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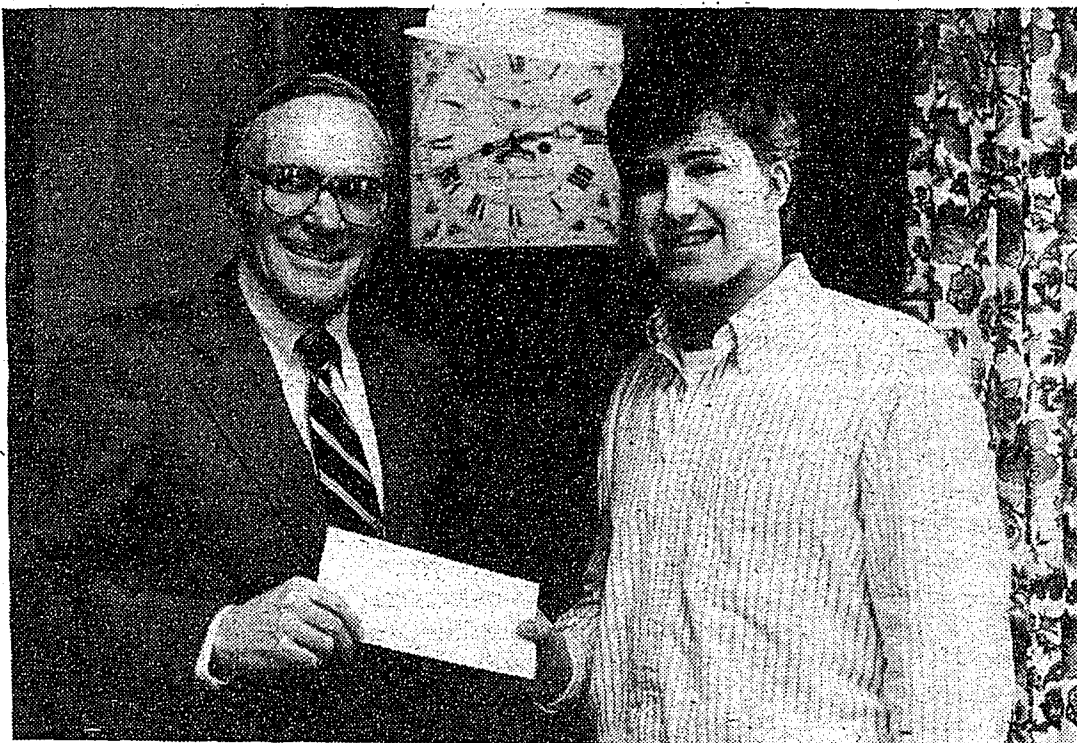


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Senior Class President Shaun Sullivan brings the Colby 2000 campaign over the \$28.5 million mark with a check from the senior fund in mid-December. The total for the campaign has since risen to \$30.3 million.

Workshop on Racism

by Alison Como

Dr. Charles King, a specialist on race relations, spoke to a crowded Commons Room last Wednesday night. His goal, he said, was to try to make white America understand its racism, and the fact that its systems, culture and traditions automatically oppress non-whites.

Before he began, Dr. King told the audience to feel free to stand up and challenge anything he said. Sixteen volunteers were chosen to sit in front of the audience. Dr. King said they represented urban American society: ten Whites, two Asians, three Blacks, and one Hispanic. He asked the volunteers, as well as the audience, to be honest, not to bring in personal experience, and to think in terms of Black/White for the moment. He then asked the volunteers, "What is the cause of the problem?" Responses included "society tends toward majority rules," "people with power don't want to give it up," "people are scared of people who are different from them," "lack of experience," and "obsession to be superior to another." Dr. King told the audience, "Everyone is a hypocrite, no one will say it's the whites. White attitudes are the problem. You can't solve the problem until you come to grips with the truth." As he spoke, he demonstrated that everyone is prejudiced. However, "there is nothing wrong with that. What is wrong is that we use it against others." What Dr. King wants is for people to accept racial differences. "Whites don't try to take the time to understand other cultures, but others must blend into the white culture. It's tragic. Blacks, as well as other minorities, are forced to have two cultures."

He then pointed to the problem of white fear and black anger, and the fact that the

causes of each are in reverse order to each other. A member of the audience stated that black anger was not going to solve the problem of racism in America. However, Dr. King pointed out the fact that things have changed in the past only when blacks did get angry, and that anger was the only way to produce the needed change in attitudes. "The key to understanding blacks is to listen to them when they are angry. Welcome black anger because it is the key to the problem, the key to understanding." Dr. King believes that a major problem is that whites do not take the time to listen. They are too busy thinking of a defense beginning with "Yes, but..." To make his point understood, Dr. King cut off anyone that began a comment or answered a question with "yes, but..." Dr. King wanted to show the audience "what it is like to be black, not to be able to argue or fight back. Most importantly, not to be listened to...as a result you learn not to say anything. You learn how to hide things and conform to the system." Dr. King later apologized for his abrupt behavior and revealed that his purpose was to put whites on the spot.

Dr. King asked the black volunteers, "What is it like to be black in an all-white setting?" Answers included, "It's very hard to act black here," "I feel I have to assimilate to be accepted," "I have to prove I'm better than a white person," "I feel suppressed," and "I don't feel I can express myself as a person. I don't want to put on a mask to be somebody I'm not."

Through a demonstration, Dr. King proved that everyone blames the victim, not the oppressor. If the victim does not cry out, he is blamed. If the victim does not complain, the action against him will be accepted. This is a problem that

blacks face in a predominantly white institution. They are forced to conform. If they do not complain, whites accept it, and the problem is perpetuated. However, "a person who is forced to conform loses his dignity. The beginning of change will come when whites begin to correct themselves."

The second part of Dr. King's presentation included all minorities. He spoke of a systematic discrimination where every white advantage becomes a minority disadvantage. He told the audience, "anytime a man talks with an accent, he is twice as smart as you are. Learn from him." He said that other minorities face the same problems as blacks in a predominantly white institution.

As a final part of his presentation, Dr. King spoke about sexism. He asked the audience, "What is it like being a female in a male dominated culture?" He received answers such as, "Very frustrating, if you speak out you are a feminist and/or a lesbian," and "If you possess the characteristics a male does, it causes problems." Dr. King pointed out that the dynamics of sexism are the same as those of racism. As is the case with racism, once the institution starts to practice sexism, it takes structure and then becomes the norm.

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Colby Hosts Ski Finals

David Russell
ECHO Sports Editor

Colby College will be hosting the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association (EISA) Division II Championships this Thursday and Friday, February 18th and 19th. Approximately ten schools, including Harvard, MIT, Johnson State College and Bowdoin will be vying with Colby for the Division II Crown. The Top Men's and Women's teams as well as the top five individuals from each discipline: Slalom, Giant Slalom and Cross-Country, will be invited to compete in the EISA Division I Championships. This race will be hosted by Middlebury College at the Middlebury Snow Bowl February 27th and 28th.

On Thursday, the Nordic teams will be competing for the individual Cross-Country title; while the Alpine teams compete for the Giant Slalom title. The Nordic race will be held at Troll Valley in Farmington ME, with the women starting an 8k race at 11:00 am, and then the men competing in a 15k race following the women's finish. For the Alpine teams, the Giant

Slalom competition will be held on Competition Hill at Sugarloaf/USA starting at 9:30 am.

Sugarloaf/USA will again be the site for the Alpine races on Friday, while the Colby College campus will be treated to the Nordic Team relays and EISA Division II award ceremonies.

On Competition Hill starting at 9:30 am the Alpine teams compete for the Slalom title. The Nordic events begin with the dedication and Ribbon Cutting of the newly cut racing trail. This dedication, to Shelley Lent and Sam Humpert for their effort in reorganizing the Colby Ski Team, will take place at 11:00 am in the field across the street from Robert's. The Nordic relays will be starting in the same area with the women's race at 1:30 pm and then the men at 2:30 pm. At 4:00 pm in the Heights Community Room will be the EISA Division II awards ceremony. The top two Men's and Women's Teams will be receiving their trophies along with the top ten individuals from each discipline.

Coached by Jeff Meserve of

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Dead of Winter

INSIDE:

What do you do for fun? Scott Lainer's not so sure games are good for your mental health. See "Wake me when it's over," p. 6.

The advancement of our society lies in the destruction of socially implanted prejudices. Will Colby students remain emotionally involved in this highly volatile issue? See p. 5.

The same president who already has violated the Limited Test Ban now is debating whether to make a dead letter of the Anti-Ballistic missile treaty. See "Lawless and foolish," p. 3.

LETTERS

Thursday, February 19, 1987

Is the Mule News Bull?

In several past editions of The Colby Echo, we have featured a column called "Mule News." For those of you who have not read it, I suggest that you do (p. 6). For those of you who have, I am perplexed at your lack of response. This column, written anonymously by an unknown group of faculty members reflects an embittered, oppressed view of Colby. Whether the accusations made are accurate or not is obviously a point of concern, but what is more disturbing is the complete lack of response concerning them. Other than a criticism of our ethics in publishing unnamed articles (the pseudonym Thomas Smedley Kensington is used) by President Cotter and last year's editor Dave Scannell, no one has even remotely questioned the "facts" presented.

Perhaps the accusations made are preposterous. If so, I would like to think that informed faculty members or students would make an attempt to deny them. This column reflects a profound alienation of "Colbyco" that I find alarming. These people are an integral part of Colby's liberal arts education, yet they feel oppressed by the very same institution to which we have come to look for guidance and tolerance. How legitimate are these grievances? To what extent are they shared by the rest of the community?

