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Pub getting tough on ID's after bust

by BRAD FAY

Two state liquor inspectors plan to file charges against the Colby Spa for selling alcohol to minors between 10 and 11 p.m. Friday, according to director of college security Peter Chenevert.

The case concerns four Oakland youths who allegedly were served by a student Spa employee just after Colby security officer Jim Dickinson led the two inspectors to the pub. Spa night manager Jim Harvey said that although the security officer "tried to warn" him of the inspectors, it was too late because the inspectors were already checking the identification of the 16- to 18-years olds. Dickinson, however, said it was not immediate and that the inspectors were seated at a table as they watched the students buy the alcohol, sit down, and begin to drink it.

According to officer Dickinson, the crowd at the pub on Friday night was about full. When patrons began "getting out of hand and giving them [the inspectors] a hard time" Back up security officers were called in to be safe, Chenevert said.

Pub owners, brothers Peter and John Joseph, expect to receive a court summons from

the enforcement division of the state Alcohol Beverages Bureau within three weeks. In the meantime, they will be strictly checking the IDs of all patrons. "The kids will have to help us, we've got to be very strict about this," John Joseph said.

A local hearing may not come for months, however, because the state waits until several complaints from one locality are filed before sending a judge to the area.

"It was negligence on our part," John Joseph said of the incident. In the ten-year history of the pub there has never been any problem with the state alcohol bureau. Joseph continued that although they don't always identify themselves, inspectors have come to the pub but never discovered any minors being served.

Dean of the College Earl Smith said the college is not planning to take any action but let the legal system work it out. He only said that the administration is "terribly disappointed."

Penalties for an incident such as this one vary widely from one case to another and are affected by many variables, said Sgt. Allen of the Alcohol Beverages Bureau in Augusta. He could not give even a ballpark figure

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Echo photo by Beth Healy

Starring in "The Beggar's Opera" on Thursday through Saturday in Strider Theater were (l-r) Karen Killiam, Pam Hiscock, and John Bates. See review and more photos on page 5.

RCAB rejects governance idea

by SUZANNE KRUMM

The RCAB governance committee proposal for student government under the commons plan was rejected last week by a margin of 14-11 after a lengthy and heated debate.

Opponents of the proposal said that the idea of having two student body elected officials called "president" and "vice president" would allow too

much power to be placed in the hands of too few and that certain interests might be represented better than others.

Last night, a revised proposal was brought to RCAB by the governance committee. Their plan is to have five student body elected officials instead of just a president and vice president. The three additional leaders would be chairmen of social events, cultural events, and

finances.

This proposal passed the governance committee by 8-3 on Monday night and was presented to RCAB last night by Cici Bevin and Will Foster.

RCAB needs to make a settlement of the governance structure soon because the new government must begin managing and allocating funds for student activities. Elections are planned for after spring break and a meeting for interested candidates will be on March 29, although the positions to be filled are not necessarily determined yet.

The governance committee (guided by the opinions of StUA representatives and RCAB members) seemed to feel that this new proposal was a reasonable compromise of the existing conflict of opinions.

Said RCAB co-chair Donna Galluzzo about the new pro-

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Fraternity GPA above all-male

by MIKE SHAIK

The last semester fraternity grade point average of 2.751 was untypically higher than the non fraternity male GPA of 2.741, reports registrar George Coleman.

He warned, however, that this "unusual" development should not be interpreted "qualitatively" because some of the fraternity members who used to drag down the averages have been eliminated.

Dean of Students Janice Seitzinger commented that it was "nice to know" that high grades were attained by fraternities, but added that this up turn in GPA does not affect the validity of the decision to abolish fraternities, since poor academic performance was only one of the reasons cited in the Trustee's decision.

The standard set in the guidelines for the fraternity grade point averages was one within .25 of the all student average. This level of performance "had not been a problem" historically for the fraternities to achieve, according to Dean Seitzinger. But in recent years the standard has not been met by all the fraternities.

With an all-student grade point average of 2.806, all fraternities surpassed the 2.55 lower limit. Some have cited unfairness in this grade point comparison to the all-student average because women have traditionally had higher GPA's.

The sororities' grade point averages were also higher than both the non-sorority and the all-women averages. The sorori-

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Students make easy prey for video habit

by CAROLYN RHODES

Since its dawning in the mid 1970's, the video craze has swept across the nation, captivating the minds and draining the pocket-books of many.

For college students, this video mania takes on a particular



Echo photo by Lisa Kuzia

New video games are always arriving at the pub.

popularity as they are a source of enjoyment blended with mild competition, which may alleviate tension and frustration. Drop a few quarters into the starving machines and for a few minutes, or for the highly skilled, for a few hours, one is swished into another world.

According to Wade Bullard, manager of the video arcade Dream Machine in Elm Plaza, "College students enjoy video games more than any other people." At this arcade, one of an eastcoast chain, 800 VIP cards have been given to college students this year. Of these freebies, nearly 20 are returned daily. These VIP cards entitle the holder to a pair of free games. Bullard added that generally students spend an additional dollar to rack up four more games before quitting the arcade. He also said that many will come in for games instead of a round of drinks in a bar.

In addition to being great for "getting aggressions out" the atmosphere of the video arcade may be socially stimulating. Enduring friendships have been known to begin in the arcade, especially here at Colby. Since most of the players are "regulars," Bullard calls it a "repeat business", the players often spending the same hours together. These video enthusiasts tend to frequent the Pub's arcade following meals, especially after dinner.

Beyond the collegiate sphere, videos have made their mark

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*"Under the snow-drift the blossoms are sleeping,
dreaming their dreams of sunshine and June."*

— H. P. Spofford

Nursery school needs new home

by LAURA LANE

The nursery school for staff children will not be in Roberts Loft next year and the program may be dropped altogether because Colby needs party space and it has been found that the Nursery School and Colby students cannot share the Loft.

"It was fair to say we couldn't share the space... I didn't fight for it," said Cindy Lovitz, a nursery school parent and wife of Dr. Lovitz. There were sixteen parties given in the loft last semester but none given this semester because people

don't want to roll the rug, move the jungle gym and look at a divider that hides children's toys. Ric Craig, head of Roberts Union agreed "Next year we want the students to go first."

Considering there will be no fraternity houses next year, Roberts Loft will be needed as party space. The room is ideal because the lights can be dimmed, the food service is downstairs and there is no carpeting. The new facility will not yet be ready to replace the fraternity space.

When Roberts was ruled out

for the Nursery School, the administration looked for possible locations. Some possibilities required renovation, like the Hill House basement and the small house on top of the Colby Ski Slope.

Also some spaces are considered "hands-off" so that they can be used in the future. For instance, the empty offices in the Chapel basement could be remodeled for the Nursery School. But, the administration felt the nursery school would preclude future use of the basement for offices.

Then the parents asked for only the corridor of the Chapel

basement. According to Lovitz, when the nursery school was located there three years ago, kids, "could ride bikes up and down the corridor." The administration decided this solution was not satisfactory either.

"We (the deans of the college) went back to the Nursery School people and said, 'Even though we're committed, we just can't see how we can seek out the space.'" Dean Seitzinger explained.

Needless to say, the nursery school parents were not pleased. "They say they have a strong commitment but they haven't been able to give us a space," commented Lovitz.

Another option for the Nursery School lies off-campus: the basement of the Alumni House. Colby administrators helped arrange a deal but, the alumni office will make the decision.

Parents and administrators have been working on plans because as Lovitz said, "It would break everyone's heart if it (the Nursery School) had to stop."

Colby and its Nursery School support each other in that the Nursery School's rent is free and Child Development students and Psychology students work in the Nursery School. During Jan Plan students worked in Roberts Loft full-time.

Women well off in Europe

by ED KENNELLY

The condition of women in Eastern Europe is in some ways better than in the United States, but is still lacking. This was the general conclusion of a panel discussion which the Women's Studies Advisory Board organized in conjunction with International Women's Day last Thursday.

The moderator of the panel, Prof. Dorothy Rosenberg, pointed out that women in many Eastern European countries make up a large percentage of the work force. She went on to raise such questions as: to what extent are these women achieving true equality.

The panelist who tried to answer Rosenberg's questions were: Prof. Jessica Munns (English), Prof. Christiane Lemke (Sociology), and Suanne Muehlner (Director of Miller Library). All three panelists have taught in or at least visited socialist or communist countries: Lemke, the German Democratic Republic; Munns, Poland; and Muehlner, the USSR.

The panelists agreed that women in Eastern Europe, though they comprise a significant percentage of the total workers, usually must take low paying jobs. Muehlner pointed out: "Things have not turned out exactly as planned. (The USSR) has over 85 percent women in the job market, but they are over represented in low paying jobs."

However, the panelists agreed that these countries offer some excellent resources for women such as free day care, and maternity leaves. They also mentioned that most socialist

countries have the ERA built into their constitutions.

According to the panelists, even with these assets, Eastern European women have yet other difficulties such as combining work and family. Lemke said that in East Germany, "Seventy percent of household tasks are done by women."

