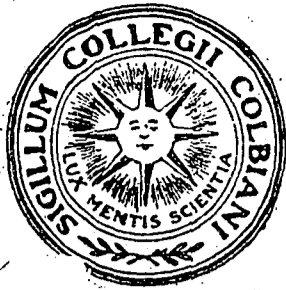


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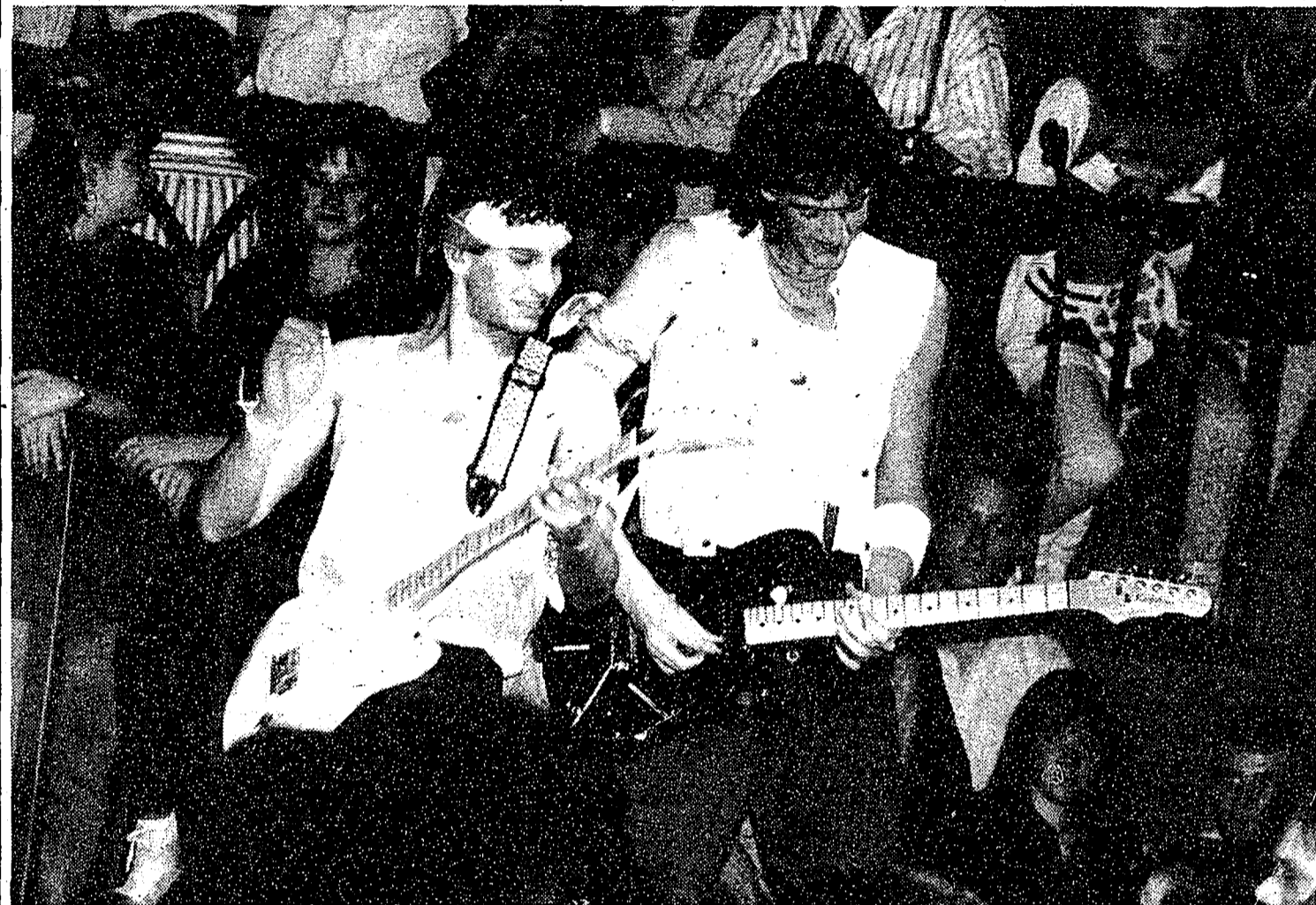


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MS Lip Sync Festivities took the limelight this past weekend.

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Barnicle to speak

by Bill Bullock

Mike Barnicle, staff writer for the Boston Globe and owner of the most talked about column in the city of Boston has been chosen to speak to the graduating class of 1987 this spring at the commencement ceremonies.

Perhaps unknown to the many students living beyond the Boston area, Barnicle's Metro/Region column tackles all the issues of America today, ranging from the homeless and drug problems in Boston, to the Red Sox and the impact of the "Yuppie" in America today. Mr. Barnicle's investigative reporting coupled with his delightful humor and wit make him a Boston favorite and an exciting selection for Commencement this spring.

