



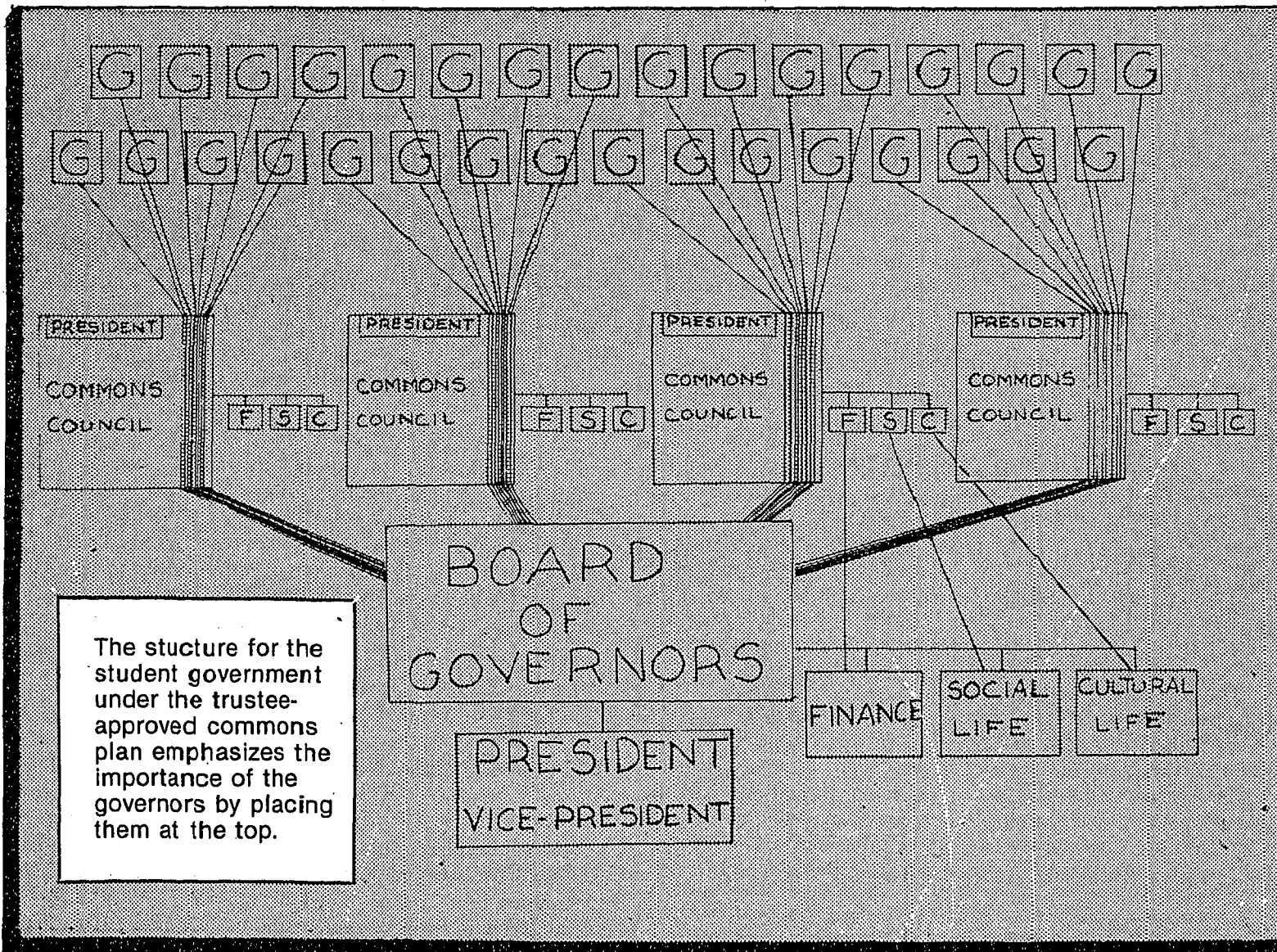
# The Colby Echo

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## RCAB hears reports at marathon meeting

by SUZANNE KRUMM

Five subcommittees, including Governance, Social Life, New Facilities, Room Draw and Summer Renovations, presented their proposals to RCAB the week before Spring Break at what was identified by one member as being a "marathon meeting."

It was an important meeting because plans for next semester must be finalized and in working order as soon as possible. In order to be implemented, they require RCAB's approval. This approval can sometimes be hard to obtain as the governance committee found out in a previous meeting.

### Social life

A new area of controversy arose when the Social Life committee offered its proposal. Brad Whitaker, head of this subcommittee, presented an outline of next September's social calendar as an example of what Colby life would be like under the commons system.

The proposal, some felt, was strongly alcohol oriented and certain members said that they would feel "alienated" with what was offered on the new social calendar.

The theme of the proposal was to "keep students on cam-

pus during weekends" and they offered such ideas as: Pyramid Parties, Sunset Parties, Around The World Parties, and a Wine and Cheese Film Festival. Assistant Dean Joyce McPhetres agreed with students who opposed the Social Life committee's proposal and suggested that it should be toned down to be less alcohol-centered.

### New Facility

The New Facility committee stated the four proposed sites for the new facility. 1) South shore by KDR, 2) Between the health center and Lovejoy, 3) Between Mary Low and the Eustis Parking lot and 4) The field across from Eustis.

All sites are reportedly equidistant from each of the four commons. The new building's primary uses will be for campus parties, sitdown dinners and lectures, though it will also house the new pub, the mailboxes, a newspaper stand and a passkey banking depot.

The estimated cost to date was stated as \$3,715,000. The architect hasn't been chosen yet but a committee is in the process of selecting one.

### Renovations

The summer renovations committee stated that their goal was to "make comfortable

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## Governance set; elections soon

by SUZANNE KRUMM and BRAD FAY

Colby students will be asked to approve a new student government constitution and elect students to the five administrative positions created by that constitution, probably on April 13, according to Stu-A President Rob Fast.

A two-thirds vote by the student body is the last step needed in the ratification of the RCAB governance committee's proposed constitution for government under the com-

mons plan. Ratification of the constitution would effectively eliminate Stu-A as it now exists.

A mandatory meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight in the Robins room for all interested candidates for the five administrative positions.

Already RCAB has given its nod to the proposal in a unanimous vote before spring break. The committee has been working this week on finalizing the wording of the six-page document.

Only about one-third of the constitution was approved by

the committee at their meeting on Monday night because time constraints did not allow members of the committee to give careful analysis to each sec-

tion. It is expected to be approved next Monday night.

One subject of disagreement on the proposal is its lack of

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## Budget, tuition decisions delayed

by BILL TWOMEY

The announcement of Colby's 1984-85 budget which has been delayed two months will be made in April after the April 7 meeting of the Board of

Trustees.

Several reasons for this two month delay include allowing time for letters containing salary changes and staff reappointments to be sent out to staff members; collecting as much financial information as possible so that Colby's financial year will be relatively closer to the end of the fiscal year; and observing how inflation has affected Colby's current costs so that a solution to that problem may be found.

Stan Nicholson, Administrative Vice-President stated that the Committee has decided on a possible budget.

"On April 6, the Budget Financing Committee will review their planned budget and then present it to the Board of Trustees. The Board will then make its decision on the proposal the following day. The announcement will be made the

following Monday or Tuesday."

The 1984-85 budget will not include expenditure on the new facility which it considered to be a capital budget question.

The budget consists of two parts: charges such as tuition and room and board; and expenditures, including salaries,

physical plant and financial aid.

Compared with other New England colleges, universities and technical institutes, Colby placed 22nd out of 25 in the 1983-84 survey of total student charges. This was due to an 8.9 percent increase from the prior year. The percentage increase is

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## Are Colby students political?

by CAROLYN RHODES

Although Colby is isolated in the woods of Maine, its students are not necessarily oblivious to the world of current events and politics.

A recent survey which included a sampling of 100 students indicated that the trends in political awareness at Colby are "typical" of most college campuses. Government professor Cal Mackenzie commented on the results of the survey saying "nothing surprises me here."

The nine questions on the survey were designed to analyze the student's knowledge of current political events. Issues touched upon in the questions included national events, voter registration,

elections, and foreign affairs.

The typical reaction of those asked to be surveyed was, "Please, don't ask me- I don't know any of that stuff." However, nearly all of the participants became cooperative and many of them felt that the survey was a good way to investigate students' involvement in political issues.

After tabulating the results, it became apparent that, for the most part, Colby students do have an inkling of the elections on the political horizon. In fact, it was in the category that dealt with voter registration, political parties, and candidates, that students scored the highest. Near-

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"The flood of time is setting on; we stand upon its brink."

—Shelley

## Off the Hill

### Salvadoran moderate wins

The moderate Christian Democrat and the rightist Nationalist Republican Alliance were leading in Monday's returns from El Salvador's presidential election, according to Salvadorian and United States officials.

However, the officials said a runoff election in April or May would probably be necessary because neither the Christian Democratic candidate, Jose Napoleon Duarte, nor Roberto d'Aubuisson, the Nationalist Republican Alliance candidate, appeared likely to win more than 50 percent of the votes.

No party seemed ready to challenge the election, despite a voter turnout that officials said had been reduced by some guerrilla disruptions and major confusion about how the new voting system worked.

The New York Times

### French leave Beirut

Fighting erupted in and around Beirut again Monday as leaders of the civil war combatants struggled to reach a peace accord before the French contingent of the multinational force withdraws from the capital.

Artillery shells struck several neighborhoods adjacent to the "green line" that divides Beirut into Moslem and Christian halves. Police sources said 15 people were killed and at least 40 wounded during the day as fighting spread to the foothills of the central Chouf Mountains that flank Beirut to the east.

The Associated Press

### Vests illegal for crooks

Criminals convicted of wearing bulletproof vests when they commit violent crimes would be subject to additional prison sentences under legislation given final approval by the Assembly on Tuesday.

By a vote of 137-1 the Assembly sent to New York's Governor Cuomo a bill making it a felony to wear a bulletproof vest during the commission of a crime.

The New York Times

### Rapists sentenced

The case of a rape in a neighborhood tavern that captured the nation's attention came to an end today as four young Portuguese immigrants were sentenced and sent away to prison in a heavily escorted police van.

But an angry crowd outside the Bristol County Courthouse made plain that the ethnic feelings stirred by the case, whose handling some felt stigmatized the large Portuguese-American community in southern Massachusetts, are still strong. "I hope Pina dies," one woman yelled through the iron fence, referring to District Attorney, Ronald A. Pina.

The New York Times

## Collegiate Corner

### Big grant for Bates

Bates College said Monday it has received a \$4.1 million grant from the Olin Foundation Inc., of New York City to build and equip a new arts center.