If the claims made in the mule news are accurate, and "untentured faculty members [can't] stand up and disagree with the 'Colbyco' Power Elite at a faculty meeting," then Colby is indeed hypocritical in its defense of human rights and freedom of speech. The next obvious question would be is the problem improving, or getting worse? By the lack of concern shown over the last few months, do you care either way?

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Condoms for life

To the Editors:

As the Medical Reporter for WBZ-TV in Boston, I have spent the last two years reporting on the disease AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. I have watched it race through the homosexual community. I have seen the disease kill men, women and children who received blood contaminated with the virus through a blood transfusion. I have seen people addicted to intravenous drugs become infected with the virus because they shared needles with someone carrying the virus. Now, I watch the frustration and anger as the virus moves in to the heterosexual community. A doctor recently told me a story that sent a chill through my body. He is treating a woman who contracted AIDS while vacationing at Club Med. The 35-year old professional

from New York had sexual intercourse with a man who was infected with the AIDS virus. Now, she is paying for that brief encounter with her life.

While many adults wish young people would abstain from sex (and if you are not using intravenous drugs) it would without a doubt keep you infection free, I realize it is not realistic. What will protect you from the AIDS virus, if you are sexually active, is the condom. Nor do many young people realize that a person can carry the virus silently for many years without knowing it, and without showing any symptoms.

I know some of you may be embarrassed by buying or using a condom. Perhaps you worry that your partner will object. I have watched young people with AIDS struggle with the many infections that come with the disease and finally die. Let

me tell you, it's tragic. There is no room for embarrassment in the face of this growing epidemic. The AIDS virus is in the heterosexual community. If you are sexually active, you are at a risk. I am not writing this to frighten you - I am writing this so that if you are sexually active you will take the steps to assure that you are safe. Those of you who already use a condom and protect yourself from this deadly disease can feel proud of yourselves. You are doing the responsible thing. And I am happy for those of you who think enough of yourselves to make that choice. If someone gives you a tough time because you won't have sex or because you insist on using a condom, remember, it's your life. Stay Well!

Jeanne Blake
Medical Reporter
WBZ-TV, Boston

Colby's field house?

To the Editors:

I was under the impression that Colby's athletic facilities were for the use of Colby's students. Apparently, Coach Dick Whitmore doesn't think so. Obviously he feels it is more important to please the locals and consistently reserve the use of the basketball courts for non-Colby students.

This policy is not only absurd, it reflects the overall unwritten philosophy of the school to put more emphasis into pleasing

the outsiders rather than we who comprise the Colby student body. I can understand that the college has an obligation to its community, but it has an obligation to its students first and foremost. I didn't come here to watch Waterville High Schoolers monopolize the basketball courts for an entire Sunday afternoon, as has been the case.

The residents of Waterville are paying taxes for local facilities such as the High School and the local Boys Club.

Colby students are paying a considerable amount more in return for what we assume will be predominantly Colby-used facilities. Since Colby students don't use Waterville's facilities, why are Waterville kids allowed to use ours? And why are so many residents given Field House passes in the first place? Is it simply to raise more money for the athletic department at the expense of the students?

I am getting tired of repeatedly being turned away from our gym because 40 high schoolers have taken up all the courts. Since Colby students, not Waterville High students, and our tuitions are the primary benefactors of Colby Basketball, the Wadsworth gym, and Dick Whitmore's salary, the least we deserve in return is the assurance from him that we can use our gym when we want to.

Paul Argazzi '89
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Commendation

To the Editor:

I want to commend the organizers of the forum on race relations by Dr. Charles King. It brought some understanding to an important issue both at Colby, and in our society in general. Most of the large crowd that gathered was quite moved and those not in attendance missed a worthwhile and enlightening event.

I hope that quality events such as this continue to be a reality at Colby, and that students see fit to set their studies aside and take part.

Sincerely,
Scott Laughinghouse
Athletic Department

On the meal plan . . .

To the Editors:

Last December, shortly before exams, Colby's student body was asked to examine and vote on a new meal plan proposal. This missed meal plan would allow students greater liberty in choosing the time at which to eat. The presentation of the plan was full of promises indicating how wonderful and practical it would be for students to eat at their convenience. Yet, if one reads between the lines, close examination of the facts shows that there is a bit more to the new meal plan than originally presented.

First, the cost. In the last issue of the Echo, administrative vice-president Stan Nicholson indicated that the cost to students would not be prohibitive. By his estimate, the cost of Sellers' computer identification system, required for the new plan, will be about \$12,000. What is asked of each student however, is to pay an extra \$100 for the new meal plan.

Supposing that at any point next year there are 1300 students on campus, this means that Sellers will have an extra \$130,000 in its coffers over what they would have without the

plan. Subtracting the cost of the computer system leaves them with about \$118,000 to play around with; by any means an impressive amount of money. The question is therefore: what will be done with the money. Possibilities include: improving the quality of food and service, sprucing up the dining halls, pay raises for the employees, or another kind of improvement. They do not include, however, the cost of keeping the Spa open all these hours as it already is. In all fairness, there will be cost increases for Sellers and the Spa in cooking extra food and hiring extra help but \$118,000 seems quite generous to defray such costs.

Sellers computer identification system also possesses its own flaws. For all intents and purposes, it is a monitoring how many times. Something which is especially difficult in Roberts Union where the entrance to the two dining halls are adjacent. Again, this may lead to longer lines and greater delays.

Another expected effect of the computer system is greater attendance since it will be perceived that we are paying

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WORLD NEWS

Cry for help

by William Safire
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WASHINGTON - My frequently expressed view of Robert C. (Bud) McFarlane has been that of a man out of his depth as national security adviser, bitterly disappointed at never receiving the respect and acclaim accorded to a Kissinger or Brzezinski, who was straining to match the strategic achievement of a China opening or a Camp David agreement with his own reaching out to "moderates" in Iran.

Bud's lawyer, Leonard Garment, is a friend of mine from the Nixon years. He told me I was harsh in my estimate of the man and his motives, and pointed to Bud's willingness to brave testimony under oath before Congress and a special prosecutor, unlike other key NSC military colleagues. I suggested an interview.

On Jan. 22, as snow fell in Washington, Bud McFarlane showed up at the Washington bureau of the New York Times, a block from his office, when I was in New York. My assistant found him politely glum. He left a note, in handwriting as graceful as his speech is convoluted, suggesting we try to resolve our misunderstandings.

We met a week or so later for the first of what I hope will be a series of talks in his office at the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies. A few days later he scheduled a second, longer session for Monday of this week, but that turned out to be the morning he attempted suicide.

He is now recuperating at the same naval hospital that cared for Lt. Col. Oliver North's mental problems a decade ago, and where the first secretary of defense, James Forrestal, jumped out a tower window a generation ago. Some impressions:

bureaucracy, this time in a hospital.

In our talk, I asked how a former national security adviser, privy to the nation's ultimate secrets, could put himself in the hands of Iranians whose agents in Beirut tortured secrets out of their CIA hostage before killing him. Was the security gamble courageous or foolhardy? Did he take a cyanide capsule along?

"They had more to gain from working with us," he said tightly. I waited and he added, "Some of the preparations were grotesque."

I think this desperate and disillusioned marine, on his begotten mission to Tehran, was prepared to kill himself for his country. This week's surrender to impuse was what psychologists call a cry for help; Bud was not prepared to kill himself for himself.

broached the idea of an Iran opening to Bud in April 1985, McFarlane let him sound out Prime Minister Peres unofficially, assuming an

approach to Iran would be well received by Israel, which it was. By the end of 1985, Bud considered his strategic probe had been a mistake and had degenerated into a hostage ransom, and thought he turned it off.

Why he then quit the White House: McFarlane was neither a personal friend of Ronald Reagan's, like William Clark, nor a man of independent achievement, like George Shultz or Caspar Weinberger. When State and Defense clashed, McFarlane did not have the clout to resolve the issues or get the president to decide. Chief of staff Donald Regan, certain of his own foreign policy judgment and eager to dominate, wanted a nobody in that job and a nobody was what he got to replace McFarlane.

Why he came back for a secret trip to Tehran last May: He was out of the bureaucratic cocoon for the first time and not doing well. Pundits derogated his record. I think William Casey's urgings and the president's worry about hostages offered him an opportunity to recoup his

reputation in a grand roll of the dice.

Why he became depressed: After his dealings were exposed, he at first tried to protect the president; then the blunder was given the color of scandal by the contra diversion, and he became the only central figure providing information. Don Regan blamed him for the whole mess and contradicted his testimony. The anti-Reagan crowd reviles him as a cowboy, pre-Reagan stalwarts called him the new John Dean; Bud had not friends at all. And I think he is still protecting the president on plenty.

Did he really try to kill himself? Yes and no. If he made a conscious decision beforehand, he would not have used Valium; Bud may not be Clausewitz, but he is not inept. Feeling abandoned and whipsawed, blaming himself for all the consequences of his errors, he impulsively gulped down the whole bottle of pills and returned to the arms of

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In the nation: Lawless and foolish

by Tom Wicker
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NEW YORK - The same president who already has violated the Limited Test Ban and the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaties, and repudiated SALT II, now is debating whether to make a dead letter of the Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty. For this recklessly imperial president, it's as if there were no limits of law or sound policy on his personal predilections.

A dead letter is exactly what Ronald Reagan will make of the ABM Treaty if he adopts the novel and self-serving interpretation that clever lawyers have tortured out of what up to now has been considered the Treaty's ambiguous language. If the Reagan administration ceases to abide by ABM restrictions as previously understood, the Soviet Union will be free to do so as well, and surely will.

Such a blatant act of bad faith by the president would fly in the face of the nation's allies, produce confrontation with the Senate, ignore the testimony of

the treaty's draftsmen, confound Reagan's own proposals to the Russians at the Iceland summit meeting, show contempt for the millions of Americans who have felt secure in the treaty as it is, and defy both common sense and political acumen.