Women have one third less leisure time than men." The other two panelists also saw this lack of partnership in marriages. Muehlner commented: "[Soviet] men are chauvinistic."

Though the three countries discussed had many similarities, the panel discouraged generalizations: "[There are] many of differences between

these three countries."

The panel ended their discussion by answering questions from the approximately sixty people who attended.

Also in conjunction with International Women's Day, professor of sociology, Bea Edwards, lectured about the fight of women in the German Democratic Republic to end sexism. She examined how women's lives have changed from the Nazi period to the present socialist government.

After Edwards' lecture, there was a buffet dinner that approximately fifty people attended. There, sociology professor Jo Ann Preston announced the guests of honor: Mayor Nancy Hill and Colby Assistant to the dean of faculty Lil Porier.

Success for Colby 2000

by BILL TWOMEY

The Colby 2000 fund raising campaign which began in 1980 has already raised over \$15 million. It's goal is to raise \$10 million more by 1985 for a grand total of \$25 million.

Until recently, most donations have come from trustees, foundations, large corporations and various prospects.

Penn Williamson, Director of College Development, explained that the funds raised will pay for the library renovations, the new electron microscope, locker room expansions, endowments such as financial aid and professorships and also some salaries.

Beginning last fall with a dinner in New York, a new pro-

gram involving Colby alumni has been incorporated into the campaign. For the next two years, several committees in various cities throughout the country will notify alumni and inform them on Colby 2000's goals. Dinner invitations will be sent out so that additional information may be learned.

Last month, President Cotter spoke in Boston at a well attended and very receptive dinner. He reported to the audience current developments at Colby and what the college's current needs are.

H. Ridgely Bullock, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of Colby 2000, later explained the purposes of the campaign, its goals and its progress so far. Colby 2000 is the largest fund raising campaign in Colby's history.

Dinners for Wednesday and Thursday are to be held in Portland and Hartford. Hopefully, dinners will be held in Philadelphia and Washington D.C. next fall. Annual funds which have increased 25 percent have also helped the Colby 2000

effort.

When asked if the new Commons plan will alter Colby 2000 in any way, Williamson responded that "the campaign does not include any expenses associated with the new Commons system such as the construction of the new facility. However, Colby 2000 could be extended although this has not yet been decided." Administrative Vice-President Stan Nicholson also stated that the majority of alumni have favored the new Commons system and he and Bullock are enthusiastic about the overwhelming response to Colby 2000.

Altogether, Colby 2000 has been a great success in its past achievements and the campaign's goals for 1985 look very promising, said Williamson. Over 70 percent of Colby staff and faculty are to be acknowledged for their contributions. A campaign dinner in San Francisco is also planned for the future. Colby 2000 is on schedule if not ahead, he concluded.

Off the Hill

Hijacker receives cheers

NEW YORK - Passengers applauded as FBI agents led away a machine-gun toting Haitian who commandeered an American Airlines flight from Port-au-Prince to New York's Kennedy Airport, apparently in search of political asylum.

"We all rooted for the hijacker," said Pat Brooks, one of the 152 people aboard Flight 658 on Saturday night. "I think he did a very courageous act to get out of a situation he didn't want to be in."

Jean Phillippe Windsor, 34, who said he was a corporal in the Haitian army, faces federal charges of air piracy at his arraignment Monday in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn, said Susan Bailliere, an FBI spokeswoman.

The Associated Press

Arab leaders in Washington

WASHINGTON - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein, moderate leaders of Arab nations without diplomatic relations, met here Sunday night in advance of a round of discussions with President Reagan.

The private dinner meeting at a Washington hotel, not announced until Sunday, was seen as another in the reinstatement of Egypt into the Arab fold.

Hussein was accompanied by Secretary of State George P. Shultz when he arrived at the Four Seasons Hotel. Shultz departed about 30 minutes later, dismissing reporters' questions with a wave of his hand.

The Associated Press

Collegiate Corner

U Mass tuition up?

A proposed policy which could increase tuition at the University of Massachusetts by as much as 15 percent next semester will go before the state Board of Regents of Higher Education, following a planning committee vote to recommend the proposal.

The meeting drew student representatives from public colleges across the state, whose comments focused on the "need to examine and come up with alternatives to the policy," said student senate Public Policy Committee chair Fran Pheaney.

The Collegian

Students react to rape

More than 300 students marched to "Take Back the Night" in response to the rape of a Wesleyan woman on February 18. Participation in the march was equally divided between women and men.

The march, which lasted over an hour, circled the campus and culminated in a hand-holding circle in front of the library.

The demonstration began as a silent, candlelight vigil, however, it soon erupted into chants and songs. As the march neared the end, the original chant of "Women unite: take back the night," and songs such as "We Shall Overcome" pervaded.

The Wesleyan Argus

Correction

In a photo caption on last week's front page we mistakenly said student Pam Christopher was a delegate to the state Democratic Convention. Linda Saperstein of Waterville was the delegate. Because of this we said five students would be delegates at the caucus. There will be only four.

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Bowen speaks on CIA's role in Cairo death

by KURT FISCHER

When one conjures up an image of the CIA, typical impressions include espionage, domestic and foreign surveillance, and the routing out of Communist sympathizers or agents contrary to American security. Roger Bowen, associate professor of government, addressed such perceptions with an informal lecture on Wednesday evening at the Mary Low Coffeehouse.

Bowen centered his talk on a particular incident occurring in Cairo, Egypt in 1957 during the heightened suspicions of the Cold War. The incident involved a Canadian ambassador sta-

tioned in Egypt to help pacify the hostilities involved in the Suez Canal crisis. The ambassador, E.H. Norman, mysteriously fell to his death from the ninth story of an apartment building after making substantial gains in solving the crisis and bringing peace.

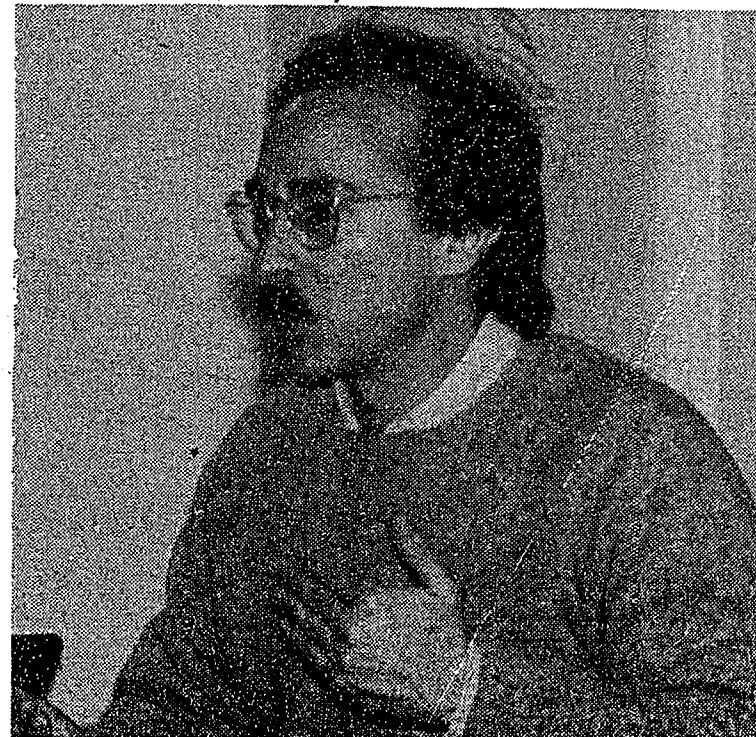
The death was certainly a peculiar and highly suspicious one, noted Bowen. Norman was seen as being too friendly with Egypt's President Gamal Nasser - a known Algerian rebel supporter, and arms negotiator with Communist Czechoslovakia.

Moreover, Norman was reported to have an Egyptian psychologist who reportedly

gave him sedatives three days before his fall. Bowen, however, speculated that such sedatives might, in fact, have been LSD, something the army was experimenting with at the time. Such claims may have some merit, since Norman was reported to have oddly stepped backwards off the ledge after carefully setting his glasses down.

Department.

Such suspicions first arose in 1942 after Norman was stationed in Japan prior to the war in External Affairs of Japan as language officer. China at the time was beginning to fall under the Communist regime of Mao. This, in addition to common friends and associates with Japanese Communists, put Norman in trouble.



Professor Roger Bowen got reaction in the Coffeehouse to the subject of a book he is writing about the CIA.

This all occurred before a strangely anticipant crowd assembled below on the street. Bowen also mentioned, however, that suicide couldn't be overruled.

The beef of the matter, however, lies in the events preceding Norman's death. Norman was under suspicion and investigation for alleged communist affiliations and activities contrary to U.S. security by several U.S. agencies. Inclusive were the CIA, FBI, Army Intelligence, Navy Intelligence, the Senate, the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) and the State

Three reasons were cited for the early investigations by Bowen. First was a paper Norman had written titled "American Imperialism" at Harvard while working on his M.A. and Ph.D. This was never found, although no less than 100 documents exist concerning it. Secondly, Norman's position in Japan was of high rank and thus highly influential.

