflict with the Sentinel. All of our deadlines will remain the same, as we have to have the paper to the printers by 8 a.m. on Thursday.



Playing in his last game for Colby, co-captain Dave Harvey scored an incredible 49 points as the Mules destroyed Bates 111-78 Wed. night. Harvey broke the old record of 48 points in one game and went over the 1000 point milestone.

Stu-A and Class Elections will be held on Thursday, March 13. All interested candidates may pick up nomination papers in the Student Activities Office.

According to Professor Charles Bassett (English), it was a "very, very, fuzzy system - you didn't know why or what you received." Bassett said that in the past a faculty member would receive a letter stating his-her salary for the coming year, but there was no indication of what this salary meant meritorious or otherwise - unless one could compare his-her increase with that of other professors.

Professor Harold Pestana (Geology), president of the AAUP says that the AAUP has always been somewhat leary of the term "merit." He says the AAUP generally supports the view that if the total raise is not greater than the cost of living, no merit increase is involved. It was hoped with the motion this year that the 13 percent increase

# Stu - A

by Duncan R. Gibson

Important topics concerning the student body discussed at Monday's Stu-A meeting include the announcement of elections and a Stu-A endorsed proposal on the pass-fail option that was sent to the EPC (see box). There was also discussion on the possibility of a club for Colby's foreign students.

Executive Chairperson Scot Lehigh announced that Stu-A Executive Board and class elections will be held on Thursday, March 13th. Seniors will also vote for the graduation speaker and the recipient of the Condon Medal.

All class offices and the following Stu-A offices are open: Executive Chairperson, Committee Chairperson, Treasurer, Academic Life Chairperson, Cultural Life Chairperson, Social Life Chairperson, Public Information Chairperson, and two student representatives to the Board of Trustees. There will also be a referendum asking that the two Student Trustees be full voting members of the Stu-A Executive Board.

All interested candidates for Stu-A and class offices may pick up nomination papers in the Student Activities Office, Roberts Union. All nomination papers must be turned in by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10. The results of the election will be announced at the Strider Lecture on Friday, March 14th, with Georgia State Senator Julian Bond.

The Stu-A board overwhelmingly endorsed a proposal regarding the current pass-fail option here at Colby. The proposal has been sent to the EPC and is reprinted below (see box). If endorsed by the EPC and the faculty, the pass-fail option would be greatly changed. Any student who does better than he had expected will receive a grade. The student would choose a "minimum acceptable" grade, and if his work was above the minimum grade, he would receive the regular credit and quality points. If not, he would receive the standard P or F with no quality points or regular credit.

Thus, the incentive to continue to do well and to "stay abreast of the course" is not lost. Both Academic Life Chairperson Jay Otis and EPC student member Mari-Ellen Pratt were enthusiastic in their support of the proposal. Pratt stated that she "does support this, but I know of areas which will have to be clarified when presented to the EPC" for consideration.

Haluk Nural and Fidel Fajardo asked permission of the Board to organize a club for Colby's foreign students. The purpose would be to help acquaint the new foreign students with American culture prior to their arrival to Colby, and to help them learn more about Maine and the US throughout the year, with special events such as trips to Boston. Also, they will help to acquaint the students with the social culture, as well as academic life at Colby. The organizers are now creating a constitution and will reappear before the Board.

The club would appreciate support from all Colby students in their orientation activities

at Colby, and in the other special events. Anyone interested in the formation of this club should contact Haluk Nural at extension 463.

In other news, Scot Lehigh expressed his disappointment of the absence of three of the Board members. Brenda Bowen, Rod Marshall and Eric Ertman were in play rehearsal, but had known about the meeting well in advance. Lehigh commented that "all three members have been derelict in their duties, knowing full well their responsibility to the Board prior to their auditioning for that damn play."

The next meeting of the Stu-A is Monday at 9:00 p.m., 2nd floor Roberts. All students are urged to attend.

*Candidates are urged to submit brief position statements to the Echo on Sunday, March 2nd.*

## Stu-A Office Descriptions

**EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON:** presides over all meetings of the Executive Committee, and all campus meetings. She/he is also responsible for the communication of the will of the Executive Board and the student body, supervises the election committee, and writes an annual report to the Colby community.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:** is chairman of the Committee on Committees, the committee responsible for interviewing and appointing students to college committees. She/he will perform the duties of the Executive Chairperson in his absence.

**ACADEMIC LIFE CHAIRPERSON:** is a member of the EPC, and is responsible for presenting the Board's opinion and is chairman of the standing sub-committee on Academic Life.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIRPERSON:** is responsible for submitting information to the Colby media, and to inform the community of upcoming important meetings and events as set by the Executive Board.

**TREASURER:** is the Chairperson of the Appropriations committee, which assists the treasurer in preparing the annual budget and allocations to the various Colby organizations. She/he will advise the Board on financial matters. Must have one semester of accounting.

**CULTURAL LIFE CHAIRPERSON:** is responsible, with the cultural life sub-committee, for the organization and scheduling of events for the college. He is also a member of the Social Life committee.

**SOCIAL LIFE CHAIRPERSON:** is responsible, with the social life sub-committee, for the organization and scheduling of events for the college. He is also a member of the cultural life sub-committee.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** (two openings) — represent a general student outlook to the Board of Trustees, along with proposals of the Executive Board. They are members of the Stu-A Executive Board, and if the referendum question this spring is passed, they will be full voting members.

# Colby Poll vs. N.H. Results

## COLBY ECHO PRESIDENTIAL STRAW VOTE RESULTS

Republican		Democratic	
	Votes %		Votes %
John B. Anderson	114 45	Jerry Brown	56 25
Howard Baker	11 4	Jimmy Carter	85 38
George H. W. Bush	114 45	Edward M. Kennedy	76 34
John B. Connally	5 2	Lyndon LaRouche	3 2
Philip M. Crane	3 1	George McGovern (write-in)	1 1
Robert Dole	1 0		
Ronald Reagan	3 1		
Gerald R. Ford (write-in)	2 2		

## New Hampshire Presidential Primary Results

Republican		Democratic	
	Votes %		Votes %
John B. Anderson	9,784 10	Jerry Brown	7,732 10
Howard Baker	12,868 13	Jimmy Carter	39,013 50
George H. W. Bush	22,255 22	Edward M. Kennedy	29,236 37
John B. Connally	1,506 1	Lyndon LaRouche	1,840 1
Philip M. Crane	1,661 2	Richard Kay	526 1
Robert Dole	415 0		
Ronald Reagan	52,895 52		

\*74% of vote reporting

## Stu-A Letter To The EPC

The Student Association requests that the Educational Policy Committee consider the following proposal regarding the alteration of Colby's Pass-Fail option. We see certain merits in the current system: It allows students some flexibility, some room to experiment by exploring new areas, without hurting his cumulative average if he does not have an affinity for the subject matter. However, the Pass-Fail option as it presently stands, also has serious faults, faults which are bothersome to both faculty and students. The problems with our system emanate from the irrevocability of the Pass-Fail option. This creates a serious disincentive for students who have done better than they expected early in the course. Having elected to take the course on a Pass-Fail basis, he receives no tangible manifestation of his efforts. Thus, faced with rigorous demands from four other courses, it is only natural that a student who has a healthy average in a course taken on a pass-fail basis will devote less time to that course, relying on his early performance to sustain his passing grade. Therefore, both the student and the professor lose under our current system; the student because once having elected to take a course pass-fail he cannot receive either a grade or quality points should he do well, and the professor because the natural proclivity under such a system is for the student to do less as the semester work load in other courses progresses.

To rectify these problems, we propose restructuring the pass-fail policy by including an incentive for students to continue to do high quality work in a course taken on a pass-fail basis. Under our proposed system, if a student were doing well in a course under pass-fail option, he could opt to take his actual grade rather than a simple pass. Early in the semester, probably at the present pass-fail declaration deadline, one would put down a pass-fail option in a course. However, along with this, he would also select the lowest letter

grade for the course which he would be willing to have appear on his record. Should he finish the course with either this grade or one higher, the grade would appear on his transcripts, and he would simply get a pass for the course. For example, if one put down an option on a course, selecting a B- as his lowest acceptable grade, this grade and anything above it would be recorded; if he earned less than a B-, his grade would be a pass (assuming, of course, that he did not fail).

If the student earned his lowest acceptable grade or above, thereby taking the course on a conventional basis, he would retain the pass-fail option for future use, and the grade, along with the quality points, would appear on his record. The early declaration deadline would, of course, be final, subject to the same administrative appeal as we currently have for pass-fail. There would be no latitude for late semester option declarations. As with the current system, the professor would not be informed of the student's decision to take the course on this basis.

We feel advantages inherent in this proposal which are not included in our present system, advantages are beneficial to both faculty and student. This way, incentives to do well, to devote adequate time to a course, and to come to class prepared are not destroyed the way they are by the irrevocability of our present system. Both students and professors will benefit, the former by the flexibility of a system which allows them to experiment academically while still rewarding their efforts, and the latter by the encouragement all students will have to stay abreast of the course, and to devote adequate time and energy to it.

This system, or variations on it, have been successfully employed at other comparable colleges. We hope the Educational Policy Committee will give serious consideration to what we consider an important improvement on our present system.

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J. Eklund, Editor



# Student Conference For Action Convenes

by Beth Pniewski

The Student Conference for Action, the protege of Colby Unite, is looking for interested students who want to get involved in changing Colby. Seven committees have been formed: Energy Conservation, Student Written Course Evaluations and Handbook, Alternate Housing, Alternate Parties, Student Run Food Agencies, New Meal Plans, and Lobbying for EPC Proposals. The Colby Environmental Council, an already established group on campus, is also looking for interested students.

Three students, Denise Glennon, Catie Hobson, and Bruce Martel, all former members of the Colby Unite, organized the Student Conference for Action. The conference was held in Roberts Loft last Tuesday night.

Denise Glennon commented the purpose of the conference was to "try to get students involved in the school to do specific projects within the school." She also said "it would be nice to get at least five on each group."

### Alternate Housing

Anyone who has any ideas on alternate housing at Colby or ideas on what the new dorm should be should contact Lydia Mason at 453-7712. This group will meet on Monday at 6:30 on second floor Roberts.

### Student Written Course Evaluations and Handbook

Student course evaluations were started last semester. The committee hopes to conduct more course evaluations and compile a handbook with the results. Students who are interested should contact Mimi Pratt, extension 530.

### New Meal Plans (Food Alternatives)

This group plans to look into having students run the food service on campus. They are hoping to plan a weekly vegetarian meal cooked by students for students on second floor Roberts. The group would like to get more nutritious food into the vending machines and also take a survey of what type of food students prefer. The group is not limited to vegetarian concerns, but rather improved food for everyone. Interested students contact Jon Rosenthal at 873-6497.

### Alternate Parties

Students who have ideas about alternate parties such as coffee houses, non-alcoholic parties, and activity-oriented parties contact Sam Weiser at extension 545. Along these lines, there will be a dance marathon on April 15th in the gym to benefit the Hilltop School (contact Catie Hobson, ext. 573).

### Lobbying for EPC Proposals

This group hopes to work to develop support amongst faculty to get EPC proposals on Jan Plan and Course Load accepted. Students who are well-respected and academically strong in their major are especially sought. They hope to set up strategies and lobby each faculty member. Interested students are asked to attend a meeting Thursday, March 6th at 6:15 p.m. in Foss Lounge.

### Student Run Food Agencies

This group will look into alternatives to the Spa and inviting other food vendors on campus. They will also look into a student lounge for off-campus as well as on-campus people to go in-between classes. Interested students contact Jack McBride.

### Energy Conservation

Students who are interested in minimizing energy consumption on campus call Catie Hobson, extension 573, for further details.

### Colby Environmental Council

The CEC is open to anyone who is interested in increasing environmental awareness on campus. The council annually makes apple cider, maple syrup, and takes responsibility for recycling newspapers on campus. There is no formal membership. Interested students should contact Jill Benedict at extension 573.



Barbary Byfield, Sam Weiser, and Lydia Mason at the Student Conference for Action Tuesday night.

Photo by Jason Pellatier

## "The Dilemma Of Black Economics"

by Mark Labdon

Waldo Emerson Martin, a candidate for a position in the History Department described what he called Frederick Douglas' "overweening optimism" about the economic situation of Blacks after the Civil War as part of a lecture entitled "Frederick Douglass and the Dilemma of Black Economics." According to Martin, Douglass underemphasized the role of capitalism in contributing to racism.

Faced with increasing job competition, a lack of money, and the intellectual atmosphere of Social Darwinism used to justify "the myth of extinction of free negroes," blacks found themselves subjugated to the near slavery of sharecropping and leased convict labor.

Martin said Douglass recognized these elements of capitalism as reinforcing racism. He also recognized the "white backlash," of hatred of blacks who achieved distinction and a general attack on the virtue, success, ability and manhood of black men. But Martin said Douglass was mistaken in seeing the two factors as separable.

Douglass "wanted to be a good American" and advocated bourgeois success, said Martin. Seeing less racial prejudice among whites of a higher socioeconomic status, Douglass concluded that evils like racial

prejudice were found primarily in the lower working class.

Martin said faith in materialism as an expression of progress, combined with Douglass' faith in morality, yielded an unrealistic optimism. Douglass felt that whites had to eventually recognize "the morality and-or economic rationalism" of black success.

Martin, a graduate of Duke University is presently finishing his thesis at the University of California at Berkeley.



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## IRC Election Results

by Karen Peterson

Also elected were Larry Drago of DU as chairman of the social committee and Bob Ruzzo of DU as chairman of the cultural committee. Dennis Ring of LCA was elected chairman of the public service committee.

Elections for the 1980 IFC officers were held Tuesday, Feb. 26 at the Council meeting. Among those elected were Dan Sheehy of Zeta Psi as president, Rob Howard of ATO as Secretary and Marc Jeton of DKE as treasurer.

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# Off the Hill

## McCarthy On The Draft

Eugene McCarthy, noted anti-war spokesperson and former senator, in an interview with the Georgetown Voice supports the reestablishment of the draft.

Said McCarthy, "Well, I was opposed to the establishment of a volunteer army, so I was opposed to the discontinuation of the draft. The army had a double function - it is both the military force and the representative of what the country is."

McCarthy explained that the volunteer army set the military free in that they no longer had to answer to society. McCarthy spends most of his time writing and filling the role of philosopher poet.

## Increases Across The Board

President George D. Langdon of Colgate announced that tuition, room, and board fees will increase by 11.8 percent next year bringing the value of a Colgate education to \$7570 per year.

Said Langdon of the \$800 increase, "This level of increase will seem high to some of you, but I don't think it will be high to those of you who have been reading of increases at other highly selective institutions." According to The Colgate News, "tuition costs at Smith, Princeton, and Stanford will rise by more than 12 percent next year, and the cost of a year's education at Yale will exceed \$9000.

According to the Bates Student, tuition at Bates will increase 17 percent or \$1,115 per student in the coming year.

## Bates Supports Registration

According to the Bates Student, a random phone survey of 64 students on January 28th, 71.9 percent said they would register for the draft; while only 51.6 percent said they would fight if actually drafted.

Fourteen percent said they would not serve in the military under any circumstances and 18.8 percent said they would fight depending on the situation. Roughly 15.6 percent were undecided.

When questioned about the draft including women, 91.3 percent of the men and 65.2 percent of the women were in favor.

## LSDAS Reports Delayed

According to the Free Press at the University of Southern Maine, delays in the delivery of a new computer system have caused a backlog in Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) reports to schools.

At the current processing rate, the backlog delays will take 8 weeks to clear up. Applicants should not expect to hear from the school on admission standing until much later in the spring.

# Crisis In Afganistan And Iran

by Beth Pniewski

"Crisis in Afghanistan and Iran" was the subject of a recent Resident Forum given by Professors Weissburg, Hauss, and Bowen of the government department. The three expressed conflicting views on the current problems in the two countries.

Professor Weissburg started the forum by expressing the opinion that "Afghanistan was directly related to the Iranian situation." He said that some of his colleagues believe that the Soviet act was designed to secure their borders. Weissburg said a more accurate explanation of the Soviet action would be their intent to control Afghanistan, and added "they miscalculated the effect it would have on the West."

On the Iranian situation Weissburg said the "hostages" became part of an international chess game" calling them "dual hostages" being both American symbols and subjects of the American position.

Weissburg speculated that because of what

happened in Afghanistan, the Soviet Union will not take any action in Yugoslavia after Tito's death unless there is a civil war.

He concluded the "balance of power has shifted to the detriment of the US."

Professor Hauss opened his part of the forum by confessing "I am way off my geological turf" and added he never took a course in international relations.

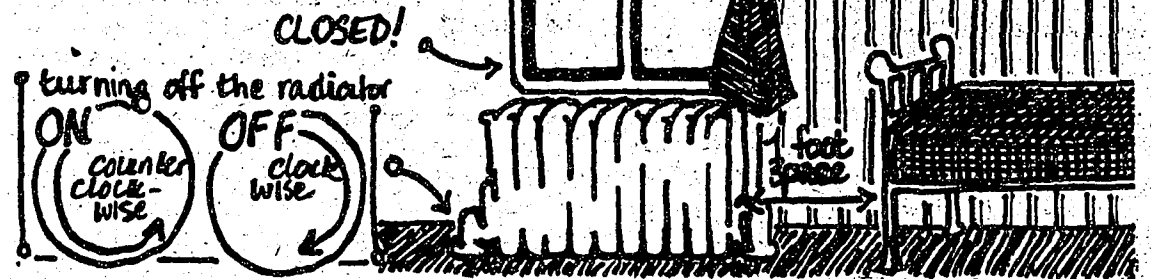
He made three opening points. First, the balance of power is shifting. Second, "we have to not look at actions as actions of a crazy 80 year old fanatic" in talking about Iran. He added they are actions of rational calculations. Third, the diplomatic rationale of thirty years ago does not work today.

Hauss stated that the diplomatic tools that have worked in the past do not work today. The UN, for example, only works when all parties are in agreement. He added that at one time the marines could be sent in. Today if the marines were sent into Iran the hostages would die. Economic sanctions are no longer useful as they once were.

Hauss said that the US as the most powerful nation "doesn't hold anymore." He added that our diplomatic options today are things like boycott the Olympics, a military draft, and limited trade.

Professor Bowen started off by saying "Carter is ahead in the polls," and added "I'm worried." He commented that in April

CARE & FEEDING of the RADIATOR



## Proper Radiator Care

by Steve Harding

The radiators at Colby are frequently frustrating. However, with the proper care and treatment, this need not be the case.

At Colby there are two different kinds of radiator controls: manual and automatic; and two kinds of heating systems: water and steam. Steam radiators operate in the following manner. The steam comes into the building from the boiler and is distributed through the building by means of a piping system. It comes into each radiator through a valve and heats a series of metal fins inside the radiator. This heat is then spread throughout the room by the circulating air currents in the room - the hot air rises from the radiator, taking hot air with it, heating the room. The steam condenses and leaves the radiator through the small pipe or trap at the bottom of the radiator and goes back to the boiler.

The water system functions in much the same way, coming into the radiator at 200 degrees Fahrenheit and heating the metal plates.

The radiator valves are easy to operate if

you know where they are. In most dorms, the valves are in plain sight. In Dana, the valves are underneath the radiator, and in the New Dorms, they are on top of the grill that is in front of the window. Turn the valves clockwise to close them, counterclockwise to open. When the valve is completely closed, the radiator should not give off any heat.

If you live in Averill or Johnson, things are slightly different. The valves in your dorm have a thermostat inside them and five numbers on the side of the valve. They go from one to five, with five being the highest (hottest) number. Just pick a number, set the valve and leave it alone.

The best way to find out which setting is best for you is to experiment with the different settings until you find the most comfortable temperature for you. This applies to both types of valve controls, and both usually take from one to two hours to even off at the new temperature, so don't get impatient.