For what? So that tests of Reagan's cherishes "Star Wars" defense might be conducted that would not be allowed under the accepted terms of the ABM treaty. Never mind that those tests probably could not be conducted until after Reagan completes his term. His purpose, and that of his aides who are equally devoted to space-based defense, is to commit the nation to it before Reagan leaves office, and to make it difficult as possible for his successors to cancel or delay the program.

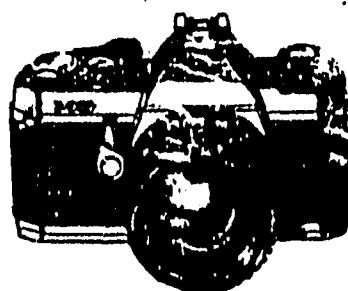
That is the motive, too, of those who want a decision to begin deploying elements of Star Wars sooner than expected. But this is so unrealistic technologically that even Casper Weinberger, the eager-beaver Secretary of Defense, is backing away from an idea for which he has been well-nigh evangelical. No wonder; the chairman of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. William J. Crowe, says a decision to deploy would be "premature."

Secretary of State Schultz, while not ruling out the lawless facile new interpretation of the ABM Treaty, has pledged the administration to consult with the Senate and the allies before adopting it. But that only underlies the same point that had to be drawn from his previous assurances to the allies that the administration would abide for the time being by the established understanding of the treaty. Both statements make it clear that Reagan claims the right to interpret the treaty to suit his own purposes, whenever he thinks it timely to do so.

Already this president has refused to enter into negotiations for a nuclear test-ban treaty, as he is required to do by the solemnly ratified Limited Test Ban and Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaties. The first president since Dwight Eisenhower who has refused even to seek a test ban, Reagan steadfastly rejected participation in the test moratorium the Soviet Union has been observing since 1985.

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In November 1986 he ordered deployment of another bomber carrying cruise missiles; that additional missile-carrying bomber violated the ceiling of 1,320 multiple-warhead weapons set by the SALT II - thus releasing the Russians too from the treaty's restraints. Congress not only had passed a resolution urging the president not to make this "breakout"; the House actually voted not to provide funds for cruise missiles that would exceed SALT II limits.

So it is not just in the Iran-contra scandal that Reagan's administration has shown its contempt for acts of Congress that get in the way of its goals. But reinterpretation of the ABM Treaty to suit the president's purposes would do more than disclose, once again, a disregard for law and good faith. It would demonstrate, as the Iran fiasco has, that in his second term Reagan's political judgment and leadership have gone dangerously off the track. Indeed, negating the most useful arms control treaty yet reached would undermine national security far more gravely than trying to buy off the Ayatollah Khomeini with secret arms deals.

Both efforts suggest that a lawless administration is bad enough but that one lawless and foolish is a disaster.

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and political science students in Netherlands, Switzerland and Tunisia. The Japan Society sponsored the first American performance of Eiko and Koma in 1976. Now based in New York City, the dance artists are permanent residents of the United States, performing regularly and offering Tatsumi Hijikata company in Tokyo where they met. They subsequently studied

Neue Tanz, the German modern dance movement, in Hanover, West Germany, and then in the Netherlands, and for the next three years toured extensively in Germany, the Japan when the political and social upheavals of the 1960's prompted each to join the workshops. They were recently awarded Creative Artists Public Service grant and a Choreography Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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FEATURES

Dr. Charles King

An emotional aspect

by Jeffrey Butler and

Kimberly King

On Wednesday, February 11th, a man with fire in his bones, Dr. Charles King, engaged a usually disengaged group of people in Colby's Student Center. Through a fiery, three hour Race Relations Workshop, Dr. King and his audience interacted with open anger, fear, and frustration. And yet, most of this group was equally moved by a final opposing force of love. To witness this workshop was to understand the transition from a vain desperation of self-seeking preservation to a stripped and sensitized self.

Imagine walking into a large room, a room filled with people on floor and balcony alike. In the front and center of this assembly is a large, elderly, black man. He moves about in a way that reflects his size and age. He bombards the audience with an array of invectives, stinging more quickly than one has time in which to organize cohesive thoughts, indeed to react coherently. And if, in this process, you can imagine yourself being starved of the very ego that forms your protective wall of vanity, then you move towards a feeling for Dr. King's workshop.

Dr. King is not a particularly articulate speaker, but his words sting with indefatigable incisiveness. Like a needle breaking through one's ego and piercing through one's silent guilt, Dr. King aims at the tender, human core. In an initial attempt to anger and frustrate those present, Dr. King evokes feelings that open the way to a most human self; we are left to investigate the breadth of our hypocrisies and the depth of our souls.

The first half of the Race Relations Workshop was a mixture of vocalized feelings of disgust and defensive reactions made by members of a mostly

agape crowd as well as by Dr. King himself. On the latter's part, opprobrious language served to quickly dislodge the audience from apparent feelings of security. Dr. King began by asking for a cross-sectional group of volunteers: these students were then seated at the front of the room and served, throughout the workshop, as a reflection of the audience's changing views on racism.

After asking each member of this group to define his or her concept of prejudice, Dr. King violently vocalized that not one student blamed white society for black oppression. Naturally, many people present were impelled to defend their race, but this was only ostensibly so. The real nature of the majority of defenses was in the light of self-preservation, as a conspicuous number of people felt personally attacked.

Yet, later, Dr. King emphatically stated that everything he says in his workshop has exceptions. The fact is that he uses extremes in a passionately unflagging way in order to make strong points and to evoke strong emotions. By acting in an embittered manner, Dr. King displayed the anger and frustration of black people. If one white student stated he knew no prejudice, Dr. King would cry hypocrisy. If a second student stated he was not an oppressor, Dr. King would cry hypocrite. And if another student stated that she knew oppression, Dr. King might empathize but not sympathize.

Essentially, white people cannot fully sense the black experience. Thus, when a black individual describes his feelings to a white individual it would seem most constructive for the latter to simply try to understand. To search for refutations, pejoratives, and basic counter-comments while any oppressed speaker conveys their feelings is - in Dr. King's

words - to "intellectually masturbate." Simply, one must become an affirmative listener, and positive change in the form of action will follow.

The predominantly white audience that Dr. King both addressed and interacted with on Wednesday night was the very symbol of white oppression with which Dr. King is mainly concerned. This is not to say those individuals present represented oppressive and prejudicial tendencies. However, as a collective group, this audience was no less than a model of a larger, impervious society, a society which often precludes those who do not represent the mainstream or *status quo*. In asking a group of approximately five people to clasp hands and form an unflinchingly tight circle, Dr. King created a simple example of a bonded social group. And, by having two individuals try to force their way into this group, Dr. King revealed the basic preclusion that roughly defines the oppressed.

Dr. King asked those in the circle to keep the two students outside of their formation, but - as he later exclaimed - those in the circle should have questioned such a *non sequitur*, if not such a callous command. Since white and black student alike were excluded from the circle we are to assume, correctly, that oppression is not a myopic culprit; it is a disease with wide vision, stunting the development of many peoples in many places. However, oppression has stunted the black race, and alienated the black culture, probably more than any of its other victims. In thinking about Dr. King's circle of exclusion model, one must understand that although a white student was forced out no less harshly than a black student, it is the black student who will often face such discrimination in reality.

In order for racism to become less rife, mobile mainstreamers such as the white, Protestant, heterosexual male - as Dr. King would say - must not act as part of an impenetrable circle. It is important for this specific group to realize its role as a part of the means towards a racially just end. Dr. King made clear the often overlooked fact that the mentioned group dominates and controls most of American society. This observation is far from a sociological revelation, but it does lend itself to the notion that the race for racial equality can only go as fast and far as the growth of white understanding enables it.

Those present last Wednesday night will probably best remember the formation of the exclusive human circle. This instance's practical, scaled-down truth is explicit in its meaning; its visual quality is further-reaching than words. Those not fortunate enough to witness this act, indeed, Dr. King's act in general, can do no better than to create an image of this human formation in

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Jan Plan to Nicaragua:

Separating fact from fiction

This past Jan Plan a group of twenty people, representing the Colby Community, travelled to Nicaragua, in an attempt to separate fact from Ronald Reagan's fiction. From January 12 through 26, this group confronted political double-speak, bureaucratic delays, and everyday traveller's ailments, to discover Nicaragua, and perhaps to acquire a more enlightened view of American foreign policy.

Each day (except for some valuable beach time at the end of the trip) was spent meeting with various individuals, ranging from government officials, U.S. and Nicaraguan, to newspaper editors, to cooperative farmers. During our stay there were roughly two dozen of these interviews, all meant to familiarize us with the Nicaraguan situation.

Among the highlights of our stay were: Roger (pronounced Rox-Year) Power's military training; losing our luggage and our hotel rooms courtesy of several U.S. congressional delegations; beef, chicken, pork-meat; and finally, La

Victoria, a damn good beer.

In all seriousness, though, I doubt any in our group will forget the looks on children's faces as we handed out pens or baseball caps. Nor will they forget the feeling of being welcomed into someone's home. It is the joy and pride that Nicaraguans find in their freedom that truly expresses the revolution. This revolution is for children, we were told, and all children should have heroes to admire, and ideals to strive for. After 350 years of foreign domination, Nicaragua has its own heroes and is happy within itself. There are problems, but what nation (especially a developing one) is without them? It is frightening to think that the Reagan administration is carrying out a surrogate war with a nation that can hardly feed its own people.

If you are interested in our experience, and want more information about it, an open forum on Nicaragua will be held sometime soon. Watch for it.