Thirdly, Norman was known to have several leftist friends. Bowen termed such suspicious as "pure guilt through association." Under such suspicions, Norman's file grew. Greater guilt was assumed on Norman's

part as the files enlarged, according to Bowen.

Norman's file became more complex and enlarged throughout the Korean crisis and up to his death. Although a Canadian citizen, Norman was continually interrogated by American CIA agents. Bowen summed up such investigation as being "arrogant of U.S. agencies to go after Canadian citizens." According to Bowen, the agencies were never even aware of Norman's party affiliations - "for them his life began in 1942."

Bowen questioned the judgement of the U.S. agencies in the treatment of Norman. Does being a socialist "make a person disloyal" or simply "a critic"? It's never been proven that Norman acted in the wrong against American interests, he only "thought differently - this is what's so insidious about it

all."

To date, Bowen has collected over 1500 documents concerning Norman from various agencies in preparation for a book he plans to write. He says "American agencies have not been kind to me - it's not a pleasant area to do research in."

Research was easier under Carter, but now Reagan has "resurrected the Cold War," with the CIA being unleashed to conduct domestic investigations for the first time after 25 years.

Wiretapping has now become a legal device, "part of the new and legal feature of spying in the U.S."

Further information concerning E.H. Norman can be found in a book of collected articles edited by Bowen. The book, scheduled to appear in May, will be available at the bookstore.

Former agent to talk about CIA

"The CIA poses the ultimate threat to democracy, and is a major cause of the world's move toward nuclear extinction," charges John Stockwell, who will speak on March 28, in Given Auditorium. The event will be sponsored by the Cultural Life Committee of St. A.

Stockwell's bold claims come from experience. He joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1964, serving as a case officer in Vietnam, Africa, and at the top-secret National Security Council. In 1977, Stockwell quit in anger over the growing list of "dirty tricks" engaged in by the Agency.

IN SEARCH OF ENEMIES is Stockwell's riveting story of how the CIA actually seeks to increase global tensions by supporting military dictatorships and "picking fights" in the third world. Stockwell tells firsthand of his own CIA career - partly heroic, partly disillusioning - and his eventual decision

to become the CIA's harshest critic.

"For the good of the US and the world, the CIA should be dismantled," Stockwell asserts.

He has appeared on CBS' 60 MINUTES, NBC MAGAZINE, and several documentary films. He has been sued by the CIA for the best-selling book he wrote about his 13 years in the agency, and the government has impounded the profits from his book.

Why is the United States pouring arms and money into El Salvador? Why do we prop up totalitarian regimes from Asia to South America? What should the US policy be in the third world? John Stockwell addresses these questions from the perspective of a man who cared deeply enough to fight for his country, and deeply enough to speak out against its sins.

A reception in the Art Museum lobby will follow Stockwell's speech.

Changes made in '84-'85 Calendar

A revised calendar has been issued for the 1984-85 school year. The two changes effect fall mid-semester break and Jan Plan.

The revised calendar moves Jan Plan from January 7 through February 1 to Jan. 3 through Jan. 30. According to the registrar, George Coleman,

"The main motivation for the change was for faculty who have to evaluate work, and get ready for next (second) semester...Three days does not provide proper time."

The new calendar also adds an extra day, October 22, to the fall mid-semester break. The recess now runs from Oct. 19 to 22.

●Governance

posal, "I think there are still some bugs in it but the foundations are there to build upon."

Only one half hour was devoted to governance discussion last night so that other committees could make reports.

RCAB co-chairman Jeff Bistrong said enough time was devoted to the issue last week.

Only the "top tier" needs to be decided because RCAB generally approved the dorm and common level government.



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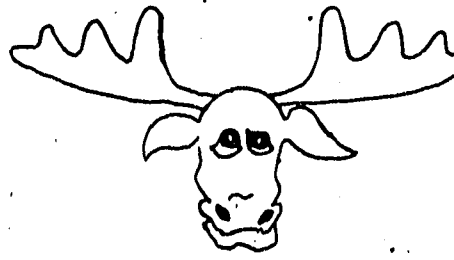
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What are your feelings about class rank?



LINDA FLIGHT:

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TED WALLACE:

"They serve a useful purpose for grad schools but it increases competitiveness and makes people needlessly worry. It doesn't serve a purpose for underclassmen and should be given only upon request."



LEE MARIA:

"I feel that it's pretty standard at most colleges but it should be given after a full year and freshmen should not be ranked. I think it is important and should be included on the transcript also. It is important because it gives you a chance to see where you stand."

GLENN BROWN:

"I just think that class rank is pointless and that your GPA is sufficient enough. I don't think there's a need to be compared to your classmates and if so you should get it only upon request."



Echo photos by Tina Zabriskie

•Pub

for the possible fine that might be charged the Colby Spa because he had not yet seen the officers' report.

One of the officers indicated to Harvey that a "substantial fine" is possible. Also, the state can suspend liquor licenses.

Upon their arrival on campus, they found Dickinson on the east side of campus and asked him to show them where the pub was located. According to

Dickinson they did not identify themselves until they got to about DKE. Upon their arrival at the pub, he informed Harvey of the inspectors' presence.

Because only the business is liable, the student who served the minors will not be prosecuted, said Harvey. John Joseph added that that person is still working for the pub and will continue for now, at least as long as Harvey wants him to stay.

•GPA's

ty GPA was 2.911, the non-sorority was 2.872 and the all-woman was 2.874.

The registrar had computed the fraternity grade point averages and the ranking of houses on that basis even prior to the enactment of the fraternity guidelines in June 1981. This was done partly for the benefit of the National Frater-

nities which expressed interest in such statistics.

The actual GPA standings of each fraternity and sorority were: Pi Lambda Phi, 2.949; Chi Omega, 2.914; Sigma Kappa, 2.903; Zeta Psi, 2.871; DKE, 2.836; DU, 2.799; TDP, 2.714; ATO, 2.707; PDT, 2.634; and Lambda Chi, 2.569.

Vandalism spree damages vending machines

by JOE BAKER

Vending machines on campus have been the victims of a recent vandalism spree. Candy and Snacks have been stolen by breaking the glass on the front of the machines on each of the last three weekends in the library.

Peter Joseph, owner of the Colby Spa which owns the

machines, said that on Sunday, a total of \$140 worth of candy was taken from the library machine. On the two previous weekends, another \$40 was taken.

Until recently, there has been little problem with vandalism with these machines. During the last two years there have only been some petty thefts from two

of the dorm machines where five or six candy bars at a time were taken. But since the four new machines were installed in the library's pit, there has been a major problem.

Soon after the new candy machine was installed in the library in October, "two glasses were shattered." The first was made of plate glass but after the

machine's display window was broken and candy stolen, Joseph replaced the plate with safety glass. That worked until the recent vandalism spree.

The cost of the goods stolen doesn't reflect all the cost, said Joseph. Each time his machine is broken into, he has to come up to Colby in the middle of the night when security finds the

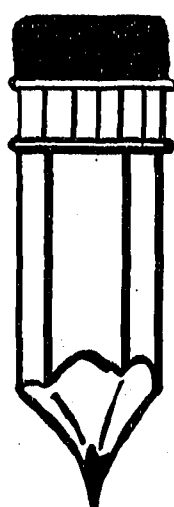
damage and calls him up. After the last robbery, he was at the library from 3 to 5 am.

After the second week in a row, the problem has come to the point where Joseph says he stays up nights worrying when his machine will be damaged and robbed again. He likened it to being in a fox hole, "you never know when the enemy is

going to come at you next."

Each time a machine is damaged, a report is filed with security and the costs of the damage are subtracted from the college's Colby Spa account. Therefore, Colby students pay for the losses to vandalism.

Joseph complained that part of the problem is the lack of staff in the library building on weekends.



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'The Beggar's Opera' deemed successful

by SARA SHERMAN

Strider Theater was transformed into 18th century England last Thursday with the opening of *THE BEGGAR'S OPERA*, directed by Richard Sewell. Stephen Woody's magnificent set and the orchestra, with Paul Macklin as the musical director, were a tremendous asset to this production. The show also boasted abundant personal talents within its cast.

John Bates was particularly memorable as Mr. Peachom. His facial expressions, from the sneer of displeasure over his daughter's marriage, to the wicked grin at the idea of getting Macheath's fortune, were vivid and sincere. Bates executed both his songs and his dialogue with a crisp security that made him believable. Pam Hiscock, who portrayed his daughter, Polly Peachom, was equally noteworthy. Her smile and sparkling eyes, which lit up at the thought of her husband, Macheath, clearly exhibited her intense love for him. The songs at times were too high for her. But on the whole, she was pleasing to listen to. John Robinson, as Macheath, was a delight. His voice was strong and clear, and his charisma made it easy to understand how he came to have so many "wives."

The first act of the play was long and dragged somewhat.

However, the men's number in the bar was one of the highlights of the entire show. It was energetic and comical. A large part of that was due to Nicholas Azzaretti, who had a hook on his hand and a disheveled black wig on. It was his wild eyes and twisted mouth however, that made him so funny. Due to this, he upstaged the other characters and made the scene more of a one-man act than an ensemble scene.