Mr. Barnicle's reporting style has been well known through-out New England and he made national headlines in 1980 when he was convicted of contempt for withholding the identity of a confidential eye-witness to the fatal stabbing of 16 year old John D. Fitzpatrick. Barnicle's column involved talking with an eye-witness who allegedly identified Fitzpatrick's killer.

Mr. Barnicle's column can be found in the Metro/Region section of the Boston Globe and his humorous insight and gripping stories reveal a refreshing view of America today.

His arrival at Colby will be much anticipated and will undoubtedly entertain the graduating seniors with his views on life.

President Cotter at "fireside"

by Dana Friedman

President Cotter spoke to an audience of about 25 on Tuesday night in the Piper lounge, in a "fireside chat" open to the campus. Dressed in his standard business suit and tie, Cotter answered students' questions on a wide range of subjects. Conversation touched on the following:

Colby's alcohol policy. Maine has increased their force of liquor inspectors from three to seventeen, with one especially for Waterville and Colby. We're guaranteed to have an inspector on campus every weekend, who can enter any party given probable cause.

According to Cotter, the inspectors used to be concerned with the sale of alcohol to

minors; now, apparently, they're focusing on underage consumption. He asked whether students would rather have Colby enforce the law with more Security or whether they would control the alcohol policy themselves. Colby's liquor license is in jeopardy, Cotter said, and there is no clear answer to the inspectors' presence available.

The rationale behind the recent tuition hike; this raise, about \$1,000, will be put toward faculty salaries, to keep them within the top 5 percent of similar schools' salaries.

The lack of an on-campus ROTC program; Colby decided not to have the program during the early 1970's and the Vietnam War. "We could go back - it's a controversial

issue," Cotter said.

The Tenure Policy. There is no limit on the number of professors who are tenured. Who, not How Many, is what is important, according to Cotter. "There is a need for fresh faculty, to have a balance." He explained that over a twenty year period, of those faculty who have reached the six-year period two-thirds ought to have been tenured. The factors involved include a panel of nine elected faculty members, student-completed teacher evaluation forms, outside critiques, and any letters of comment from current and former students.

Student Recruitment. With increasing national recognition for Colby, (40 percent of

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Mid-week parties

by Meredith Hart

On October 9th, the Board of Governors approved the Student Affairs Committee's decision to recommend the removal of the Mid-Week Party Rule. This decision, now approved by the college, allows for mid-week social functions to occur in the Student Center. However, these provisions must be followed:

-Students must register the event with John Farkas and Dean Seitzinger.

-BAR regulations and Colby alcohol policies need to be reviewed with party hosts.

-Functions must end by midnight, and on Tuesday nights the functions cannot begin until 9 pm. when seminars are over.

The Mid-Week party decision was initially encouraged by the majority of the Board for they believed that mid-week parties would cause less emphasis to be placed on saving all "social energy" for the weekend. Alcohol would be removed from the Residence Halls and drinking would occur outside of the dorms. Will students take advantage of the option for mid-week social events?

Joyce McPhetres Maisel, Associate Dean of Students, feels that the mid-week party would not fit into the Colby students schedule. The Colby student takes on a serious

academic stance and she does not believe they have the impetus to disrupt their work habits. When the student does socialize during the week, he goes to the Spa or the Courthouse. Dean McPhetres Maisel predicts that mid-week parties always at the Student Center will become too repetitive and redundant.

Elaine DeBeradine, West Quad Governor, feels that it is "always good to have the option of mid-week parties, yet the current trend of parties are becoming very generic and monotonous." Lately, there has been a "dearth of new and exciting themes for all-campus parties." Freshman Kelly Cogan believes it is necessary to have a choice of events but "the mid-week party policy would be most popular during Jan-Plan." Sophomore Jeff Ward thinks perhaps there may be parties on Wednesday nights, however Thursdays will be the best night. There will probably be conflicts in scheduling the Commons Room for different clubs and organizations and cultural and social events. However, "with the new liquor policies and the presence of the liquor inspector on campus, it is hard to predict the popularity of mid-week parties."

Archibald discusses tenure

by Chris Van Horne

There seems to be a wee bit of bitterness being evoked from one Thomas Smedley Kensington about tenure. Reading the "Mule News" two weeks ago reminded me more of a review for Platoon ("body count" etc.) than an educated query over the politics of tenure. But how educated was this account?

I had the opportunity to talk

with our Dean of Faculty about the facts. Dean Archibald has been at his post for five years. He expressed his personal thoughts as well as his colleagues about the mis-representative article. Among the fallacies: In the past seven years, 5/8 of those put forth for tenure were awarded it - not the guesstimate 1/3 figure Smedley pulled out of the air.

Another underlying theme was an apparent puppet

relationship between the administration and the committee. Dean Archibald emphatically feels the so called "Gang of Nine" is certainly "no tool of the administration." Can you see Roger Bown sitting idly at a meeting?

How about the process? Since Smedley conveniently left that out of his article, I will fill you in. There are nine member of the tenure committee. They

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"Nobody's safe [from AIDS] unless you're 85 and you've lived with your cats for 20 years." See p. 4.

Who would have known that Colby College is sponsoring a nursery school? See p. 7.