Radiators are designed to work with the circulating air currents that exist in a room. Therefore, it is absolutely imperative that the air be able to get underneath the radiator. Many of us arrange our rooms with beds, chairs, desks, boxes, etc. directly in front of the radiator. If you have such a set-up, you probably have a cold room. You should leave roughly one foot of space between your radiator and whatever object of furniture so that the air can get at the radiator.

If you have an overheated room, turn the radiator off and allow it time to cool off. Mine usually takes two hours before it is cold. If your radiator still gives off heat after a prolonged interval, see your dorm energy representative. Do NOT open your window if you can help it, open your door instead. If you open your window, it causes even more of a heat loss and costs you more money.

Every dorm and fraternity should have a representative to the energy committee. Surveys are being made to find out where the biggest problems are, i.e., broken radiator knobs, uninsulated pipes, dirty radiator covers, and so forth. They are there to help you with such problems as these.

Energy tip for the week: keep the area directly in front of and above the radiator free from beds and curtains. If you pull your curtains at night, you will be amazed at how much warmer it is in the morning.

Weather condition permitting, the energy committee would like to shut off heat on campus. This will not provide any discomfort as the dorms will be warm enough already at the time of the shut down. This heat shutdown would result in a savings of \$350 per day for 6 hours of shutoff time. Savings would be increased to \$466 a day for 8 hours of shutoff time or roughly \$4,000 per year based on one shutoff day each month. Turning off the heat for 6 hours a day once a month saves \$3100.

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## There Goes The Neighborhood

by Lisa Hallee

In an effort to promote closer contact between faculty and students, four faculty members will establish residences on campus.

Next fall, Father Paul Cote, Catholic Chaplain, will occupy the present Head Resident's apartment in Pepper; Richard Bell, both a football and women's track coach, and his wife will move into a Taylor apartment; and another faculty member who is yet to be identified will live in the Dana apartment.

The fourth apartment located in Mary Low is to be occupied as soon as its renovations are completed by Sandy Maisel, acting chairman of the Government Department, his two children and their dog.

This program is being undertaken in response to student complaints that the present situation at Colby tends to increase alienation between students and faculty. It is hoped that students will respond favorably to a fulltime faculty on campus.

The faculty members will sponsor various activities involving faculty and students in their respective sections of the campus. These interactions, will be formal and informal. Dean Seitzinger expressed her desire to see impromptu gatherings as other faculty members come to visit their colleagues on campus.

Each of the live-in faculty members will be asked to have "a good percentage of their meals at Seiler's," explained Seitzinger. These faculty members, she continued, will receive free room and board. In addition, each apartment is equipped with kitchen facilities.

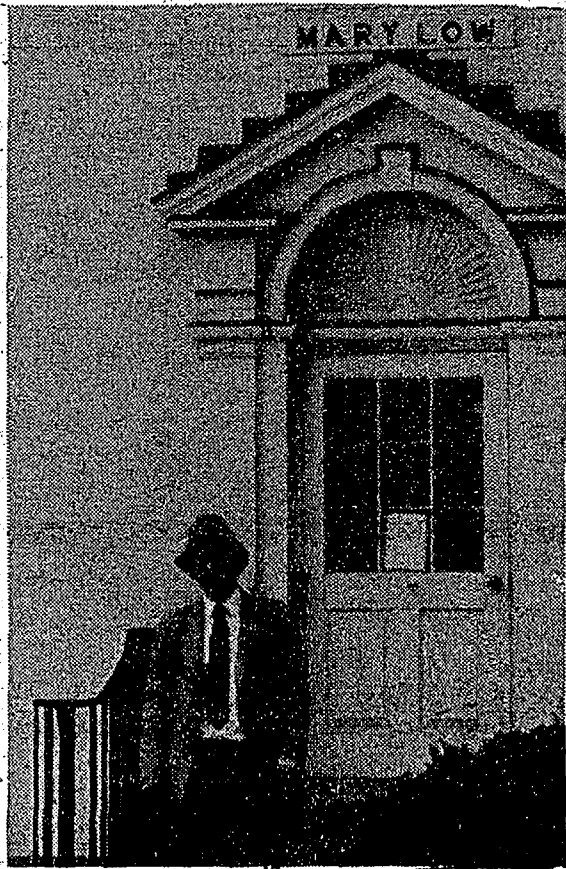
The program will be evaluated after a year from all sides to determine whether or not it will have achieved its intended goal of fostering a better sense of community between the students and faculty of Colby.

Maisel hopes that by living on campus "a comfortable feeling will develop between the students living there and my children and myself. Having children on campus is important because many students are used to having younger brothers and sisters around and miss not having children on campus. On the other hand, it will be good for my children to learn to relate to older people."

Maisel plans to hold a current events forum one evening each week. He also hopes Mary Low Lounge will be the headquarters of a Coffee House. Maisel will be responsible for the section of campus which includes Mary Low-Coburn and Foss-Woodman and he hopes to work with the dorm staff to unify the group.

The Bells look forward to living on campus because "it's nice for a young couple to be where the action is." Coach Bell sees his role as providing some adult supervision and counseling for residents and hopes to stimulate more dorm-related activities. The Bells are responsible for the New Dorms, Averill and KDR.

Father Cote, who has already been residing on campus in Taylor, has been involved with the fraternity system and hopes, under the new program, to "get more involved in the fraternity system and to set up programs with both fraternities and dormitories."



Professor Sandy Maisel Photo by Amy Butcher

## Black Historian To Visit Colby

by Peter G. Jordan

Charles L. Blockson has a book collection of 8,000 volumes. He is also a historian and a writer, and he is coming to Colby to speak on the subject of "Black History Above Ground and Underground" on Friday, February 29 at 7:00 p.m. in Given Auditorium.

Mr. Blockson will be the guest of the Student Organization for Black and Hispanic Unity and the Black Studies Committee and will honor the culmination of Colby's Black Culture Festival and Black History Month.

A native of Norristown, Pennsylvania, Mr. Blockson is an Advisory Specialist for the Norristown Area School District. His life has been the story of how a childhood interest in books and preoccupation with racial dignity have combined and turned into a life mission. In an article for the Philadelphia Magazine (September 1978) he describes how his interest started: "Back in the '40's when I was in the fifth grade, curiosity caused me to inquire of my teacher, 'Do Negroes have a history?' Her reply was, 'Negroes were meant to serve white people'...I could not accept that statement...Thus I began the quest for my heritage-- quest for myself."

Mr. Blockson now teaches ethnic and local history in Norristown, and conducts seminars and workshops for teachers and other school district personnel. His occupational origins were, however, humble. He started by visiting Salvation Army and Goodwill stores and buying anything which contained the word Negro, black colored, or African. And in recounting the days when he was a track and football star at Penn State, he says, "When I was on tour with...the teams, most of the team

would make a beeline for the sorority houses at every stop. I'd head off to the bookstore."

Mr. Blockson is the author of Pennsylvania's Black History (1975), a book that deals with his own "roots," and Black Genealogy (1977), a how-to-do-it book on black genealogical research. He has also done extensive research on the Black underground railroad.

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Dean Gillespie, Jane Sullivan, and Brick Moltz at the Roommate Game.

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## Roommate Game

# Keep Them Guessing

by Fran Mullin

How well do you know your roommate? Do you know what s-he played with the most as a child? How would s-he describe her-his last boy-girlfriend - in coffee terms?

Last Friday night, roommates representing eighteen dorms and two fraternities gathered before a large audience in Given Auditorium to play "The Roommate Game." The Freshman Class sponsored Friday's show and Dean Seitzinger, Pat Chasse, and Becky Rogers judged the contest.

Emcee Dean Gillespie questioned the roommates in the classic "Newlywed Game" tradition. Each pair was asked four rather personal questions in the preliminary rounds. (Who's underwear has more holes?). The four survivors played the game.

The Averill roommates won the first match

by answering all four questions correctly. A three way tie in the second match was broken by Champlin. Freshmen representatives from Foss and Coburn won the last two matches.

During the final game, the Averill section of the audience periodically encouraged their team by chanting, "Hood-sie, Jam-ie." The sophomore girls from third floor Averill, Chris Hood and Jamie Mackintosh, won the bonus "Coffee" question and then the game. The girls, who have known each other "since the beginning of freshman year," had 'rehearsed' by asking each other questions before the game. The pair received the prize of twenty-five dollars cash and twenty-five dollars in Pub credit.

"It was pretty embarrassing," said Chris. "But it was really a lot of fun," her roommate Jamie added.

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Women And Colby

# Equal Rights Under Fire

• Merit

by Sue Pierce

The Army, Navy, Air Force and the Marines are running an all-out campaign to recruit women these days, and women are signing up in unprecedented numbers. Says an Army recruiting poster, "Some of the best soldiers wear lipstick." And if the American Civil Liberties Union presses their case that both men and women must be included in a draft, there is a chance that involuntary service for women could someday be a reality. How would a woman find the military these days?

The women's role in the armed forces is definitely increasing. The Women's Corps of the Services were integrated into the regular (male) forces in 1948, and just a little over a year ago women in the Navy were permitted to serve aboard ship for the first time in history. In 1976, women were admitted to such service academies as West Point and Annapolis.

Recent recruiting material aimed at women stresses the idea that the services are a place where women can enjoy full equality and receive training in such non-traditional skills as air or radar techniques. As a USMC recruiting pamphlet portrays it, "They" (women) "are part of the Marine Corps and serve on an interchangeable basis with men in non-combat occupations. They are partners and share in the Marine Corps' traditions of pride, leadership and service to their country."

And the women that the Armed Forces recruit are, comparatively, smart, too. They do better on the Armed Forces Qualifying Test, the general entrance exam for all the services. Ninety percent of the women have high school diplomas versus 63 percent of the men, and women score 70 percent higher on

## Part II: Women In The Military

the A.F.C. Test. As Secretary of Defense Harold Brown has said in his report "Use of Women in the Military," women are a "...significant factor in making the All-Volunteer Force continue to work...."

But once a woman signs up for a two, four, or even six year hitch the reality is often quite different from the one presented in the recruiting pamphlets. How do women help the All-Volunteer Force "continue to work?" According to figures put out by the Department of Defense itself, the majority of women in fact end up in traditional female occupations like clerical and medical-dental, rather than in the promised "options."

Mandy Carter, founder of the Women's Counter-Recruiting Campaign, an organization designed to provide young women with information not available in the promotion pamphlets, spent more than two years interviewing active servicewomen. She found that once women sign for service they are more often than not told that the promised "options," such as being a pilot or electrician, are "no longer available," and that while they wait for the "options to open up," women are assigned the usual routine clerical or medical-dental jobs on dull bases that are a far cry from the promised ones of the "exotic-travel" locale posters. As one woman officer was reported to have put it: "They've been told that they're going to be treated equally....Then they get into the unit and the sergeant says, 'OK, can you type?'"

Being a soldier is not a care-free business for women either, even in peace time. Says one woman who dropped out about the hazing she got from male upperclassmen: "Some really resented women being there and let you know it...they could make you do anything

they wanted." Said another woman, "They don't want women here but will date them." Other stories of harassment and abuse abound. Of the 119 women who first entered West Point, only 89 stayed.

The prestigious Brookings Institute foresees a continuation of these problems for women in the military, mainly because of what it calls "anti-female sentiment" among officers, women's physical limitations, and women's conditioning against violence. And this is a theme that both conservatives and radicals raise. For instance, William F. Buckley claims that "to operate a killer plane, loose torpedoes...these are not the skills that a society should wish women to cultivate."

Mandy Carter, in her own way would agree with Buckley's argument that womanhood and the military are incompatible: "There is no way for women to be equal in the military. The purpose of the service is to serve and preserve US interests, which are not feminist interests. The sole reason to enlist people is to train them to be professional killers. Women cannot benefit from this kind of training and their presence will not humanize the military."

In the light of these problems and this opposition, it seems as if the current trend for women to join the armed services may not be such a commendable means to achieve equal rights in society. Instead, as a New York Times Magazine article in 1978 suggested, the result might rather be, "a rationalized, still male-dominated military bureaucracy that gives short shrift to the feminist critique of an excessively competitive, violent and hierarchical world. The women who wish to abolish exploitation and inequality may find themselves dupes of the military, acceding to men who merely wish to exploit women with more brutal efficiency."

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as a corporate system, using a "carrot and stick" approach to induce good teaching. In this sense, a merit system would be divisive; alienating those receiving the lesser amounts. It would set the department chairperson against department members, leading to much "self-promotion" on the part of faculty members to ensure a hefty raise. (It would be the department chairperson as well as the Dean of Faculty and the President who would make the pay increase decision.)

Sadoff has taught at other institutions where the merit system was used, and he feels there is more of a sense of community here at Colby. He also attended Cornell, where the merit system is employed and felt the level of teaching there (as at other institutions using a merit system) to be inferior to Colby's. He felt professors there were more interested in writing and publishing than teaching.

Since this system uses class enrollments as criteria for raises, Sadoff feels teachers could become entertainers in the classroom in order to attract students. He feels that the merit system could turn into a "spoils system" in which those in the chairperson's, dean's, or president's favor would end up with larger raises; this could create a faculty submissive to the department chairperson and to the administration.

Sadoff says, money incentives will not induce professors to stay at Colby. One of the main reasons for being at Colby is to participate in the high level of teaching, not to earn money. As for the "bad" professors, Sadoff says they are failures in the institution, to be dealt with at the time of hiring, firing, and granting tenure.


Next week's article will present the other side of this debate, as well as the way in which the new system will work.

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# Sports

## Clinch Tourney Berth Mules Upset Holy Cross

by Steven Nicholas

It was a great week for hockey. While the feisty U.S. Olympic hockey team was skillfully disposing of the heavily-favored Russians and the polished Finns en route to their first gold medal in twenty years, the feisty Colby men's hockey team was disposing of Hamilton and Holy Cross en route to an ECAC Division II playoff berth.

The Mules, who had not been performing well on the road (3 wins, 6 losses), had it when they needed it most, sweeping a crucial two game road trip to secure a tourney invitation.

First on the schedule were the Continentals of Hamilton College and the bus ride to Clinton, New York was long but worthwhile as the Mules edged the Continentals in overtime, 4-3. Hamilton looked better than their 3-18 record dictated, taking an early lead on Steve Carman's powerplay goal just two minutes into the game. Colby's Mark Ciarallo knotted the contest ten minutes later with his first goal since returning from a pre-season knee injury. John Curseaden sparked the goal, digging the puck out of the right corner and sliding it out front to Ciarallo, who beat Hamilton's Fred Caswell on the stick side. But Hamilton's Tim Wall scored with 1:12 remaining in the first period, and the Continentals carried a 2-1 lead into the locker room.

After a scoreless second period, Hamilton's Mike Denk tallied at 5:35 of the third for a 3-1 Continental lead, and things looked bleak for the Mules. Marshall Hogan, with assistance from Jim Erskine and Ed Ofria, pulled the Mules to within one with a goal midway through the final stanza, and the Mules were within striking distance. With only 1:30 left, the score still 3-2, and the face-off in the Hamilton zone, the Mules pulled goalie Joe Paulstich. On the ensuing face-off, Curseaden picked up a loose puck above the right face-off circle, but drilled it off the Hamilton goalpost. Then, with just 48 seconds to go, they struck. Erskine blasted one through a scramble in front of the Continental cage to tie the game at three. Dan O'Halloran and Brian McGrath drew assists on the goal which sent the game into sudden death overtime. Death was

perhaps more sudden than the Continentals might have expected, though, as Dan O'Halloran pulled the fatal trigger just 48 seconds into the overtime stanza. O'Halloran parked in front of the Hamilton net, tipped Brian McGrath's slap shot from the point over Caswell's right shoulder for a 4-3 Colby victory.

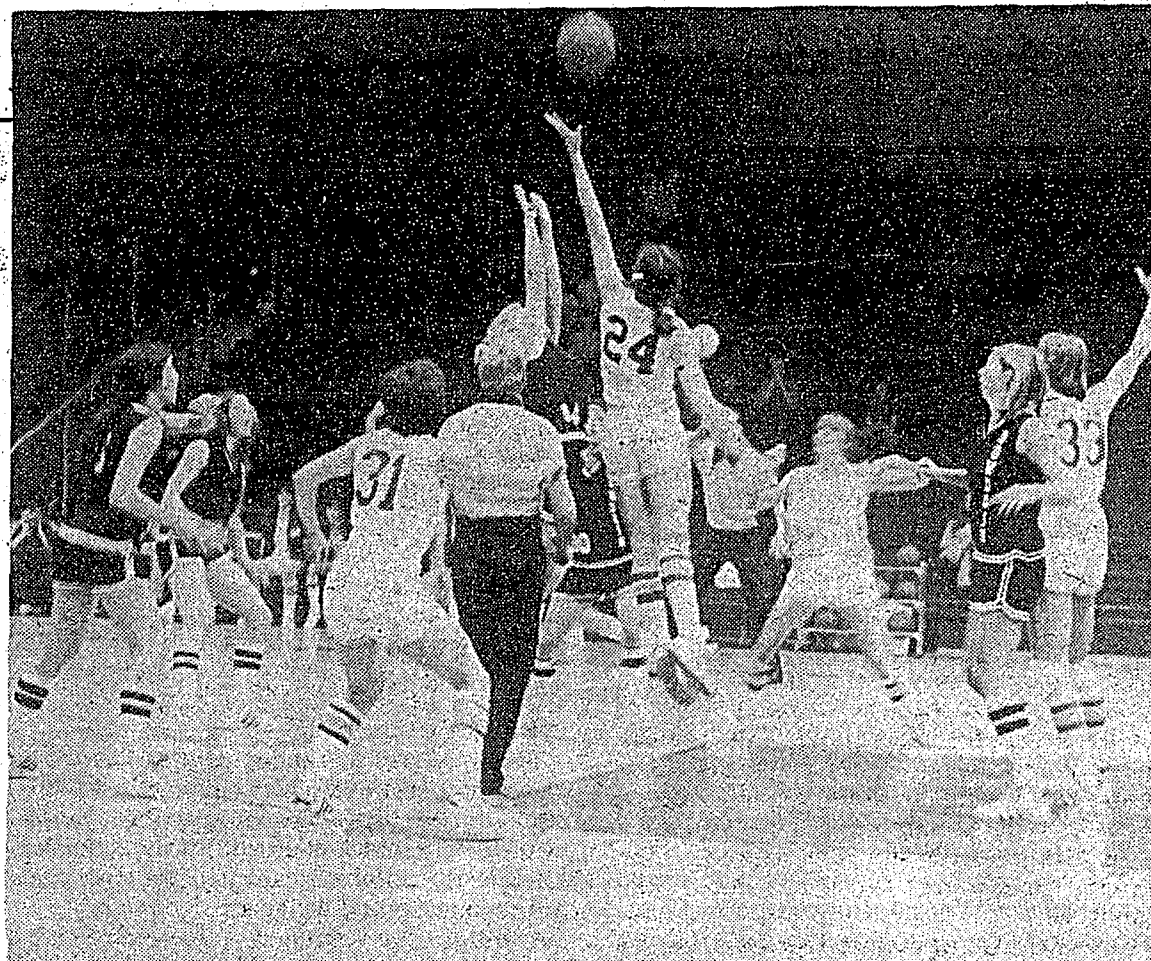
"We didn't play badly," assessed Colby mentor Mickey Goulet. "Defensively we played well, but offensively we managed only 24 shots. We usually average well over 30—we didn't finish up offensively."

The Mules finished up—and finished off—against the more formidable Crusaders of Holy Cross in the second game on Saturday before an SRO crowd in Worcester. Six different Mules contributed goals in a 6-4 upset of the fourth-ranked Crusaders. Holy Cross took an early 2-0 lead, and threatened a rout, but the spirited Mules battled to a 2-2 tie on goals by Dan Batten and Dale Hewitt. Batten paced the Mules with a goal and three assists in what Coach Goulet described as "his best effort of the season." The Crusaders went ahead for

## Men's Hockey

the last time in the second stanza, 3-2. Dan O'Halloran, Marshall Hogan, and Bob Norton all scored before Holy Cross answered with their fourth. Bruce Barber's slap-shot goal late in the game insured Colby's tenth Division II victory against eight losses (11-13 overall).