Exhausting but beautiful

Waterville, Maine - "A study in mediation between infinitely large and infinitesimally small energies" will be performed at Colby on Saturday, February 21, by contemporary dance artists Eiko and Koma.

The one hour program "Trilogy" is just the way to start your "Winter Carnival" Weekend. "Trilogy" presented by the Performing Arts program at Colby, will be at 8 pm in Strider Theater. Tickets, \$3 for adults and \$2 for children, may be reserved by calling 872-3388.

Funding is provided in part by the Maine State Commission on the Arts through the Forum A Regional Site, and Cultural Life and the Intercultural Life Committees of the Colby Student Association.

A three part work, "Trilogy" begins with "Cell," progresses to "Fission" and then to "Entropy." Covered with white flower paste, Eiko and Koma dance to the point where distinctions between animal, vegetable and mineral blur, and where the sense of time approaches that of sea creatures and other "wise" beings.

"Much of the work of Eiko and Koma comes close to spectacle, and "Trilogy" is no exception," wrote reviewer Jennifer Dunning of the New York Times.

Eiko and Koma were raised in post-war Japan and their work combines a Japanese heritage with western modern dance choreography. There were law

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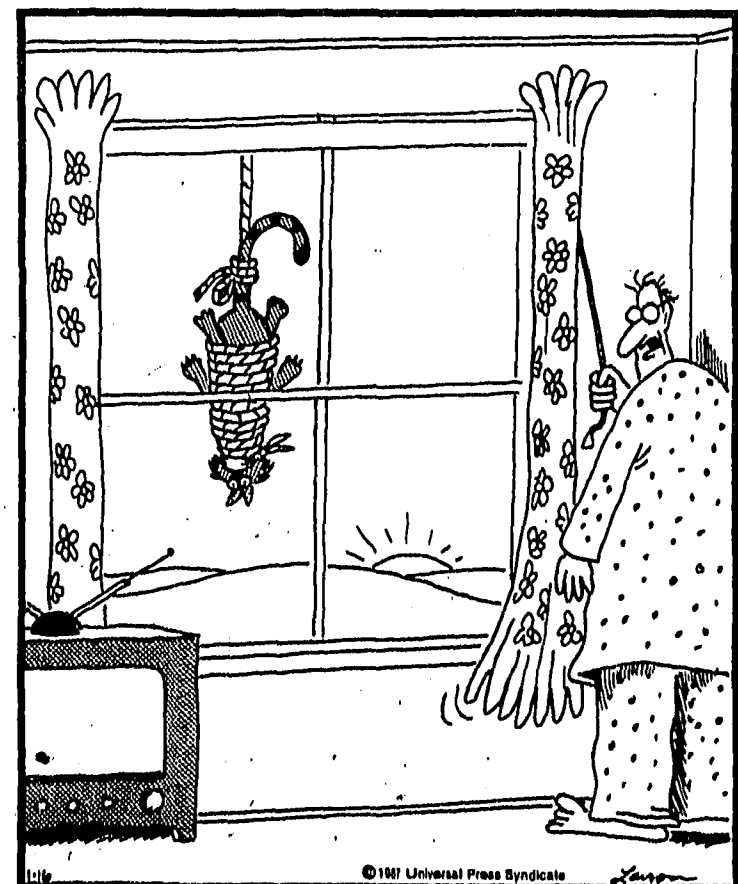
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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Emma ... the dog ain't goin' for the new cat!"

OPINION

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The rest of the story

In search of the president

by Greg Dumark

I talked with a student the other day about the President. No, not President Reagan but President Cotter. The student was a freshman and she was really excited about all the things he had done for Colby.

I said, "Like what?"

"Well, he's taken a hard stand on the evils of apartheid in South Africa and he has led the way in divestment for small colleges."

"Yes indeed," I said, "It takes a bold President to come down on the injustices of a country thousands of miles from Waterville, Maine. Only a courageous man would stand tall to carry the weight of such a righteous cause. But what else has he done?"

"Also," she said, breezing along, "I read in the Alumnus that he raised the endowment of the College substantially."

"Indeed," I replied "I am delighted to think that he has flown to such exotic places as Hawaii and Mexico to reach the eyes and ears of distinguished alumni searching for the financial character of the College. Not to mention slumming it at the Hyatt in Boston, boasting the success of the new Colby that he has established. Can there be more than that?"

Without hesitation, she turned with naive enthusiasm and said: "Yes, of course you know that in January of 1984 he defied student vote and declared that fraternities and sororities at Colby be abolished. In their place the commons system was established around the sparkling new Student Center."

"I agree. Boy, not many men would defy the wishes of the student body to implement his own system. To think, a President with a law degree

from Harvard instituting such an organized, structured and equal opportunity system in light of overwhelming odds. He even went as far as naming the Spa in recognition of the Joseph family, a family that has been part of Colby tradition for over 50 years—a family that was forced out in the move. Now I can sit in the "new" Spa, shivering on the cold floor, and eat Seilers food off styrofoam plates. I think we better kneel down to pray to the Gods for such a President."

As she began to lower herself to the floor in prayer I said, "What are you doing tonight?"

With a dazed look she said, "I don't think there's anything going on. Wait, there is a party in the Student Center but I am not on the guest list, doesn't matter, those parties are massive and impersonal. I don't want to go." She finished by saying, "I don't know."

I said, "Oh, but you do know. As a student you know that since all those vocal professors and our courageous President have eliminated the old, traditional Colby they have turned to other things. Yes, we know better than anyone what student life is like at Colby. And we know that when we read in the administration propaganda about the success of such things as the common's cup, that such talk is nonsense. An architect will tell you that anyone can sit in a crane and pull some levers to destroy a building, but it takes people with warmth and devotion to create something that will replace it."

With grief and anger on her face she asked, "What should we do?"

I said, "We are a group of bright and energetic students who are willing to accept a new way, but we cannot forego it alone. We need leaders not in

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Wake me when it's over

The games people play

by Scott A. Lainer

So here it is, the beginning of another semester of academic challenge and scholarly endeavor, and for some inexplicable reason, (since your dedication is surely so directed and unflinching), you can't seem to figure out what pastime you might choose to relieve that unwanted tension and anguish.

I used to be that way - that is, until I discovered the seemingly limitless resources offered at Colby (informally, of course) in the category of "fun and games." There's plenty to do, as long as you can control the tendency toward addiction. It has now become necessary for me to consult a physician to help me through my oftentimes extreme behavior; but if you're careful, I'm sure you won't reach the same depths to which I have descended. Besides, like I've been telling my insecure, under-indulgent doctor, I can quit anytime I want to - I just don't want to, understand?

First, you might choose the Pub Video Room. There, you will find some of the most committed misfits the campus has to offer. To prepare you, ready yourself to witness grown members of a highly rated liberal arts institution literally beating and scolding their mechanical adversaries. Oh, there are video masters like Jeff Bednarz (a guy who inevitably reaches the top score of whatever quarter-guzzler he chooses). But most are like Alec Sims, a kid so hooked on High-Speed (a pinball game in which the player escapes pursuit by a police cruiser) that he actually considers running red lights in his own, real-life automobile, in order to capture that elusive 2,000,000 point bonus. Poor Alec is nearly beyond help. And why does he

play so obsessively? He spends his parents' grocery checks merely for the status and privilege of winning a free game. The medical profession refers to this as the "snowball of lunacy."

Then let's not forget the lure of personal computer games.

We may as well face the fact that most people devote more attention to their ranking on the Air Command scoreboard than they do to completing that imperative Economics 391 paper. Oh but don't worry, professors realize the problem. They do extensive research on this sort of thing. After all, why do you think it takes them so long to grade and return tests and papers? Yup - Air Command. In point of fact, members of the English and Government departments have refused to associate with one another ever since that big "computer game fixing" scandal of 1985. Kids today - just try and figure 'em.

If you manage to avoid the video temptation, there is still the ever-present Beelzebub known as the television game show. If Dick Clark doesn't nab you, surely Bob Barker will. I literally cheer and jeer out loud, and have even considered skipping classes in order to witness the outcome of a favorite contestant's endeavors. There's something about the way Dick Clark says "Let's go to the Pyramid" that creates an unbreakable adhesion on seat cushions. And Bob Barker - my God, what is his secret? Granted, many sick individuals watch "The Price Is Right" just to see if some unwary victim of the Showcase Showdown will get trapped under the Big Wheel (lots of technical terms, eh?), but most of the people in that audience are genuine connoisseurs, who

know the retail value of every household item created since the beginning of the industrial revolution. Not to mention the fact that both Bob and Dick are at least 250 years old, and yet they look young enough to be my kids.