The second act was much more enjoyable because of snappier numbers and Jeff Johnson, who played Lockit. As soon as his deep, gruff voice was heard, the audience knew they were in for a treat. His singing and acting were exceptionally clean. The character, Lockit, was a money grubbing slime, but somehow, was strangely, likable. Mr. Johnson brought this out.

The choral members were especially strong. The women's scene with Macheath, and the bar room scene, (mentioned previously) were uniquely enjoyable to watch. The women were energetic and one could see that they enjoyed performing their segment. The dance, choreographed by Tina Mitchell-Wentzel, was hindered by a lack of space. There were too many people clustered around the dancers. It was evident this was the affect Ms. Mitchell-Wentzel was aiming

for, but it didn't work to the benefit of the number.

Richard Sewell and Paul Macklin achieved a great success in directing *THE BEGGAR'S OPERA*. The blocking which used different level of the stage, the beautiful costumes (which Sewell chose and designed), and Stephen Woody's set, enhanced the performers and the stage. One might question the choice of plays, but all did well with what was available. They added some touches of their own, which made the show believable. The interaction of the cast and orchestra was an example of this. At one point, Paul Macklin, dressed in 18th century clothing and wig, was even tipped by one of the actors during the action of the show.

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA was a success, as a great deal of effort and talent were evidenced. It was fun for both the audience and the individuals involved in the production. A plan of such magnitude is difficult to present, but this particular group rose to the challenge.



Echo photo by Beth Healy

"The Beggar's Opera" provided energetic and comical entertainment for Colby audiences last weekend. In this scene Mr. Peachom (John Bates) supports his wife (Karen Killam) while his daughter (Pam Hiscock) and a servant (Bill O'Neil) look on.

Arts

Poetry read at Coffeehouse

by NASH ROBBINS

Poetry is no longer to be found only in the English classroom, thanks to the efforts of Senior Scott Springer, who has organized a series of poetry readings for students and staff alike.

"Poetry is meant to be heard, not just listened to," says Springer. "You get a different sense of a poem when you hear it." Poetry readings also offer an individual form of expression for the reader. "When you hear a poem outloud, you get a feeling of how this person feels about the poem, as well as a sense of what the poem is about."

The readings, which take place on alternate Monday nights in the Coffeehouse, are open to anyone who wishes to read. Nor are they limited to poetry; Springer hopes that some people will want to read short fiction or drama, as well. The only limitation is that of time-- so far, readings have been held to an hour and a quarter, since Springer feels that few are willing, or able, to pay attention for longer.

"I would like to do a theme reading sometime, maybe poems by and on Emily Dickenson," says Springer. A show centered on her, he adds, would be particularly interesting, since she is a hard poet to read.

Since the readings began in mid-February, several students have presented poetry, some written by the students themselves and some published.

Participation, however, has not been as great as Springer hoped it would be. "I have people tell me that they'll come, that they want to read, that they're interested in it, but not that many have shown up yet," he says. Although about 15 showed up to hear the first reading, only a handful came to the second. Nonetheless, he

thinks that the showing will improve. "I didn't put up posters or anything for the second show. Next time, I will." Funding will have to come from his own pocket, since the school is not funding his efforts.

The next reading will not be until April 2, since there is a conflict with Ira Sadoff's visiting poetry series next Monday. Springer invites anyone interested in either organizing or presenting the readings to contact him at 465-3952.



Scott Springer reads poetry in the Coffeehouse.

Movie review

'Lassiter'

by JOHN H. PROROK

"Lassiter" is a Hollywood exercise in marketing, and the product being promoted is Tom Selleck. The package isn't too shabby. "Lassiter" isn't a "great" movie in any sense; it simply delivers the goods in a very agreeable fashion.

Selleck stars as jewel thief Nick Lassiter of London circa 1939. Lassiter is set up by Scotland Yard and blackmailed into doing some of their dirty work. He's forced into choosing between jail and stealing \$10 million in diamonds from the German Embassy. Lassiter's dilemma is compounded further by girl troubles, Nazis, and a bullying "Yard" inspector. The plot has a few twists, but not enough to add a pot boiling edge to the movie. Some scenes are predictable, while others are pleasant surprises.

"Lassiter" boasts an excellent supporting cast. Lauren Hutton plays the masochistic Nazi vixen who's after Lassiter. Hutton's alluring evil makes her both amusing and dangerous. She works well with Selleck. Bob Hoskins is the Scotland Yard Inspector who relishes seeing Lassiter squirm in his trap. Hoskin's cockney brashness is an amusing contrast to Selleck's American cool.

While "Lassiter" won't give Tom Selleck the box office clout of a Clint Eastwood or Harrison Ford, it is a step in the right direction. This film is a stylish and entertaining showcase for Selleck's charms and talents. "Lassiter" has its flaws, but Selleck is a strong enough presence to overcome them. Hopefully, Selleck's next effort will prove to be more critically appealing.

Lippard lectures in Given

by DEREK TARSON

"These are not political cartoons," said Lucy Lippard to a nearly filled Given Auditorium at her lecture 'Imagine Being Here Now.' The Wednesday discussion capped off an unusually vivid exhibition of art, as Lippard took the audience into the fear, anger, and misery of ghetto art.

Accompanying her lecture concerning the trends of political art, Ms. Lippard showed slides of paintings, murals, and graffiti art depicting the view of life from the poorer sec-

tions of society. These ranged from the comical, such as Nancita--a poster of Nancy Reagan standing with arms outstretched in the pose of Eva Peron for the musical *Evita*, to the poignant, such as a drawing of the Marvel Comics hero, the 'Thing' (representing strong emotions), leaping out of a crumbling high school auditorium in the South Bronx.

These slides, and most of Lippard's lecture, were enlightening; however, sometimes Lippard would veer off into the lingo of the art cont on p. 6

Arts Notes

FILM: "Rosie the Riveter" - in conjunction with the Women's Film Festival- Lovejoy 205, Thurs. March 15; 6:30 pm.
FILM: "Le Million"- in conjunction with class- Lovejoy 213, Thurs., March 15; 7:00 pm

EXHIBITIONS

Museum of Art:

"From Revolution to Statehood: Maine Towns, Maine People, 1783-1820" through March 31.

"Call and Response: Art on Central America" by Lucy Lippard through April 1.

Coffeehouse Notes

MOVIE: "The Year of Living Dangerously"— Thurs., March 15; 7 & 9:30 pm

"HEARTS AND MINDS"- an anti-war film about Viet Nam. Following will be a discussion with Cal Mackenzie, a Viet Nam vet- Wed., March 28; 7 pm.

•Video

in society as they are fast becoming the place for children's social growth. In fact, the popularity has forced Bullard to place a sign above his doorway which forbids the use of the games for those who are 16 years or younger, while school is in session. In addition, bowling alleys, skating rinks, and movies were once popular locations for birthday parties, but now it is the arcade, according to Bullard, which draws these money-makers. Children are able to "get out of the parents' hair" for an hour and can be as aggressive as they desire with these games.

Video games also enhance the eye and hand coordination which is especially noticable in younger children. Bullard indicated that many of those who play daily tend to be of "above average intelligence".

There are drawbacks to video games, and one of them is the possibility of obsession. This may also lead to mild poverty. Video junkie Mat Lebowitz suggested the plight of the junkie when he warned "if you haven't tried 'em, don't, because after you've played a few games, you won't want to stop and you'll be a poor video junkie - like me." Lebowitz admitted spending roughly \$5.00 a week. Bullard estimated that the average junkie spends up to \$1000 a year.

Some feel that video games have blossomed into a "nightmare" since their advent only a decade ago. Already technology has taken the video game player from the black and white days of "pong" to the present sophisticated digital and laser mixes which incorporate movies allowing for greater player interaction. The connoisseur may look to the screen of the future when games will be "simulated" so that the player actually feels that he is "taking off" from a launching pad, according to Bullard.



John Robinson acting in "The Beggar's Opera."

•Lippard

world, which, though it reinforced the fact that she was expert in her field, tended to be incomprehensible to most of the audience. There might also be some disagreement as to what should be considered art. For instance, she showed a slide of a billboard advertising enlistment in the army, with the words "Imperialist Pigs" spray painted over it. She considered

this art, yet many others might consider it defacement of public property.

Nevertheless, her lecture and her choices of art certainly showed an angle on life which is not often seen by Colby students. Most people left the lecture with more understanding and empathy towards the unfortunates of our society.

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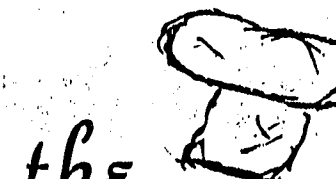
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Pucksters prevail on ice

by JOHN HABERSTOCK

If you had walked into the Alford Arena on Saturday night and looked out onto the ice, you might have thought you were seeing things. People playing lacrosse on skates? But they were.