Ranked eighth in Division II, the Mules will meet the second-ranked Bowdoin Polar Bears in the tournament opener at Bowdoin on Saturday. Although the Mules are ready for any opposition, they must be pleased with this pairing. The intense rivalry with Bowdoin which has already produced two thrillers this season, is sure to add incentive, and the closeness of Bowdoin is sure to add Colby fans in the stands. An ECAC Division II Championship seems a bit far fetched, but, then again, so did a gold medal for the 1980 Olympic hockey team!



Nancy Chapin fights for possession against Bowdoin.

## One Win, One Loss, One Left

by Debbie Fanton

The enthusiasm generated by Saturday's results: Colby Mules 42, Bowdoin Polar Bears 29, was slightly dulled Monday night at Orono when the women's basketball team suffered a 95-50 defeat by UMO.

Saturday found the Colby squad playing according to their recent rating as one of the best teams in the MAIAW. From the opening tap to Sue Kallio's heroic attempt at a breakaway in the last few seconds, Colby played one of their best games of the season in terms of organization, consistency, and determination. The fact that the win was a team effort was reflected in the even distribution of scoring. Out of the five starters, both Tupper and Kallio were high point-getters with eleven a piece. Valavanis and Alter each contributed a generous ten.

Regarding rebounds, Nancy Chapin recorded a healthy fifteen, while Tupper came through once again, pulling down a whopping twenty-one. The Mule defense was very effective as Bowdoin's high scorer

Dorothy Diorio was held to a mere eight points.

On Monday night, however, Colby seemed to be playing a different game. Even with Tupper and Valavanis' contribution of fifteen points a piece, the team came home with a thirty-seven point loss.

## Women's Basketball

The women now support a remarkable 14-6 record, the best record ever put forth in the history of Colby Women's Basketball.

On February 29 the Colby squad will be looking for revenge as they take on UMF at Farmington. The game will be the last one of the season before the MAIAW tournament which will take place here at Colby March 6-9.

## Commentary

### More Than A Game

by Jonathan Greenspan

They had the eyes of the world upon them. They were heroes, they were underdogs, they were Americans. USA! USA! USA! The chants still vibrate off the walls of each and every bar room, pool hall, and living room in America. The euphoria was inescapable, the memory unforgettable. Twenty kids whose average age teeters between adolescence and adulthood have made the game of hockey America's national sport.

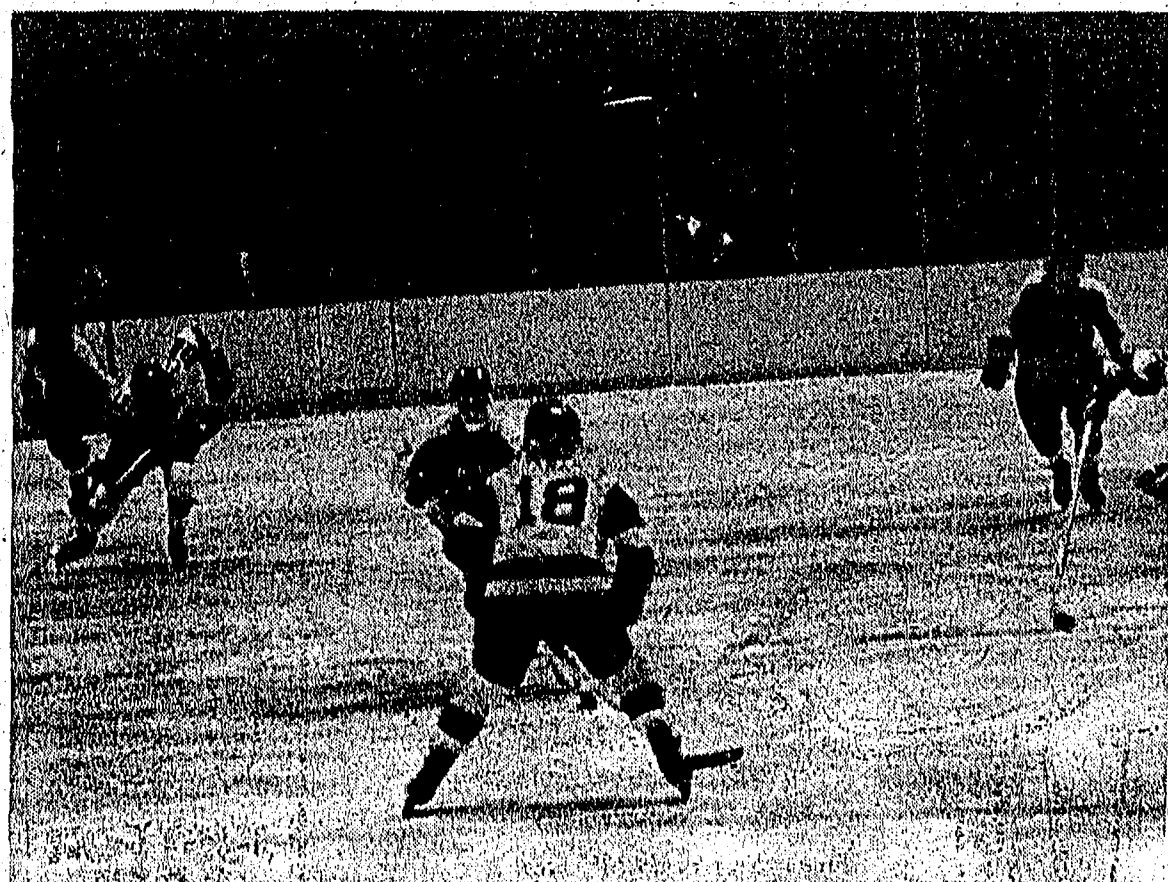
Mark Johnson, Mike Eruzione, Dave Silk, Jim Craig; their names and those of their compatriots have become synonymous with a sport which has always been associated with those north of the border. Not since the heyday of Bobby Orr and the Big Bad Bruins has there been so much enthusiasm generated because of hockey. It has always been labeled as a Canadian sport played with American money and a few token American athletes sprinkled throughout the professional ranks. Within twelve days, this image has been transformed. These amateurs have brought hockey out from the cellar and into the national focus. College kids, not professionals, have shown all the world hockey at its best.

They didn't have to use ruffian tactics to

gain recognition. They didn't fight, they just played, played and played until they had no one else to prove themselves to. With gusto, with guts, and with an unquenchable desire to be Number One, they knocked off the best the "amateur" world had to offer to capture the GOLD. Oh, they captured it. They had been given no chance for the gold, an outside of for a bronze. And if the team did win the bronze, then the feat would be equal to the Gold won in Squaw Valley in 1960. The present competition was just that good. Within the past year, the Russians had not only beaten this same American team 10-3, but had embarrassed a group of NHL All-Stars so badly that the league seriously questioned the direction of the game. Jim McKay compared the feat to a Canadian amateur team practicing together for six months, travelling to the states and then proceeding to defeat the champion Pittsburgh Steelers. In actuality there is NO analogy. It was a "happening," one which occurs once in a lifetime, one that captures not only a few hearts, but all of those in America.

For the immediate future, these exceptional

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Paul Quaranto prepares to break up the Bowdoin offense.

Photo by Barb Neal





Brian Daly breaks the 1000 yd. freestyle record earlier this season.

Photo by Penny Janzen

## Fast Strokin'

by John Sal Munsey

This past weekend a finely-tuned men's swimming team turned what was supposed to be a nail-biter into an overwhelming victory against a strong Babson team. The final score of 75-34 reflects the complete ease in which Colby dominated the meet. "We had never beaten Babson in eight years of competition," said Coach Bright. "Going into the meet we were evenly matched, but the lowering of times enabled us to come out on top."

Previous to this meet, Colby had been unsuccessful in the medley relays. Babson's relay team had a seed time better than Colby's by more than five seconds, and Coach Bright assessed a slight chance for a win. Eric Ridgeway and Sandy Whatley built up a five yard lead in the second and third legs of the relay, and Scott Dow brought it home. The time of 4:02.8 bettered the season mark by more than ten seconds! A one-two sweep of the 1650 by Brian Daly and Blake Hodess was anticipated, but a one-two sweep of the 200 freestyle by Larry Bradley and Joel Solomon was an unexpected boost to an already fired-

up team. The score was 23-2 at this point and victory was well within Colby's grasp. Only a grand piano tied onto the backs of Colby's lead swimmers could prevent a Colby victory. Luckily the Babson team did not carry a grand piano in their team bus.

The meet from this point on was icing on the cake. Jeff Goliger took first place in both one and three meter diving events. Brian Daly cruised to a first place finish in the 500 freestyle, and Sandy Whatley led a tightly-packed trio of Colby swimmers to a sweep of the 200 breaststroke. A first place finish by Colby in the 400 freestyle relay didn't catch the standing-room-only crowd by surprise.

The victory marked the end of the season for Sandy Whatley, Jeff Russell, Dan Parrot, Paul Higgins, Bob McCurdy, and John Munsey. However, Colby will send five swimmers and one diver to the Men's New Englands which will take place at Springfield College next week, with Women's New Englands slated for the following week.

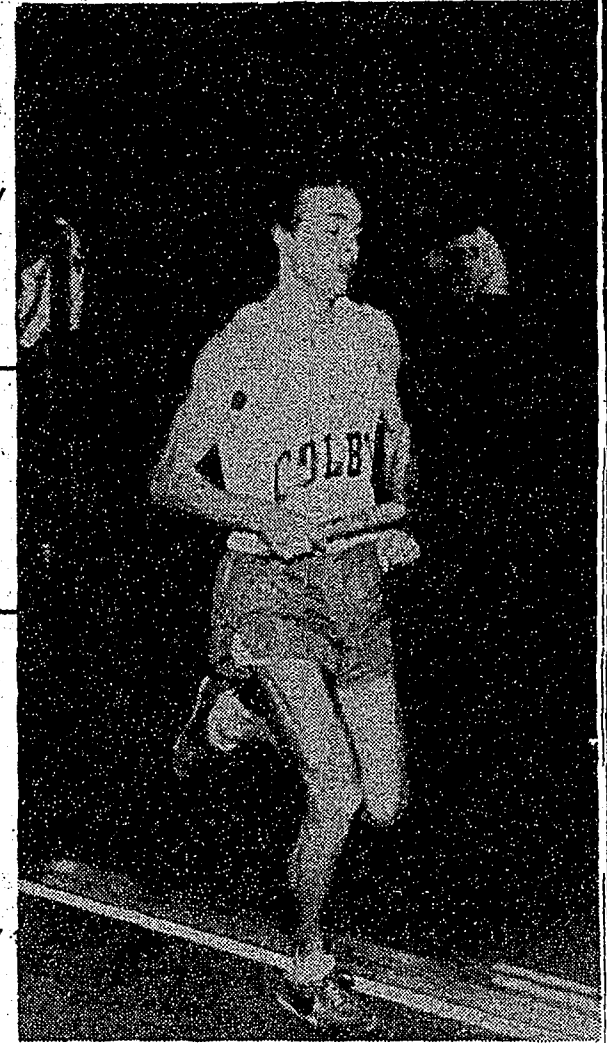
## Kelly Dodge Shines

Receiving athlete of the week honors is freshman track runner Kelly Dodge. The Hampton, N.H. native was outstanding at the New England Division III Indoor Championships which took place at Colby last Saturday. He ran his fastest indoor mile this year as he finished in 4:17.5, the third fastest indoor mile run in Colby history.

## Athlete of the Week

Kelly also performed well in the distance medley relay which combines four different distances run by four different men. He ran the 3/4 mile leg in 3:10. Colby placed second in this event.

In the fall Kelly was among the top five on the cross country team all season. Coach Jim Wescott is very excited about Kelly's future, commenting that Kelly has "progressed steadily." Kelly concludes the winter season missing a chance to compete in the New Englands, falling short of the minimum mile time by just 1.5 seconds!



Kelly Dodge running the 3/4 mile leg in the distance medley at the NCAA meet held last Saturday at Colby.

Photo by Kevin Fahey

## Ossoff And Murphy Are On The Right Track

by Kevin Fahey

Dan Ossoff, a senior and the captain of the Men's Track Team, ran his last race on the Colby indoor track this past Saturday in the Reg. I NCAA Div. III track meet. Ossoff finished fourth in the two mile in a time of 9:12.57: less than three seconds behind his personal record time of 9:10.00 set earlier this year in the Maine State Invitational meet. Dan has been a fully dedicated and outstanding year-round runner during his four years at Colby. Dan served as captain of the cross-country team for three years, and was elected track captain this year.

With only one more meet left in the winter season, the New Englands at Boston University this Saturday, and one more season left to his college running career, Dan was asked a number of questions about his own performance and his thoughts about the team during this season.

Concerning his own performance this year, Ossoff stated, "It's always nice to be able to still improve in your senior year." The improvement Dan saw this year was nearly five seconds as he brought his two mile time down to 9:10.00.

As a person dedicated to a lifetime of running, Dan is always looking toward the future. Said Dan, "I consider myself to be more of a 10,000 meter man, and I am therefore looking forward to this spring track season." Dan is hoping to culminate his college career by taking one second off his best time of 31:16.00 in the 10,000 meter in order to qualify for the nationals.

Dan expressed pleasure in regard to his team's performance this year: "Although the team was small and lacked the depth for a winning record, we had a team where everyone contributed, did a good job and improved. We had no dead weight on the team this year."

Dan cited the performances of all the athletes on the team as adding to its strength. He mentioned that most important to the

team's future strength and growth is the strong base provided by the current freshmen and sophomore athletes. "Right now," he said, "we're very strong in the middle and long-distance events, but we need some sprinters, field events people and/or a few good versatile athletes. The performance of our team in the distance medley this season has been a good example of where our strength lies."

The distance medley team of which Ossoff spoke had one of the better performances for the Mules last Saturday. The relay team consisting of Greg Hancox, Tom Ahern, Kelly

Dodge, and Todd Coffin finished in second place in 10:24. 2, only one-tenth of a second behind first place Amherst. Other noteworthy performances in the NCAA meet included the 4th and 6th place finishes of Kelly Dodge and Todd Coffin in the mile with times of 4:17.5 and 4:18.2, respectively. Duncan Whitney made a repeat of his 2:17 personal best in the 1000 yard run to take fourth place in that event.

This weekend Dan Ossoff, Todd Coffin, and Duncan Whitney will be competing in the New Englands at Boston University's indoor track facility.



Dan Ossoff in 2 mile run at NCAA meet.

Photo by Kevin Fahey

by Ron Krevat

Taking a look at the fieldhouse track record board, you might notice a new name appearing several times. That name is Liz Murphy.

In her first season here, Liz has already set four records. These are 7.0 seconds in the 55-meter dash, 25.7 in the 200-meter-dash, which she set at last weekend's New England meet at Boston University, a 15'2 3/4" long jump, which she did the first time she ever tried long jumping, and a 4x220 relay.

Aside from setting the Colby record in the 200, Liz finished fourth in the 55-meter dash. She also ran for the Mule 4x220 relay team, which qualified for next weekend's New England meet at Harvard, by finishing seventh in 1:49.

Liz's high school career was even more inspirational than her start at Colby. She started running in junior high and went on to run for both the boys' and girls' track teams in high school. By her junior year, she was Massachusetts' best 100-yard dasher, and second in New England, two achievements which earned her a place on the All-American track squad that year. In her senior year, Liz was the AAU champion in the 200-meter run.

Her most memorable event, though, was running the anchor leg for the American 4x110 junior Olympic relay team in Boston last summer. "It was a thrill to run in such a big meet!" the talkative Hingham native commented. This spring, Liz plans to work harder on the 200-meter and 400-yard dashes, as well as the 100, her favorite race, and the long jump.

In the fall and summer, Liz puts away her running shoes and goes sailing. "I have my own boat, and I sail in Boston in the summer and for Colby's sailing team in the fall. I love to sail," says Liz.

As she sails on through her Colby career, Liz is bound to lower the boom on many more track records and to lead Colby on to some fine seasons.



Lake Scores 1000th

# Mules Take Three

by Sam Weiser

The Colby Mules are closing the basketball season in much the same way they began it. Victories over Tufts, SMU, and UMF were the result of strong team play, with the leaders being senior co-captains Mark Lake and Dave Harvey.

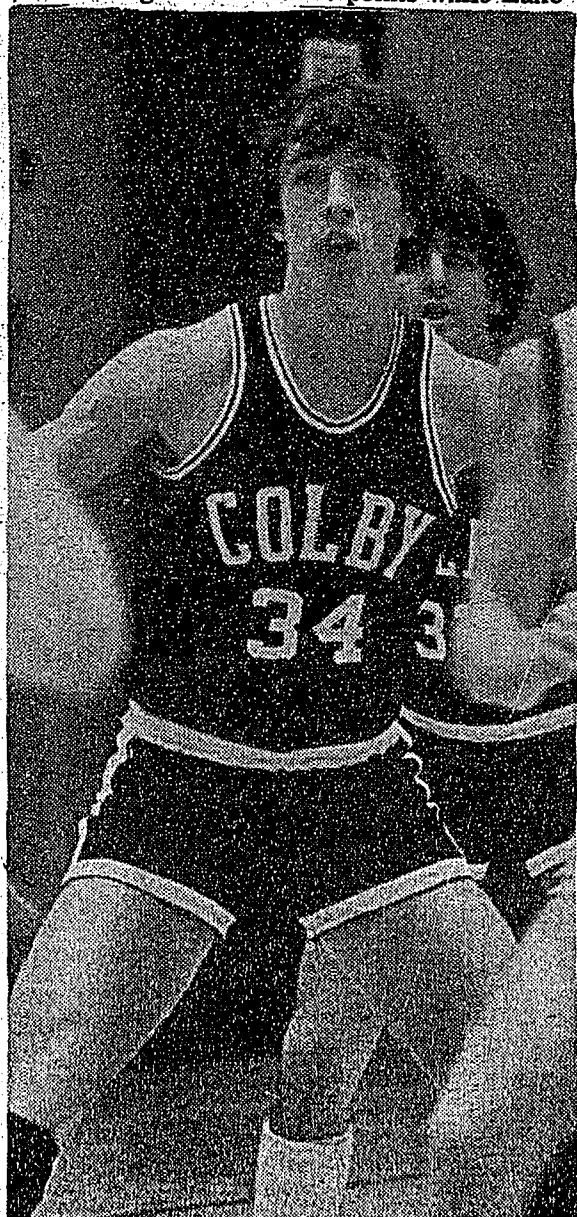
Lake returned to the line-up Friday night against Tufts. He was expected to be out for the season with a hand injury, but when the cast came off he figured he had nothing to lose by playing.

In the 83-79 victory over Tufts, Harvey was the leading scorer with 20 points while Lake

was the leading rebounder with 14. It was a close game all the way, but a basket by Harvey put the Mules ahead for good at 74-72.

The game was close at the half with the number 2 ranked Jumbos holding a slim 40-38 lead. However, the Mules, led by their captains rallied as Tom Zito (9 assists, 16 points) and Bob Reynolds (12 rebounds) made big contributions.

The next night against SMU the Mules fell behind early, trailing 50-38 at halftime. However, a strong defensive showing in the second half held SMU to 28 points and carried



Colby's Great Lake

## Men's Basketball

the Mules to an 84-78 victory.

The Mules came out firing in the 2nd half scoring the first 10 points. A basket by Zito put the Mules in the driver's seat 69-68 as SMU's offense faltered.