Okay, so suppose you've actually avoided all of this electronic temptation; this, I'm afraid, does not exempt you from potential hazard. There still remain the most competitive and combative games of skill and chance: "Trivial Pursuit" and the home version of "Jeopardy." Now I've been alive long enough to witness extremism and mistrust among groups and nations. But I have never seen anything which rivals the animosity

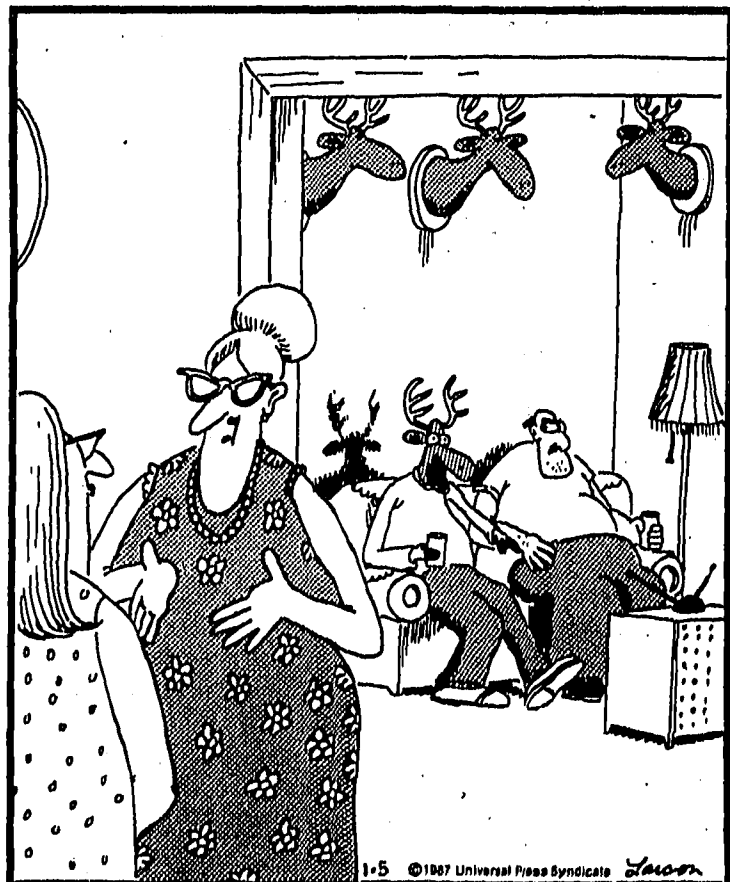
which inevitably takes place when even the closest of comrades plays either of these two games of friendship sabotage.

Play some time. Whether it be with family or mere acquaintances, the results are always the same. Someone will say: "You keep getting the easy questions," or "I knew that. Didn't you know that?," or "OH, that's so EEEEEasy." More often than not, the person reading the question is blamed by the person who misses the answer of both favoritism and a profound lack of pronunciation skill. Clearly, war begins at this obnoxious stage. It's almost as if people think that some great monetary reward or gift of international nobility will occur if they just win this one game. Many times, the competition is not even completed because someone, or everyone, quits in frustration and, yes, genuine rage. Now I'll bet you are saying "Who cares who wins the game?" But play yourself, and see how you react. Games are made for the

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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"It's this new boyfriend, dear. ... I'm just afraid one day your father's going to up and blow him away."

by Thomas Smedley Kensington

The Tenure-Decision dust is not settled and once again through the veil of hypocritical self-serving justification we bemoan the loss of several fine colleagues. Four out of five denied tenure by the Promotion and Tenure Committee - locally known as "The Gang of Nine." Their job seems to be doing the Administration's dirty work and making certain that Colbyco gets down to under 50% tenured faculty. Actually, the "Gang" puts in an enormous amount of time, but then they have to in order to justify their decisions (some of us feel that for "decisions" you should read "prejudice"). Now before you get too irate over that last statement, let us explain. After all, as Mark Anthony says, "they are all honorable men" (and for you feminists, "honorable women"). Some of us have served and are serving on the "Gang" and we have seen and see what is going on. Others not on the "Gang,"

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without seeing dossiers and only on the basis of appearance and personality, can predict over 90% of the tenure decisions before they are ever made. Mathematicians tell us that this is statistically significant!

Do you realize that in the last few years we have turned down two thirds of those recommended for tenure by their Departments (i.e., the people that know them best), but the poop untenured know better and it is only a depressed job market that keeps them here - properly cowed and humble (bitter also, but that doesn't seem to matter to Colbyco). When was the last time you heard an untenured faculty member stand up and disagree with the Colbyco Power Elite at a faculty meeting? And how many did this? Ah yes, it was on the 12th of Never and you don't even need to use the fingers on one hand to count the number.

Using fingers and toes to count is precisely what Colbyco students will be doing in the

future as the "Gang" seems to take particular pleasure in dumping tenure candidates recommended by the Mathematics Department. Fortunately for these mistreated sufferers there is no shortage of jobs in mathematics and they will be driven into jobs that pay at least twice as much as Colbyco. Unfortunately for Colbyco, these people come from a small and dwindling group, PhD's in mathematics who want to teach and who don't mind the lower pay. Do you realize that the last two people hired in mathematics are recent Colbyco graduates without the PhD and unable to teach many of the upper division courses. The situation is so bad that the Administration had the temerity and unmitigated gall to tell one of the denied candidates that they hoped something could be worked out so that they could use him to teach upper division courses!

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emotional aspect

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 their minds' eye. Dr. King's model of an isolationist notion has been a reality for everyone at least once, if not many times. To focus on such a truth is to build a base from which further racial understanding will

necessarily grow.

The workshop was highly charged with a positive volatility. We were made to feel disengaged. The circle, the questions, the responses, and the anger, fear, and frustrations were no less than a tragic play. With exposition, climax, and denouncement, Dr. King's workshop evoked fear

and pity. But, this tragedy also evoked qualities of anger and love. For Dr. King, anger might be understood as a burgeoning frustration that stems from a surrounding sea of unjust and inhuman sensibilities; whereas love arrives from a genuine appreciation of the unfettered human spirit. For us, these qualities are an invitation to

extricate ourselves from socially imbued habits and to investigate the extent of our very humanity.

And yet, will these feelings galvanize us participants into a perpetual and insistent acceptance of man as man, woman as woman, and men and women as human beings? One can only hope this is the

case, for it seems that the treatment of persons as sweetness and light will be the very elixir of life itself. It is difficult to denude a race's - namely, the institutionalized white race's - visceral composite of socially trained habits. But, habits, like traditions, are followed blindly: our advancement lies in the destruction of such desensitized values. When Dr. Charles King freely and gladly hugged the students near him at the workshop's end, one could not help but notice the number who sought his embrace. Will these positively charged people who were present remain emotionally charged by this highly charged man? Or, will most of us return to the ostensibly sympathetic state which was the very impetus that ushered most of us into the Student Center last Wednesday night?

President

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Boston or South Africa, but here on Mayflower Hill. We need a President who should not be remembered for what he eliminated but for what he created. A man who does not think he makes students 'uncomfortable' eating in the dining hall, but one who will stand at the front of the line and eat Colby food with Colby students. We need someone who will get knee deep in the problems of room draw and make modifications to correct them. We need a man who just doesn't make changes but lives with them."

Finally she said; "Should we make an appointment to see him, he said he will see all students."

As I started to walk towards my room I said; "No, if he really wants to see all the students

then he best come out from his office."

Games

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perpetuation of evil. I'm almost convinced of it.

So the next time you're bored, like my addiction-breaking psychiatrist says, just lie down and take a nap. You'll get less frustrated that way and you'll probably get more work done. I'll be sure to wake you when it's over.

Finals

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Farmington ME, Alpine Captain RB Klinkenberg and Nordic Captain Scott Bates will field a strong Colby team into Championships. Boasting a 1st place Women's team and 2nd place Men's team at the Colby-Sawyer Carnival, Colby will be considered a front-runner to bring home the Championship trophy. Come out and support the Colby College Varsity Skiers in what is sure to be an exciting EISA Division II Championship race.

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A taste of "life at Colby"

Karen Buckley
ECHO News Editor

Parents' Winter Weekend, held February 13-15, provided parents with an opportunity to experience a taste of "life at Colby." The program included a wide variety of activities, ranging from athletic to academic and from social to cultural.

Athletically speaking, parents participated in a number of events, including skating, skiing and just watching games. This weekend also marked the 6th Annual Cross Country ski race. Physics professor Murray Campbell and Carol Libby, class of '71, battled the cold for first place in their respective men's/women's divisions, while second place was awarded to Andrew and Reidon Nuquist, respectively. Jeanne Vacco, class of '62, received the Participation Award for her many years of participation. The ski race was coordinated by Director of Alumni Relations Sue Cook with assistance from WAA's John Nash and Dave Rand.

According to Barbara Leonard, coordinator of the Parents' Association, parents got a glimpse of Colby's academic life through a group of Faculty lecturers. Leonard

indicated this is a new activity offered to parents. "During parents weekend, we sometimes forget that academics are the most important thing here. The faculty lectures are a nice way to show this off. Everybody who participated in the lectures seemed really excited - they had a ball!"

Hour long courses offered to parents included Forensic Chemistry by professor of chemistry Gary Mabbott. Mabbott discussed chemical principles underlying methods of analysis related to crime and chemistry. Philosophy professor Nikke Guninder Singh discussed the impact of modernity upon civilizations of India, China and Japan as seen through religion, art, politics, economics and philosophy in a lecture entitled, "Contemporary Asian Ideas and Values."

From the physics department, professor Roger Metz presented "Bits, Chips and the von Neuman Computer Legacy," which provided a survey of computers, including such topics as the history of computers and the power and limitations of computers, as well as a computer lab.

Finally, sociology professor

Virginia Dersch offered a lecture on "Aging and Society," which involved a look at the impact of increasing numbers of older people on society and its institutions within the context of both Western and non-Western societies. Following the lectures was a luncheon for all participants in the Smith/Hurd Rooms.

There were a number of talks open to parents, including "Four Power Relations in Asia," a talk by Minoru Tambu, Consul General of Japan in Boston, and "Colby Today," a presentation by President Cotter.

In tune with the Valentine's Day theme, the Boston Renaissance Ensemble presented "A Program of Love Songs for St. Valentine's Day" Saturday evening at Lorimer Chapel. The concert was sponsored by the Robert E.L. and Helen Strider Concert Fund.

According to Coordinator of Special Events Bobbie Black, the weekend was, overall, a success. "The biggest and most successful feature was the faculty lectures. They went over very well. There was a good variety of things for families to do despite the cold."

Carnival Weekend Activities

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Wadsworth Gymnasium 8:00 pm
*2/21 After Concert Party-Student Center
2/22 Sunday Brunch-Roberts 10:00am
2/22 Snow Sculpture Contest

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Lip sync's back

It's back again! This year we will bring you another unforgettable night.