In a culmination to the varsity Lacrosse team's fund raising raffle, the Lax squad and the varsity Hockey team took to the ice with Lacrosse sticks for an unprecedented game of Lax-Hockey. The superior skating skills of the Hockey team prevailed as they edged the Lacrosse team by a score of 10-8.

But possibly more important than the score was that, as Hockey goalie Walt Edwards stated after the game, "A good time was had by all." Not only did the participants enjoy the game, but it was enjoyed by the roughly 200 spectators who turned out to watch this

admission-free event.

The game was close all the way as both teams demonstrated their talents. The Lacrosse team for the most part relied on their passing game while the Hockey team used skating break-aways to their advantage. The Lax-men made a fairly high percentage of their

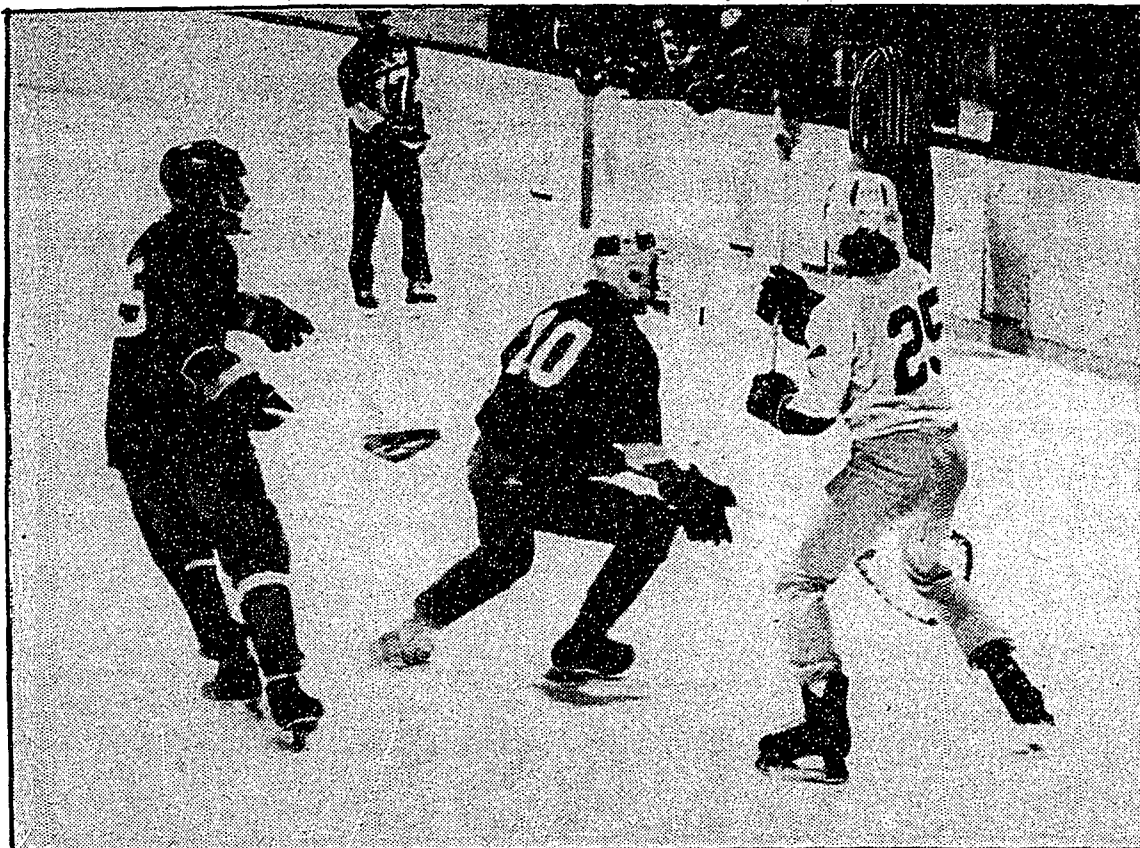
shots on goal but the Hockey team was able to get off more shots because of their ability to skate to the goal. Players scoring for the Hockey were Paul Marleau (2), Gus Wilmerding (2), Rod McGillis (2), Chris Parker (1), Mario Ferrucci (1), and goalies Walt Edwards and Tim McCrystal (1) who demonstrated that goalies can do more than just stop pucks. Scorers for the Lax team were Steve Haynes (2), Bill Duncome (2), George Brownell (1), Tom Claytor (1), Greg Sheffrin (1), and John Schler (1).

Tom Claytor, who thought

up and organized the game, called it "a tremendous success." He stated that the purpose was to have fun and thanked everyone who participated in the raffle, which generated \$800 for the Lacrosse team. Plans are already being made to play again next year.

Claytor pointed out that this year's contest was really just "hockey with lacrosse sticks," and that next year one key rule could be added to change this. This rule, similar to one in Box Lacrosse, states that a team must pass the ball to move beyond the red line. Because the Hockey team scored many of their goals on break-aways, this rule should give the Lax team a definite advantage, but only next year's re-match will tell.

The Lax-Hockey game played Saturday night may have been more than just an unprecedented event, it may have been the start of a tradition here at Colby College.



Todd Perkins and Tom Claytor dualed Saturday in Colby's version of "Lax on Ice"

Echo photo by John Haberstock

Sports

Colby women named First Team All-New England

by PAUL MOONEY

Having led the Lady Mules to an ECAC New England Div. III championship and the best record in Colby annals (23-3) in the most successful of seasons, Kaye Cross and Therese Langlois were this week recognized by the Div. III coaches association by being named to the All New England Div. III First Team. Both Cross, a 6'5" senior center, and Langlois, a junior forward, will travel to Emmanuel College in Boston on March 17 to appear in the 2nd Annual New England All-Star Game.

Langlois enjoyed her third consecutive outstanding season

this year, averaging over 14 points and 9 rebounds per game. This marks the second straight year the academic All-American has been named to the New England team, as well as the third straight year that she has received All-Maine honors.

To Colby Women's Coach, Gene DeLorenzo, Langlois is a great asset to the team. "She can literally do it all on the basketball court. She passes well, can shoot from fifteen feet, score from inside, and she rebounds as well as anyone in New England. Defensively, she has guarded players from 5'5" to 6'2", and has emerged as a very fine defensive player."

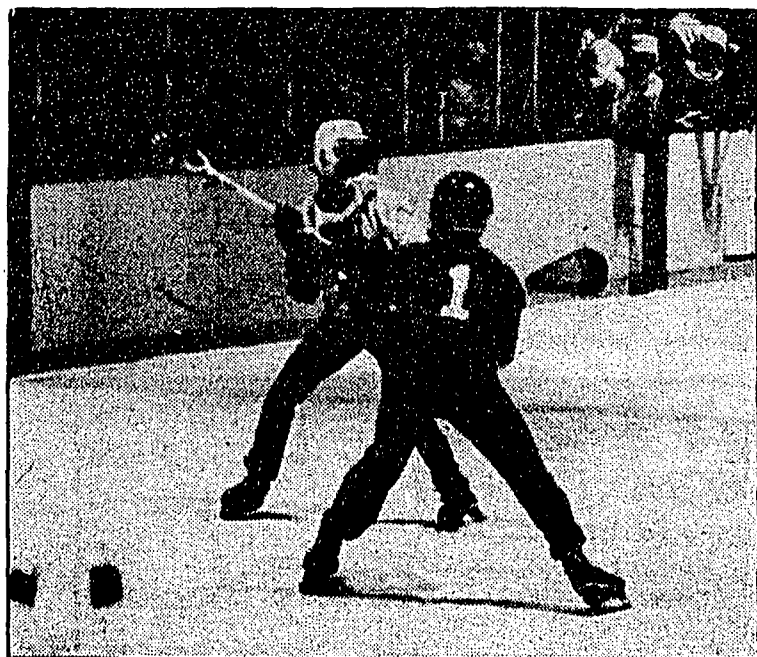
Despite playing in the shadow of her taller teammate (Cross), DeLorenzo points out, "Therese has established a mark of excellence that has carried over to the whole team. Every big basket we needed this year, she got."

For Cross, the All-New England recognition simply adds to a long list of honors. In averaging almost 19 points and 13 rebounds per game this season, the Colby co-captain was named New England Player of the Week three times and ECAC Player of the Week twice, in addition to receiving All-Maine accolades for the fourth consecutive year. Cross has also been nominated for

both the New England and National Player of the Year awards in Div. III.

Said DeLorenzo, "Cross has been the most influential player ever to pass through this program. She is a fine team player, and her infectious spirit and love for her teammates has permeated all four of the teams she has played on."

"Her statistics could have been much inflated had she played for herself and not for her team. Her maturity, sportsmanship, and exceptional intelligence make her one of the truly remarkable female athletes in the country. She has been the ideal senior captain."



Echo photo by Tina Zabriskie

Men's lacrosse battled on the hockey team's territory and came up short, 10-8.

Spring break and the Road to Seattle

by BOB AUBE

If you are a devoted sports fan like myself, you may find it difficult to accept the fact that it is often impossible to keep up with the current sports scene while on campus. Television coverage is virtually non-existent, with the exception of weekend basketball games and an occasional golf tournament. The GLOBE and the TIMES very seldom have results from the previous night's action, and it is also hard to obtain copies without getting subscriptions. Even the late night news can be frustrating, as the only out-of-state scores you can get with any regularity are those of Bruins and Celtics games.