Paul Belanger was the leading scorer for Colby with 22 points. Again Harvey (16 points, 10 rebounds) and Lake (19 points, 11 rebounds) were instrumental in the win. Reynolds contributed 12 rebounds while Zito added 18 points.

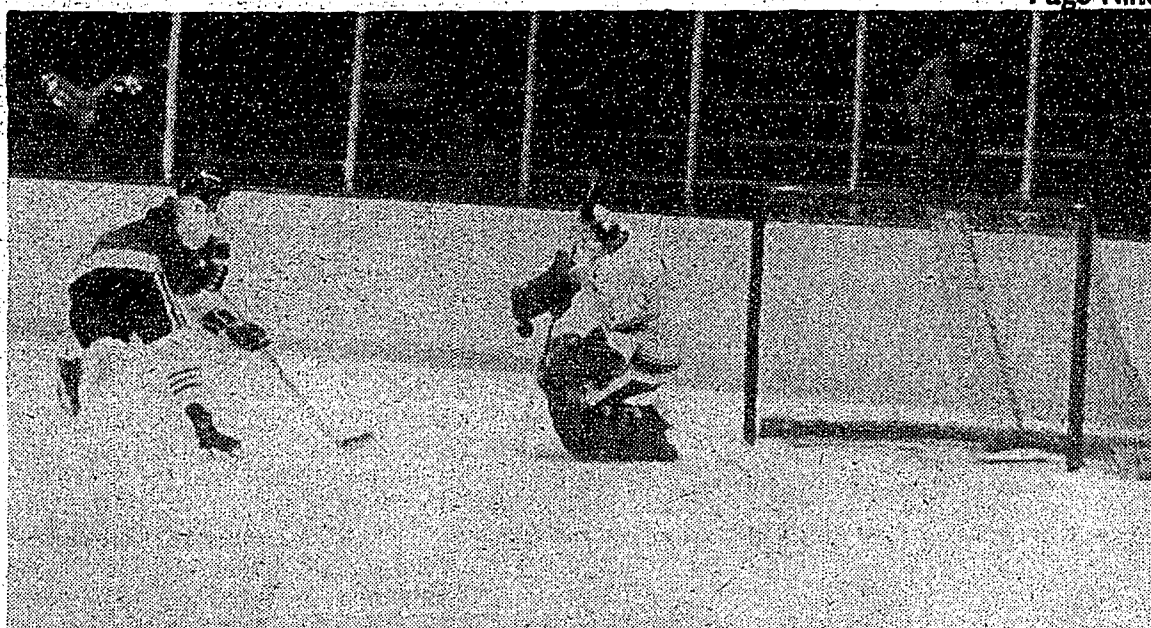
The key to the victories was teamwork. The five starters (Lake, Harvey, Reynolds, Zito, Belanger) were playing together again and all were healthy. The confidence that these five had in each other showed in both games as the Mules were able to come from behind.

Coach Whitmore has stressed the need for five men to play together all the time. Last weekend, with the return of Lake, marked the first time since early January when this group of starters had all been healthy at the same time and played together.

On Monday night the Mules made it three straight, beating UMF 80-71, and raising their record to 10-13.

Lake reached the 1000 point mark in scoring, leading Colby with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Harvey (17 points), Belanger (14 points) and Reynolds (8 rebounds) all added to the win.

It has been a disappointing season for the Mules but this late string of victories will help carry the team into next year.



Stephanie Vrattos deflects a shot on the stick side.

Photo by Barb Neal

## Hindered By Illness

by Anne Hussey

Last Wednesday, the Colby women lost to UNH, undefeated for three straight years. Although UNH won by a 6-2 score, Coach Ewell termed the game as one of Colby's better showings. While struggling against a superior team, the Mules were at a disadvantage; missing was Colby's leading scorer Karen Cowles. Supported by a strong team defense, senior Melonie Wilson scored in the second period. Freshman Theresa Lynch followed in the third period. Assisting on both goals was sophomore Jeffra Becknell.

Probably one of Colby's toughest competitors, UNH was contained until the third period when they scored three unanswered goals within one minute and eleven seconds. Coach Ewell explained: "The goals UNH scored were on our lapses. They picked up on our mistakes. To win that game we had to be mistake free. Yet I was really pleased. People played very well." One of these people was goaltender Steph Vrattos. Repeatedly her performance has been the central and determining factor.

The last roadtrip which took place this past weekend, proved to be a disappointing one. The women did not skate or perform up to capabilities. They beat Wesleyan 6-1. Wesleyan, a slower and less skilled team was outshot 42-8. The Mules were led by defenseman Pam Woods who, on strong offensive rushes, netted two of the six goals. Also scoring for Colby were Theresa Lynch,

Wendy Runstadler, Anne Plumb, and Jeffra Becknell. Absent from the bench were Karen Cowles and Cindy Milton, both ill with the flu.

At Brown, an evenly matched team with Colby, the Mules had a tough afternoon, losing 6-2. While Brown played very aggressive, organized hockey, the Mules seemed to be haunted by mental fatigue. Although Karen Cowles was back in action scoring the first Colby goal, she was still not at full strength. Coach Ewell claimed that Cindy Milton's absence caused a noticeable weakness. Senior Terry Weber provided the only other Colby goal, assisted by Mary Ernst and Nancy

## Women's Hockey

McNamara. It was disappointing and discouraging contest for the team, ridden with health problems. The fourth line was the only bright spot, exhibiting eagerness and determination.

Coach Ewell, reflecting on the season, said that everyone had improved a great deal: "We became a good team during the season." However, losing to Brown meant that Colby gave up a safe 5th place standing. Colby now have to settle for seventh position out of 30 teams. With a final collegiate record of 11-6, the Mules face Assabet Valley, a club team and former New England champs on Sat., March 1st at 2:00.

## • Commentary

men are ours to cling to, to praise, to emulate. They are America's boys and absolutely no one can deny us this pleasure. One might say they did nothing but win some hockey games, in a world arena which ideally is not supposed to raise a national conscious, they whipped this country into a nationalistic high. From the President of these United States to those who toss pizza in the North End of Boston, we were all caught up and entangled in this patriotic fervor.

If there was an American flag nearby, we waved it. If the remnants of a voice were still intact, we chanted. There were no exceptions. For those who didn't know a backcheck from a hipcheck, a blue line from a red one, to those who have forever lived on skates, we were all enthralled by our men of valor. We were all

captivated by a spirit, by a team that refused to say die.

Assembled merely six months ago, these athletes defeated teams that have virtually lived together for the past decade. Yet, on Friday night, and twice on Sunday (after the victory over Finland and the award ceremony), the names of Tretiak, Kharlamov, and Petrov took back seats to a group of previously unknown American "kids." It was not only Mike Eurizone who stood a head higher than his Russian foes, but each and every one of his teammates as well. The image of the bullish Eurizone edging his teammates to join him on the pedestal and the ensuing frenzy while atop the victors' block best exemplified what this team was all about; they brought American together.

In an era when nationalism is shunned and our heroes are of abstract character, these Olympics have given us not only a sufficient

dose of nationalism, but also a supply of men who properly fit the mold of hero. Within a period of two weeks, these athletes made all of us proud to wave the Red, White and Blue. They sang the anthem with feeling, they wore the flag both proudly and triumphantly, not only for themselves, but for all of America and the world to see.

That pride and fervor now transcends to those in the playgrounds and rinks across the land who have for the time being shed their basketballs and have distanced the oiling of their baseball gloves for a few whacks at a hockey puck. To many, the game is foreign and for the remainder of this winter, Dad's old skates will have to do, but the impetus is there. Thanks guys, you have singlehandedly made hockey a national mania. I stand and salute you as I hold back a tear. USA! USA!

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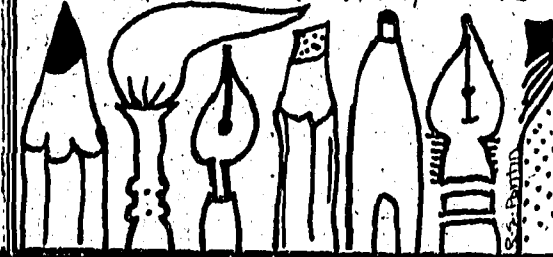
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# Colby: ECHOs From the Seventies...

by Jeremy Beale and Karen Caine

## '75-'76

Sept. 25

**New Health Center - A Concrete Reality** - "Seven years after the issuance of the Moran Report on the physical plant needs of Colby College, the highly recommended and equally controversial infirmary is taking initial form...Construction was begun on the site in June of 1975 and at the present moment the target date for completion is set for the spring of 1976...There was some student opposition to the building of the infirmary last year but the project now can only be viewed as something of a fait accompli, disappointment notwithstanding"; Pop Singers Young and Taylor to Play at Colby -



"Jesse Colin Young and Livingston Taylor are coming to Colby on Oct. 26. That was the 5 to 1 decision made at the Student Association Executive Board's first meeting Monday"; Wacky Tobacky - "passage of the new Maine State Criminal Code, Maine has joined hands with Oregon and Alaska in decriminalizing the possession of small amounts of marijuana...Under the Code, possession of up to 1 1/2 ounces of marijuana is subject to a civil fine of up to \$200, but there is no provision for any jail sentence or criminal records in connection with the offense."

Oct. 2

**New Computers in Resident** - "...Colby now owns a Digital programmed data processing computer, more commonly known as a Digital PDP 11-50; Birth Control: A Plea for Preventive Medicine: Birth control available at Colby is limited to the Pill, according to Dr. Dore. To students rejecting this method, Colby offers no alternatives. "Students may visit Dr. Dore at his office in Waterville for complete birth control counseling and, for example, the fitting of diaphragms. The catch is that such treatment is only available to students at regular fees...Yet how many Colby females could not really scrounge up the twenty dollars to cover such an appointment? The question at hand though, is not the homogeneity of Colby's middle and upper middle class student population. It is rather the fact that, through no direct fault of the medical help, Colby is sadly lacking in its facilities concerning birth control counseling."

Oct. 9

**Colby Sued on Grounds of Sex Discrimination** - "A suit filed in the U.S. District Court in Portland has charged Colby College with 'intentionally engaging' in discrimination practices based on sex. The suit, filed on behalf of the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEOC) also charged Colby with depriving 'female and male employees...of equal employment opportunities and other economic benefits.' " President Strider is "convinced that Colby's record is good on the whole subject" and that "the college is not guilty of discrimination. This will give Colby an unfortunate footnote in the history of American education. Strider added that "this case could go as far as the Supreme Court."

Oct. 23

**Facts Behind Discrimination Suit** - Data given to the EEOC as a possible basis for charging Colby College directly with sex discrimination: 135 total faculty members, 115 (or 85 percent) are male, 20 (or 15 percent) are female, 77 faculty members have tenure, 69 (or 89 percent) are male with tenure, and 8 (or 11 percent) are female with tenure.

Dec. 4

Bonnie Raitt appears at Colby.

Mar. 11

Stu-A refused funds to pay ECHO staff. In return, the ECHO staff threatened not to print any more issues.

Mar. 25

Stu-A reluctantly relinquished "a three issue life-support machine" for the ECHO and left the decision of whether to revitalize the paper by means of salaries for the technical staff to be determined at an all-campus meeting.

Apr. 15

Very few people showed up for the all-campus meeting and the ECHO decision was reverted to the Stu-A executive committee. The compromise reached involved the compensation of some staff and not editors.

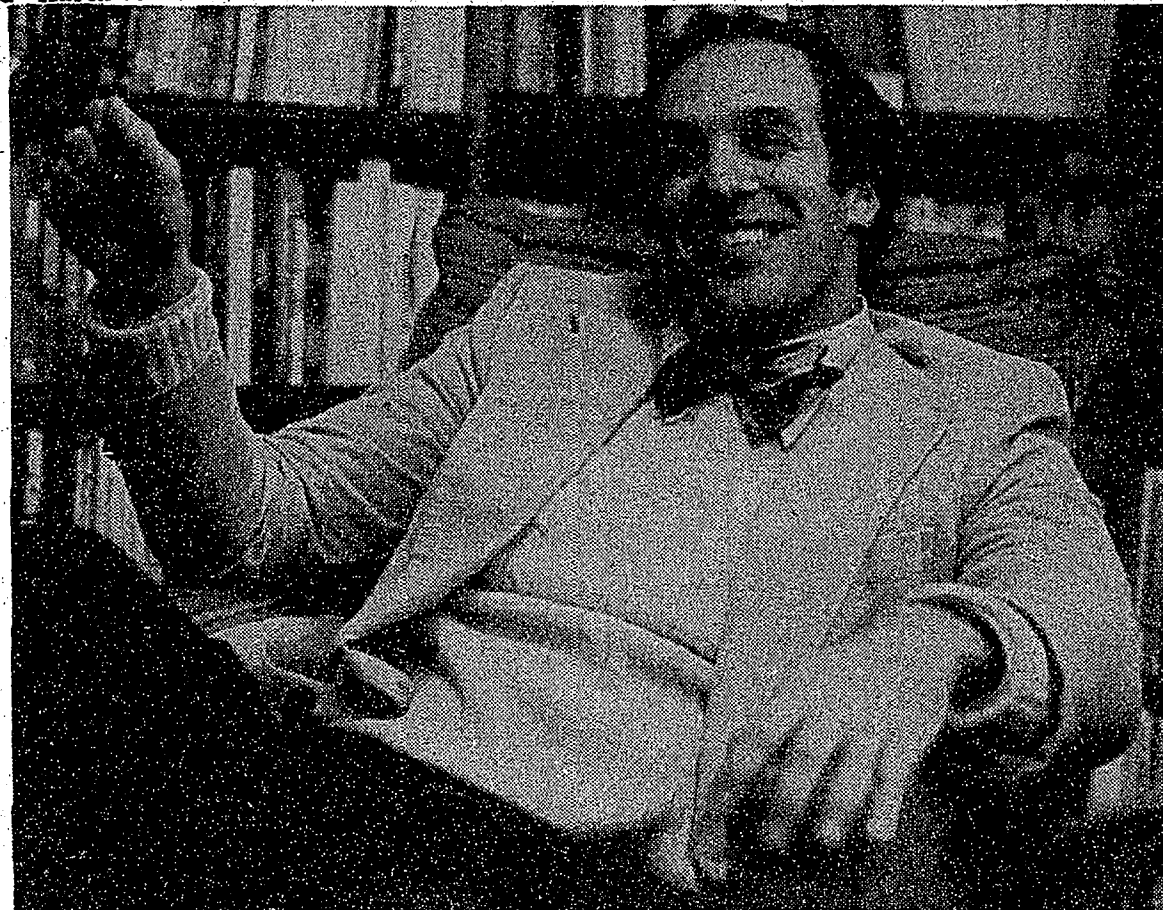
May 6

Ten percent of Colby women were involved in athletics while 50 percent of the men were.

## '76-'77

Sept. 30

**Celebration of ECHO centennial**; Ed Smith writes: "Last spring when I took over the chair of the Student Association I was amazed to find that the majority of students at Colby lacked initiative or desire to voice any kind of opinion or on any issue. This is what is called apathy...However, after being here about three weeks, I can definitely sense a change;" **What Price Progress?** - "Yes, construction has returned to Colby College. The chirping of birds has been replaced by the rumble of heavy machinery. The student who formerly watched the setting sun over Oakland can now direct his gaze to the silhouette of a one-hundred foot crane. In addition to these new



opportunities, we will eventually be blessed with a new theatre, a splendid showpiece of an infirmary which we will all come to know and love...One can only wonder, will Colby College tower over the surrounding countryside like a medieval fortress? Will our Colby be the second man-made wonder of Maine? (running just behind Portland?) " **Woman's Health Issue Continues to Grow** - "President Robert E. L. Strider released a letter September 13, announcing his decision against obtaining a full or part-time gynecologist to supplement Colby's health care program. Instead Dr. Dore will be available to spend more time at the new infirmary providing gynecological treatment...The Women's Organization first began the research for student input on the subject...initial survey indicated that the majority of women were not satisfied with the present system...Last winter, Ms. Hubley conducted a survey among colleges of Colby's caliber to discover that 72 percent of these colleges did have health services that sponsored full or part-time gynecological care;" **Radical or Reasonable** - 155th Senior Class Speech - printed in full - "I've begun to realize that education in America is not a process of building and unfolding the unique potential in every individual. On the contrary, it is a process of trimming, molding and polishing; being shined like a chrome hood ornament, getting prepared to decorate the thundering

American machine. Yet, having smooth edges and polished manners is not a virtue; it is, in short, an insult. Education has merely tried to make us homogenous and social. Colby College, life security for \$20,000, four years and a possible sacrifice of personality; in return for a guaranteed position in our social hierarchy. American education makes one an American, not an individual."

Oct. 14

"Approximately 400 students, faculty, and administrators of Colby College confronted President Strider Monday night in a tension filled meeting called to discuss the women's health care situation."

Oct. 21

**Seilers Below Health Standards** - "Three of the four Colby College dining halls have failed to meet the food service operation requirements of the State of Maine Department of Human Services - Bureau of Health - Division of Health Engineering. Colby has not only failed to correct the infractions to date, but has failed to correct them for the past year...Approximately 85 percent of Colby's students eat on improperly sterilized dishes everyday because of the inability of dishwashers to reach high enough temperatures. The people legally responsible for this





catastrophe are the owners of the food service - the President and Board of Trustees of Colby College."

Oct. 28

"Last Saturday Colby beat Trinity, in Hartford, 21-14. Not only was Trinity the only unbeaten football team in New England, but they were ranked 5th in last week's ECAC Division III poll. Waterville sportswriters had predicted sound defeats for the Mules by scores of 33-13 and 27-6."

Nov. 4

**Election Results '76 - Explanation of Poll** - "If the Colby campus had gotten its way, Gerald Ford would be spending four more years in the White House. But among those Colby students who voted in the state of Maine, there was a sharp difference of opinion - the race was a dead heat. These are some of the results in an ECHO poll of 212 students on the Presidential election...Among those surveyed, 29 percent expressed a preference for the Carter-Mondale ticket, while 56 percent cast their ballots for Ford and Dole. An additional 13 percent voted for Independent Eugene McCarthy and 2 percent named another candidate, but no one preferred American Independent Party candidate Lester Maddox.

Nov. 18

**Will Pass-Fail? EPC Says No** - Educational Policy Committee defeated a motion restricting Pass-Fail options to those courses that are not used to fulfill distribution and college requirements. The final vote on the motion...was 7-5. All student members present voted against the motion."

Dec. 2

"Colby College Phi Beta Kappa Symposium: The Next Two Hundred Years, Dec. 3-4 with Lith Louis Pauling, Winner of Nobel Peace Prize, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Paolo Soleri, Founder of the science of Arcology, combining architecture and ecology, Robert Heilbroner, Norman Thomas, Professor of Economics, The New School for Social Research, author of "An Inquiry into the Human Prospect," and Ellen Burstyn, award winning actress of the stage and motion pictures. Organized by Professor Irving Suss of the English Department...the most dramatic and important cultural event in Colby's history and perhaps, the whole history of Maine..." Vermont Royster, Editor Emeritus, The Wall Street Journal, speaks at the Lovejoy Convocation on "The Roots of Liberty."

Feb. 17

**Faculty Dumps Pass-Fail** - "At last night's meeting the faculty voted to abolish the pass-fail option for all distribution requirements. The motion passed with 67 in favor and 24 opposed;" renovation of Roberts Union under way; new science building under construction; "In an effort to bolster the matriculation rate of minority students, Colby hired Ms. Michelle Robertson last August as a full time minority recruiter and assistant to the Dean of Admissions...The matriculation rate of minority students fell from 21 to 31 accepted for enrollment in 1971, of which 17 were Black, four Hispanic and one Oriental or Indian, to eight out of 23 successful applicants in 1974. Since that date the matriculation rate has risen to 19 minority students out of 42 admitted to Colby last year."