For those of you who missed this incredible event last year I will explain. A lip-sync contest will be held on campuses across the nation on February 27.

Here at Colby everybody may participate. Participants will be judged by spectators as well as judges. Spectators will receive two ballots and selected faculty members will each have forty ballots to help determine the best impersonation. Colby's winner will then go on to

compete in a regional contest and if successful, will go on to a national competition. If chosen by that committee, MTV will help you make a video to broadcast across the nation.

After the lip-sync the evening will progress as an all-campus party.

So for those interested in playing out their favorite singer or group, get organized and practice. For more information contact Philippa Carter (873-7116) or Melissa Hallahan (873-3091). All proceeds go to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society.



John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band

John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band will add the Colby Gymnasium to a long list of East Coast concerts they played, when the open at 8 pm Saturday.

Beginning thirteen years ago in Narragansett, they played bars and colleges in Rhode Island before branching out to Cape Cod and Boston. They

spent ten years touring the East Coast with singles such as "Wild Summer Night" and "Tender Years" getting extensive airplay before they were offered work in the soundtrack for "Eddie and the Cruisers."

CBS distributor Scotti Brothers signed them in 1983, and their album "Tough All Over" was released in May

1985. Featured on this album is the song "Voice of America's Song" seen from Stallone's "Cobra."

Sponsored by the Student Affairs Office, in conjunction with WFOV, the concert will begin with the rhythm and blues band "Red Light Review." Tickets are on sale, for seven dollars, at the Student Affairs Office and the dining halls.

Review

As You Like It

by Mark D. Wilson

Okay, so I succumbed to using the title as a pun. But let's face facts - I'm not a professional critic. The only professional production I've seen is *Oh! Calcutta*, which as you may or may not know, is done almost entirely in the nude.

As You Like It is an entertaining comedy on the various loves available in our world, a timely work for Valentine's Day. I won't spoil the play, you can read it yourself. It dragged only in spots, and has a satisfying ending. Double meanings provided most of the humor and were without fail sexual. No matter how many puns are offered the viewers although Elizabethan English still can get a little boring after two hours if one is not accustomed to it.

The play was the culmination of the Jan Plan of about 30 Colby students under the direction of Professor Richard Sewell. The students received three credits for their efforts, four and a half hours a day for five days a week learning Elizabethan, studying parts, designing sets, lighting, etc.

The roles were double-cast to insure that the players know a lot about the play.

Creating an Elizabethan atmosphere was attempted with the flute and guitar music playing in the Strider Theater lobby. It would have worked, too, if the first selection hadn't been "Zamfir, Master of the Plan Flute," playing his rendition of Simon Garfunkel's

"El Condor Pasa." Oh, if I could!

The work these people put into the production shows. The two leads were exceptional. Cori Brackett as Rosalind and John Bookis as Orlando were as real as the comedy allowed them to be. The other players were good; Celia was girlish, Oliver a weasel, Touchstone a sharp witty fool, Jacques cynical, Silvius a dog chasing after his Shepards. And Old Adam deserves special kudo - to be 20 and play an 80 year old and be that funny takes talent.

The costumes were accurate and excellent, though I had a bit of trouble conceptualizing Rosalind as being disguised as a man in lavender and white and a pair of feminine pants.

An element of drama was missing from most scene closures - the transitions were vague. At intermission the lights went on and we all went, "I guess that means it is time to get doughnuts."

I will credit the lighting crew for doing their best to help bridge the gap. We were treated to moonlight when there should have been moonlight and dawn after that and then daylight. These transitions were well done and gave to the play a smooth feel despite a few botched exits.

Sewell and the cast are to be congratulated for a professional performance.

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Women swim for victories

by Mary Thomson

On February 14, the Colby women's swimming and diving teams finished up their dual meet season by defeating Bates 149 to 111. Thus, the White Mules record for the season was eight wins and 1 loss to Bowdoin College.

During the meet, three records were broken - senior Sue Costello in the 1000 freestyle, junior Jen Massengil in the 1 meter diving, and freshman Lisa Finkleman in the 200 yard individual medley - bringing the total number of

records broken this season to eight.

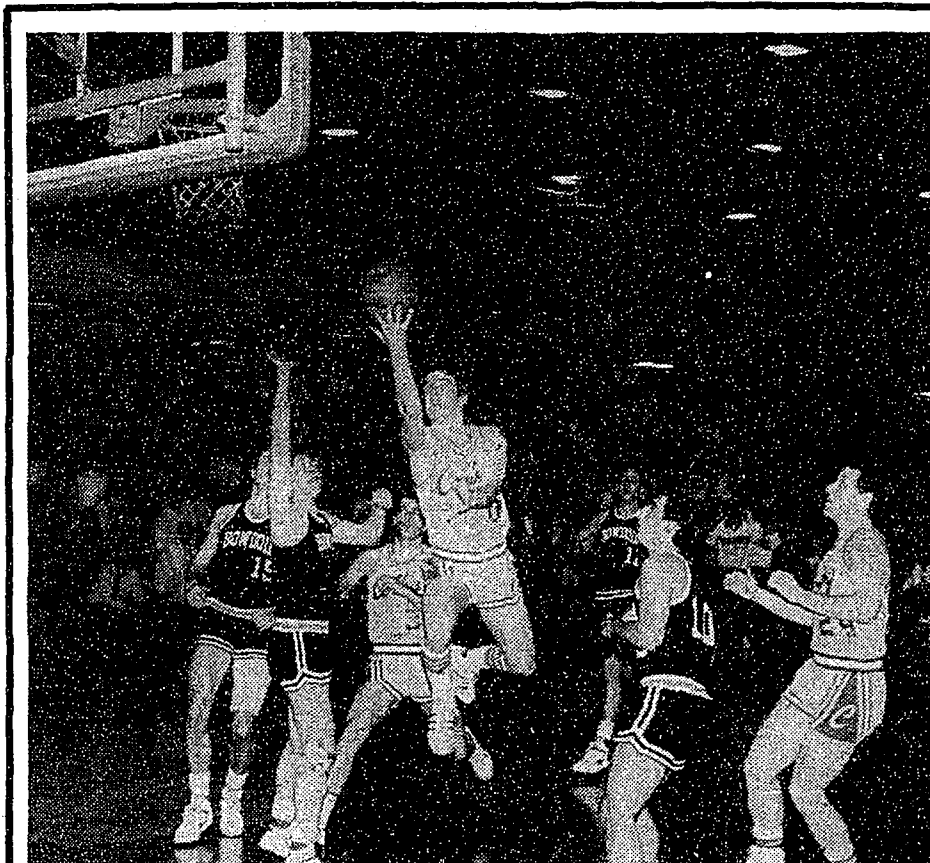
Also contributing to Colby's win was Louise Tranchin's 1st place finish in the 200, 100 and 50 yard freestyle which was complemented by Carolyn Baker's third finish in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

Backstroke was another strong event for Colby in which Carolyn Lockwood captured 1st place in the 100 back with a personal best of 1:08.11. Amy Farmer, a freshman for Ohio, finished second in the 200 backstroke. Other outstanding swims were done by Julie Smith

in the 400 freestyle relay and Wendy Nasnerski in the 100 breaststroke.

Great swims were not the only reason for Colby's 8 and 1 record. Lead by Coach Matt Curran, the three women divers - Jen Massengil, Marion Robbins and Sue Carbonne - all New England qualifiers, have also been a big asset.

On Thursday, both the women swimmers and divers venture off to Wellesley College for the New England Division III Swimming and Diving Championships.



The White Mules Challenged the Polar Bears over Jan-Plan.

Men's track

Running strong

The men's track team is gearing up for some big meets. After having five regular season meets the team looks forward to the New England Division III Championships, the New England Championships, and the ECAC meet.

In early January Colby hosted the Colby relays. Teams from Maine, USM, and the University of New Brunswick competed. While Hans Hagen was the only winner taking the 1500, second places were earned by Matt Reilly in the 35 pound weight, Rich Lasley in the shot put, Dave Duane in the 55 meter hurdles, Ken Barber in the 3000 and Steve Pischel in the Pole Vault. Third Places went to Lasley in the weight, Toby Yos in the 1500, Rich Lanzi in the 5000 and Sterling Keene in the high jump.

Next Colby travelled to

Brown University for a meet consisting of Division I, II and III teams. This meet provided some good competition for the Mules. Mark Pagnano placed third in the 1500 meter run while Bill McGillis and Mike Misner each captured fifth place in the triple jump and 800 meter run, respectively.

The following weekend the Mules travelled to Boston and completed in The New England TAC Championship and Greater Boston Track Club Meet. At this meet many athletes of national and international caliber competed. Many of us witnessed for the first time a sub four mile by Gerry O'Reilly of Ireland and Villanova. As well, they saw the legendary Henry Rono run for Colby. Tim Fisher ran a competitive race in the 5000 and McCrillis took sixth in the triple jump.

Colby hosted the state meet on February 7. All the students were away on break but it was still a busy weekend as all the sports teams were at home and channel 5, WABI, was covering the events.

Mark Pagnano successfully defended his state title in the mile, and Dave Duane took top honors in the 55 meter hurdles. Duane's time of 7.6 seconds is just off the qualifying time for nationals. Second places were earned by McCrillis in the triple jump, Misner in the 800 meter and Pagnano in the 1000 meter. Third places were earned by freshman Rob Salaverry in the 600 meter run and Tim Fisher in the two mile run. Colby also placed third with 25 points behind Maine (92) and Bates (47) and ahead of Bowdoin (10).