Bates President Thomas H. Reynolds called a special assembly of students and faculty to announce the grant, describing it as the largest in Bates' history and the greatest single grant awarded to any Maine education institution in recent years.

The Associated Press

## RCAB

housing for next year." The planned renovations will cost: in Johnson Common \$418,000; in Chaplin Common \$498,000; in Lovejoy Common \$15,000; and in Low Common \$5,000. Each fraternity house will cost between \$111,000 and \$177,000.

The price estimates for the fraternity houses do not include an additional \$100,000 per house needed for rewiring plumbing, sprinkling and heating systems. These renovations will have to be made at a later date.

ATO is going to be equipped with a faculty apartment which the committee felt should be built this summer.

Some members felt the Low Common was being neglected by only being allotted \$5,000. However, the committee tried to persuade them by mentioning the goal again is to provide comfortable housing on all parts of the campus and that

therefore these summer funds should be allocated primarily to clean up the fraternities.

#### Room draw

Overall, room draw will not be changed that much from the status quo. However, the selection of rooms available will be changed.

To make Low Common more attractive, it will have six eight-person areas (like co-ed suites). There will be two per

dorm, one per floor in Foss, Woodman and Mary Low. The rooms will be picked on one number.

The sub-committee decided that fraternity members will not be discriminated against under the draw system. Their report stated that since house compositions will be totally different due to the quota system and co-ed houses, it will not be possible

for monopolization of a house to occur.

Quiet dorms and single sex housing will be available in all four commons.

#### Governance

The governance committee was the first of the five sub-committees to report. After the proposal and discussion, RCAB voted 100 percent in favor of adopting the proposal.

## Ice storm collapses towers

Ice encrusted transmitting towers serving two of Bangor's three commercial television stations collapsed Tuesday, knocking both off the air.

At least two other TV stations and three radio stations across the state were silenced by ice-related problems stemming from Monday's coastal storm that pelted the state with

sleet and freezing rain.

No injuries were reported when WABI-TV's 550-foot tower in Dixmont and part of WVII-TV's 750-foot tower in East Eddington came down within a one-hour period last Tuesday morning.

Towle Tompkins, program director for WABI, Channel 5,

said the station would be off the air for at least two days but no longer than five.

WVII, Channel 7, was a bit more fortunate. Engineers were able to put the older tower in operation and Channel 7 was back on the air at 4 p.m., according to Barbara Cyr, vice president and general manager.

## Campus jobs become competitive

by ED KENNELLY

Students wishing to obtain campus jobs for the 1984-85 academic year will now have to seek out employment themselves.

In past years, students were assigned jobs by the Financial Aid Office, which attempted to match job skills of financial aid students to employer preference.

Over the past three years, the

number of jobs has tripled due to increased federal funding and Colby's own funding. Thus, there are far more campus jobs than financial aid students. Therefore, the Financial Aid Office decided to end their role as middle-man, and let students do their own job hunting.

Under the new system, students are expected to contact the employer they want to work for sometime this spring, summer, or fall. A list of campus

employers, and jobs in their department is available from the financial aid office. Employers can then tell the applicant if he will get a job.

The Financial Aid Office will continue to place freshmen and transfer students. Each campus employer will be expected to set aside a portion of jobs for these students. According to Susan Sheehan, Assistant Director of Financial Aid: "Most of these students will be working in large departments."

The reaction to the new system, according to Sheehan, has been generally positive. She met with each employer before the change and although at first some employers had fears about it, Sheehan feels that they are now generally happy with the change.

Sheehan also said that most

students seem to welcome this new concept. However, many students seem to be somewhat apathetic.

Sheehan said that her office will be happy to help anyone having trouble finding a job. However, she stressed that: "The responsibility is the student's, not ours."

The Financial Aid Office will also be monitoring the earnings of all student employees. The new maximum earning for financial aid students is expected to be \$1,200. Wages are also increasing by five cents an hour.

Sheehan is excited by the prospects of this new system: the emphasis will change from "help me" to "how can I help myself" - for both students and employers.

### Wesleyan protests CIA

About a dozen Wesleyan students gathered at the Career Planning Center (CPC) to express their opposition to CIA on-campus interviews. What began as a two hour sit-in grew into a day-long siege of the CPC, including the distribution of nearly 200 flyers, and the blocking of students who had come for interviews with the CIA.

According to the flyers, the protestors were concerned that people are not fully aware of "the agency's systematic and persistent disregard for the most basic human rights and liberties, both at home and abroad."

The Wesleyan Argus

## Orientation ideas

The Class Identification/Orientation Committee is trying to develop successful ways of integrating Colby traditions and history with Freshman Orientation. Some suggestions at this recent meeting were a "Colby lore" scavenger hunt; a "Personification" of a Colby legendary figure (e.g. Mary Low, Elijah Lovejoy); and in-

formal faculty discussions.

The importance of an early introduction to school clubs was also stressed. The committee therefore decided to integrate the Activities Fair with registration. The next meeting will be April 9 at 4:30 and will deal with lists of activities for orientation.

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Professor Patrick Brancaccio.

## Political club starts

by PETER NECHELES

Colby will once again have an International Relations Club. A group of past members met this last Tuesday to decide on new plans after being dormant for two years.

The club has long been a part of Colby, providing a public forum for issues of international scope. Senior Juan Colon-Collazo envisions the new group to continue providing a "club where you can learn many viewpoints." He stressed that the group sought students with diverse political backgrounds such as members from the New World Coalition and campus Democrats and Republicans groups.

Last Tuesday night the group held their first meeting to decide on action for the remainder of the year. Because of limited funds they will not join the Model United Nations in New York as has been the practice in past years. Instead they plan to gradually build the club up again to give it a sense of legitimacy on campus and build up membership.

The club plans to hold bi-weekly dinner meetings to

discuss previously chosen international issues such as the Islamic movement as a political force or the war in Western Sahara. This week's topic was on the effect of USSR's new premier, Chernenko on world order particularly on what he will mean to the US. In the following week members plan to write position papers.

The club also hopes to organize and promote lectures and information sessions but cite a present lack of funds. Colon-Collazo stressed that the club "doesn't want to be elitist," but wants to give students a comfortable atmosphere where differing ideas can be expressed.

Colon-Collazo expressed his hope that the club will prove valuable to the college by providing an accessible forum to current international events. "The club is open, without restrictions... to be informed is a duty," said Colon-Collazo. "there is a need to study issues of international repercussion." He asked that interested students contact him or other members: Jeff Bistrong, Suzanne Plinsky, or Lauren Mogeson.

## English Chairman suffers heart attack

by GLENN CUMMINGS

Chairman of the English Department Patrick Brancaccio suffered from a heart attack approximately two weeks ago, and Professor John Sweney has now assumed the chair position.

Brancaccio, who had been continuing as the chairman for two consecutive three-year terms, has been out of the hospital for about a week, and although his recovery is progressing steadily, under medical requirements he will remain at home for the rest of the semester.

He had been previously planning to go on sabbatical during the 1984-85 academic year, and therefore he will not be returning to Colby until the fall of 1985.

Sweney has been Chairman of the English Department for two weeks. Last fall, the department recommended him to the Dean of Faculty and President Cotter to succeed Brancaccio as Brancaccio's sabbatical year approached. The administration consequently chose Sweney, and the date of July 1, 1984 was set for the change to take place.

Since Sweney was already designated to take over this summer, under mutual agreement within the department, Brancaccio's illness moved the date up to that of two weeks ago.

So far the transition has been

smooth. Sweney taught a class during January this year, and therefore has only two classes this semester. As a result of his fairly mild teaching schedule, in Sweney's words, his new position as Chairman has involved "nothing too fearsome." He went on to say that it has been a little hectic around here, but I don't see the new, administrative part of my job

becoming complicated until possibly next year."

Next year Sweney will find himself with more responsibilities. His role as Chairman of the Department presently involves handling students who come to him after other faculty members have failed to help them, usually with academic problems of a broad sense, and next year even more demands

for counselling and basic administering will arise.

Sweney seems confident that his new situation will continue as a success. He is disturbed by Professor Brancaccio's illness, but the former chairman is recovering, a great source of relief for Sweney and all of the English Department.

Sweney remains in his old office with many of his previous duties.

### Promoted to VP

## Palmer directs physical plant

by CAROL EISENBERG

H. Stanley Palmer, director of Colby's department of physical plant since 1972, has been promoted to associate vice-president for facilities and planning, effective April 1.

"I'll be able to devote more time to the new facility and dorm renovations," said Mr. Palmer, whose responsibilities will also include long term maintenance and oversight of energy conservation efforts.

Palmer believes that the proposed new facility should be an energy efficient building, but not at the expense of utility or beauty. Because the passive solar design of the Heights dor-

mitory cuts heating costs there by one third, Palmer said of the new student center, "We'd be silly not to optimize solar aspects if it faces south."

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering, Palmer was superintendant of mechanical services at M.I.T. for seven years. He was honored in 1978 by his professional peers with the Association of Physical Administrators Meritorious Service Award.

Alan Lewis, a Mainer who is currently director of physical



Stan Palmer

plant at Hamilton College, will assume Palmer's vacated position. "I'm delighted Alan is coming," said Palmer.

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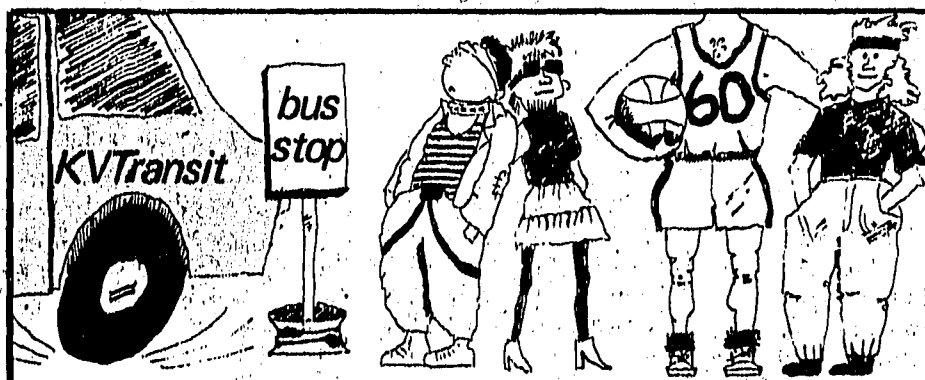
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# Freshman Grevelis promoted in Hart campaign

by CAROLYN RHODES

Freshman Ted Grevelis, acting as an office manager for the Gary Hart campaign, is finding his prestigious post to be not only stimulating and financially rewarding, but fun as well.