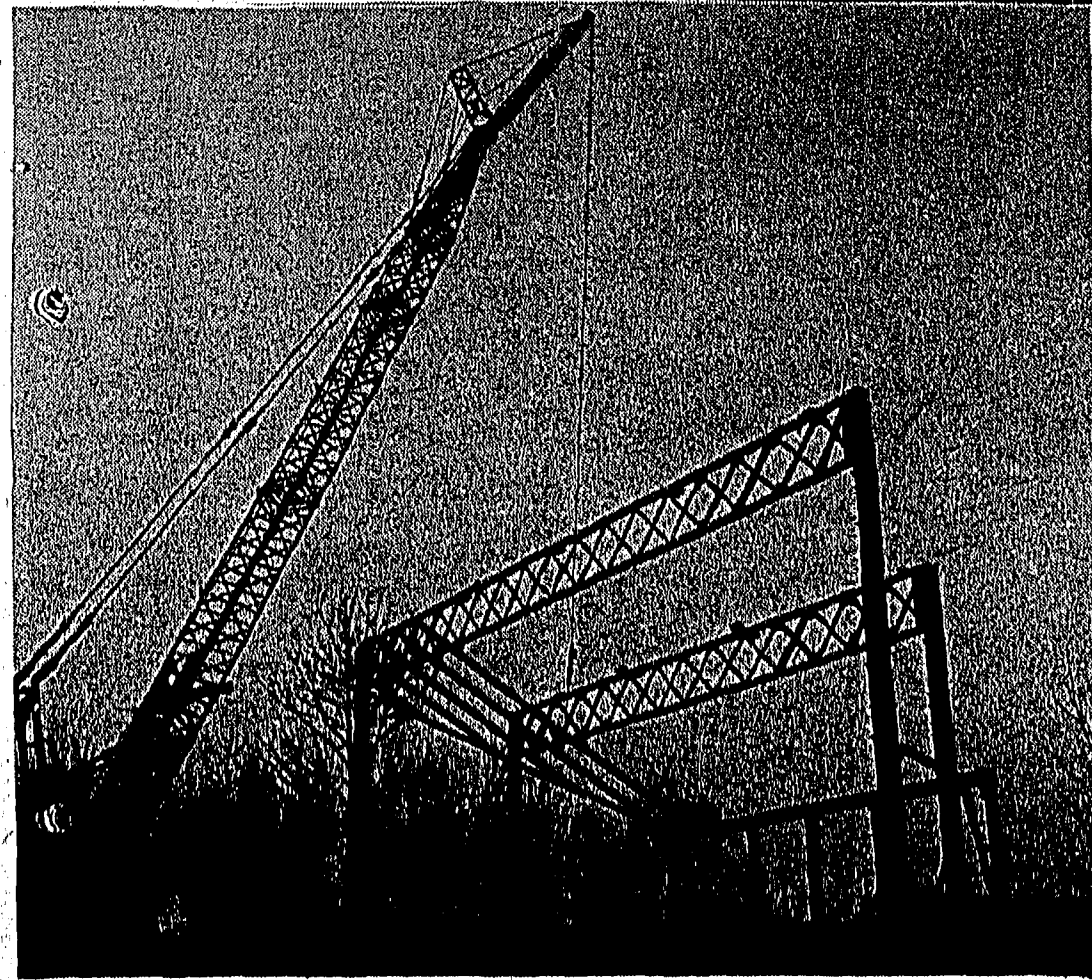
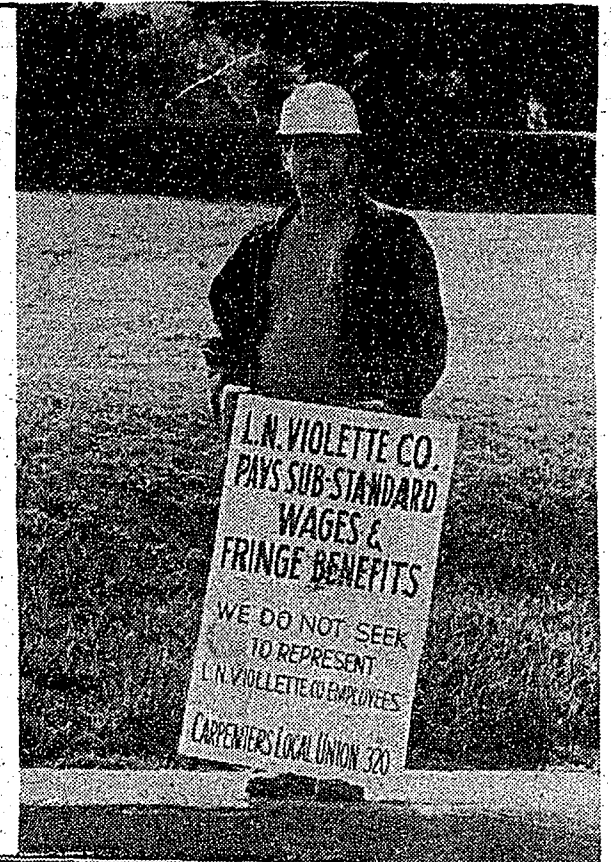
Mar. 10

**Protest at Lovejoy - Students Demonstrate-May Occupy Eustis** - "Nearly 250 students gathered in front of Lovejoy last night to express their opposition to the faculty and

administration stand on student representation, especially concerning the recent decision on pass-fail...At last night's faculty meeting the faculty decided to make the elimination of the pass-fail option for distribution requirements effective with the class of 1981;" "The Maine House of Representatives voted on Tuesday 85-55 to increase the minimum drinking age to 20. The State Senate earlier had endorsed the 20 year old drinking age;" **Women's Hockey Wins National Championship** - "The Women's Ice Hockey Team has ended their season undefeated against American and Canadian colleges to give them the unofficial NCAA champion title and the winner's crown of the 10th annual Loyola Tournament in Montreal."

Mar. 17

**Students Sit in Eustis** - "President Strider met with a delegation of four students on Monday afternoon while a group of students sat talking and studying in the hall outside his office on the third floor of Eustis. The sit-in was convened to impress the President with



the importance of the problem of student representation in the decision making process here at Colby. About thirty students participated in the demonstration."

## '77-'78

Sept. 29

**Deans Release Alcohol Policy** - The new policy prohibits the unlicensed sale of alcohol anywhere on campus. "Open and all-campus parties...must be catered by a licensed vendor." Other restrictions include: Parties must be registered 48 hours in advance, and the number of guests must coincide with the number legally allowed under the state fire laws.

Oct. 13

**Gay-Straight Alliance** - letter to the editor calling for attention to the issue of heterosexual understanding, based on the "The Bridge," formed in 1974 by a group of Colby students with faculty assistance.

Oct. 20

**Women's Studies Proposed** - "Presently the program consists of a few courses in American Studies, Sociology, and English departments concerning women and their role in society. The committee hopes to extend the program...in order to broaden the curriculum...Student response has been positive...a need for additional courses has been expressed"; Nikke Giovanni gives a poetry reading at Given Auditorium; Noted Writer Joins Staff - Ira Sadoff joins the English Department.

Oct. 27

**Prof. Maisel Interview** - "In an interview with the ECHO this week, Associate Professor of Government Sandy Maisel stated he has registered as a candidate in the Democratic primary for the First Congressional District."

Nov. 10

**Trustees Add Health Associate** - "After a year's research and study the Advisory Committee on Health Services has seen its recommendations take an important step toward reality. The Board of Trustees recently voted to add a Health Associate who



will deal with women's health problems to the Colby staff." **Colby Wins Sex-Bias Case** - "U.S. District Judge Edward T. Gignoux has sided with Colby and two of its insurance companies in a sex-discrimination suit generally regarded as a national test case. The gut issue of the dispute centers on one of the bedrock premises of this country's actuarial tables - that women live longer than men. Accordingly, to account for the longevity difference, the retirement fund paid monthly benefits to women which were slightly less than those paid to men. Thus, insurance, by its nature, requires reference to groups, not individuals."

Feb. 23

**Faculty Votes for Divestiture** - "The Colby faculty at its Feb. 15th meeting voted to request that the College divest itself of holdings in any company with operations or investments in South Africa that has not pledged to assist in the elimination of institutional racism in that country. The motion passed after some debate which focused on the linguistics of the proposal itself." **Women's Week** - "A very unusual event in Colby history, 'Women's Week,' will be held the week of April 14th-21st. The week will be devoted to the emergence of women in today's society."

March 16

**A Woman for all Seasons** - "Athlete, champion, superstar; all of these words come to mind when I think of Lee Johnson. The best woman hockey player in the US, if not in the world, Lee started her hockey career back in 1969 with the champion Massport Jets. Her most outstanding characteristic, however, is her attitude;" **Dick Gregory Speaks Out.**

April 13

**Women Joggers Cautioned by Deans; Archer and Slavin Indicted: Constitutional Conflict** - "Two former Student Association members, Treasurer Mike Slavin and Social Life Chairperson Pierce Archer, will be brought up before the Student Judiciary on charges filed by Doug Kaplan for fraud and theft. Both Slavin and Archer are being charged for fraud under the Maine Criminal Code. Mike Slavin has also been charged with theft. The fraud charge refers to misuse of telephones of the accused; the theft occurring when Slavin signed the checks;" **Colby's Wonder Woman** - "The unassuming yet amazing Pat 'Hooper' Valavanis set a single-season scoring record this past winter in Women's Basketball. She netted 340 points during the 1977-78 season."

April 20

**Trustees Endorse "Sullivan Principles"; Colby Retains South African Stocks** - "The Board of Trustees of Colby College voted to endorse the 'Sullivan Principles' as 'an appropriate response to apartheid by corporations doing business in the Republic of South Africa.'"

May 4

**Ashes to Ashes (editorial)** - "The recent fire on Frat Row has become the center of a post-carnival controversy. People were celebrating Saturday night and a bonfire was the drunken climax of an excellent Spring

Carnival Weekend. The fire burned from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. and could have signified the end of a frolic except that it was fueled by seven cubes taken from Miller Library. We won't take away anyone's right to enjoy a good bonfire. We hate to be conservative sticklers when it comes to rules that affect partying; however, destroying library property and letting a fire burn uncontrolled for seven hours is a bit much."

## '78-'79

September 28

**Strider to Retire: Successor Sought** - "Anthony heads search. While Robert E.L. Strider completes his final year as Colby's 17th president, the Board of Trustees is methodically confronting the task of choosing his successor. Trustee Robert N. Anthony is directing the effort, as chairman of the Presidential Search Committee. One of three groups actively involved in the selection process;" **Health Associate Named** - "After several years of discussion about the state of women's health services at Colby, a health associate, Ms. Jane T. Schwartz, has been hired to work closely in women's health and on health education in general. She will be available for private counseling on such topics as sex education, birth control for both sexes, VD, and general health information. Schwartz will be available for clinical work in the mornings at sick call, where she can conduct routine gynecological check-ups, including a pelvic exam, a pap smear, and, if desired, a culture and screening for VD."

October 12

**Seeley G. Mudd Science Building to Officially Opened by Nobel Laureate Eugene P. Wigner, Professor-Emeritus of physics at**



Princeton University, October 15th. October 19

**Soccer Clinches Winning Season** - Goals by Tom Betro and Andy Huber gave Colby a 2-0 win over Clark University of Saturday. The victory gave the Mules their first winning season after ten consecutive years of disappointments."

November 16

**Colby Wins ECAC Tournaments** - "A leaded goal from co-captain David LaLiberty in the 84th minute gave Colby the ECAC New England championship in a 1-0 victory over Connecticut College at Loebs field. This was the Mule's first appearance in post season play since 1963. Colby has never before won a post season soccer tournament."

December 7

**B & G Workers Consider Unions** - "Attempts to establish the first union ever at Colby are being made by Buildings and Grounds employees, despite what one employee called 'pressure' from the college. President Strider sent a letter to Buildings and Grounds personnel where he explained, '...we do believe that a union is necessary or that it would serve the best interest of our employees.'"

February 15

**McGee Turns Ball Over to Kopp** - "Richard McGee, head coach of football and athletic director at Colby College, is relinquishing his coaching duties to devote full time to responsibilities as athletic director. McGee has been in charge of the football program since 1967. Thomas W. Kopp, a member of the athletic staff at the college since May, 1978, has been named head football coach at Colby."

February 26

**The Search is Over - Cotter to Succeed Strider** - The Board of Trustees met Saturday in Boston and in a unanimous vote approved Cotter's recommendations by the Presidential Search Committee. Robert E.L. Strider announced William R. Cotter as his

mean "to persuade the workers not to join the union...and imply we (the Teamsters) don't represent our people"...Colby person... officer Nick Koan, who signed the eight letters sent are Colby's "approach of educating the employees...Koan said the letters were "a combined effort" of Pullen and himself. One Colby Administration letter...reads, "contrary to what the union may want you to believe, the union cannot guarantee anyone a job or a paycheck-only the college can."

March 15

**The Teamsters have charged Colby College with violating the National Labor Relations Act by "discharging employee James Goodale in retaliation for his support of the Union. Goodale, who has worked Colby security for thirteen years, was fired, allegedly sleeping while on duty. Although Goodale claims in a sworn affidavit that he was not asleep, the focus of it appears to be on a supposed "departure" from the security department's policy by firing Goodale instead of giving him a written warning."**

March 22

**Nukes Debated** - "Lovejoy 100 was filled to capacity on Tuesday when representatives from the Westinghouse campus American Program debated two Colby seniors on the future of commercial use of nuclear power. Nearly 250 students, faculty and guests sat attentively during the hour long debate..."

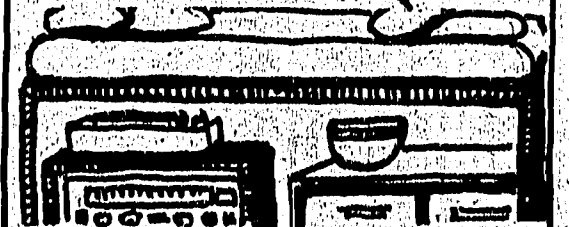
April 12

**Colby Buildings and Grounds personnel voted 51 to 26 on March 30 against representation by the Teamsters Union. The Teamsters have appealed the election, filing "Objections to the Election" with the National Labor Relations Board. A petition protesting what was referred to as the Colby Administration's attempt to dissuade the workers by means of misleading and faulty information, was signed by 415 students before vacation and sent to Mr. Anthony, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, President elect Cotter, President Strider, and Vice-President Pullen;" **Europe in Conflict-Subject of Symposium** - "Terrorism in Europe, the youth of France, and the evolution of democracy in Spain were the topics discussed during last week's four day symposium entitled "Europe in Conflict."**

April 19

**NLRB Issues Complaint Against Colby** - "Completing a seven week investigation of charges by the Teamsters that Colby has been engaging in and is engaging in unfair labor practices, the NLRB's written complaint alleges that since on or about November 18, 1978 and continuing to date, (Colby) has interfered with, restrained and coerced, and is interfering with, retraining and coercing its employees (to self-organize in terms of labor organizations and collective bargaining)..."

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# Announcements

## New Dorm

Students and faculty members who have comments, questions or suggestions pertaining to the new dormitory construction on the campus are invited to contact members of the building committee or any dormitory head resident.

At its January meeting, the Board of Trustees approved funds for preliminary planning for a new facility for 100 students. The target date for completion of the project is August, 1981, in time for occupancy that semester.

Following the Board action, President Cotter appointed a building committee to advise him and the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board. Student members appointed to the committee included those who responded to an invitation to participate that was published in the December 6 issue of the ECHO.

The committee is as follows: Earl Smith, Dean of Students, chairman; students Jill Benedict (Woodman 129), Nancy Briggs (Averill 209), Ellen Huebsch (Woodman 126), Brian Picard (Marriner 202) and David Wright (Dana 302); Katie Black (Averill 311); faculty members Calvin Mackenzie and Donald Small; trustees Rita McCabe and Kevin Hill; Janice Seitzinger, Associate Dean of Students; Stanley Palmer, Plant Engineer; Joan Sanzenbacher, Special Programs; and Robert Pullen, Vice President for Administration.

Early January, five members of the Committee toured New England visiting colleges which have built new student residences within the past several years. The group visited Boston College, Tufts, Assumption, Smith, Amherst and Trinity. The full committee is presently studying a report of that group.

The Committee has chosen four architects who will compete for the final contract with presentations in mid-March.

## Injury-Illness

The "Student Primary and Emergency Care Service" (SPECS) is available to assist anyone that is sick or injured on the Colby campus. Someone that requests assistance or is witness to such a situation should call the infirmary at extension 231 or call the emergency extension 347. A student Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or an ambulance will then be radio dispatched to your location as the nurse deems necessary.

## \$1,000 Poem

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## West Africa

Professor Christiansen is interested in organizing a Jan Plan trip to West Africa in 1981.

Tentatively, the group will fly to Dakar, spend about a week in Senegal and Gambia, going up river in Gambia by boat. The group will then travel overland by train to Mali, staying a week to 10 days in Mali and Upper Volta. Visits to various tribal areas and markets are planned.

If time and weather permit, the group will travel to Timbuktu by boat. Then the group will go to Bouake on the Ivory Coast, visiting markets there and travel on to Liberia.

Total trip time is 25-30 days. Cost is estimated at \$1,300, including food, lodging, and transportation. A minimum of 10-15 students is needed.

Preparations for the trip will include assigned reading on the history of West Africa as well as a proposal for a paper on West

Africa. Some shots and medication will also have to be acquired before the trip. Students from all majors are eligible.

If interested, contact Professor Robert Christiansen, Lovejoy 113, Extension 534.

## Election

Anyone interested in serving on the Stu-A election committee please contact Scot Lehigh at ext. 576 or Becky Rogers at ext. 295. Help is needed on March 13, Election Day, for help at ballot stations and counting. Two hour shifts from 10 am to 6 pm are available.

## French Club

Attention French Club Members: There is a meeting this Friday evening in the Robins Room in Roberts at 7:00 p.m.

## Vandalism

Because of an increase in vandalism in Roberts Union, especially during late evening hours it may become impractical to provide the use of this facility as a service to the community. In addition to the accelerating energy and staff costs of maintaining extended hours of operation, the damage and cleanup problems have become too great to balance the benefits. Since it is not possible to "zone off" problem areas of the building - such as restrooms - the operating schedule for the entire facility will be affected. Please take notice that if a cost and energy audit which is to be run at the end of February continues to support this trend, building hours will have to be markedly curtailed.

Suggestions and questions concerning this matter should be directed to the Activities Office.

## Evaluations

Anyone interested in helping Stu-A evaluate last semesters course evaluations please come to help on Sunday, March 2, at 1 pm, or contact Mari-Ellen Pratt at ext. 530.

## Maple Reminder

Maple Sugaring workers are reminded to keep posted to the CEC-Maple bulletin board near the mailroom. If the trees are not tapped before Friday (see bulletin board), we'll tap them Friday at 2:00 p.m. - Meet in the Maple Grove!

## German Exchange

1. German Studies Summer Course (in English) at Kiel University, June 15 - July 19, 1980. This course is designed for non-German speaking advanced students or young faculty members in all fields who are interested in improving their understanding of recent developments in Germany. Application deadline: March 17, 1980.

2. "Learn German in Germany," a two-month German language course at a Goethe Institute in the Federal Republic of Germany for graduate students and faculty. Application deadline: March 15, 1980.

3. Interdisciplinary Seminar in German Studies at the University of California at Berkeley, June 23 - August 1, 1980. The seminar will explore current issues and problems of post-war Germany in the fields of history, politics, economics, sciences, education, and literature. Application deadline: April 1, 1980.

For further information and application forms please contact:

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

535 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1107

New York, N.Y. 10017

Tel.: (212)-599-0464

## American U

Applications for the Washington Semester Program are due March 14. This is a cooperative program between Colby (among others) and the American University in Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to provide a realistic picture of the processes of government, far richer and more accurate than can be gained in an ordinary academic environment. The program is open to all Colby juniors regardless of major.