How many of you ask dad how your favorite team is doing when you call home, because you simply haven't heard anything about them? How many of you sit in front of the tube on Satur-

day afternoons (instead of studying) in an attempt to satisfy your thirst for sports? If you are one of these people, you may take heart in knowing that the bulk of this year's NCAA basketball tournament will take place during spring break. With no classes to attend and little studying to be done, student fans can keep track of the action without feeling guilty about their academics. The first round gets underway this evening, with 48 teams in competition for the right to call themselves the national champions. By the time we return to Colby, the regional champions will have been determined, and only the elite Final Four will remain.

In the East Regional, 1982 national champion North Carolina is the top seed and the clear favorite. They will not be without challengers, though. Arkansas and Syracuse have shown they can knock off anyone and Auburn was the

runner-up in the tough Southeastern Conference, Indiana has a good ball club, but they are probably a year away from serious contention. Besides those teams, the rest of the region is thin, with no one else given a real shot at breaking through to the final four.

Kentucky earned the top seed in the Midwest. This is probably the toughest region, and the Wildcats will be hard-pressed to live up to their number-one ranking. Among the teams they might have to face on the road to the Final Four are Big-10 co-champ Illinois, Atlantic Coast Conference champion Maryland, and in-state rival Louisville. Missouri Valley winner Tulsa (27-3) and Pac-10 co-champion Oregon State are also in this region.

There is little to choose between the top two seeds in the Midwest, DePaul and Houston. Although most basketball experts predict that

these teams will meet in the regional final, they have to survive some tough competition first. Big-10 champ Purdue, Big-eight tournament winner Kansas, Metro champion Memphis State, and Pacific Coast Athletic Conference victor Fresno State will all have something to say about the outcome in this section before it is over.

One of the biggest controversies of the tournament selections was the placement of Georgetown in the West regional. Despite their number-two national ranking, the Hoyas were forced to move while top-ranked North Carolina remained the East. However, the decision could be a blessing in disguise for Georgetown, as the West appears to be the weakest of the four regions. The only teams considered capable of beating the Hoyas in this region are Oklahoma and Duke. Texas- El Paso (27-3) and Nevada-

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•NCAA Tourney fever

Las Vegas (27-5) also have outside chances.

Every year, it seems that at least one Cinderella team emerges to reach the final four. Last year was no exception, as eventual national champion North Carolina State and Georgia surprised everyone to capture their regionals. It will be interesting to see if the same happens this year. With the large number of good teams in the tournament, it is certainly a possibility.

A North Carolina-Georgetown final, a rematch of the 1982 championship game, is a strong prospect. What basketball fan can forget Freddie Brown passing the ball to James Worthy to cost Georgetown the national title. Depaul has to be the sentimental favorite, with coach

Ray Meyer going for his first national championship in his 42nd and final year as coach of the Blue Demons. But whatever happens, it figures to be an exciting tournament all along the road to Seattle, where the semifinals and finals will be played.

It's difficult to predict a national champion, or even regional winners, at this point, given the number of upsets that always occur during the tournament. But I'll go out on a limb and say who I think will make it to Seattle. The regional winners will be: East- North Carolina; Midwest- Illinois; Midwest- Depaul; West-Georgetown. And the national champion? We'll all find out on April 2 when the last two survivors meet for the title in Seattle.

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Classifieds

Bellnette:
Happy Birthday and Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Love,
Chantal

Hey kid (sorry I)-
I guess Darwin was right. After close encounters of the GOD kind and a slip down Green Death Row, we both survived! Si, chico...
Turkey

Katie and Liz,
Sorry, I can't decide if I want to bond ionically or covalently.
T

This week we can take a look,
With material enough to write a book...
Although they never filled out a form,
Let's start with the party at Pamela's dorm.
With Kathy's bananas and Alyson's whining
To keep the control Sue kept trying,
But it seemed that Beth was a bit too much
For as she left in a very big rush
With one skinned knee did return,
Something that Karen was soon to learn
But Gretch's antics the very next night,
Proved to be a slightly worse sight.
Green Death's punch did not rightly settle
In her stomach or the bathroom's kettle!
Even Tina cannot get by
For the "Woman of the Evening" ended
with a tie.
But before we leave I'd like to say
That I hope the gang has a restful stay
Away from the cold and into the sun,
Happy Vacation, I hope you all have fun!

Conehead,
I know I've got THE greatest legs, but
that's not all.
Bonehead

Wennik and Powell,
See you at Myrtle Beach. Scrump.
Hoops

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from the editor

Increasing Awareness

Since the creation of RCAB and the ten subcommittees who are proposing new ways to organize Colby's residential life, various problems of communication and student input have arisen. Now that the groups have been formed and the proposals are being made, the majority of the student body remains uninformed and uninvolved.

As RCAB receives the interim reports from the volunteer student/faculty committees, the campus should have the opportunity to react to the proposals and possibly suggest alternatives. RCAB members have discussed methods of communicating with the campus at large, but there has been little progress thus far. Now is the best time to implement such plans and get more students involved.

The best way to seek reaction and input to the reports is to hold dorm wide informational meetings with the RCAB representatives. Here the students could receive individual attention and respect, which would enhance both the acceptability and respectability of the final decision. Such a system would give students and faculty the chance for more direct communication with the board.

With increased student awareness of and reactions to RCAB's decisions, the final proposals will better represent the entire campus rather than the concerned few.

Forum

Forum: (fō'ram) *n.* a public discussion of items of common interest [*L. forum, the market-place*].

Alumni support withdrawn

(Editor's note: This letter was sent to President Cotter as well as submitted to the ECHO in the hope that the author's perspective and ideas may "contribute to the current discussion regarding the quality of student life.")

Dear President Cotter:

This letter is to inform you that after careful consideration of the report and recommendations of the Residential Life Committee accepted by the Board of Trustees I must dissent from their recommendation to abolish fraternities and therefore I am withdrawing my active financial and other support for the College at this time. This will, unfortunately, necessitate my resigning as Chairman of the Providence area Alumni Group.

My objections to the report's recommendations and the administration's actions, unlike that of most people, is based on first hand knowledge of the administration's posture towards fraternities in recent years. Fraternities have always supplied the vast majority of the athletes and student leaders at

fraternities have not been the only source of such behavior at Colby or at any other institution, however, they are an easily identifiable group on which to focus concern and fashion responses. Unable to reconcile the irony of the fraternity system's substantial contribution, and occasional incidents of poor behavior, the College has neither come to the aid of fraternities in assisting them to eliminate the problems in the system, nor were they prepared, at least until the present time, to eliminate fraternities altogether and thereby lose the substantial positive contribution to campus life. Instead, the College took a standoffish approach intervening in the system only with the intention of giving the system enough rope to

hang itself (i.e. the fraternity guidelines), without ever offering positive assistance and guidance in removing the more negative aspects of the system.

The above description of the strategy and approach taken by the College is undeniable and irrefutable, and it comes from one who has seen it in action first hand. The course taken by the College was wrong, and not in the best interest of the students. The College should have actively engaged in the promotion and improvement of the system, in removing the causes, reasons or persons responsible for negative behavior-- as it should have with any component of the

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Dispelling misconceptions

by VEDA ROBINSON

In response to Marc DeRosa's commentary, "Integrate Minorities," we the members of the Student Organization for Black and Hispanic Unity (SOBHU), feel that we should dispel the errors, misconceptions, and high-level generalizations put forth in that article. His views represent blatant intolerance and contradict Colby's theme for this year, "Celebrating Diversity and Confronting Intolerance." SOBHU members feel that the "pampering and preferential treatment" that he purports to exist in the curriculum, and the treatment of potential freshmen and minority students already present here at Colby is both inaccurate and offensive.

The "minority courses" in the curriculum were not specifically designed for and limited to minorities and other victims of discrimination. These courses were created to expose the campus to the diverse cultures and ideas which make up our society. As he so aptly stated in his article, college is a preparation for life, and by abolishing these courses (as he suggests), which are reflective of the real world, Colby's students are being asked to turn a blind eye to reality and to become myopic. The suggestion that these courses be incorporated into the already established curriculum cannot be taken seriously. Black Studies, Hispanic Studies, Women's Studies and other courses of this nature were created because they had been neglected in the past. It is impossible to cover the full scope to any of the aforementioned subjects in a week or less of, for example, American History. College, as he states, "consists of realizing new things, developing new ideas, and making new adjustments." Since there is general agreement about the role that college should play, Mr. DeRosa's suggestion that these courses be incorporated is counterproductive.

In the commentary, there is much discussion about the treatment of potential minority freshmen. We assume that this includes admissions policies, Pre-freshmen weekend and the Bunche Scholars program. There is not preferential treatment of minorities in the admissions process. Yes, just like the children of alumni, athletes, and applicants from Maine, we too get a tag on our applications to designate our "minority" status. This tag does not get us accepted anymore readily than the next applicant.