As a paid employee for the Hart campaign, Grevelis shares office management responsibilities with a University of Maine student, Tom Dieball. Both students arrange meetings, contact delegates (nearly 3000 of them), and recruit and supervise volunteers - although these are only a sampling of his tasks. Balancing of budgets, mailing out information, and promoting the Colorado senator are other tasks he encounters.

Grevelis is able to meet his responsibilities with the help of a rental car, which the campaign has provided, and the expenses allotted to him. Since the office in which he works is in Augusta, the

freshman is constantly on the move. His expense account compensates him not only for meals he misses at Colby, but also for the campus job he sacrificed to join the Hart campaign.

Majoring in Government and Russian, Grevelis is naturally curious about politics, but it was not until he tore a hamstring that he hit the campaign trail. The injury sustained to his leg prevented him from running track this spring, giving him unanticipated free time. Grevelis used this time to take the position, which before his injury would have been too time consuming.

Although he had followed Hart, he had not been politically active until he learned about the Colorado senator at the Colby Democrat night. Liking what he heard, he read up on Hart, and attended the Colby with Hart evening, becoming even more enthused.

Grevelis began to work with the caucus in Augusta by going from door to door, promoting Gary Hart and swaying the minds of the undecided. John Leopold, a Colby graduate and attorney from Colorado who is currently a national figure with Hart's campaign met Grevelis and encouraged him to continue his work. With the help of Leopold, he took the position of office manager, one of a limited number of paying jobs in the state campaign.

Although this position is quite demanding, as Grevelis has to work in the Augusta office and keep up with current affairs within the race, he has found adequate time to devote to both the campaign and his classes. Not only has he been forced to budget his time and develop organizational skills, but Grevelis has discovered the advantages it presents to an underclassman. "As

a freshman, it allows me to get involved in a field and a chance to decide if that's what I want to do," he said. "I am interested in my school work and I like this too. I just get paid for it."

This summer, Grevelis will be living at his home in Massachusetts, since much of the cam-



Echo photo by Tina Zabiskie

Hart campaigner Ted Grevelis

paign work in Maine will be wrapped up with the state convention, scheduled for the first week of May, and there will not be much for Grevelis to do here. However if he is needed he will be ready to help. There is also the possibility that he may assume a post in Washington D.C., although the financial rewards might not be enough. "Experience is great but it doesn't pay for college," he explained.

In any case, he will continue his political work by working for his congressman, Nick Mauroula. "I'm learning a lot about politics. It is like something I want to learn here but it's a different type of learning - it's terrific!"

## •Politics

explained that most of the students have just turned the ripe age of 18 and have not become motivated to actually register. As elections draw closer he anticipates that the numbers of registered voters at Colby will increase substantially.

As for declaring a party, about 40 percent of the students here declare themselves as Independent. Once again, Mackenzie stressed that this is common among college students and young adults in general.

Many of the students hesitated when asked questions about the identity of heads of cabinets and of states such as, "Do you know who the secretary of state is?" Some admitted that they did not know. Others said "I know that, wait! I know that it's, ah, ah can you come back to that?" Still others incorrectly guessed that it was Al Haig. Roughly 40 percent correctly named George Schultz.

Of course every one knows who the vice presi-

dent is- right? Wrong. Nearly 80 percent were accurate in naming George Bush as the current vice president. Of those who were incorrect, 14 percent thought that it is Walter Mondale. The remainder did not know at all.

While Mackenzie concluded that the results of this survey were fairly "normal" he did mention that the question involving the vice president was unusual. He suggested that well over 90 percent of the students should know who the vice president is. On the other hand, he was mildly impressed to find that nearly 40 percent were able to name Amin Gamayel as the president of Lebanon.

Mackenzie summed up his brief comments on this survey by saying that Colby is indeed a typical college and that everything is normal, as it should be at college. He explained that although students at the college level are better educated than the average American, they simply have not reached their level of political maturity.

Extracurricular activities and classes tend to keep the student engaged in things other than politics. It becomes difficult to find time to keep abreast of all the latest developments in the United States and abroad. Because students tend not to have "community ties" they may be less active politically. He also noted, that this generation is not colored with the intensity of a single issue, as was the case in the 1960's. It was then, for instance, that Viet Nam splashed across the nation, generating widespread appeal and inviting direct involvement on the part of students.

There are students who are politically active and, therefore, aware. Young Republicans, The Colby Democrats, and The Libertarians all seem more involved in national issues and as November draws near, it seems likely that more students will develop a sense of what is happening outside of Colby. In the meantime, however, Colby students are no more or less naive about the world than those at any other college.

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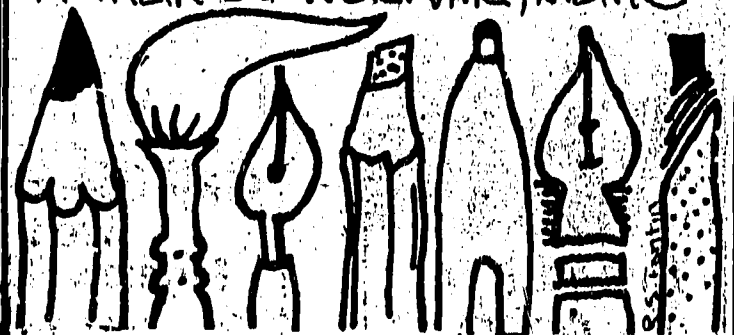
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## •Governance

"checks and balances" which RCAB complained about at their meeting two weeks ago. Governance committee member Sam Staley proposed Monday night that a procedure for impeachment be included whereby the Stu-J chief justice would hear any case brought by at least 20 percent of the governors.

Although they approved the governance proposal, some RCAB members were still not satisfied with the offices of president and vice-president. They felt that there was as little change in the proposal they rejected at a prior meeting.

Some RCAB members still think there will be too much power given to the president and vice-president. The impeachment process should lessen this problem, however.

The document they have been working on was drafted by current Stu-A president Rob Fast,

former trustee commission member Doug Terp, and Staley.

The constitution calls for three levels of government. The first consists of the positions of president, vice-president, and financial, social, and cultural chairmen.

The second level consists of a board of governors which will be the main legislative unit. There will be 34 governors — eight elected from each common with two off-campus governors as well. Each dorm will elect at least one governor and other "at large" governors will be elected from the commons where necessary to even out representation in commons where there are very large or not enough dorms.

Finally, dorms and commons will be free to institute their own government organization which would in all cases include a commons council consisting of the governors of that dorm, others elected from the com-

mon, and an elected president. Each common council would then appoint its own finance, social and cultural chairmen.

Dorms may also organize their own independent governments, although they would probably not need a dorm president, said governance co-chair Cici Bevin.

Bevin, who drew up the accompanying diagram of the proposed student government structure, said the same basic structure of a president and vice president working with the finance, cultural and social presidents to implement the decisions of a larger legislative body operates at each of the three levels.

She further emphasized that the president and vice-president at each level, especially at the all-campus level, would not be decision-makers. They would only provide over board of governors meetings and carry out their decisions.

## Pub charges made formal

The State Bureau of Liquor Enforcement received two charges last week from its investigators against the Colby Spa which, the report alleges, served alcohol to minors on Friday, March 9.

The two specific charges are: serving alcohol to a 16-year old and allowing three minors (two

16-year-olds and one 17-year-old) to consume alcohol on the premises, according to Sgt. Richard Allen of the liquor bureau.

The case will be heard by a special judge in Augusta in a month or two, said Allen. The Spa case did not make it to yesterday's hearing but must

wait until enough cases from the area warrant meeting again.

Allen would not make a guess as to what possible penalty could be levied against the pub but did say, in general, that the younger the person alcohol is sold to, the tougher the penalty. He said the 16-year-old was "pretty young."

He concluded by saying that another visit by the investigators to the Colby pub is "probable" since it may be two months before the hearing and because so many young people were served the last time.

## 'Review' delayed again by production problems

by MIKE SHAUCK

Due to some costly printing mistakes, the premier of Colby's Northeast Undergraduate Review has been delayed for 2 more weeks. The Review, expected out in February, will still be timely; according to Steven Reed, one of its editors, "all of its articles are still current."

When the Review is available, it will be distributed to Colby Social Science Majors as well as to Northeastern Colleges and Universities, the popular Press, and some foundations and corporations. Reed noted that the

Fall 1984 issue is coming along fine, and the editors are still soliciting articles and are seeking anyone interested in working for the Review in any capacity. Because of their experience with the present printer, the Review's editors have decided to have Echo Enterprises, the Echo's typesetting business, do the Fall 1984 issue. This will provide greater control over the publishing process and will "avoid further problems, by keeping everything on campus," Reed noted.

## •Budget

expected to remain relatively constant this year which will place Colby between 15th and 20th place in what the colleges charge students. Hopefully, this new system of waiting until April to determine the next year's budget will enable the Budget Financing Committee to make a more accurate estimate of student charges as well as other expenses in the budget.

## Student Government Elections

### Job Descriptions

#### President

- Shall run as joint candidate with vice-president
- Shall preside over all meetings of the newly formed board of governors
- Will also serve as student representative to the board of trustees
- Has the responsibility to deliver all resolutions of the Board of Governors to the college administration, the faculty, the student body and the general community

#### Vice-President

- Shall preside in the absence of the president
- Shall be responsible for an appointments committee which will interview and select students for 14 college committees. Previously this has been the responsibility of the committee chairperson.
- Shall also serve as a representative to the board of trustees
- Shall also serve as chairperson of a scheduling committee to coordinate student activities as a whole.

#### Finance Chairperson

- Most important function is to prepare an annual budget for the Student Association for presentation to the board of governors.
- Shall allocate funds to clubs and organizations as authorized.
- Shall coordinate auditing procedures through a finance committee
- Shall prepare monthly reports on the financial status of the student association.

#### Social Committee Chairperson

- The social committee chairperson has the responsibility to schedule and organize those activities sponsored by the office with the aid of a social committee
- In the past the social committee has served to coordinate all campus events including winter and spring carnivals. In the future this office may also be coordinating a variety of smaller campus events
- All scheduling will be conducted in cooperation with the board of governors

#### Cultural Committee Chairperson

- Has the responsibility of scheduling and organizing those activities sponsored by the office with aid of a cultural life committee
- In the past the cultural committee has sponsored major "cultural" programs such as Alex Haley, Colette Dowling, author of THE CINDERELLA COMPLEX, and many other comedians and entertainers. In the future the cultural committee chairperson shall coordinate activities with the commons and dormitories

#### CLASS OFFICERS

Positions available for Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes:

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary

#### For more details:

There is a mandatory meeting for all interested candidates on Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Robins Room. All interested students must be there and get involved in a new, exciting student government at Colby.