Programs include the Washington Semester, Foreign Policy Semester, Washington Urban Semester, Washington Economic Policy Semester, Washington Justice Semester, and Washington Semester in American Studies.

For applications and information see Mrs. Kiralis in Eustis 205.

## Nuke Debate

On Wednesday, March 5 at 8 p.m. there will be a public debate on nuclear power. The debate, sponsored by the Strider Speakers Series, will take place in Given Auditorium. Speaking in favor of nuclear power will be John B. Randazza, Vice-President of Central Maine Power. Mr. Pat Gerret will be representing Safe Power for Maine and speaking against nuclear power.

The Strider Speakers Series Committee announced that "the decision to sponsor a nuclear debate was made because of the obvious student interest in this important issue. Because of the many unanswered questions which people still have about nuclear energy we felt that it would be worthwhile to have two experts publicly debate each other. We are sure that the student body will find this to be a very exciting and heated debate."

After opening statements and rebuttals the speakers will respond to questions from the audience. This will allow discussion of those questions which most interest people. After the

debate an informal reception will be held in Bixler.

## Draft Rally

A coalition consisting of students and faculty of five Maine colleges and members of the community are planning a rally to protest the impending registration and draft. The rally, featuring speakers and music will take place on March 9th at the Statehouse in Augusta, the state capital. Colleges represented include Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, College of the Atlantic and University of Maine campuses.

A press conference prior to the rally will be held at Colby College on Saturday, March 1st 11 p.m. at Roberts Union.

For more information on the press conference contact: Benjamin Below, 872-6497.

## Hero Lecture

On Wednesday, March 6, the Philosophy and Religion Department will host a lecture by Professor Alf Hildebeitel of the George Washington University, entitled "Why do Heroes fall in love and kill each other? An Inquiry into Myth and Epic." Professor Hildebeitel is well known for his studies of the Indian epic, Mahabharata. In addition, he has written on a wide range of topics in Indian and Indo-European mythology, and over the last several years has been engaged in field work on the fire-walking festival in South India.

The lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Robins room, Roberts Union, with a reception following.

## Crib Notes

Lost over Winter Carnival Weekend: 1 scarab bracelet. If found, please contact Karen, ext. 543, or Box 665.

Lacrosse Gloves For Sale - leather palms and nylon outers - New but broken in. See Peter Crimmin tel. 465-7672

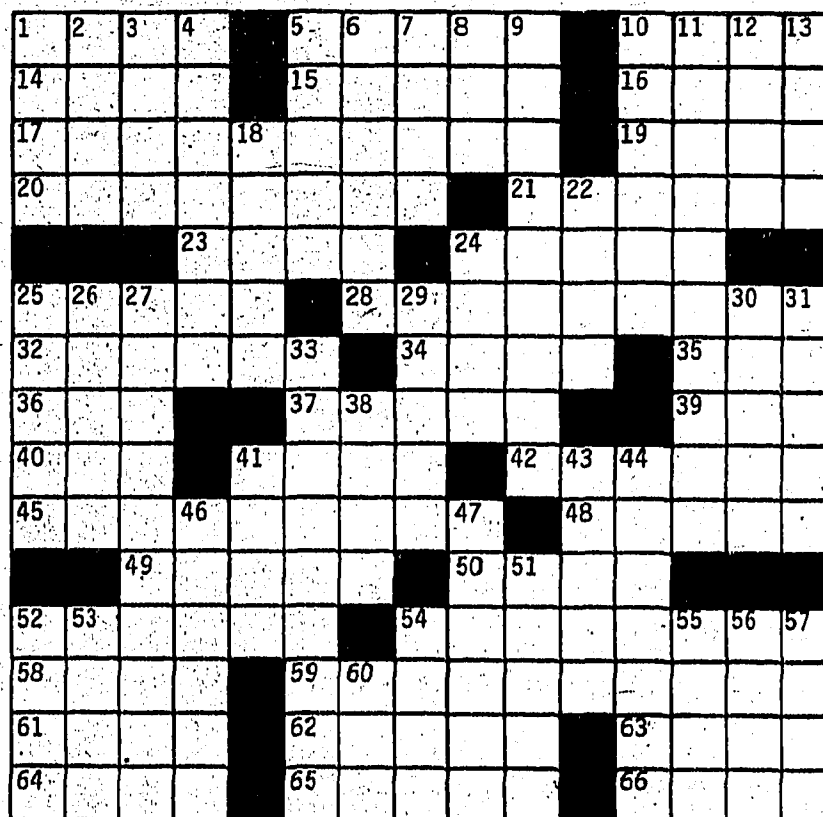
I have a ladies brown herringbone tweed jacket - left at Roberts Union before Christmas. If it belongs to you - See me. Margaret Dyer, Checker

Lost: one women's turquoise down jacket in Dana Lounge. Any info would be appreciated. Call Sue, ext. 335

Wanted: Giffords and Seidman's Notes for Joyce. Please contact Everett Briggs at 3-5293 or box 211.

Are You an Only Child? Interested students and faculty who are only children are needed for a sociology survey. Please contact Beth Pniewski, box 1220, ext. 471.

## collegiate crossword



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Solution on page 3.

### ACROSS

- 1 "South Pacific" island
- 5 Jazz dance
- 10 Spanish equivalent of "oui, oui"
- 14 Yaks
- 15 Sternward
- 16 Wallat inventory
- 17 Get better
- 19 Annual basketball tourney
- 20 Sophocles play or daughter of Oedipus
- 21 Buoyant
- 23 Minister to
- 24 Breed of terriers
- 25 Gloss
- 28 Relatives of brigs
- 32 "We have nothing but..."
- 34 Robert
- 35 Name for a street
- 36 Sandy's bark
- 37 Rice or Fudd
- 39 Grand Central (abbr.)
- 40 Opposite of SSW
- 41 "We'll take o' kindness..."
- 42 Aid
- 45 Obsequiousness
- 48 Council of 1545-63
- 49 Miles and -Ellen
- 50 Author Wiesel
- 52 Central Chinese province
- 54 Friendly
- 58 Irretrievable
- 59 Botches (3 wds.)
- 61 Formerly
- 62 Minneapolis suburb
- 63 Actor Jack of westerns
- 64 Turned right

- 65 France's patron saint
- 66 Any quantity per unit time

### DOWN

- 1 Raton
- 2 Part of a nerve cell
- 3 Spring period
- 4 Potential party-goer
- 5 Where a coiffeur works
- 6 Marketing concerns
- 7 Platinum wire loop
- 8 Singer Davis
- 9 Those who qualify what they say
- 10 Mexican state
- 11 Glow with heat
- 12 NYSE membership
- 13 British interjection (2 wds.)
- 18 Rocket stage
- 22 Suffix for child or life
- 24 Mr. Porter
- 25 Maurice of Watergate fame
- 26 Singer Lena
- 27 Fizz
- 29 Act the siren
- 30 Mr. John
- 31 Agent 86
- 33 Made arable, as land
- 38 Tiant or Aparicio
- 41 Broadcasts
- 43 City on the Mohawk
- 44 Table vessel
- 46 Open to the atmosphere
- 47 Native of San'a
- 51 Actresses Kirk and Hartman
- 52 Walk through mud
- 53 Strop
- 54 Related-
- 55 Composer Bartok
- 56 Certain entrance exam (abbr.)
- 57 "For —, With Love and Squalor"
- 60 Sweet drink



# Arts

## Metheny Performs With Soul

by Bo Preston

Thursday evening, the 24th of February the Pat Metheny Group came to Wadsworth Gymnasium. I went expecting to be taken on a musical voyage and was not disappointed. The 90 minute performance featured Lyle Mays on various keyboard instruments, Don Gottlieb on drums and Mark Egan on the bass guitar. Pat Metheny played lead guitar and wrote the music. A traditional review might list the groups recording output, various instrumental pyrotechnics and a plea for cushions in the bleachers. However, I am not a musician, nor do I have the technical expertise to explain the battery of electronic sound equipment which surrounds Lyle Mays. Therefore I will speak mostly about the music.

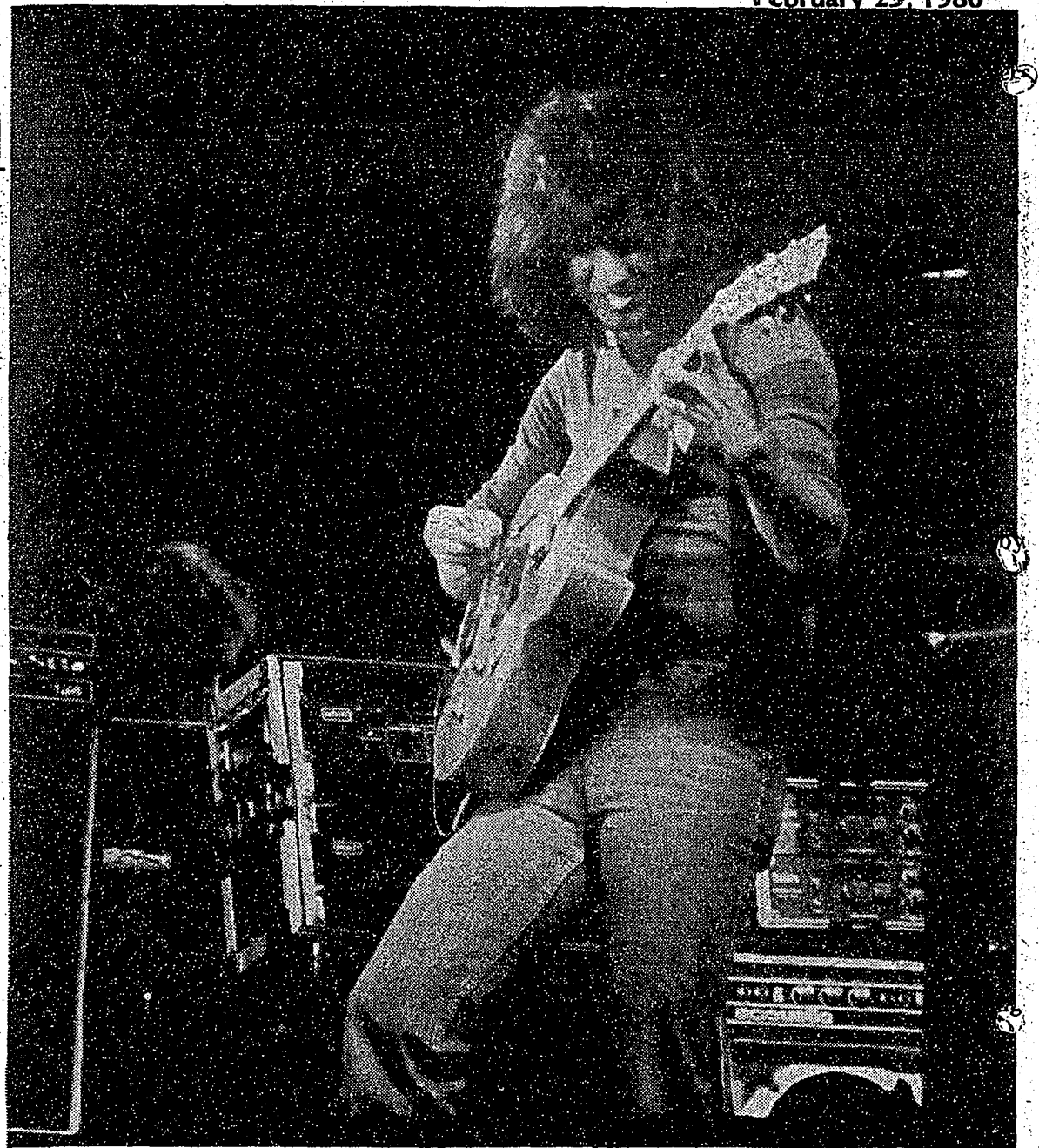
Pat Metheny at age 24 has a biography which reads like a Who's Who of Modern Jazz. Predominant to the stylings and patterns which his group performs are Gary Burton and Jaco Pastorias. The music comes to us in a progression, from a moderately simple pattern played on the cymbals and counterpointed by the bass to an almost fugue-like texture. The set opened with two songs from the new "American Garage" album in which Pat Metheny moves away from the style he had established with Jaco Pastorius on "Bright Size Life." Not content with an album expressing one mood, Metheny established a Roller Coaster personality, joy and then great melancholy. This, for me,

makes a Jazz performance of great power and makes it easy to differentiate jazz from rock and roll.

Jazz is a medium for-exploiting emotions within the artist and the listener. At the concert I was surrounded by a fair sized crowd who had heard Pat play before or knew what to expect. There will be complaints about the solo improvisations Pat and each member of the band presented. Perhaps this music wasn't what these people wished to hear. If, however, you allowed yourself the chance then you were offered a trip on Metheny's Roller Coaster ride.

Each song, from "Journey", a joyful explosion of sound, to the ethereal strains of "Unity Village" contained pieces of Pat's soul. "Soul" is perhaps a corny word but it corresponds to the type of intensity with which the group performed all night. These men enjoyed themselves, in spite of the tinny acoustics and some mix-board problems which resulted in an audio imbalance through which Lyle May's electric piano played louder than any other instrument. Pat Metheny likes Colby, he felt good and so did I.

Perhaps this performance wasn't for everybody but it is good to see Colby attract more programs which encourage diversification and exposure to new and exciting experiences.



Pat Metheny in good form.

photo by Don Gallo

## Movies

### Stu-A Cinema



The Court Jester - Friday 7:00

A suspenseful adventure, a heart warming musical comedy, a medieval fairy tale, that is The Court Jester. If you'd like to see a movie purely for its ability to entertain, then this is it.

Starring Danny Kaye, this is perhaps his most entertaining screen performance. Kaye is a multi-talented comedian, actor, singer, and dancer who has been much overlooked by this generation.

In this Robin Hood type tale Kaye is one of the less rugged and more "domestic" members of a band of Merry Men led by the Black Fox. Kaye's ability to make his audience laugh and yet bring it smoothly into touch with the adventure and drama of the tale gives the movie much of its coherence and consistency.

The second bill of the evening is Abbot and Costello's The Time of Their Lives, another film made for pure entertainment.

Unlike most of their movies, Abbot and Costello do not play two buddies who together find themselves in peculiar situations. Instead, Abbot is the descendant of a participant of the Revolutionary War, while Costello is one of two ghosts from the war who, accused of having been traitors, are cursed until they can prove their innocence.



The Time of Their Lives - Friday 9:00

In 1938 Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios offered to trade its hottest property, Clark Gable, for five pictures to Universal studios in return for a one picture deal with Shirley Temple, whom MGM thought was perfect for

the leading role of a musical extravaganza it had in the planning stages. When Universal refused the deal, MGM turned to an unknown hopeful from the ranks of its own studio, and thus Judy Garland came to play the role of Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz.

Two of the foremost comedy character actors were assigned to play the roles of the scatterbrain scarecrow (Ray Bolger) and the loveable cowardly lion (Bert Lahr). The role of the evil Wicked Witch of the West was given to Margaret Hamilton, who can still be seen these days as Cora of the Maxwell House coffee commercials.

Oz appeals to audiences of every age and intellectual level. There's something for everyone. Even if you watch it every year on TV, don't miss it when it comes to Colby this weekend. The chance to see it on a big screen, with no commercials, with all your friends, is definitely worth a buck. Be there. Shows at 7:00, 9:30, and midnight on Saturday, and Sunday at 2 p.m.



The Wizard of Oz - Saturday 7 &amp; 9:30 &amp; 12 Sunday 2:00

7 & 9:30 Wed. Mar. 5 - Marty 1955, with Ernest Borgnine, Betsy Blair. Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Director (Delbert Mann), Best Screenplay. Marty is a homely Bronx butcher who is unmarried and uninterested. One night, lured to a dance hall, he meets a girl in the same state of mind. Their relationship, seemingly so simple and unremarkable, becomes a thing of haunting and endearing beauty and wonder. Don't miss it.

## Announcements

"A Meeting of Arts and Science" is the title of an informal talk on the conservation of fine arts, to be given by Stephen Brooke, Monday March 3 at 8:00 pm. In the Smith Room at Roberts.

Saturday night at 9:00 in Dana dining hall there will be Soul and Disco Cabaret as the closing for the Black Cultural Festival. Put on your boogie shoes and get down (also bring a buck).

Park Street Exhibitions, the gallery at Craftschool in Lewiston will be presenting "Images of Woman" now until March 3. The 192 photographic print exhibit depicts women in a variety of roles, and provides excellent examples of contemporary techniques by well-known photographers. The Park Street Exhibit is located at 35 Park Street in downtown Lewiston and is open Mon. thru Sat. 9-5.

## Sadoff: Bittersweet Poetry

by Anne Phaneuf

Family poems, "mean" poems, and calendar poems were among the many pieces Ira Sadoff, professor of English, read Monday night in the Robinson Room of Miller Library.

Beginning with a poem by Frank O'Hara, "A Step Away From Them," Sadoff introduced his own work dedicated to O'Hara, "Walking Down Castro Street," a rich description of a busy New York street. Sadoff continued with the reading of his family poems, one about a wife's fantasies, and one about a grandmother, and the poem, "Life is Short Enough," inspired by the poet's mother.

Sadoff read to a large audience of professors, students, and other poetry enthusiasts. Although touched by the bittersweetness of much of Sadoff's poetry, the audience responded light-heartedly to his amusing recollections of a former German girlfriend and his appreciation of the movie "The Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

As well as varying the subjects of the poems, Sadoff frequently used a female persona. He described a child's feelings after being punished one Fourth of July and, in another poem, related a boy's sorrow at his father's leaving.

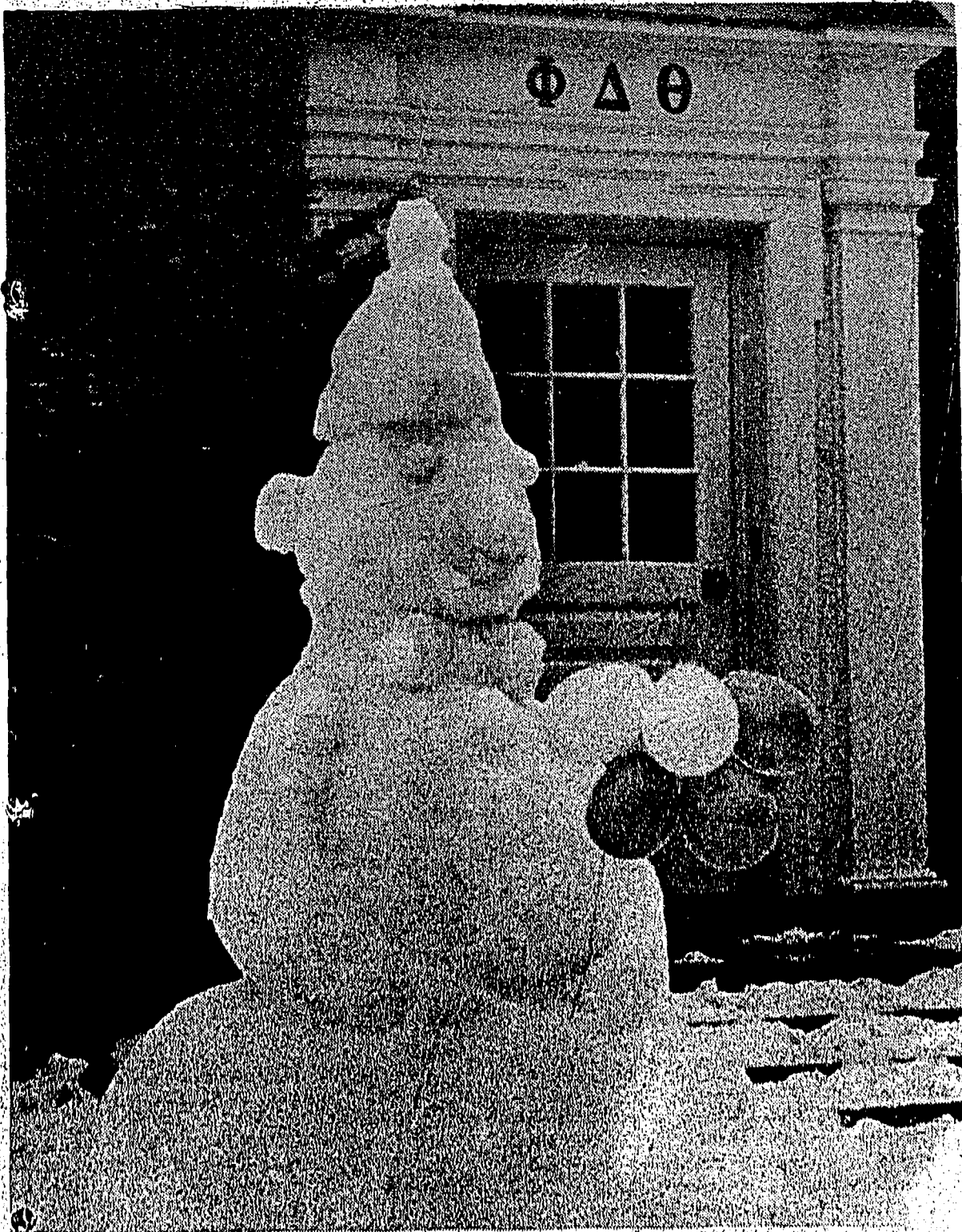
Sadoff delighted the audience with his shifts between contemplative works and light, amusing pieces such as the "Mean" poem and "Villians" which glances at everyday villains and our fascination with them. Toward the end of the hour reading, he presented some of his recently written calendar poems inspired by the remnants of an old Maine railroad track, and a lighthouse on Pemaquid Point.