Minorities are also evaluated on the basis of their SAT scores, class rank, and G.P.A.'s, although Colby does try harder to recruit them.

Pre-Freshmen Weekend, like similar weekends designed for Presidential and Mayflower Hill Scholars, is a period when potential minority freshmen come to Colby for a tour of the campus, interviews, and to meet all students, not only other minorities. Interviews are granted to any applicant requesting one. They are especially important for those pre-freshmen being considered for the Ralph J. Bunche Scholars program. It is a program for those minority students with demonstrated academic and leadership skills. Events for potential freshmen are sponsored by SOBHU without aid from the administration. These events, open to the entire campus, are a time when the pre-freshmen can get an idea of what it is like to be a student at Colby-- minority or non-minority.

Mr. DeRosa feels that Colby "watches out for its minority students, provides for special clubs, and creates special minority get-togethers and events." Is SOBHU representative of the "special club" to which he refers? Like other student ORGANIZATIONS on campus, it is supported by Stu-A funding, has a Constitution, and is open to all who wish to join. The administration did not create SOBHU nor does it play any role in its functioning. Events are always open to the Colby community. Because of student apathy, these events are often attended solely by minorities. If we are being condemned for being the only ones at these functions, then we are guilty. However, to condemn us for the actions of others is totally unjustifiable. As adults, we, not Colby, see to our own lives.

We take this opportunity to address the assumptions constantly being made that Blacks, Hispanics, and other minorities are more comfortable with minorities or others of their same race. Race is not a determinant of similar values nor necessarily of similar ideals. Furthermore, the suggestion that it is, is not only an affront to us as Blacks and Hispanics, but to us as individuals. We hope that this letter aids in clearing up Mr. DeRosa's commentary. We will also hold a forum on Wednesday, March 28th, in the Heights Community Room for the same purpose and invite the entire campus to attend. Let us all hope that this won't end up as another "minority get-together."

RCAB ineffectual, unorganized

To the editor:

In February, the Residential Commons Advisory Board (RCAB) was established to funnel student input into decisions related to residential life next year. Ten subcommittees were established to help carry out this function. Each committee is responsible for investigating a

particular area (i.e. governance or judiciary) and for submitting proposals for change. RCAB serves as the supervising body for these ten committees, coordinating activity and ensuring communication.

Fortunately, the subcommittees are working fairly well: they are well organized, and their members are committed, concerned, and thorough. RCAB, the supervising body, however, is not as effective. For example, on Wednesday, March 7, we attended an RCAB meeting that "discussed" a proposal from the governance committee. During the 50 minute debate, two things became apparent.

First, RCAB as a whole was ineffectual, poorly organized, and unfocused. The governance committee proposal was poorly presented, in large part a result of confusion about what the committee was expected to

present. In this case, the governance committee wanted a general outline approved, but RCAB wanted the entire structure approved. Some form of parliamentary procedure was imposed, but it deteriorated rapidly: several people were not allowed to finish making statements as other RCAB members interrupted (despite a 3 minute period established for each speaker).

A motion was finally made to accept or reject the proposal; a vote was taken; the proposal was rejected. One minute later, RCAB accepted another, modified, motion which superceded the previous motion without following proper procedures. As a result, further discussion confused the issue, and no one was sure what was going on. The only certainty was that the proposal was sent

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Presidential hopeful needs some funding

by NASH ROBBINS

I am pleased to announce that my campaign for nomination to run for president is going quite well. There is no way for me to lose, if only I can get to California, Florida, Hawaii, and Bermuda soon enough. At least, that's what my campaign manager says.

This, of course, requires funding. I have written to the IRS to find out what happens to all the dollars that people can contribute to the election fund if they check that little box on the 1040 form. I figure they must get several thousand dollars from it, which has to be split evenly between the candidates, so I should be receiving at least a couple of hundred dollars.

This may not be enough, however. My campaign manager and I have put together a list of basic items needed on the campaign trail. Among them are; airline tickets, hotel reservations, fast cars, and extensive lists of beaches and bars to campaign at; large amounts of drugs (legal), to help keep us awake during the long, boring speeches and dinners mandatory for a campaign such as mine; large quantities of alcohol and drugs (illegal), to give us something to do between meetings; new beach blankets, towels, swim suits, and sun glasses, to ensure that we fit in wherever we go; and large numbers of travellers cheques (American Express, of course), to pay for incidental expenses, such as sun screen lotion, meals, and more drugs.

To raise the extra money, we decided to hold a campaign dinner, charging \$50.00 per plate. I am delighted to say that the event was well attended, the crowds filling Dana Dining Hall to overflowing. Unfortunately, many of them refused to believe

that the meal was a fund raiser, evidently confusing it with a normal dinner, and nobody payed, although I saw at least three people take two helpings. This was a little discouraging, but as Seilers donated the food and all the help in preparing and serving it, we lost no money.

Another serious drawback came when I was informed that my bid for national attention had been thwarted by President Reagan, doubtless because of his fear that I may gain a nomination from some party or other. Several months ago, it seems he ordered the Marines to invade Grenada and liberated the poor medical students there, using force where I had planned to use diplomacy.

I have, however, come up with another plan, which may even be better than the first. As soon as I can figure out who the new chairman of Russia is, and how to spell his name, I will persuade him to turn the country into a true democracy based on capitalism. I will persuade him through acute diplomacy, fine logic, and by using the principles of advertising, learned from extensive studies of late night television ads (surely the finest of their kind), and mass mailings. In other words, I will persuade him that it will be a bargain. A rough draft of the letter reads like this:

Dear Chairman _____,

Hi, how are you? I am fine.

Congratulations on your election. It must feel very good to have been elected ruler over millions of citizens and thousands of square miles of snowy, cold waste-land.

But I was just thinking. Wouldn't it feel even better if you knew that you had been elected because the people wanted you, instead of because your political system planted you there? Of course you would.

Well, now, thanks to a revolution in government, this kind of political system is available now at an unprecedented low, low price. Yes, that's right, now, from RONCO, it slices, it dices, and it governs people. It's the democracy.

Yes, you, too, Chairman _____, can bring your country all the pleasure of a democracy, thanks to this offer from RONCO. For one low, low price, you get: a congress and a senate to play with; hundreds of candidates for your office to beat in the elections (instead of in a messy torture chamber); election years; and, at no extra cost, for a short time only, real, live parties. As many as you want.

How much would you expect to pay for this? A thousand rubles? a million? two million?

How about 24.95? Yes, for only 24 rubles and 95 kopecks, you, too, can be a democracy like the United States of America. This is not a trick, not a cheap imitation, but a guaranteed working democracy. But hurry, supplies are limited.

Just stop by your local American embassy and place your order. But do it soon, this offer ends at midnight tonight. And, please, don't forget to mention that I sent you.

Human nature being what it is, he will be unable to resist, Russia will become a democracy, the threat of nuclear annihilation will disappear, and I will be swept into office.

I only hope I can get my Lear paper done before then.

•RCAB

back to the governance committee for revision.

The confusion over this proposal, however, demonstrates a serious inability of RCAB to confront practical as well as theoretical problems when reorganizing residential life. In the case of the governance committee, certain practical considerations are extremely important to ensure an effective student government. Newly elected Stu-A chairpersons must be trained before the current officers graduate, and initial allocations of money must be made to student organizations before the end of the year. These problems can not be brushed aside. Yet, RCAB did not factor into its time table most of these considerations, paralyzing the current Student Association.

Aside from disorganization and poor focus, another problem surfaced as we talked to committee members after the meeting. Several members of RCAB feel that any proposal or idea, no matter who proposes it,

must be approved by RCAB before it can be implemented. Additionally, only RCAB approval allows the proposal to go before the student body. RCAB, then, has assumed policy-making authority over the structure and future of residential life at Colby.

RCAB's usurpation of decision making authority is a dangerous perversion of its role and RCAB's relationship to the student body and other student organizations. If this committee of 39 makes the major decisions relevant to residential life without the consent of the student body, the openness of the process is a hoax. A committee of 39 does not represent the attitude, values, and desires of 1700 students!

The election of an RCAB member does not provide de facto authority and legitimacy to the committee. Complete student opinion and input only occurs when students voice approval or disapproval in a campus wide referendum, providing an opportunity for every stu-

dent to state his/her opinion by vote. With the changes occurring in residential life at Colby, it is imperative that students be allowed maximum input into the commons system.

To clearly illustrate this abrogation of student rights: if an independent student designs a proposal for reorganizing student government, RCAB has the authority to invalidate the proposal-- according to some members-- even if it has been approved by the student body. RCAB no longer serves in an advisory capacity. Student rights, in this case, have been seriously breached on all levels.

If students are to have input into the final decisions about residential life, some means of accountability must be established. Currently, RCAB is accountable to the student body once-- election day. To ensure accountability and protect the rights of the student body, we feel the following suggestions should be incorporated into RCAB's procedure and formal purpose:

1. All major proposals and plans, once approved by RCAB or submitted independently, should go before the student body for ratification.

2. The role of RCAB as an advisory board should be clarified so that confusion about goals, jurisdiction, and responsibility are minimized.