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**Announcements**

**DINNER SEMINAR - "Women's Reality in a Man's World."**  
A dinner seminar with Edith Cheltman, Ph.D. March 29, 6:30 p.m., Killarney's Restaurant, Holiday Inn, Main St., Waterville. \$9.00, discount for members.

**READING - English Lecturer Linda Tatelbaum** will read her own prose and poetry, Mon., April 2 at 7 p.m. in the Mary Low Lounge.

**SLIDE LECTURE - by Assoc. Prof. of Religion Thomas Longstaff**, on Masades. In coordination with "Remembrance of the Holocaust." Monday, April 2 at 8 p.m., in the Mary Low Lounge.

**LECTURE - "From 'Missing Persons' to 'Onlys,'" by Arthur Madrid**, former director of "The Fund for Improving Post-Secondary Education," U.S. Dept. of Education. April 2, 8 p.m. in the Smith-Robins Room of Roberts Union.

**LECTURE - by Laurel Ulrich**, Professor of History, at University of New Hampshire and author of "Goodwives." April 4, 8 p.m. in the Smith-Robins Room of Roberts Union.

**GERMAN CLUB** tray dinner—organizational meeting. All interested, please attend. Roberts Loft, Thurs., March 29, 5:00 pm.

**Classifieds**

Deb-  
Thanks for arranging a great time! We love you.  
The "Tee-totalers"

Nort-  
Dance much? Beware - you're "going down!"

Dana, Robin, Hubs, Alicia,  
Pic-A-Spic Nite? If you can't do that, why not our house.

Dana-  
How about a day of surfing?

Alicia-  
Seen any "one-eyed..." lately?

Commander Salamander:  
What Happened to your face?! ...Those Bahama rays will do it every time... JP

Happy Birthday B.T.!!

Berthie,  
Happy Birthday!

Sissy, Alas you can concentrate on your choice classes: mechanics perhaps? LaLa

Couchie:  
You finally hit the big 20... You have now entered the stages of true womanhood and legal intoxication. Happy Birthday a little late! Ivan

KSR,  
Is it possible to plan a rendez-vous a la Bastille, or maybe at the Frontinac? Please contact me if it is at all possible. Thank for making me a part of your family during break. RLB

Holbrook IV:  
Many thanks for an "unexpected" stay - we must go back and perfect the art of winetasting! "Say, what happened to your shoulder?" T

LOOSA + KGB-  
Oh, life in the fast lane at Paddy Murphy's! Thanks for a "reelly" awesome road trip - Let's do it again. Beana

Hey wild 700 acre islanders:  
A vacation on fantasy island for a week, and fourth floor will never be the same. Despite your regretful return to Colby - I'm glad you're all back - Just in time for another gnoochi dinner... Babs

Hey Paul -  
Glad you came back all in one piece...third degree burns is better than I expected! I'm sure by now you've read up on the bell system...(just a little jab) - Seriously - 1-4-3, very much.  
your favorite chicken

Paul:  
Long live conspicuous consumption!

Rob L., Allen L., Paul H., Karen L., Brigs,  
Sara H., Kathy G., Donna B.,  
...so far she's holding her own. Love, Beck

Lee,  
Hope you had a fun spring break. Only another couple of months left - Enjoy!

Prof:  
Don't worry about Mr. Smith - he's not worth the aggravation. L.A.

\$25 REWARD - For information leading to the safe recovery of a Pioneer SK-350 Cassette player/radio taken from Mudd Monday night, March 12. Bill Kules Box 866

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Sherry Darlin-  
No diamonds this year. Maybe next. Happy Birthday. Doc

Kathy-  
A classified, just for you! Good editorial, eh? Who?

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I'm going to kill myself. Could I be in Florida right now? Actually last weekend. Ahhhhhhh! If "ifs" and "buts" were candies and nuts, then everyday would be Christmas. I miss you Beeta.

A934,  
It's good to plan ahead. Friends are friends. Pals are pals. But buddies sleep together. I'm glad we're buddies! Love, 7610

Linda & M.J.,  
Wasn't Japland great? I enjoyed our EPCOT lunch. Wasn't the American 360 great? zzzzzzzz. Any recent floaters you haven't told me about? Fess up! Signed, Slashwoman

Dara,  
The dinner was great! How many bottles of wine? The galleries were mahvelous! Oh, and how was the Met? It was a lot of fun. Love, Lucy

Mom & Dad,  
I had a fantastic time! Thanks for everything. Love, p.p

Best Wishes to the 10 marvelous Colby students who dominated other collegiates at the beer drinking contest in Bermuda! We're so very proud of you.

Much Love,  
Dean of Students Office

Hey, Yo! Kathy C.! Yeah, you, editor! Not a bad week, eh? But oh how I miss those nights... food makes up for it, though. Well, almost. Sigh...

Betsy & Stills,  
Be vewy vewy quiet. We're hunting wabbits. Elmer Stud.

Nermal,  
I'm passionately in love with you...must be the B\* factor. Love,  
Sadistic toothy grinned one.

Deb,  
You're amazing! Get Better! S.R.

Kil,  
Had a great time being a slug. Thanks for the brownies. Next year? The tanned Fox

Donna-lou-  
Next time, I'll let you drive sooner...tell me what size do you want the corporation let-terhead? Thanks for being you, I'm glad to see you smiling. Bops

WEN-  
Hope it was happy - sorry we couldn't have been there for no. 20. Love,  
Bowle & Stling

Chicken Hawk-  
May your next 20 years be as great as the last. We'll celebrate appropriately. Three friends who know a fellow fool when they see one.

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# Colby extracurriculars — an audition away



Adrian Lo conducts Colby's Jazz Band, Locomotion

by JOHN MOORE

The Colby Performing Arts organizations are many and varied, ranging from the chapel choir to Locomotion. There are fully nine different organizations which a student may become involved in. The number is three fewer this year due to the extinction of Baroque Recorder Ensemble, Colby Jams-tand and the Early Music group. Though these three groups are no longer active, the other performing arts groups are alive and well. With the spring season almost here the ECHO thought it appropriate to look in on the various groups and to see what each has planned.

The Colby band, under the leadership of Beverly Rice, is 30 strong in number. According to Rice, the band plans to have an exchange concert with UMO, with UMO visiting Colby on April 14 and Colby going to UMO the following day. Plans are also in the works for an alumni gathering of past band members, though no date has been set. Rice also stated that "we could always use more members." The band does have access to instruments which may be left to these new band members who have left their instrument at home. Rice said that she hoped the band would be more active next year.

The chapel choir is a small yet active group at Colby. The choir, led by Holly Harris, has just 5 members who regularly

sing at the interdenominational services. According to Harris the choir will perform a Jazz Mass and also a special performance on Easter Sunday. The choir participates in the festival of Carol and Lights services every Christmas.

The Colby Dancers perform a wide variety of dance, from ballet to modern. The Dancers, numbering 25, plan a full-length concert on April 26, 27, and 28. The group of dancers led by Tina Mitchell-Wentzel and Cindy Gemmell, attend dance classes every day. Gemmell says that the size of the group varies according to interest and skill, with tryouts being held in the fall of each year.

Locomotion is a jazz band which performs throughout the campus. Under the direction of Harry Raphael, the band plays an "Extravaganza" - a dinner-dance to take place on April 21. The band performs a wide variety of music ranging from jazz to some modern funk.

The Colbyettes are an all female group of singers. They are planning a performance with the Colby 8's and members of the 1950's alumni 8 to be held on March 31. The Colbyettes also plan to participate in the Annual College Song Fest on April 6. According to Sue Palmer tryouts for the Colbyettes will be held on Wednesday March 28 at 7:00 in Bixler. Palmer says that many positions will be available due to graduation.

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## Flashdance is lacking

by DOUG SCALISE

Flashdance is a sort of musical set in Pittsburgh about a gorgeous factory welder (Jennifer Beals) who dances at night in a working-class bar, falls in love with her handsome boss (Michael Nouri) and dreams of becoming a professional ballet dancer. It takes no great insight to see that this slight storyline is another example of the gotta-have-a-dream melodrama in the "Saturday Night Fever" and "Fame" tradition. Flashdance may be the first movie suitable to be shown in its entirety on MTV.

Directed by Adrian Lyne, the film is lacking in plausible characters, coherent storytelling and any whiff of sociological

reality. Everything becomes a "number," whether the heroine is practicing her dance steps, going to confession, lifting weights, playing the tease with her boyfriend, welding or performing at the bar. Watching these scenes, one is not moved to tears or insight, but to perform aerobic exercises.

A more traditional viewer may want certain questions answered. How did this girl become a welder? How does she afford her huge, splendid wardrobe and huge, splendid warehouse apartment? Doesn't she ever get tired? What is the significance of her Roman Catholicism? And what does flashdance mean? Naturally none of these puzzles is addressed. Particularly absurd is the

director's fantasy of a working-man's bar in Pittsburgh, which features a whole stable of classy chorus girls performing new wave dance acts.

However, Flashdance has been a success at the box office and the sound track has sold millions of copies so there must be an audience for this movie.

On Wednesday April 4 Stu-A films is featuring the epic Japanese film "The 7 Samurai." The film features spectacular battles and an absorbing plot. The American take-off of this film ("The Magnificent 7") is probably familiar to some people. "The 7 Samurai" is far superior to the American version and it is a film not to be missed.

## Arts

### Marsden Hartley artwork donated to Colby Museum

"Brilliant Autumn Landscape Number 28", a work by Marsden Hartley, a Maine artist known for his "forceful style", has been donated to the Colby College Museum of Art. The oil on canvas is the gift of C. David O'Brien, a 1958 graduate and resident of Yarmouth, Maine.

Hartley traveled to many places to study art, but returned to Maine, where he developed his current style by taking common experiences and raising them to a "spiritual level," a method one critic called his "native naturalism."

As an artist, he was concerned with dealing with "great con-

cepts" of life in general, which inspired his direct style said to be "raw with energy." The gift from O'Brien is a landscape of

brightly colored trees overshadowing a rocky stream and

is representative of Hartley's style.

## Arts Notes

FILM: "Lacombe/Lucien" in conjunction with class-Lovejoy 100, Thurs, March 29; 4:00 pm.

POETRY READING with Susan Kenney, associate professor of English, Colby- in conjunction with Feminist Fortnight- Robinson Room, Miller Library, Thurs, March 29; 7:00 pm.

FILM: "Point of Order"- in conjunction with class-Lovejoy 215, Thurs, March 29, 7:00 pm.

FILM: "Zero de Conduit"- in conjunction with class-Lovejoy 213, Thurs, March 29, 7:30 pm., Fri., March 30, 1:30 pm.