This past weekend the Mules journeyed to Williamstown and competed in the second CBB versus Little "3" meet. The CBB defended its title easily. For Colby first place finishes were recorded by Pagnano in the 1000 meter, Salaverry in the 500, and McCrillis in the triple jump. Second place finishes went to Senior Phil Thornton in the 5000, Duane in the hurdles and Misner in the 800. Third place finishes went to Pischel in the pole vault and McCrillis in the long jump. The CBB vs. little "3" meet is a fun meet where the Mules team up with traditional rivals Bates and Bowdoin to take on Amherst, Wesleyan and Williams of the little "3."

This weekend Colby will be hosting the New England Division III Championships. More than 25 teams will be competing. Colby will be trying of match its third place finish of the previous two years. It should be a very exciting meet. Come down and cheer the Mules on in their championship meet. Pagnano, Duane and McCrillis are ranked in the top four in New England in their respective events and should produce some exciting results. Misner, Salaverry, Fisher, Yos, and Pischel are also expected to create some noise.

Men's basketball

Taking giant steps

As this year's ECAC tournament draws near, the Colby's men's basketball team took a giant step closer towards clinching a post season berth with convincing victories over Connecticut College and Eastern Connecticut State University. In running their record to 14-5, the White Mules are almost assured of being able to play at least their first game of the journey at home in the friendly confines of Wadsworth gymnasium.

On Friday night, the Mules took on the Connecticut College Camels (Gee, what an appropriate nickname...Camels in Connecticut?). The first half saw Colby forge a narrow 5-point lead, 42-37. The hometown boys played well, but just were not able to pull away from the pesky camels, who shot 64% from the field in the first half.

The second half was a different story however. A 24-6 run by the Mules early in the period put Connecticut away for good. Final score: Colby 93, Connecticut 77 (A Dominos deliveryman's worst nightmare). Putting in what has become a performance for him, freshman guard Matt Hancock poured in 22 points (including a perfect 8-for-8 from the foul line) and grabbed 9 rebounds. Also figuring heavy in the Mule attack were captains Chris Powell with 13 points and Chris

Vickers with 12. Crowd favorite Derrick Small had 20 points for the Camels, while Scott Sawyer added 17.

On Saturday of the same weekend, the Warriors of Eastern Connecticut State University made their way up to wintry Waterville to battle the Mules. Once again Colby prevailed, with their fourth straight victory, 86-75.

The first half had the Mules heading into the lockerroom with a comfortable halftime lead of 14 points, 44-30, despite shooting a very mediocre 43% from the field. A 14-2 run by the Warriors early in the second stanza made things interesting, though, as they narrowed the Colby lead to 57-52. The Mule offensive firepower was just too much though. Hancock, Powell, and Vickers led the way once again, with 21, 20 and 17 points respectively. Also, hats off to sophomore Scott Jablonski. In only his second start of the season, his 10 points, 14 rebounds and general gritty play against the brutally physical Eastern front line made the difference down the stretch. Chris Booth tallied 25 points for the losers, while Bill Brevard had 16.

Upcoming home games for the White Mules are Feb. 23 vs. Husson and Feb. 25 vs. Bates. Come out and support the hoopsters as they make their final drive for the playoffs.

More than simple pride

by Drew Simmons

VALENTINE'S DAY - Despite being relegated to the role of a spoiler in their league, the Colby hockey team played for more than simple pride at their Valentine's day meeting with #3 Babson.

Down by two goals at the end of the second period, the White Mules rallied behind the offensive leadership of captain Jon Doehr and the stellar defensive play of goalie Jim Roduto. "Our problem has been that we haven't been able to

play three periods of good hockey," said Coach Mickey Goulet, "At the break before the third period...well, we got a little upset."

And it showed as the team exploded into the third period. First an assist from Doehr to Matt Elders brought a tie within one goal. Then it was Doehr again - this time in front of the net - the two man assist combining Joe Bisson and Vin Paolucci for the score that sent the game into sudden death overtime and the crowd into

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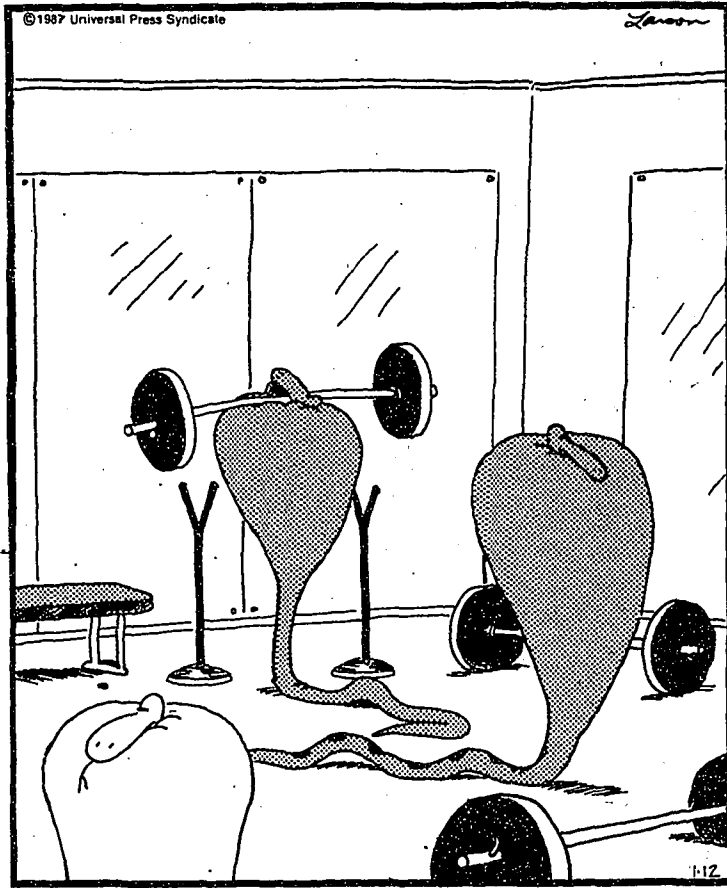
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guilt. As you become part of the system, it becomes easier to discriminate. "Everyone is a fine person alone, but together you are a monstrosity. Institutions make us into something we are really not." As a final comment, Dr. King asked the audience "not to let yourselves be structured and harm anyone without first stopping to ask why."

Many students expressed a positive reaction to Dr. King: "excellent," "thought provoking," and "much needed" were a few of the comments. One student said, "I didn't know what he was doing, then it hit me." Another said, "I didn't realize you can be racist without using degrading words and thoughts; it's a pity a lot of people on this campus weren't there. Our protected world (Colby) is nice, but not necessarily right." One of the volunteers felt that it was "an

excellent experience that changed a lot of opinions. However, it is unfortunate that some (people) walked out the way they came in: still saying

'yes, but...' " On Wednesday, February 25 Dr. King and his unique approach to understanding racism will be featured on Nightline.



Snake weight-rooms

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON

Pride

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frenzy.

The intensity that was responsible for checking a Babson player through a rink door in the first period returned to Colby for the overtime period. Nevertheless, the Mules stayed in control and forced a Babson penalty - giving Colby a power play and an eventual goal to win the game. Once again the combination of Bisson, Paolucci and Doeher struck for the game winner.

"I told them that in order to create you have to stick your

neck out," explained Coach Goulet. They did just that, and with the miraculous saves of Reduto, we had one of the most exciting and dramatic Colby victories of the season.

With three goals and an assist in the afternoon, Doeher has pulled within seven points of becoming another member of the list of Colby 100 point scorers. In the two games remaining in the season, Doeher and his teammates will be trying to send him into the record books with the previously existing fourteen.

Moreover, Vin Polucci has already gained his berth into

the Colby 100 club, and during the Babson game he became the second all time leading scorer in Colby hockey history. With one goal and one assist for the game, Paolucci has replaced John McGuire's ('61) number of 137 points with his own 139 total points (goals and assists).

Their record is now 10-12-1, and a .500 record at least is required to gain a playoff berth. Regardless, expect the season to end victoriously.

The games remaining this season are Bowdoin on Wednesday at 7:00 pm and Connecticut College on Saturday at 7:00 pm.

Men's swimming

David Russell
ECHO Sports Editor

The Colby Men's Swimming team finished their dual meet season with a disappointing loss to the Bates' Bobcats. Although the final record may not show it, the men actually had a very successful season. Several losses can actually be attributed to bad luck.

The men finished off 1986 with a victory over Brandeis and a loss to division 1 UMO. After returning from a New Years training trip in San Diego, the men travelled to Vermont to swim Middlebury and Norwich, both of whom beat Colby last year. This year was different however, with Colby victorious over both schools in two of the closest meets of the season. Life for the Colby Mules changed after their trip to Vermont. The temporary loss of several swimmers as well as the lack of depth in other areas hampered the Men's team and the season ended with unfortunate losses to Clark, Bowdoin, WPI, and Bates.

Despite their 3-5 record, the season was very successful in other areas. The meet against Bates was the best of the season. The crowd turnout was excellent and very supportive. Many personal bests were achieved against Bates and the team worked with and supported each other superbly.

Growing pains

The Colby Men's Swimming Team has certainly proved itself as a legitimate team and shall continue to grow and to establish itself as one of the best in its league.

The Colby White Mules Women's Swimming team has much to celebrate. Their victory last Saturday over Bates' Bobcats caps a very successful season. Their final record of 8-1 is one of the best in the school and many team records were broken.

Early season victories over Brandeis and Salem State started the ball rolling. Returning from Christmas break, the women went on to win four in a row, beating Plymouth State, Middlebury, Norwich, and Clark. Their one loss, to Bowdoin, was expected because of Bowdoin's historically strong swim program. The women finished off a dual meet season with victories over WPI and Bates. This weekend, most of the team will be travelling to the Division III New England Swimming and Diving Championships at Wellesley College.