3. RCAB should be run more efficiently so that all members and guests have an opportunity to participate within a formal framework which does not discriminate on the basis of who

can cut the other person off first. Parliamentary procedure should be instituted and enforced to protect every speaker's statement and proposal.

Potentially, RCAB can be an effective vehicle for student input. As it currently functions, however, it does not, and can not, perform these functions without seriously jeopardizing the rights of the student body. Although an extensive committee system has developed, even the most active student can not participate on all committees.

Thus, the feeling that RCAB represents the input of the active student body on major issues is not valid on practical grounds. The validity of RCAB and the commons system as a residential structure is dependent on student involvement and legitimization.

Sincerely,
Sam Staley, governance committee
Kit Williams, RCAB, governance committee

Thanks for helping women's b-ball

To the Editor:

I would like to convey my most sincere thanks to those people on campus who helped in the success of Colby Women's Basketball this year. It was a tremendous year in many respects and I know the players are very proud of themselves and their New England championship. It was

well earned through a great deal of hard work and sacrifice.

It would take too much space to list everyone who contributed to CWB from the Florida fund-raising to the ECAC Championships last weekend...but a partial list would have to include:

- Each person who joined in the standing ovation for Kaye Cross and her teammates at the

conclusion of the Rhode Island game. It was the greatest moment I have seen at Colby since being involved in Women's Athletics here.

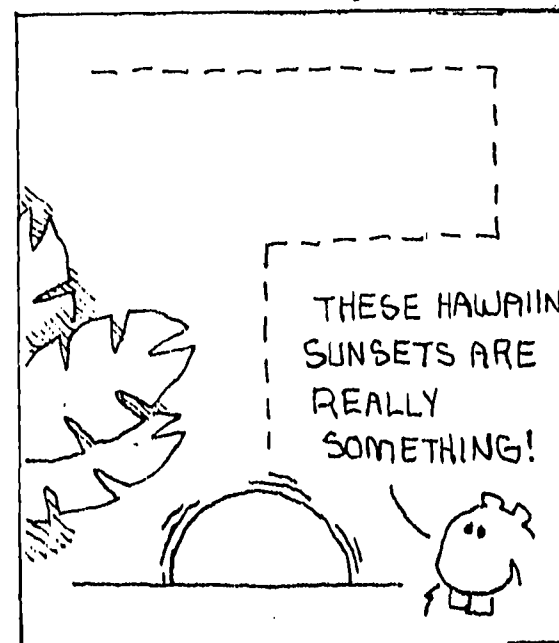
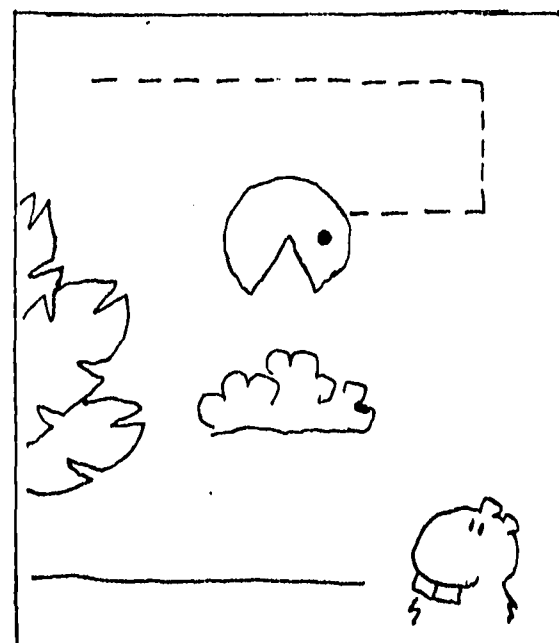
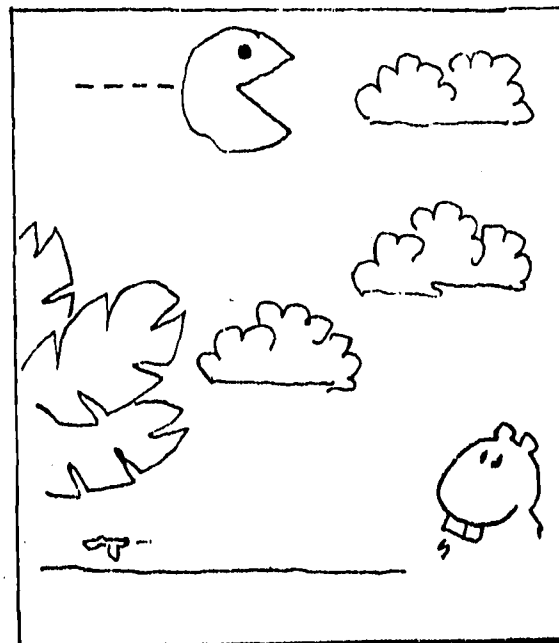
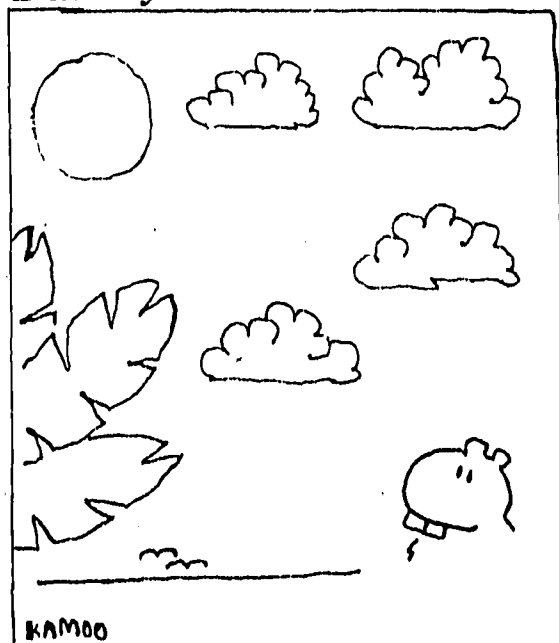
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by Kamoo

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campus community which was not contributing to the College as fully as it could. In taking this approach, the College overlooked the fact, that, the type of antisocial behavior they were concerned with, occurs at Colby and every other college institution in the campus at large. Indeed, there have been examples at Colby where various dormitories for one or two years took on a particular "character" based on the composition of students housed there, who engaged in the same types of negative behavior for which fraternities are being blamed as the sole source.

In short, instead of tearing down, the College ought to have been rebuilding. It ought to have been fostering, not eliminating, the formation and creation of groups and interests and activities among its student body-- including fraternities. The College should have been concerned with promoting community service and campus involvement to ensure that subgroups and interests formed on campus did not become isolated, but rather formed an integral and positive force in the College community. My suggestion in this regard was to require that all groups on campus,

fraternities and otherwise, which are officially sanctioned and recognized by the College, be required to sponsor at least two campus or community wide programs or activities each semester. It could have been mandated that one of these events be academically related-- such as sponsoring a residential forum. This would have promoted the creation and expansion of various types of groups and interest on campus which would have stimulated intellectual growth as well as the development of new relationships and friendships between and among the individuals in the various groups.

It is my assessment that without a program along the lines I have described above, the proposal put forth in the Residential Life Committee's report will not eliminate the antisocial behavior or the type of

campus division for which fraternities are being blamed. Indeed, with the implementation of the "squatters rights" policy, the college is going to again create various housing units on campus, particularly the old fraternity houses, which will take on unique and for the most part, a closed "character" which will be as fertile a source of antisocial and anti-intellectual behavior on campus as fraternities are now viewed as.

These are my thoughts on the proposal of the Residential Life Committee. I must admit, however, that there are some positive recommendations, such as the student center, many of which may be implemented without complete abolishment of the fraternity system. I must say that notwithstanding my feelings regarding the report's conclusion on fraternities, I am

very pleased that the College has taken a bold approach in totally reorganizing student life and has taken and active and apparently sincere concern in the quality of student life for all students, a concern which I feel the College has sadly lacked, at least for the past seven years.

Notwithstanding my objections, I hope that the quality of student life at Colby is improved, and also that the fraternity system is retained in some form. For the time being, however, I must withdraw my active support from the College. This decision is also necessitated by my recent decision to seek the Democratic nomination and endorsement for the Congress in the Second District of Rhode Island.

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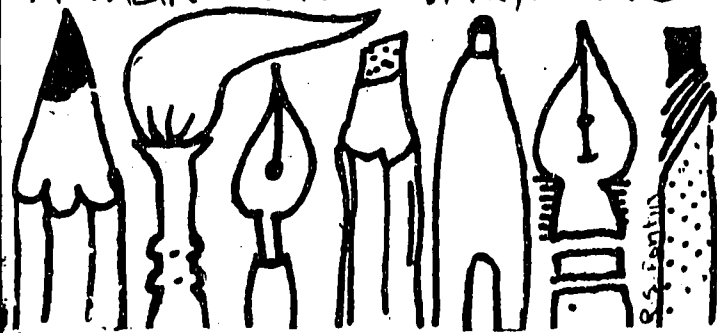
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