FILM: "Brother Sun/ Sister Moon"-discussion to follow the film- sponsored by the Newman Council- A.V. Projection Room, Miller Library, Thurs, March 29, 7:30 pm.

LECTURE- in conjunction with Museum exhibition: "Horrid Visages: The Theater of Violent Protest On The Maine Frontier" with Alan Taylor, Colby '77, graduate program, department of history, Brandeis University- Bixler 106A, Thurs, March 29; 7:30 pm.

STU-A FILM: "Flashdance"- Lovejoy 100, Fri. March 30, Sat., March 31, 7 & 9:30 pm.

FILM: "That Obscure Object of Desire"- Lovejoy 100 Sat. March 31; 1:00 pm

CONCERT with the Colbyettes and Colby 8 and alumni of those groups- Heights Community Room, Sat. March 31; 8:00 pm.

FILM: "Not a Love Story"- in conjunction with the Women's Film Festival- Lovejoy 100, Sun, April 1, 1:00 pm.

CONCERT with Gesa Gordon, violinist- Given Auditorium, Sun. April 1; 3:00 pm.

SLIDE/LECTURE: "Japanese Art and The Bomb Experience" with John Dower, professor of history, University of Wisconsin, Madison- Given Auditorium, Wed. April 4, 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

FILM: "Mid Summer's Night Sex Comedy"- Thurs, March 29; 7 & 9:30 pm.

SCOTT PERRY, Blues Guitarist- Fri. March 30, 7 & 9:30 pm.

## A THOUGHT IN SPRINGTIME

When I watch the snow melt away from rocks,  
the rivulets growing and following paths  
to the earth I can only see in the water's passing,  
when I smell the moistening earth and the wet, decaying leaves,  
the snow-melt pungent and full of minerals,  
I imagine an enormous moose pissing enormously,  
the stream flowing in the air, cascading brightly  
over the earth. It is an enormous moose! simply pissing  
enormously, unhurriedly. The noise is thunderous  
in its continuity - I mean the moose is pissing for a long time  
and this is something! It pisses with a purpose,  
substantial, and benevolent, (a river  
of bright fragrant waters) and this is something to praise.

by Scott Springer

## Women's hockey gives awards

The Colby Women's Ice Hockey Team finished the 1983-84 season with a 10-8

record. Although they qualified for a tournament berth, they

were unable to participate due to Ivy League restrictions. These restrictions prohibited the

Ivy League teams from post-season play.

At the break-up banquet the following women were recognized for their outstanding contributions: Alicia Curtin was chosen most valuable player; Amy Scott, most improved player; Jen Rubin, Captains' Cup recipient; and Anne

Boatright, captain for the 1984-85 season.

Special congratulations went to Alicia Curtin, who was selected to play in the Division One All-Star Game on March 17th at Harvard Stadium. She was named the most valuable player of the game.

# Sports

## Commentary

## Watch for exciting lax

by DANA HANLEY

Lacrosse is not, nor has it ever been, a game for the faint of heart. It's a game played at the outer limits of emotional intensity. A game fraught with pathos, intrigue, and scintillating derring-do.

Colby Lax exemplifies this long held belief. And nowhere was it more evident than in the valiant effort 25 men from Mayflower Hill put forth during the Sun Coast Tournament in Tampa, Florida. For our boys in blue and white, "Spring Break" was an introduction to the grueling regimen of lax games, practices, and grappling.

During the tournament, Colby showed constant improvement: losing hard-fought battles to Georgia Tech 14 to 11 and Wesleyan 14 to 10; but then playing Amherst, undeniably the best team in the tourney, to a heartbreaking 11 to 7 loss. In their final game, the Mules, with their "never say die" attitude put it all together and gave U of Hartford a good old Yankee thrashing 21 to 3.

As Coach Ewell would later comment "I see the trip as a very successful one... our attack was strong and relentless with Gus Wilmerding, George "Goose" Brownell, and Peter Newman tossing in most of the points." Also assisting Ewell this season with the coaching chores will be Mark Serdjenian and Roy Hirschland. This year's co-captains are Peter Newman and John Lyons - two men who are capable of inspiring the lax team to great heights. Also invaluable to the team was morale coach Tan Parady and his unsung bench heroics while in Tampa.

Although last season's record was a disappointing 2-9, this year's White Mules sport a large array of returning lettermen and are as "strong as ever" in every position. The road to a winning season starts this Saturday with the Mules first regular season game against 7th ranked Merrimack. The first home game (conditions permitting) will be against Bowdoin on April 4th. Mark these dates on your calendars so you'll be sure not to miss one of the few grand old

traditions which still remains at Colby College.

For all you Lax enthusiasts, remember: A crease violation is not a 30 second penalty or a free clear, rather it is a change of possession.

## Medical Center sponsors road races

The Mid-Maine Medical Center and the Central Maine Striders Running Club will host a combined 1-Mile Fun Run and 10-Kilometer Road Race at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31st, from MMC's Seton Unit in Waterville.

In recognition of National Nutrition Month, the event is called "The Strides of March... Just for the Health of It" and all proceeds from the runs will be donated in support of the Muskie Center's nutrition programs.

The 1-Mile Fun Run is targeted for children of all ages as well as those who have never run a road race before and

## Baseball: O-for-Florida

by BOB AUBE

The Colby baseball team was unable to pick up a win during its annual Spring Break excursion to Florida, but coach Wally Covell is not disappointed with his team's performance. He believes the Mules gained valuable experience that will come in handy when their northern schedule begins tomorrow at Salem State.

According to Covell, none of the remaining teams on Colby's schedule are as talented as the two squads they faced down south - Central Florida and St. Xavier.

In their first game of the trip, the Mules dropped a 3-2 decision to UCF, a Division II club. The other eight Colby losses were all to last year's NAIA runner-up, St. Xavier. Those setbacks were expected since the Saints beat every Big-Ten team at least once last year and have a strong baseball program.

Every man on the roster got to see some action in Florida with the exception of freshman

pitcher Keith O'Leary, who has an elbow injury. Covell was impressed by the team's hitting during the trip, led by freshman DH Dave Dugan.

But what he liked most was the defensive improvement over the nine-game span, which he sees as one of the keys to a good season. He also noted the fact that the pitchers were able to get the ball over the plate consistently, averaging only about two walks a game.

Leading the mound corps for this year's Mules team are three senior veterans: Harry Raphael, the team's ace, who was 5-2 last season with a 2.95 ERA and 3 shutouts; Roy Dow, who was 4-3 with a 4.88 ERA in '83; and Bill Collins, the stopper out of the bullpen, who was 3-1 with a 1.77 ERA. Also figuring to see a lot of action are junior letterman Jim Gill (2.35 ERA in '83) and sophomore Denis Foley. Rounding out the staff are freshman hurlers Vin Emery, Paul Johnston, and O'Leary.

Ben Lowry, last year's

leading hitter (.435), anchors the infield at third base. The other infield starters are: SS - Matt Nickerson; 2B - John Collins; 1B - Doug Calandrella. Joe Valle returns to centerfield, flanked by Ernie Sander in left and Don Cronin (.324) in right. Joey Marcoux starts behind the plate.

The remainder of the squad is: Catcher - Tom Boyd; Infielders - Stuart Babb, Darin Jewell, John LaVerriere, and Doug Scalise; Outfielders - Dave Dugan and Jim Kaufman. Dugan will be a designated hitter as well.

Colby enjoyed a very successful campaign in 1983, which saw them finish at 16-13. They were ranked fourth in New England Division III, and defeated Westfield State in the ECAC playoffs before being ousted by Wesleyan. And with a veteran pitching staff and solid hitting, the White Mules figure to make a strong run at their sixth consecutive CBB crown.

## Battle in Seattle: NCAA Final Four

by TIM BONANG

And then there were four... Saturday afternoon in that thriving Pacific Northwestern megalopolis that is Seattle, Washington, the NCAA Final Four begins. For those of you who stayed home for spring break (in such hotspots as Lunenburg, MA and Caribou ME) this is the continuation of a process that has systematically eliminated the 49 other teams that were around when the tournament began on March 13th. For those of you who weren't so fortunate - to spend your vacation listening to Brent Musberger (does he really ever come up with an original comment) you missed a lot. Even Brent-baby couldn't take away from the excitement of the first 5 rounds. Among the high points (or low) of the tournament thus far:

—Any game the Dayton Flyers played, which added up to four. This is because the best unknown player ever (EVER!) is the star of Dayton. Roosevelt Chapman (All-name team) came and led a totally inferior team on an upset walk to the Western Regional Finals. The 6'4" Senior from Brooklyn stayed inside

and went around, over, and under the frontlines of LSU, OKLAHOMA, and WASHINGTON. LSU watched him score 29 points and Wayman Tisdale played second-fiddle as Chapman bettered him 41 points to 36, in a 89-85 upset of Oklahoma. Chapman, who parlayed quick, acrobatic moves into points, is easily a shoo-in for the all-tournament team. Bobby Knight should take a good look at him for the Olympics because Chapman is a complete player who does many things very well.

—North Carolina loses. Yes, shed a tear for Sam Perkins. The Tarheels, top-seeded, bit the dust at the hands of Indiana, a young team with the best coach. Michael Jordan and Sam can get an early start on the Olympics. (See ya Matt Doherty).

—While you're shedding some tears drop a few for the "Coach," Ray Meyer. Not everyone can go out like Al McGuire, but you have to feel sorry for Ray. 43 years of coaching is certainly formidable, and no one has made more of a contribution to the game. Anybody who can take the selfish bunch he's had in the last few years and turn them into something remotely resembling a team, definitely has a talent. His players hand-

ed the game away against Wake Forest making three incredibly costly turnovers, the Deacon "backcourtman" Delaney Rudd turned into hoops.

Now to the Four:

—Houston. Have a "faze job" and here's Phi Slamma Jammin' to you. The Cougars are without question athletically the best team in the tournament. But there is definitely a lack of brains here folks (especially the coach, Guy Lewis). Houston beat Louisiana Tech, Memphis St. and Wake Forest to get to Seattle, (no cakewalk) but the Cougars have been playing well only when they have to, which won't be enough to win the tournament. Akeem "The Dream" Olajuwon is the Nigerian juggernaut in the middle (198 blocked shots this year). If he doesn't foul - look out. Rounding out Houston's arsenal are guard Alvin Franklin (6-2 and quick); frosh forward Ricky Winslow, Michael Young and slow, big, white guard Reid Gettys. All of them, except Gettys, are threats to break some backboards. If they keep the ball inside, Virginia is in trouble. But if the frontline

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## Commentary

## Reaganomics can work

by ANDRES RUDMAN  
and BRUCE DALBECK

A few years ago, the President faced an economic crisis. Budget deficits were increasing at an alarming rate, and the economy was sluggish, due in part to overtaxed therefore uncompetitive industry. To counter this trend, the President proposed a large tax cut to encourage economic growth, thereby creating jobs. Although this program sounds familiar, the president described is not Ronald Reagan but instead one of the most beloved presidents, John F. Kennedy.