Sadoff concluded the hour with an adaptation of another poet's work. A description of the meeting of two long-parted old friends, the poem varied from the previous pieces in its subject but not in its tender tone.

The reading was stimulating entertainment and we look forward to enjoying more of Ira Sadoff's presentations.



# Snow Sculpture





# Would You Volunteer?

by Benjamin Below

Last July, Stuart Eizenstat, a top Administrative Aide declared in a letter widely circulated around Capital Hill that Military Registration was unnecessary: "We do not believe it is necessary to impose this burden on our nation and its youth at this time when there are effective ways to improve the capability of the Selective Service System so that it can respond quickly in time of emergency."

What has happened in the six months between this statement by Eizenstat and President Carter's State of the Union Address to change the Administration's position 180 degrees?

The rationals for Carter's call for reinstatement of registration require some close examination. To begin with, Carter claims that the reinstatement of registration is a symbolic move in response to Soviet aggression in Afghanistan. The President claims that he sees "...no prospect for the need for a draft under present circumstances."

However, his top military advisors seem to differ on this point. At a meeting of student leaders at the White House last week, National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski asked how many of the students present favored the Volunteer Army as opposed to a draft. The response was almost totally in favor of the Volunteer Army. Brzezinski then asked how many of the students present would volunteer. About ten out of 250 responded in the affirmative. Mr. Brzezinski's reported response was "that's why we need registration."

Other top military and congressional leaders claim that the All Volunteer Force (AVF) is not working, hence the need for registration. This argument is weak on two points:

1) As stated previously, Carter does not believe a draft would follow registration. Contrary to this statement, the claim is made

that the AVF is not working and that the military is in need of more troops necessitating a draft. Therefore, if Carter is sincere that he only wants registration, the failing AVF would not benefit from the President's proposal.

2) More importantly, the claim that the AVF is not working is highly questionable. Since the abolition of the draft in the early 1920's the number of enlisted personnel have remained within 1.5 percent of Congressional authorized levels. As a whole, enlisted personnel today are better educated than their predecessors before the Vietnam War. Seventy-five percent of the enlisted personnel in 1964 had a high school education or equivalent, 81 percent in 1972, and 88 percent in 1978.

Discipline has also improved since the AVF

in the event of an emergency. Yet, according to the Selective Service System and congressional sources, peacetime registration would only shave-off 12 to 15 days as compared to registration at the time of a declared emergency. In addition, the Army would be unable to accept inductees at the faster peacetime registration rate because it would take 30 days to gear-up training facilities.

The argument has been made that the U.S. needs to gear up its conventional forces in order to meet the threat of Soviet aggression in the Persian Gulf. The logic of this argument is that without a strong conventional deterrent, the Soviets will be tempted to invade Iran and disrupt U.S. oil supplies or invade Pakistan in order to gain a warm-water port. Without a strong conventional

two scenarios would be a time-lag before the conflict would escalate into a nuclear exchange.

In this light it is clear that the reinstatement of registration would not deter the use of nuclear weapons. It is also highly questionable whether Carter's call for registration would help to defend the present world situation. Historically, the act of instituting registration has led to an escalation rather than deescalation of hostilities.

In this age of mutually assured destruction, we cannot afford an escalation of hostilities. On the contrary, all forms of aggression must be strongly opposed, including President Carter's call for registration.

Carter's proposal and rationale are riddled with contradictions and questionable motives. He claims that registration is in the national interest and that the US's spheres of influence need to be protected. However, the question arises, at what price are we willing to protect our exploitative oil industry and wasteful use of energy?

## FREE SPEECH

The "Free Speech" page is a forum open for commentaries by any members of the Colby community. If you would like to contribute, contact the ECHO.

went into effect. Courtmartial cases are one-third less and desertions have dropped by one-half. Costs of the AVF have fallen within 20 percent of the estimates given in 1970 by the Gates Commission, which was the basis for the institution of the AVF.

Finally, the General Accounting Office has made two studies of the Reserves recently, both of which have concluded that the problems associated with the Reserves are due to gross mismanagement. To correct this problem, the Reserves are undergoing a reorganization. A new recruiting program has already gone into effect and is meeting considerable success.

Another puzzling aspect of Carter's plan is his claim that peacetime registration would enhance the U.S.'s ability to call up draftees

force to meet this hypothetical aggression, no matter where it happens, the U.S. and its allies will be put on the defensive very quickly or overrun. As a result, the temptation would be for the U.S. to use tactical (short range) nuclear weapons to control the Soviet advances. More than likely, this would result in an all-out strategic (long range) nuclear exchange which would mean the end of the world as we know it.

There is a critical flaw in this scenario. If the U.S. was able to adequately meet Soviet aggression with conventional forces, a prolonged conflict would result in which, at some point, one side or the other would have its back against the wall. In this situation, the temptation to use tactical nuclear weapons would arise. The only difference between the

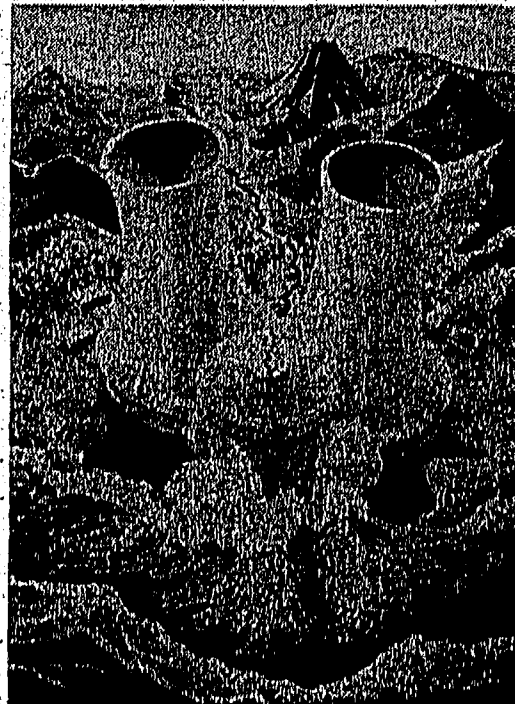
It seems obvious that it could be much easier and less dangerous to reduce and eventually eliminate our dependence on foreign resources. The militaristic alternative offered by Carter can only lead us closer to war and the grisly prospects of a nuclear exchange.

### Correction

In our February 21 issue, the ECHO ran a story entitled "Energy Conservation Effort." The first sentence in the last paragraph should have begun, "Harding invites all students..." Parents, with all due apologies, were not invited.

# NUCLEAR POWER DEBATE

A PUBLIC DEBATE BETWEEN THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAFE POWER FOR MAINE



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# Letters to the Editor

## Equality

To the Editor:

I have had many interesting responses to the commentary article that discussed the issue of fraternities at Colby. There was one response in particular I thought I should share with the community. This response was in a conversation I had with a frat brother and former officer (who asked to remain unidentified), in which we talked about the merits of the fraternal system.

During the course of the discussion I tried to have him acknowledge that as Colby's only alternative to dormitory living, fraternities denied equal access to females. Also I included that some males have no alternative if they decided not to join a fraternity. He argued that this bias was not the fault of the institutions known as fraternities, rather, that it was Colby's problem to provide the appropriate arrangement for other groups who were denied equal access to these houses. He said that the issue of females wanting to live in a house was mute anyway. For he maintains sorority members told him females could not live together for there would be too much fighting involved over superficial things.

Here we touched upon what type of characters and identities fraternities fostered. For freshmen lost in the college world, the fraternities offered a home where one could more easily develop meaningful friendships over a beer or two. He claimed that males generally have a strong sense of who they are, thereby allowing male fraternity members to operate above the level of frivolous arguments and deal with each other on an open plane. He further claimed that female characters, as a result of the world we live in, were not like that of males. Females, according to him, acquired their identity from the external world, i.e., Calvin Klein jeans, hair styles, the slim trim myth of what is "beautiful." He went on to assert that in fact "females are inherently inferior individuals."

I pressed him to clarify this extraordinary claim. He implied that this inferior status was not due to a biological inheritance, but the system that exists around us encouraged the docile, insecure identity among females. As one sees commonly around us, males play the dominant force in leading our society. I claimed that the fraternity system promoted and encouraged this attitude in the same manner that our society did, which he denied. I claimed that the appropriate answer would be to change the system, but, according to him, females do not even want to change the system. He pointed out that females at other selected institutions (i.e., Harvard, Yale, Stanford) were of strong and liberated characters, but he added that this attitude is atypical in our society.

However, it seems to me personally that there is something drastically wrong with this design and this attitude. I contend the structure itself of our social organization not only reflects undesired attitudes and behavior in our American culture, but that it also reinforces and perpetuates such action. Women are not inherently inferior! But often they are coerced into subordinate roles. If he can come to that conclusion, then it

seems even more amazing to me that he negates the need for reform. A rearrangement of the architecture of our system will hasten the arrival of our constitutional guaranteed rights to equality and representation, which are not even questioned or promoted at Colby or under the present status quo.

Respectfully,  
David P. Silk

## Frat Flood

To the Editor,

Very early in the morning on February 18 a sink in the second floor bathroom of Kappa Delta Rho was plugged and the faucets were jammed on. The water ran for a long time. It flooded onto our front and back corridors, into four rooms, and down to our library and main lounge. This vandalism was discovered before 7:00 a.m. and the Waterville Fire Department responded.

Throughout Tuesday, the brothers considered whether or not to have our Winter Carnival party, which was three days away. This party had always required a special effort and our motivation was under question. We recognized that a definite minority, possibly an individual, was responsible for the second floor incident. But recently, our home had seemed a target for mysterious damage. Two hundred and fifty dollars had been stolen, holes punched in walls, and windows had been broken. We felt that it was ironic that our time and home were depended upon while we were enduring this damage. We also felt, however, that we had a certain obligation to the Colby community and we organized ourselves for the party. Only one window in the main lounge was broken during the party and the brothers were surprised.

The message that had emerged over the course of the recent weeks was reinforced on Saturday morning. It was evident that a lack of respect for our property was common. It had become necessary to prevent the deterioration of our home by suspending any type of weekly party which could promote this amount of vandalism.

The Brothers of Kappa Delta Rho

## Tennis Trauma

To the Editor:

Recently I have been frustrated by the increasing difficulty of getting on the tennis courts in the fieldhouse. Like most students I have classes during the morning. In the afternoon the area is used by the track team, in the evenings by the tennis and other teams.

All these teams have a right to use this area. But this leaves the rest of the student body with very little access to this part of the fieldhouse. Yet this seems to be a problem which could easily be solved. 8:30 or 9:00 seems to be a ridiculous hour to close this part of the fieldhouse. The area is not even open at all on Sunday evenings. Yes, it would cost a little more to keep this area open longer. But non-team-members pay as much tuition as team members do. Doesn't this entitle them as well to some reasonable access to the athletic facilities? It would seem that the courts could remain open longer at least during the winter months when the use of the fieldhouse is so much heavier.

Tim Carstens

## Scream

To the Editor:

Re: ECHO February 22, 1980: Skowbo article

It's nice to see that a woman can cry all over the front page and scream in the editorial section. Thank you Jane for your half of the story.

Sincerely overwhelmed,  
Kenneth A. Buder Jr.

## Food Fight

To the Editor:

It has come to our attention that there was a large scale food fight, bordering on the ridiculous, at the Foss-Woodman dining hall last weekend. This horrid display of disrespect for both fellow students and the exquisite cuisine provided by Sellers must not go unpunished. We feel that this small special interest dormitory, catering to an elitist microcosm of the Colby environment who willfully separate themselves from the rest of us, has demonstrated to the student body and Colby community as a whole the inability for that segment to contribute positively for the welfare of all. The only logical course of action is to revoke school support for this group and turn the building into a fraternity. As a result, the childish actions resulting from this elitist group can be effectively eradicated from our Colby community. This will undoubtedly benefit us all.

Sincerely,  
Committee for Apathetic Students  
Ext. 551

## No Fools

To the Editor:

I would like to reply to Chaplain Cote's letter on fraternities in last week's ECHO.

I have a particular axe to grind against the fraternity system. I write only because Father Cote's letter betrays a very poor understanding (one might well say an ignorance) of the intelligent suggestions set forth in the original Symmes-Silk editorial of the preceding week. This lack of understanding, coupled with an egregiously sarcastic tone which is much in acontract with the attitudes of Symmes and Silk, cries out for rebuttal. I shall examine the main points of his letter in order.

1. I have read and reread "Beyond Fraternities" and fail to detect any opposition on the author's part to the right to assemble or to free association. One can only wonder where Cote got the idea that such opposition existed. However, as he himself says, the point is not worth belaboring.

2. Granted that women have been denied the living alternative open to men in fraternities because of state law. Symmes and Silk never assigned "blame" to the fraternities for this obviously inequitable situation. I do not believe their purpose in writing was to assign "blame" at all. In any case, now that the law has been revised, the opportunity is open to Colby and to other schools to change the system, with the goal of making student facilities as beneficial as possible, to as many students as possible.

3. Whether or not there is a national trend toward the abolition of fraternities is entirely irrelevant. The significance of the examples in this area given by Symmes and Silk is that at certain other institutions, both the possibility and the benefits of a change in the traditional system have been demonstrated.


4. The Symmes-Silk position on fraternities is a statement of opinion and not a syllogism. For this reason, Cote's attack on their editorial on the grounds of logic is rather misplaced. Furthermore, their suggestion regarding the establishment of alternative housing options, available to all students rather than an elite few, is in no way a non-sequitur. On the contrary, it proceeds logically from their comments on the disadvantages of the system as it stands (a part of the editorial that Cote evidently overlooked).

Finally, Cote implies in the last line of his letter that Symmes and Silk "made fools of themselves." I believe that, among people who actually read the editorial in question, he will find little support either for his interpretation of their remarks or for this rather petty personal attack. I respectfully suggest that if Cote wishes to defend the fraternity system at Colby, he should restrain himself from such cheap tactics.

Sincerely,  
David Condon '82

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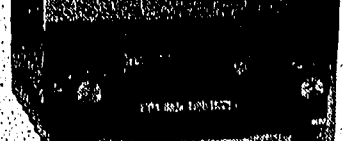


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# Editorial

## Merit?

The tenure decision process, student evaluations of faculty, and the "merit system" have all recently come under criticism. Charges have been made that, to various degrees, these "systems" produce inequities for individuals and generally reinforce undesirable qualities in teaching.

The Colby Community ought to examine these "systems" to evaluate what they do and do not accomplish. Colby's faculty is and ought to be one of our main strengths as a college. It would be a crime to undermine the spirit or competence of our teachers simply because our "systems" of evaluation and promotion were inadequate or inappropriate. Evaluating teaching is a formidable task, but that is all the more reason to examine the ways we evaluate, hire, fire, and promote our faculty.

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# Letters

## Identity For The Feeble

To the Editor:

I thought I would stay out of the "change the frats" argument since I have no first hand experience of frats and really am in no position to judge their merits and faults. But it occurred to me that I've been subjected to them, directly or indirectly, for 3½ years and perhaps the frat men would like to know what image they've projected to me. Perhaps they wouldn't, but at least now they have the option.

I lived in Dana my first year, the only dorm co-ed by room. The men there were friendly, as confused as I was, and generally nice to have around. But the T's of Dana aren't co-ed and the men soon banded together claiming the lounge at the end of the T as their own. We'd get "mooned" occasionally, there'd be a water balloon thrown every now and again, or the odd streaker through the halls, but apart from the fact that they seemed thrilled with the new found excitement of nudity, they were still fondly known as "the guys on the T."

That changed. At least for me it did. They all pledged fraternities (yes, I know, I'm being a trifle blunt) and I won't say that suddenly they were different, but there was a change, however gradual. There was a definite sense of the females on one side of a man's existence and "the men" on the other. The females' function was to memorize the names of the frats, quickly become a groupie of one of them, learn all the guys' frat nicknames, feel suicidal if they weren't invited to a frat Christmas semi-formal, and generally jump when they were told to jump and sit when they were told to sit.

The men ran our floor. They were blatantly cruel to people they didn't like, and come "hell week" they took over the campus, playing capture the brother, displaying their masculinity all the more vehemently to make up for their lack of confidence in it, and there was nothing for the women to do but live with it and try to ignore it. The men all seemed like weak-kneed, insecure children who desperately needed something to give them an identity, for finding one inside themselves was beyond their capabilities. And there were the frats, ready and willing to pamper them, give them a name, tell them who they liked and disliked, and show them how to be men, unfortunately with the result that women were seen as tools with which to display manliness, as less than men, as an afterthought to the man's world, but not as comrades. All they had to do was swallow a goldfish, kick a chicken to death, show no public display of affection toward a female, etc. and thirty guys were slapping them on the back and calling them brother. Instant identity for the feeble.

Once a whole frat marched naked through our floor after a session of nude drinking at "the house" (I sometimes wonder about those frat boys) and they were still proud as punch of what dangled between their legs, but now it was en masse. Security in numbers. And the females? Well, we were supposed to shriek and run into our rooms, which several women obligingly did.

Sophomore year all the men from our floor moved into their frat. I saw them at frat parties, but only when I talked with them alone were they the old friends I remembered. I didn't see them that way very often.

Last year I was abroad (no pun intended) and whenever I thought of Colby I thought of a ure jawed, blonde haired, blue-eyed frat man named Steve who married a nice sorority girl right out of college, settled in Boston, and due to lack of imagination, worked for Dad. At middle age, he sat back with a beer, an ulcer, and a pot belly and thought about the old college days when he could run around naked and his life had meaning.

Things have changed a bit this year. When I see the men I knew as freshmen our association is more relaxed. But when I

review Colby in terms of male-female relationships, it's a sad history. I'm left with no choice but to draw the conclusion that men here are insecure and afraid of independence. I know that can't be true, not on an individual level anyway, but they all hid their individuality from me behind those monuments to men.