This is Head Coach Robby MacDonald's second season at Colby and Assistant Coach Dana Hodges and Diving Coach Matt Curran's first season at Colby. All three should be proud of the strides that they have made with both

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Skiing to success

Coached by Jeff Meserve, the Colby College Varsity Ski Team has enjoyed a very successful first season. In the four Division II meets held to date the Colby Skiers have consistently finished races in the top twenty, and have been one of the top teams in the overall standings as well. This weekend Colby will be vying for the Division II crown hosted by Colby.

At the first Division II meet of the season the Colby's women finished first while the men had a disappointing 5th. Highlighting the women's competition in the Alpine events were six top-twenty finishes in the Giant Slalom race and also in the Slalom. Sophomore Lisa Beliveau dominated with a first place performance in each. For the Nordic events, freshman Amy Shedd lead Colby with a second place finish, along with two other top ten finishes in the individual race. Colby also had the winning relay team. For the men, senior Captain Scott Bates lead the Nordic standings

for Colby with a 2nd place finish. In the Alpine races, Junior Rok Zajec lead the Colby charge with a tenth place in the Giant Slalom and sophomore Don Darby a third in the Slalom.

At the MIT Carnival, held at the Dartmouth Skiway in Hanover NH, the Colby women again dominated the competition while the men skied away with a third place finish. The Colby women's charge was lead by freshman Galen Lauman's third place finish in the Nordic individual race, and Lisa Beliveau's second place in the Giant Slalom and third in the Slalom. The Colby women also had the winning relay team comprised of Lauman, Shedd and sophomore Sonja Hall. Don Darby lead the men by winning the Slalom competition and placing third in the Giant Slalom. Scott Bates lead the way for the Nordic men with a third, while senior Nick Niles finished in eighth.

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On the meal plan.

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for every meal. "It is expected to increase attendance to in excess of 16 meals per week." This may mean less attendance in other venues around Colby, possibly resulting in less business for Domino's Pizza, Elm Tree, etc. and perhaps causing greater estrangement between the Colby community and Waterville, an already sore point in the relationship between the two.

An additional facet of the meal plan is that it was offered to everyone to be implemented for everyone in the fall. It is clear however, that some will benefit more from the plan than others but it remains that we were all asked to participate. Had the timing of the proposal been more appropriate, had we been asked this seemingly important issue when our minds were not already preoccupied with papers due and exams looming large in the horizon, had there been time for proper debate, we might have decided otherwise. The small margin of approval of 56% (yes) to 44% (no) is indicative of the fact that many doubts about the new plan existed.

It isn't that the new plan is inherently wrong but its flaws

remain to be examined and corrected if possible. Hopefully, Seilers and the administration proposed the new plan in the sincere belief that it would be beneficial to the student; it would be really nice if it were. If all remains the same with Colby's eating habits then we will have paid \$130,000 to find out how many times each of us makes it to breakfast during exam week.

Such important data will allow Seiler's to cut costs (while asking us for \$118,000) since they will be able to determine rather exactly what quantities of food need be cooked. This monitoring will also likely result in longer lines since more time will be required to screen the students as they enter the dining halls.

Since the machines will know how often we eat at any of the three locations, they will also know how often we do not eat there. I say this because no mention whatsoever, at any point was made of refunds or rebates for meals that are willfully missed. Assuming that students will be free to decide when they wish not to enjoy Seiler's fine fare (to eat out, for example), it would make sense that if a student, by his/her choice, misses 10% of the meals during the course of a year, a 10% rebate or refund should ensue in the cost of the meal plan. Finally, technology being

what it is, it is likely to fail at some point. It would hardly be justifiable to close a dining hall

In order to soften the effect of a machine greeting our arrivals at breakfast, lunch and dinner, Seilers pledged in one of its newsletters that students would be allowed to enter a dining hall more than once per meal, but only under special circumstances such as joining your friends for coffee, tea or dessert. No mention was made whether those going to the washroom would be allowed to re-enter the dining halls. While this is a clear indication of Seiler's generosity, this solution seems unworkable for it would require a sharp eyed person indeed to know who's been in because the system crashed that morning or because the card reader choked on somebody's I.D. All this means is that hardware failures will lead to more delays.

Franc-Eric Wiedmer
Class of '90

Mule News

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Use was certainly the right word!

Poor sad Colbyco! What a fine college one could start with the faculty released in the past few years! We will miss you Ken, and John, and Eric, and Lew. For those of you that enjoy this painful topic, tune in next year

skiing

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As the sun shone for the Colby-Sawyer Carnival in New Hampshire, so did it for the Colby Ski Team. With yet another first place finish for the women and a second by the men, Colby became the team to beat for the remainder of the season. Don Darby and junior Jonathan Selkowitz finished fourth and eighth respectively in the Giant Slalom, while Darby lead the way in the Slalom with another fourth combined with three other top-fifteen finishes. For the Nordics, Scott Bates finished in third and also lead the way to a third by the relay team comprised of Bates, Niles and sophomore Eric Hansen. For the women, Lisa Beliveau again finished the Giant Slalom in second and the Slalom in third. The Nordic results were un-

available.

This past weekend, in the bitter cold, Colby again found its way to the top. With a third by Lisa Beliveau in the Giant Slalom and sophomore Stacey Mitchell's eighth in the Slalom, the Colby women once again showed their dominance. In the Nordic events Galen Lauman had a third for the Colby women. For the men, Don Darby lead the way with a fifth in the Slalom and a fourth in the Giant Slalom. For the Nordic team, sophomore Bill Morgan had a team leading eighteenth place.

This weekend seems to be most promising for the Colby Ski Team, as they ski at home. The Alpine teams will be skiing at Sugarloaf/USA, on the same hill that they train on. The Nordic teams will be at their training area, Troll Valley in Farmington, and also here on campus. Whatever the outcome is at the Division II Championship meet this weekend, Colby can be proud of the accomplishments of the Colby Skiers as they near the end of their first year as a reinstated varsity program.

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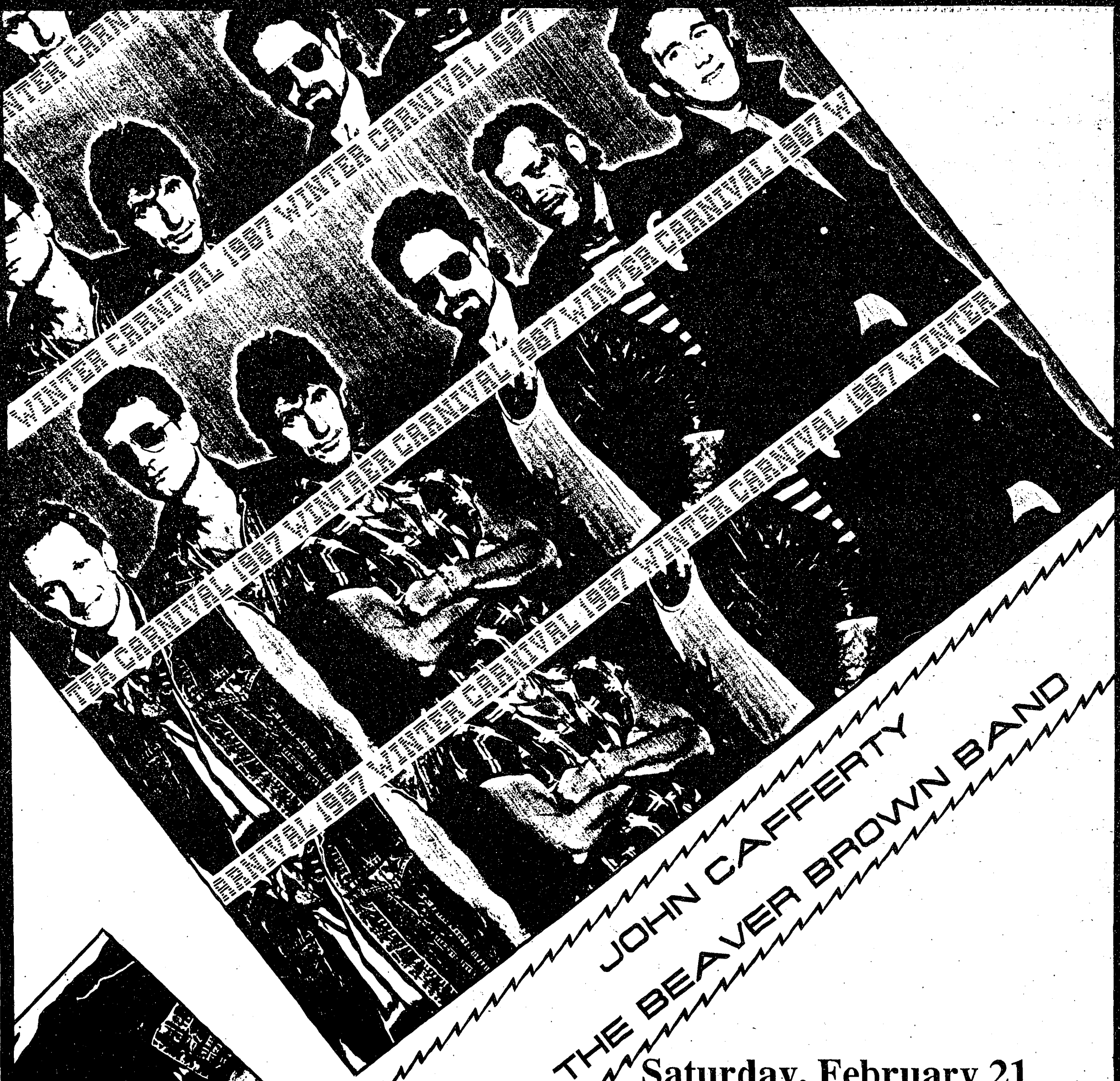
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