Kennedy's program increased employment and lowered inflation to its absolute minimum of three percent. Yet President Reagan's attempt to halt a similar trend has met with Democratic protest. An examination of the results should have quieted the opponents but it has not. Do they really know what Reaganomics has done?

Reaganomics has reduced inflation to its lowest level in the past 15 years, an estimated five percent for this year. This has increased the worth of the average American family's income by \$2500 compared to the worth under the Carter/Mondale administration. Secondly, the cost of a Colby education would be roughly one-third more than it is now, or almost \$16,000. Economic growth has begun to have a positive effect and unemployment stands at only a couple of percentage points above what most economists consider natural. Furthermore, there are indications that conditions will improve over the next year with unemployment projected to fall to 7.6 percent by the fourth quarter of this year.

Granted, Reaganomics has not been without flaws, but overall it has resulted in major improvements in the U.S. economy. Reaganomics is and will continue working if the American public gives it the chance.

## Commentary

## Why was the press so mad?

by BOB MACDONALD

For the life of me I cannot understand the mass hysteria caused by the exclusion of the press during the Grenadian invasion. Anthony Lewis wonders (in big headlines) "what was he hiding," he meaning Reagan. Unlike past liberal writers I will leave the facts for you to decide upon.

Day One - No press admitted: total priority given to military operations;

Day Two - A group of reporters admitted under military protection; fighting was still occurring during days two and three;

Day Three - Four or five reporters admitted under military protection;

Day Six - Reporters could go anywhere/no military protection.

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## Women's hockey gives awards

The Colby Women's Ice Hockey Team finished the 1983-84 season with a 10-8

record. Although they qualified for a tournament berth, they

were unable to participate due to Ivy League restrictions. These restrictions prohibited the

Ivy League teams from post-season play.

At the break-up banquet the following women were recognized for their outstanding contributions: Alicia Curtin was chosen most valuable player; Amy Scott, most improved player; Jen Rubin, Captains' Cup recipient; and Anne

Boatright, captain for the 1984-85 season.

Special congratulations went to Alicia Curtin, who was selected to play in the Division One All-Star Game on March 17th at Harvard Stadium. She was named the most valuable player of the game.

# Sports

## Commentary

## Watch for exciting lax

by DANA HANLEY

Lacrosse is not, nor has it ever been, a game for the faint of heart. It's a game played at the outer limits of emotional intensity. A game fraught with pathos, intrigue, and scintillating derring-do.

Colby Lax exemplifies this long held belief. And nowhere was it more evident than in the valiant effort 25 men from Mayflower Hill put forth during the Sun Coast Tournament in Tampa, Florida. For our boys in blue and white, "Spring Break" was an introduction to the grueling regimen of lax games, practices, and grappling.

During the tournament, Colby showed constant improvement: losing hard-fought battles to Georgia Tech 14 to 11 and Wesleyan 14 to 10; but then playing Amherst, undeniably the best team in the tourney, to a heartbreaking 11 to 7 loss. In their final game, the Mules, with their "never say die" attitude put it all together and gave U of Hartford a good old Yankee thrashing 21 to 3.

As Coach Ewell would later comment "I see the trip as a very successful one... our attack was strong and relentless with Gus Wilmerding, George "Goose" Brownell, and Peter Newman tossing in most of the points." Also assisting Ewell this season with the coaching chores will be Mark Serdjenian and Roy Hirschland. This year's co-captains are Peter Newman and John Lyons - two men who are capable of inspiring the lax team to great heights. Also invaluable to the team was morale coach Tan Parady and his unsung bench heroics while in Tampa.

Although last season's record was a disappointing 2-9, this year's White Mules sport a large array of returning lettermen and are as "strong as ever" in every position. The road to a winning season starts this Saturday with the Mules first regular season game against 7th ranked Merrimack. The first home game (conditions permitting) will be against Bowdoin on April 4th. Mark these dates on your calendars so you'll be sure not to miss one of the few grand old

traditions which still remains at Colby College.

For all you Lax enthusiasts, remember: A crease violation is not a 30 second penalty or a free clear, rather it is a change of possession.

## Baseball: O-for-Florida

by BOB AUBE

The Colby baseball team was unable to pick up a win during its annual Spring Break excursion to Florida, but coach Wally Covell is not disappointed with his team's performance. He believes the Mules gained valuable experience that will come in handy when their northern schedule begins tomorrow at Salem State.

According to Covell, none of the remaining teams on Colby's schedule are as talented as the two squads they faced down south - Central Florida and St. Xavier.

In their first game of the trip, the Mules dropped a 3-2 decision to UCF, a Division II club. The other eight Colby losses were all to last year's NAIA runner-up, St. Xavier. Those setbacks were expected since the Saints beat every Big-Ten team at least once last year and have a strong baseball program.

Every man on the roster got to see some action in Florida with the exception of freshman

pitcher Keith O'Leary, who has an elbow injury. Covell was impressed by the team's hitting during the trip, led by freshman DH Dave Dugan.

But what he liked most was the defensive improvement over the nine-game span, which he sees as one of the keys to a good season. He also noted the fact that the pitchers were able to get the ball over the plate consistently, averaging only about two walks a game.

Leading the mound corps for this year's Mules team are three senior veterans: Harry Raphael, the team's ace, who was 5-2 last season with a 2.95 ERA and 3 shutouts; Roy Dow, who was 4-3 with a 4.88 ERA in '83; and Bill Collins, the stopper out of the bullpen, who was 3-1 with a 1.77 ERA. Also figuring to see a lot of action are junior letterman Jim Gill (2.35 ERA in '83) and sophomore Denis Foley. Rounding out the staff are freshman hurlers Vin Emery, Paul Johnston, and O'Leary.

Ben Lowry, last year's

leading hitter (.435), anchors the infield at third base. The other infield starters are: SS - Matt Nickerson; 2B - John Collins; 1B - Doug Calandrella. Joe Valle returns to centerfield, flanked by Ernie Sander in left and Don Cronin (.324) in right. Joey Marcoux starts behind the plate.

The remainder of the squad is: Catcher - Tom Boyd; Infielders - Stuart Babb, Darin Jewell, John LaVerriere, and Doug Scalise; Outfielders - Dave Dugan and Jim Kaufman. Dugan will be a designated hitter as well.

Colby enjoyed a very successful campaign in 1983, which saw them finish at 16-13. They were ranked fourth in New England Division III, and defeated Westfield State in the ECAC playoffs before being ousted by Wesleyan. And with a veteran pitching staff and solid hitting, the White Mules figure to make a strong run at their sixth consecutive CBB crown.

## Medical Center sponsors roadraces

The Mid-Maine Medical Center and the Central Maine Striders Running Club will host a combined 1-Mile Fun Run and 10-Kilometer Road Race at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31st, from MMC's Seton Unit in Waterville.

In recognition of National Nutrition Month, the event is called "The Strides of March...Just for the Health of It" and all proceeds from the runs will be donated in support of the Muskie Center's nutrition programs.

The 1-Mile Fun Run is targeted for children of all ages as well as those who have never run a road race before and

would like to try. The Fun Run will begin at 10 a.m. and the 10-K will follow immediately after.

Awards in the Fun Run will go to top male and female finishers, as well as the first MMC employee. All Fun Run competitors will receive a certificate of completion.

The 10-K will offer awards to the top male and female finishers in the open competition as well as the following age divisions: 19 and under; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50 and over; and first MMC employee.

An "interesting, challenging course" is how the race sponsors describe the wheel-

measured 10-K route which runs as follows: starts at Seton Unit on Chase Avenue; proceeds down Lincoln Street and turns up Washington Street to Second Rangeway; passes by Colby College's Johnson Pond and goes out Armstrong Road

to Marston Road; runs Marston and turns up the County Road to North Street, swinging sharply to come up steep, testing Colby Hill; continues by the Colby College campus on Mayflower Hill Drive; crosses Mt. Merici Avenue and Mt. Merici School Drive, returning to Chase Avenue and the Seton Unit.

Runners will receive split

times at the 1-mile and 3.1-mile points on the course. Water stations will be posted on the route. There are no shower or changing areas but rest rooms are available. Free refreshments for the runners will be provided after both runs.

Entry fees are \$1 for the Fun Run and \$3 for the 10-K. Race applications are available at Waterville area sporting goods stores and from the Corporate Communications Department, 7th Floor, Seton Unit. Registration may also be made from 9 to 10 a.m. the day of the runs.

For more information contact Sam Mitchell, Patient Representative, MMC at 873-0621, ext. 107.

## Battle in Seattle: NCAA Final Four

by TIM BONANGI

And then there were four... Saturday afternoon in that thriving Pacific Northwestern megalopolis that is Seattle, Washington, the NCAA Final Four begins. For those of you who stayed home for spring break (in such hotspots as Lunenburg, MA and Caribou ME) this is the continuation of a process that has systematically eliminated the 49 other teams that were around when the tournament began on March 13th. For those of you who weren't so fortunate - to spend your vacation listening to Brent Musberger (does he really ever come up with an original comment) you missed a lot. Even Brent-baby couldn't take away from the excitement of the first 5 rounds. Among the high points (or low) of the tournament thus far:

—Any game the Dayton Flyers played, which added up to four. This is because the best unknown player ever (EVER!) is the star of Dayton. Roosevelt Chapman (All-name team) came and led a totally inferior team on an upset walk to the Western Regional Finals. The 6'4" Senior from Brooklyn stayed inside

and went around, over, and under the frontlines of LSU, OKLAHOMA, and WASHINGTON. LSU watched him score 29 points and Wayman Tisdale played second-fiddle as Chapman bettered him 41 points to 36, in a 89-85 upset of Oklahoma. Chapman, who parlayed quick, acrobatic moves into points, is easily a shoo-in for the all-tournament team. Bobby Knight should take a good look at him for the Olympics because Chapman is a complete player who does many things very well.

—North Carolina loses. Yes, shed a tear for Sam Perkins. The Tarheels, top-seeded, bit the dust at the hands of Indiana, a young team with the best coach, Michael Jordan and Sam can get an early start on the Olympics. (See ya Matt Doherty).