And I know that women here are seen through men's eyes as frivolous and inferior. That vision just isn't true. Isn't it sad that we have such a misconception of one another? Please tell me I'm wrong, tell me you're not the insecure runny-nosed little snots I've often seen you as. Better yet, show me I'm wrong. Some people have proposed changing the frat houses to alternative living centers, co-ed cooperatives, with one or two single sex houses so everyone can have an option. Then their would be no frat structures looming over our friendships, no vehicles for sexism dominating the campus, and we could get to know each other.

Rachel Lavengood

## Sour Grapes

To the Editor:

At the risk of opening myself to charges of "sour grapes," I have some criticisms to offer of the last few ECHO's. Echo is an appropriate name for the paper: Of late, every page echoes the last, chanting the same indictment: Colby is sexist, both individually and institutionally. One quickly grows weary of such a forced diet of fanatic feminism. Before I'm labelled a chauvinist by angry feminists, let me counter that charge. My liberal credentials are as good as the next person's. I applauded as loudly as anyone when President Cotter swung his symbolic sword and struck the offending lines from "Hail Colby Hail," and if I ever learn the song in a fit of collegiate jingoism, I'll certainly sing the nonsexist version. To me Dutch is more than a treat; it's a delight. Further, the last time I wrote home I bucked both the alphabet and tradition, starting my plea for funds "Dear Mom and Dad." Abhorring the dual sexist sound of mailman, I've always called Roger Ormsby a person person. And if all this is not enough, consider the following: I've been close friends with Wendy Cherubini since our freshmen year in Averill, back when her jeans were dark blue and stiff with newness. In fact, to my immediate knowledge, I've transgressed only once, when I wandered into my fraternity (well, maybe twice, depending on your viewpoint) house, and finding Peter Schribman's Sports Illustrated, cast a lecherous eye over the bathing-suited beauties in a January issue. However, when my pulse stopped racing, and when my conscience had ousted lust from its fleeing stronghold inside my left ventricle, I atoned for the momentary slip into sexism by firing an angry letter to the SI editors, denouncing their chauvinism, and demanding that they cancel Peter's subscription.

However, liberal that I am, I'm not a fanatic. I don't consider every guy a sexist, nor every group of guys a potential fraternity. For that matter, I'm not even sure that I see fraternities as virulent cabals, insidiously plotting against Colby, co-eds, and country.

But again, I do support the principle behind the women's movement: equal qualities should be identically rewarded or respected. In fact, not only do I support the principle in this specific application, I also endorse it in the abstract. Thus I'm disappointed to see the ECHO's focus so disproportionately feminist, since I see other equally newsworthy items being shunted aside. But now to the crux of the matter that made me a malcontent. Three newsworthy items concerning the Student Association have occurred since the semester began, none of which has gotten the attention it merited. First, the Board of Trustees approved a request for \$12,500 in increased funding for next year. Back when Jim Zemperson was ECHO editor, and a similar request was denied, the story merited front page copy, and even an



editorial. This year the story was consigned to obscurity, secreted far back in the ECHO, strangely mistitled, and buried beneath suffocating prose.

At our last meeting we passed a resolution urging the Educational Policy Committee to adopt a set of recommendations concerning the course load. Although the Student Association is the official, though certainly not the only, voice of the studentry, and although the course load is a subject of frequent concern and complaint, the ECHO made scant mention of this action.

Finally, last Tuesday we passed a motion to make the two student representatives to the Board of Trustees voting members of the Student Association. Not of earth-shattering consequence, I'll be the first to admit. However, it is a significant alteration in the Student Association structure. Secondly, changing the constitution requires both a vote by the student body and prior publicity of the proposed change in the ECHO. Knowing this, I made a specific entreaty to Jane, asking her for ever-so-small a box on the front page concerning the proposed amendment. Result? Not only was the story buried on an inner page, but the author's wooden writing drove a death stake of dullness through its heart. I know Stu-A meetings may not be particularly exciting, but try reading the write-ups: It's like chewing over a good-sized mouthful of sycamore sawdust, only not quite as flavorful.

I guess I'm asking the ECHO to reorder its priorities slightly; there are issues besides sexism that might interest Colby students. If this sounds like sour grapes, perhaps it is, but when I prefer grapes, no matter how sour, to sawdust.

Used,  
Scott Lehig

## Westminster

To the Editor:

I happened to run into an old copy of the London Times Educational Supplement that was floating aimlessly across my room one afternoon and found, to my amazement, an article about my old school on the front page of this now ancient relic of English pomposity. The headline read: **CO-ED. SIXTH FORM AT WESTMINSTER; BUT IS IT LEGAL.** Before I explain the headline and article, perhaps I should draw your attention to the atrocities that befall those students "privileged" enough to have been accepted to one of England's most prestigious Public Schools.

Westminster School has been called the Kremlin of Westminster Abbey (amongst other less amiable names) and has an enrollment of 500 boys between the ages of 13 and 18; all of whom are required to wear a "uniform" (a three-piece dark grey flannel suit) and go to school on Saturdays. The school is closely affiliated, both historically and physically, with the Abbey and consequently the boys suffer through Latin Prayers each and every morning before going to class.

The pervading atmosphere is "doggedly masculine and gothic, and faces begin to show the premature signs of that nervous affectation which passes for breeding." (My thanks here to Peter Ustinov, a fellow "Old West" - as we alumni are so affectionately called).

Four years ago, the school accepted women for the first time. In fact, they accepted (or imported, to use a pretentious Westminster expression) a dozen 18-year-old girls to join the senior class (sixth form) so that they (the girls, that is) could benefit from the school's rather exclusive teaching staff and library facilities. This is when the so-called "legal" question came to light. Ever since 1540, when the school first received its charter from Henry VIII, the absence of female students and female teachers has been a notable and traditional characteristic. The question is, can the medieval foundations of the school and its traditions withstand the pressures of the feared feminists? Well, in four years, the enrollment of women has risen from 12 to 30

and Westminster's reputation as an institution of academic excellence has deteriorated (example: 66 percent of my class was accepted in either Oxford or Cambridge, last year the figure was less than 30 percent).

This would appear to support the argument that the influx of women at Westminster School has eroded the academic excellence that once personified that previously all-male institution. Was it a timely coincidence or are women responsible for Westminster's School's decline?

Three years after Westminster started accepting women, Britain elected a female Prime Minister. In light of women starting to play on previously all-male high school hockey teams, how long will it be before the United States elects a female President??

David M. Strage

## Harmony

To all Colby Students:

I would like to relate a uniquely satisfying experience that took place this past Saturday

afternoon. The Colby 8 and Colbyette groups were on a skiing-singing excursion at Saddleback Mountain in Rangeley. After a great day of skiing, we gathered ourselves in the loft upstairs to put on our short après-ski program. The acoustics were terrible and only those near us were paying any attention at all. We seemed to be each other's best audience when it came time for applause and as the program progressed we really began to feel very indifferent about singing for this loud and non-responsive crowd. After the 8's last song, one of the Colbyettes reminded us that we had planned to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" and dedicate it to the US Hockey team.

This idea had been conjured up the evening before when we heard of their victory and saw the recap of the game. To beat the USSR at what in the past seemed to be "their own game" just seemed to make our rather non-existent patriotism shake off its dusty layers and give a cheer.

We assembled ourselves in a disorganized manner and Dave Fanger announced as loudly as he could that "we'd like to dedicate this to the US Hockey team." Not at all sure

of what type of response we were going to receive, we got our note and started.

Some of us with our hands over our hearts and some with hands clasped behind our backs, we got through the first few lines in good harmony...but no response. Upon increasing the volume and the crowd's realization that on this song we weren't kidding, a few people in the back stood up, one even began to sing. Suddenly, on seeing what it was all about and with a little encouragement from all of us, the whole place was standing. Everybody! People even turned away from the bar and joined us. Everyone seemed to be equally amazed at

this response and we ate it up. We gave it all we had from "...our flag was still there..." until the end, finishing in cheers and a rousing round of applause and huge smiles. It was an exhilarating experience, a rather unique one these days I feel, and we all felt very satisfied with what would otherwise have been a very mediocre performance.

Sincerely,  
Pam Ellis

## Dear Father Cote...

An Open Letter to Father Paul Cote:

A week has gone by since your vehement attack on Whit Symmes and Dave Silk. Maybe now your excited emotional state has stabilized and you can view the situation more rationally. If faulty logic and ignorance were the basis of your recent negation of the alternative living proposals, then irrationality will be the theme of my refutation.

Let's look at your first two arguments: First, you say fraternities are not to blame for the lack of sorority living arrangements on campus because this advantage was denied to women under previous state law; second, you cite that the demise of fraternities is not a national trend. To me these seem like very reasonable statements of fact. But where is the connection to the Silk-Symmes opinion? They recognized the dominance of fraternities in our social ambient and asserted some of the inherent characteristics of that dominance. They never claimed that frats were responsible for the lack of sorority houses. They also never argued that frats were on a nationwide decline, only that, "various other institutions have realized some of the possibilities that these houses can offer."

Your next argument, in which you allude to the Vietnam War seems even more fallacious. By your claim, Whit and Dave intend to abolish and re-establish the very same structure. This is not true. Their proposal would not eliminate fraternities per se, but it would negate their monopoly of a good situation. Symmes and Silk are suggesting a radical shift in the structure toward equality and self-sufficiency. They are seeking to eradicate the imbalance and dependence found in the present design of our social arrangements. I can't see why fraternities would ever need be abolished or excluded: "The houses would be oriented toward academic, social, or special interest groups."

In fact, Father Paul, your letter headed "Logical Fools?" is nothing more than a violent and irrational statement serving only to cloud the issue at hand. In it, you continually attack the authors on a personal level, in an argument that has no logical connection to the original "Beyond Fraternities" commentary. The absence of objective and rational thought suggests to me that your letter was a disguise for some hidden motive for your attack. Why does your suggestion border on censorship of freedom of speech? Silk and Symmes were hardly irresponsible in their treatment of facts or conclusions. In fact, you chastise them for not going "beyond the first amendment of the constitution." This is hardly the case as they propose just the opposite: a realization of the rights to assembly and free association on a co-ed,

unilateral scale! Tell me, have you gone "beyond" this amendment? What is beyond it?

I'm happy that you've taken an active role in support of the fraternity system, but at the same time I'm disillusioned by your lack of consistency.

Peter Crimmin  
To the Community:

My grandmother once heard me say, "She who tries to denigrate others by calling them fools should look within her-himself." When I read Father Cote's letter to the editor in the February 22 ECHO, I was hoping he was going through a period of careful introspection. In his letter, he attempted to discredit the February 14 commentary, "Beyond Fraternities," written by two fraternity brothers, Dave Silk and Whit Symmes. Cote accused the two writers of citing incorrect facts, but the facts the Father mentions are not present in the Symmes-Silk commentary. Let me elucidate.

After mentioning "their ignorance of this matter, their ignorance of history, and their historical ignorance" within a span of three sentences, Cote points out that Maine State Law prevents the establishment of sorority houses - implying Symmes and Silk are proposing the impossible. The problem with this "faulty logic" is that Symmes and Silk never mentioned the establishment of sorority houses. Instead, they called for the replacement of the current sexist, racist and classist fraternity system with a more equalitarian special interest house system which would be accessible by all members of the Colby community - this is legal under Maine State Law.

The Father's next point is that Symmes and Silk incorrectly imply that there is a national trend of fraternity demise. When I reread the commentary, I fail to find any mention or insinuation of this claim.

Reading further in Cote's letter, I find that Symmes and Silk are being accused of analogously trying to "destroy a village in order to save it." I fail to see how Father Cote constructed this analogy. The February 14 commentary does not suggest "destroying a village in order to save it," but, instead, the article calls for the replacement of a cancerous institution with a healthy one.

Personally, I feel this is a very logical argument despite Cote's three attacks on the logic of the Symmes-Silk commentary and its authors. My grandmother once heard Bob Dylan say, "It ain't no use to sit and wonder why babe, if you don't know by now."

Jonathan Rosenthal

To the Editor:

Upon reading last week's ECHO I was disturbed by our Catholic Chaplain Paul Cote's response to the "Free Speech" article on fraternities by Whit Symmes and Dave Silk. His letter's smug tone and vindictive attitude has many of the characteristics of an overenthusiastic student in a beginning debate class.

He invokes "the right of free assembly and the concurrent right of free association" in defense of fraternities, he bemoans the "ignorance" of Symmes and Silk with respect to history and logic, and eventually likens their argument for the transmutation of fraternities into informal, intimate (without sexual connotation please), coed, living units to the logic used by the American officer in Vietnam who feels he must destroy a village in order to save it.

Early in his letter he even says that Symmes' and Silk's "ignorance of this matter (of free assembly and association) is not at issue 'and' (?) only contributes to the weakness of our society in a general sense and so it is not worth belaboring."

I believe that anything contributing to the weakness of our society is worth elaborating upon and belaboring if need be. The rights of free assembly and association are indeed inviolable rights of American citizens; however, at Colby the right to live with whom you want exists only for the fraternities. It is a special privilege accorded to a minority of students, all of whom are men. In today's world this special privilege is an anachronism.

Students have a right to question the equitability of such a situation without being subjected to a gleeful, sophomoric ridicule from someone in a position of responsibility in the Colby Community.

A small college like Colby should provide an environment favoring the humanization of its students. It should not be an incubation center for students or merely provide a convenient means for a four year extension of adolescence. Colby should not be a summer camp junior ivy league school.

College should be a time for deflating the old "us-them" illusions we've all grown up with and realizing that people are all pretty much the same.

The fraternal ideals are great. So why not extend them as far as we can here at Colby, and try to remove the tribal atmosphere which persists?

Sincerely,  
Rob Todd



# Bowdoin And Colby Women: Paying Guests?

by Lisa Hallee  
and Robin Yorks

Picture this if you will: a college residence where men and women are able to live in relative harmony, enjoying one another's company.

The group's leader is a woman and tonight's dinner is being prepared by a man; in fact all of the responsibilities of operating the residence are shared equally by members of both sexes. The members of the group think of each other as family. In a way, they are family. They are brothers in a co-ed fraternity at Bowdoin College.

Members of these fraternities do not escape any of the normal tensions associated with a high-pressure college. However, the atmosphere at the house is relaxed. The house becomes a home for all of the men and women of the fraternity.

Since their first admittance in 1970, women have been free to join fraternities at Bowdoin. The college at that time made the conscious decision not to allow national sororities to establish chapters on campus, but instead to open up fraternity memberships to women students. This administrative decision resulted mainly from student opinion.

In 1968, when the college was considering going co-ed, the student life committee came out in opposition to the fraternities' social function as a "dating bureau." The committee went on to oppose "any type of education which included organizations of sororities." Most Bowdoin fraternities are attempting to cooperate with the decision to make fraternities co-ed.

Women were first admitted as only social members and later, in some fraternities, as full members. Of the ten fraternities on campus, six allow women to live in the houses. Two more are soon to join that group. Most of this action resulted from a resolution of the college's Board of Governors that "it is the policy of Bowdoin College that full and equal participation in the affairs and governance of chapters of Bowdoin fraternities be extended to women students." This rule was directed at local chapters and did not seek to change national policy. However, the national offices of several fraternities have forbidden compliance with this college rule. These fraternities are caught between conflicting orders and the answer may be for them to relinquish their national charters.

On one hand the fraternities need their national affiliations. One fraternity president who favors equality for women in his fraternity stated in an article in the campus paper, the *Bowdoin Orient*, that "survival of the house and maintenance of the national charter is so important to our financial position right now that severe alterations can mean closing (the house) for good."

On the other hand, Bowdoin President Enteman was quoted in the *Bowdoin Orient*: "As the transition to coeducation continues, we should insist women be welcome as full participating members of academic and extracurricular life at Bowdoin. Any lesser goal is not a worthy one for Bowdoin."

In a similar vein, Paul Nyhus, Dean of the college, stated that, "we have to strive...to give women full citizen's rights at the college instead of having them here as paying guests."

One Bowdoin fraternity, Zeta Psi, just accepted women as members without the national office being aware of it. Upon learning of the admittance of women, the national office ruled that the women were never really members at all and that in order to maintain the national ties all male members had to "re-offer his allegiance to the constitution which provides that 'membership shall be limited to males.'" A letter was sent to male members requesting that they sign a statement agreeing

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JUST IGNORE THEM, DICK.

to abide by the Zeta Psi constitution. Of the 40-50 male members, 20 signed it. The memberships of those who did not sign it were suspended.

According to one female ex-Zeta, quoted in the *Orient*, "There are 20 guys who disagreed with us out of 50 and they won, basically. They have our house." She said their bitterness is shared by many other women who were, as she was, "never a Zeta. To them I'm a woman."

Most fraternities at Bowdoin have not had this problem with having women members because they are local fraternities. In these houses, women have not only become full members, they have been elected to leadership positions in the houses.

The possibility of introducing co-ed fraternities at Colby has been discussed. Colby's situation differs from Bowdoin for two important reasons:

First, Bowdoin fraternity houses are total living centers: all members must eat their meals at the house. To institute this type of lifestyle at Colby would require changing not only the physical structure of the present houses, but also the college rules which require campus residents to eat at Seilers'.

Second, sororities have been present on the Colby campus since 1874 and have always limited their membership to women. For that reason, it cannot be argued that fraternities are the only social groups which offer membership on the basis of sex. A campus-

"missing the cohesiveness that frats have" by not having a house. These few felt that "if the opportunity came up, there'd be enough interest that we'd go for it."

The sororities were offered separate housing by the administration and turned it down.

Do Colby students want co-ed fraternities? The results of a campus-wide poll conducted by Dean Seitzinger's office in January, 1980, indicate that 69 percent of the upperclassmen would not like to see co-ed fraternities, while 28 percent would like to see them and 2 percent did not respond (fraternities presently house less than 25 percent of the student body). This trend held true in the freshman class as well with 57 percent opposed to co-ed fraternities, 37 percent in favor and 5 percent not responding.

Members of the fraternities themselves also appear, for the most part, to be against opening up their membership to women. The reason most often cited is that the national office would not permit it and they will not consider relinquishing their charters.

One fraternity president went so far as to say that his fraternity "would not do it" (accept women members) "even if the national said we could. That's a personal judgement."

The decision that fraternities shall be co-ed, in the view of most brothers, must come from the brothers themselves and not as a result of outside pressure. After all, they say, the fraternity is a private organization.

One member stated, "If we decide that we would want women it's up to us."

One fraternity member states that "co-ed fraternities would be fun. They would change so much. The situation now makes socializing so unnatural. The double standards at this school come from the fraternity system."

Co-ed fraternities are not the only answer; other alternative living styles could become available to Colby students. According to the Room Draw questionnaire cited above, there is considerable interest on the Colby campus in interest housing. Interest housing is defined as a group of men and women coming together as a result of an academic interest. According to the poll, 46 percent of the upperclassmen favor this possibility, 51 percent are opposed to it and 2 percent gave no response. Among freshmen, 42 percent favored it, 53 percent were opposed and 3 percent did not respond (see table for complete poll results).

Women have lived in two of the fraternities on campus at least temporarily. Because they did not fill house quotas for two years, AT was asked to allow women to move into the house. These women were not members of the fraternity. DU also allowed three women to live in their house. These women, however, were social members of the fraternity. One reported feelings of alienation: "I felt separated because I didn't have much in common with a lot of people in the house...I didn't go up to people's rooms and pal around." However, "we thought it was a good idea, an innovative idea. I thought it would be good to have women in all the frats."

Housing at Colby need not be limited to the status quo. The administration appears receptive to alternatives provided they are reasonable and have the support of the student body. Seitzinger stressed that expanding the choices of lifestyle at Colby must result from student initiative.

**"We would not do it (accept women members) even if the national said we could."**

wide edict similar to that of Bowdoin would, therefore, be inappropriate. Sororities at Colby do not have houses; however, the majority of members in both sororities say they do not desire to have a house. The two chief reasons for this are the heavy financial commitment involved and the limitations posed by living with the same people year after year.

However, some sisters said that they were