—While you're shedding some tears drop a few for the "Coach," Ray Meyer. Not everyone can go out like Al McGuire, but you have to feel sorry for Ray. 43 years of coaching is certainly formidable, and no one has made more of a contribution to the game. Anybody who can take the selfish bunch he's had in the last few years and turn them into something remotely resembling a team, definitely has a talent. His players hand-

ed the game away against Wake Forest making three incredibly costly turnovers, the Deacon "backcourtman" Delaney Rudd turned into hoops.

Now to the Four:

—Houston. Have a "faze jho!" and here's Phi Slamma Jammin' to you. The Cougars are without question athletically the best team in the tournament. But there is definitely a lack of brains here folks (especially the coach, Guy Lewis). Houston beat Louisiana Tech, Memphis St. and Wake Forest to get to Seattle, (no cakewalk) but the Cougars have been playing well only when they have to, which won't be enough to win the tournament. Akeem "The Dream" Olajuwon is the Nigerian juggernaut in the middle (198 blocked shots this year). If he doesn't foul - look out. Rounding out Houston's arsenal are guard Alvin Franklin (6-2 and quick); frosh forward Ricky Winslow, Michael Young and slow, big, white guard Reid Gettys. All of them, except Gettys, are threats to break some backboards. If they keep the ball inside, Virginia is in trouble. But if the frontline

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## Commentary

# Reaganomics can work

by ANDRES RUDMAN  
and BRUCE DALBECK

A few years ago, the President faced an economic crisis. Budget deficits were increasing at an alarming rate, and the economy was sluggish, due in part to overtaxed therefore uncompetitive industry. To counter this trend, the President proposed a large tax cut to encourage economic growth, thereby creating jobs. Although this program sounds familiar, the president described is not Ronald Reagan but instead one of the most beloved presidents, John F. Kennedy.

Kennedy's program increased employment and lowered inflation to its absolute minimum of three percent. Yet President Reagan's attempt to halt a similar trend has met with Democratic protest. An examination of the results should have quieted the opponents but it has not. Do they really know what Reaganomics has done?

Reaganomics has reduced inflation to its lowest level in the past 15 years, an estimated five percent for this year. This has increased the worth of the average American family's income by \$2500 compared to the worth under the Carter/Mondale administration. Secondly, the cost of a Colby education would be roughly one-third more than it is now, or almost \$16,000. Economic growth has begun to have a positive effect and unemployment stands at only a couple of percentage points above what most economists consider natural. Furthermore, there are indications that conditions will improve over the next year with unemployment projected to fall to 7.6 percent by the fourth quarter of this year.

Granted, Reaganomics has not been without flaws, but overall it has resulted in major improvements in the U.S. economy. Reaganomics is and will continue working if the American public gives it the chance.

## Commentary

# Why was the press so mad?

by BOB MACDONALD

For the life of me I cannot understand the mass hysteria caused by the exclusion of the press during the Grenadian invasion. Anthony Lewis wonders (in big headlines) "what was he hiding," he meaning Reagan. Unlike past liberal writers I will leave the facts for you to decide upon.

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## In Perspective

## Are Colby students willing to govern themselves?

by MICHAEL HEEL

Colby students hear year after year that trite expression "Get involved." It seemed so "high-schoolish" to me to hear it at first, yet doing so has greatly enhanced my time at Colby. I, and others, nag everyone to take part, and in reference to the proposed Commons System, this has especially been the case. Student decision-making opportunities are at a peak- more than 100 students presently participate in the RCAB-subcommittee system. Yet, I do not see any real change in attitudes among Colby students, and that bothers me. I begin to wonder if the campus democracy that I have been screaming for is really the true remedy for Colby.

The students involved in the RCAB system all seem very interested in their work- this is positive. Yet, when closely observing which students these are, one soon discovers that the bulk of them have had or do have other responsibilities already. Many are athletes, dorm-staff members, and student leaders from other organizations. The doors were opened, but few new people chose to enter.

Yet, the chatter still exists. Students still want changes. In the past year I have written what many have called "negative

columns," criticisms which are a compilation of remarks made to me by my fellow students. When I choose to write on a certain issue, what I write depends greatly upon student opinion- I want to write in a representative manner. When students want change, I write about that change. What is needed is not more talk- we have plenty of that. Colby needs more, yes, you heard it right, more people to care, more people to work.

To criticize the present system would imply criticism of the students taking part in that system. To the contrary, those 160 or so students on RCAB subcommittees are pulling more than their own weight, and we need others to do the same.

Next year, more student leadership opportunities will be offered than ever before. So what's my worry? I'm afraid that we might not fill all these positions- I'm afraid the campus will not be able to find enough qualified people to fill these spots, and do their work well. Most importantly, I'm worried that there just aren't enough students on this campus who give a damn.

It's obvious that many do care here- it's just that they're content with everything the way it is. Well, fine. If you are happy, then do something to keep yourself happy. Don't rely on me or others to keep you happy. Some have told me "Write about this," and I have... it would be better if we had more people

writing themselves.

Dorm staff members have the worst job in my opinion, as they must always keep the peace, and manage social life too; they must be strict with the noisy neighbors, but lenient with you. This all comes back to the same situation- students should "do" not "say what to do." If you want quiet, you can do what every R.A. does- ask the noisy person to quiet down. If you want social life, take some initiative in planning a function yourself.

So I sound like a parent? A professor? Perhaps an administrator? Perhaps. It seems to me, however, that our peers, those who devote much time to make this school a more liveable, enjoyable place, automatically put themselves in a position of criticism- they do something which can be criticized. Well, it is time to turn the tables.

I'm not breaking any new ground. Nevertheless, I want every person to ask himself/herself, "What do I contribute here?" Are you an athlete, an actor or an actress, a club member? Are you anything? Do you help others when needed, or initiate activities? Do you do anything? Do you at least vote? If the answer is "no" to all these questions, then "what good are you?"

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social, or economic rights. (Two-thirds of the population of El Salvador is extremely poor. Ninety percent of the poor do not have their own land while two percent of the population owns 58 percent of the arable land. The average income of the poor is \$12 a month. Four-fifths of Salvadoran children are ill-nourished. Unemployment ranges at 45 percent and half of the Salvadoran population is illiterate) However church policies in various parts of Central America changed in the late 60s in response to Pope John XXIII's and his predecessor Pope Paul VI's call that the Church become once again the "Church of the Poor." Priests, nuns, and lay workers in El Salvador began to firmly side with the poor and to press for conciliation and dialogue with the ruling class. Archbishop Romero was a Conservative, White said, who "did not fear the face of reality" and who became the "voice of voices" upon listening to the cries of his people. As the poor organized into Christian-based communities and labor unions with the support of the church, and began to build schools and hospitals, the ruling class accused the poor and the Church of being Marxist traitors. "How did the revolution begin in El Salvador?", asked White. "It began when the poor, trying to work for a better life within the grounds of the Constitution, were driven to the hills by the military." White said that those who accuse the Church of involving itself in politics don't understand the role of the Church or the situation in Central America.

The result of the activities and demands of the clergy and the poor, together with the increased oppression by the ruling class, was that El Salvador was in a practical state of anarchy in 1979. When in September of '79, the young officers overthrew the government and announced a radical land reform and a nationalization of the banks and the export sector, White received a mandate from the Carter White House to back human

rights, reform, and negotiation. Progress was made slowly, White said. "The best proof that we had some positive effect was that the rich and the military tried three times in six months to overthrow the new government and members of the right marched outside the U.S. embassy with placards calling Carter and White communists." The Cuban-backed final offensive of the young officers against the ruling class in January, 1981, had failed, White said, because reform and human rights were the basic principle of the new government.

As far as U.S. foreign policy goes, the change from Carter to Reagan was a change of policy of human rights to one of counter-terrorism, said White. The Reagan-Haig effort to achieve a quick military victory in El Salvador by sending in huge amounts of military aid was a dismal failure. "Before Reagan was elected, the 3 to 400 guerillas in El Salvador never held one town. Today there are three times as many guerillas and they hold 20 percent of the country." White told the audience to recall Indochina. When the U.S. was ineffective in Vietnam, we spread the war to Cambodia and Laos. "Thus when an easy, quick victory was not forthcoming in El Salvador, we attacked Nicaragua by means of supporting the Contras. We turned Honduras into an aircraft carrier base. We invaded Grenada."

White's comments on the Kissinger Commission's report are very illuminating, as much of the press (like TIME magazine on which too many people rely for their information about the world) has tended to gloss over the serious errors of the report. "It has wonderful language about the history of Latin America," White said. "The chapter on economic development, with its recommendation for economic aid is the best part of it. But the overwhelming, glaring problem of the report is that it assumes that one can address political problems with military might. There is no analysis of what will take place if our military

aid doesn't do the job. There is no discussion of the CIA support of the Contras. The report says 'we should keep the pressure on Nicaragua' but there is no discussion of how far to take that pressure."

White said that the Kissinger Commission was correct in dealing with the national security concerns of the United States. "It is a legitimate concern of the U.S. to want to eliminate the presence of Cuban troops in Central America." However, White contends that the Reagan administration is interested not in getting Cuban troops out but in overthrowing legitimate governments like the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. The offer of the Sandinistas to return Cuban troops if the U.S. would promise not to invade should be grabbed by the Reagan administration said White. "Counter-revolution is not an adequate answer to those moving from one stage of political development to another."

There are several steps that White feels the United States can take to alleviate the crisis in Central America. First, we should insist on negotiations in El Salvador. Then we should promise that under no circumstances will we send in combat troops - for the invasion of Grenada signalled to the Salvadoran government that the U.S. will come in and do their fighting for them should they start seriously losing ground. This second step, White feels, would force the Salvadoran military to negotiate because then they would be losing the war against the guerillas. Finally, we must stop the deeply immoral policy of backing the Contras and we must stop the militarization of Central America with Honduras as a platform. "If such steps are taken, and negotiations are brought about in El Salvador, then elections in that country will have meaning," said White. If these first steps could be taken, the door would be open for Central America to truly develop, to finally begin to gain real peace and social justice.

## Third Floor





## The Columnist

# Running for office presents more problems than answers

by NASH ROBBINS

I have learned a great deal about politics since beginning my campaign for nomination for President of the United States of America. I have discovered, for instance, that it may be the one job which is actually harder than writing a column every week. The problems I have had to overcome while on the campaign trail would make Hercules blanch.

Take this past Spring Break. If all I had to do was write a column, I could have been a normal student, vegetating quietly all day and partying loudly all night, and ignoring parental complaints about both activities.

But as a politician, I had to use my Spring Break to begin my campaign. To do this, of course, required a certain amount of funding. Tickets to Bermuda, for instance, cost more than has been in my bank account at any one time, ever. Such obstacles might be daunting to the average person, but to a politician such as myself they are nothing. I simply did what any candidate in my position would do— I told my Campaign Manager to deal with it.

My Campaign Manager laughed.

Next, I went to the Editor. I explained that I had to go to Bermuda to campaign, that I wasn't going for myself, but for the column, and hence, for the paper. I asked for a little support, for the paper to do no more than pay my way.

The Editor laughed.

I tried to get an airline to donate the tickets. Five of those ladies who take reservations laughed. So did President Cotter, who seemed unable to comprehend how valuable my effort could be to my liberal arts education.

I spent my vacation at home, pretending to vegetate by day and party by night, all the while working my fingers to the bone, carrying out extensive political research. I discovered that having adequate sunlight (which Connecticut did not have) and enough beaches (which Connecticut also does not have) is essential to gaining voters. In light of this, the reason that Mondale, Hart, and Jackson are wasting their time in Connecticut and New York is something I cannot understand.

Another problem with being a presidential candidate is finding a vice-presidential candidate. Most people seem to think that the position is little more than a figurehead. "Look at Mondale under Carter," they say, or would if you asked. "Look at what's his name, under Reagan." Nobody would want that kind of job.

I wish to assure everybody, however, that if elected, my vice-president will be far from a figurehead. My office will be so full of vices that there is no way I could keep track of them all. Big vices, little vices, vices to hold wood and metal, special vices to hold rounded objects— the White House will look like a veritable hardware shop.

To date, I have received a mere handful of resumes for the position, and all of them making the prospect of using a muppet as a running mate seem attractive. If you think you could do better than a muppet, then by all means submit a resume.

Another problem, which I might have expected had I given it some thought, is the total loss of privacy which I have experienced. Since declaring my candidacy, the media spotlight which has been focused on myself and my family has been relentless and often cruel. Instant practitioners of yellow journalism have hounded my mother for information on my kindergarten mistakes (I took his milk money, once, it's true. But I was young then, and have learned my lesson) so much that she has almost had a nervous breakdown.

My father was reduced to a quivering blob of jelly under hideous and relentless questions about my exploits in the third grade, the year I almost failed out of math. In fact, I still have problems with my multiplication tables over seven, but that's the sort of thing presidents have advisors for.

Even my sister has been thrust unwilling into the spotlight, and forced to tell an eager press about my inability to find a date for the year-end dance my school held when I was 12. I know that she was forced to go over the details, because she would never divulge such damaging information willingly, but

the way the television cameras made her look like she was laughing really hurt.

I, too, have suffered at the hands of the press. It seems that every time I get a handle on King Lear, every time I start to write that paper, someone else calls up wanting an interview for The Boston Globe, a quote for the AP wire service, or to go out for a few beers and some pizza. Being the subject of this constant vigil is not easy. It means sacrificing my time and my grades. But if that's what it takes to be president, then so be it. It's a dirty job, I know, but somebody has to do it.

## Letters

### Situation in Nicaragua now critical

To the editor:

The situation in Nicaragua is extremely critical at this time. The Nicaraguan economy which depends heavily on only a few agricultural exports has been under increasing attack from CIA-backed counter-revolutionaries. Several hundred million dollars worth of damage has already resulted from attacks such as the one against the vital oil storage facilities at the port of Corinto last October.

Nicaragua needs a successful coffee harvest to be able to purchase basic food stuffs, medicines, spare parts for industry and transportation, and oil. Because of the urgent political and military situation, many Nicaraguans have been mobilized in the defense of their

country and cannot participate in the December-February coffee harvest this year.

That is why I have chosen to respond to Nicaragua's call for international work brigades to ensure a successful coffee harvest this year.

In the United States, the National Network in Solidarity with the Nicaraguan People (NNSNP) is working to coordinate volunteer participation. U.S. citizens have a particular role to play in this harvest, because if it were not for our own government's open attempts to overthrow the government of Nicaragua, the Nicaraguans would be free to develop their own economy in peace.

By participating in the volunteer coffee harvest, I hope

to show that as an American citizen, I stand with the people of Nicaragua in their moment of need and that I oppose the policies of the Reagan Administration. I urge others who hold similar beliefs to write to NNSNP for further information on how to help the people of Nicaragua and to make donations. Their address is:

NNSNP, 2025 "I" Street NW, suite 402, Washington, D.C., 20006.

The time has come to give Central America back to its people!

Sincerely,

David L. Wiltsie  
1800 Market Street, number 7  
San Francisco, CA 94102

## Donate 'blood money'

To the editors and the Colby community,

As a Colby alumni, I was fascinated to read in the ECHO about the college-sanctioned creation of a new campus-wide game called "Killers." Such a trendy, action-packed, sleuth and murder scene could liven up

the late winter doldrums many a central Maine resident finds her/himself in. Ric Craig and Cici Bevin could really find themselves and their departments raking in the bucks if this year's experiment proves successful.

What will they do with all this blood money??

I have a suggestion. Why not donate all the assassin fees to Dr. David Halperin of Belgrade, who sends medical supplies to the victims of a grander version of administration-sanctioned assassination games, those unfortunates "hit" by the Death Squads in El Salvador.

Sincerely and rather disgustedly,  
Kip Penney

## Daily News article misleading

*Editor's note: This is a copy of a letter sent to Peter Kingsley, Director of Public Affairs, that was also submitted to the Colby ECHO.*

Peter:

I do not know whether your office had anything to do with the article from the BANGOR DAILY NEWS about the "frat eliminations," or whether it is the result of an administrative directive. However, I am very disappointed in the article's suggestion of enthusiasm for the elimination of fraternities on the part of the students at Colby

Let's not attempt to disillusion the outside world by painting a picture of harmony and happiness on Mayflower Hill concerning the trustees' rash action when, in fact, it seems as though a large portion of the student population is grief stricken and apprehensive about the entire ordeal. The College's cover-up of such is merely a disservice not only to potential students, but also to those actively involved in Colby life.

The fact that "Many students have expressed satisfaction that they will be involved in how the commons plan will be im-

plemented" is a fine testimony for students' reaction to the development of the implementation. However, the BANGOR DAILY piece fails to address the issue at hand and of grave concern to Colby students, i.e.

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*The ECHO encourages letters to the editor. All correspondence must be signed, however names can be withheld at the writer's request. Confidential matters may be discussed with the editor at ext. 2348.*

## Barney the Beaver

by Kamoo



## •Extracurriculars

The Acting group has a busy schedule slated for April. Powder and Whig is the largest of all performing arts groups at Colby. Coming up in April are the One Act plays (from the 11th to the 15th), "The Odd Couple" (from the 19th to the 21st) and Harold Pinter's "The Betrayal" (on the 26, 27 and 28). According to Neal Cousins, spokesman for Powder and Whig, enthusiasm and interest has picked up this semester. Cousins noted that the first semester was very slow, and not indicative of past years Powder and Whig. Cousins also stated that there are always opportunities in some way with the organization.

Tuxedo Junction is a 12 person coed group of jazz singers. The group plans to participate in the Colby 2000 Campaign, and to journey to Boston on April 21st. Tuxedo Junction will be holding tryouts soon and, states Andrea Colby, "we need tenors, basses and sopranos."

The Colby College Chorale (formerly the Glee Club) sings classical, uppercrust music. The 40 person group plans to participate in a concert on April 29th with the Waterville Community Chorus. The concert will be performed in Lorimer

Chapel and accompanied by a full orchestra. Under the direction of Paul Machlin, Colby Chorale holds tryouts in the fall of each year.

The Colby 8's, the male counterpart to the Colbyettes, plan a busy schedule this spring. Two weeks ago, the 8's were in Hartford, Ct., performing for an alumni group. On March 31, the men will perform with some of the original 8's of 1954. On Friday, April 6, the singers will participate in the Annual College Song Fest; and finally, on May 7 and 8, the 8's will be in Philadelphia and Washington D.C. to perform for alumni groups.

Needless to say, Colby performing arts offers a diverse array of activities in which to perfect and display talents. The groups are both enjoyable and rewarding, and are possibly just an audition away.

## •News article

the level of satisfaction with the trustee decision and the manner in which it was formulated and forced upon them. Perhaps an investigation into such an inquiry would be a proper and

deserved undertaking for either your office or the Administration.

Sincerely,  
Stephen R. Langlois

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## •Sports commentary

starts moving out beyond 10 feet for their shots they're going to be gone fast.

—Virginia. Where's Ralph? Who cares! These guys are for real, and they haven't had a good game yet (which they're going to need against Houston). The Cavaliers (or Wahoos or Yee-Haws or whatever) knocked off some excellent teams to get to Seattle. Iona, Arkansas, and Syracuse fell in that order, and don't be surprised if Houston is soon added to that list. Othell Wilson and Rick Carlisle (transfer from UMO) form one of the headiest and most productive backcourts in the country. Add to this the off-the-bench help of might-mite Ricky Stokes and you have a definite edge for Virginia (over Houston) in the backcourt. Unfortunately this edge doesn't carry over into the frontcourt. 6-8 frosh Olden Plynice, Kenton Edelin and Jim Miller are the horses but in terms of collective experience they're yearlings. If Virginia-Houston comes down to a chess match between the coaches, look for Virginia's Terry Holland to checkmate Houston's Lewis.

—Kentucky. Joe B. Hall (what DOES the B. stand for anyway?) is here again thanks to the Tournament committee who gave the Wildcats the opportunity to play the Mid-East Finals on their homecourt with 29,000 screaming partisan fans. As if Illinois or anyone else had a chance. Well, Kentucky, is loaded. 7-0 Sam Bowie, 6-11 Melvin Turpin and 6-8 Kenny Walker form the most formidable frontline this side of Houston, and they're better. The backcourt is no slouch, but not in the same league as the frontcourt, with 5-11 point guard Dickie Beal and shooter Tim Master. Look for Kentucky to be influenced by the change in environment.

—Georgetown. These boys be bad. Michael Graham has contracted a rare tropical disease in which he had Joe Frazier-Muhammed Ali flashbacks anytime someone from the other team is near him. Coach John Thompson is learning to live with his disease "Hoya Paranoia" and has his team staying in Moscow, Idaho rather than Moscow you-know-where. That's a difference of a few miles. Pat Ewing (yes, he can read, even if he can't speak) IS the best player in the country. The Hoyas are deep, deep, deep. Guards Fred Brown, Michael Jackson (no, not Thriller), Gene Smith and frosh sensation Reggie Williams are nothing short of intimidating. Bill Martin, Michael Graham (cracker), and Ralph Dalton all see time in the frontcourt and are leading the country in bruises dealt per minute.

Look for Houston and Georgetown to make the finals and the Hoyas to win it all as Patrick makes Akeem wish he never heard of a "faze jhob."

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