According to national statistics, approximately 40 percent of American society are alcohol users, and fifteen percent of that number are alcoholics. See p. 7.

People are beginning to talk about the Reagan administration in the past tense. See p. 13.

LETTERS

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Communism, "Commonsism"

Communism is an appealing ideology. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone were of equal worth to society? Karl Marx promoted very noble ideals: Yet, it is common knowledge that the Soviet Union is unreflective of his vision of an egalitarianism. Ideology did not equate with actuality. Unless corrective measures are taken, the Colby College commons system will experience the same type of ideological downfall.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in its preeminent report, *The Undergraduate Experience in America* recently concluded that "The Colby College Commons System is a goal that should guide the residential arrangements on every campus." The Foundation implies that everyone ought to follow in our footsteps. However, do we like the trail we've blazed so far? Positive comments are seldom made about the Commons System. There may be a "goal" with much potential but we have clearly not yet reached it nor are we capable of attaining it under present circumstances.

The Commons System is doomed to failure if the administration or Stu-A does not clarify its objectives and devise a plan for achieving them. The Commission on Campus Life said "The time has come to reorganize the structure of residential life so as to approach the ideals of a collegial community." What are those "ideals?" They seem a mystery to most if not all Colby students. The entire framework of the Commons System is worthless if we don't know where we're going and, furthermore, have no idea of how to get there. The ideology of 'commonsism' is meaningless without practical application.

Students cannot be expected to work with an incomplete policy. The Carnegie Foundation report was perhaps too hasty in its judgement of Colby. It is not enough for the Commons System to be merely appealing on paper. Assistance must be accorded the student body for this ideology to become an actuality.

Mike Diamond
Co-Editor-In-Chief
Christine Gilman '88

Appreciation

Over the past two weeks the response to my editorial of February 19th has been strong from both sides. I realize that our policy of printing unsigned letters might be seen as unethical, and in some cases could be abused. However, the letters we received from faculty members who, because of their views, felt threatened by the administration could only be published unsigned (per their requests). I felt that this view, though it might not be the in the majority, should be given with the hope that a "forum" would result through which the student body could view the opinions of the faculty as a whole. I am pleased with the response, and the overwhelming sense that faculty life at Colby is not one of "low morale" and fearful animosity towards the administration. The last two weeks have been informative, and have given the student body an accurate understanding of how the faculty regards Colby and its institutions. I thank you for your concerned responses.

Adam Ernster
Co-Editor-in-Chief

More on tenure . . .

To the Editors:

The debate over responses and lack of responses to "Mule News" in recent issues of the Echo has raised a number of important issues which should be addressed.

First, I certainly cannot deny the feelings of those in the faculty who wrote. I am certain that many are concerned, that the morale of some is low, that anxiety levels are high. I am equally certain that this is not a new phenomenon. I have been at Colby for 16 years; I still remember my own anxiety as the tenure decision approached. The importance of that decision is one's professional and personal life assures that it will be stress inducing.

On the other hand, I am just as certain that some of the manifestations of that anxiety are misplaced. I abhor anonymous letters. Colby's recent history is full of individuals who have "made waves" as junior faculty members being granted tenure - and frequently continuing to "make waves" for years thereafter. More directly to the point, those kinds of considerations are never mentioned or even thought of in deliberation by the Committee on Promotion and Tenure. I cannot correct the impression of the letter writer, because s/he has chose the make of anonymity, but I hope to be able to let students, who must be somewhat confused by that letter, know a little about the process.

I am writing from the perspective of one who has twice been elected to the Committee on Promotion and Tenure, but who does not currently serve. The Committee

has a fairly recent history at Colby, a little more than ten years. Prior to that time, for about three or four years, an elected committee of full Professors, the most senior faculty members, reviewed departmental tenure decisions. And prior to that time, up to the early 1970's, all full Professors, meeting in secret with no specific guidelines (and with rumors of blackballs and the like rampant but unproven), made tenure decisions.

The current system is a democratized system. All faculty members vote on the members of the Committee on Promotion and Tenure. It is the vote which faculty members take most seriously because of the magnitude of the decisions the Committee makes. It is the committee assignment which faculty members find most burdensome in terms of time spent and psychic energy expended. Service on the Committee is an awesome and onerous responsibility, one taken incredibly seriously by all who are elected.

One of last week's letters stated that each case is reviewed for three to five hours and concluded that that is not very much. That letter misinterpreted the data. Each case is reviewed for three to five hours in committee. That deliberation is after each member of the committee has spent whatever time is necessary, often more than ten to twelve hours, reviewing the individual dossier. In my many years on the Committee what impressed me most was the frequent recurrence of times in which my colleagues quoted verbatim from a series of letters or individual course evaluations; each member of the

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Freedom of expression

To the Editors:

I have hesitated to write in response to your call for answers to "Mule News," waiting for someone else to do it before me, like the person who does not want to be first to dive into the cold water. But no one else seems to have dived in, so here I go.

What I have to say is intended primarily for student readers of the Echo. I do not want to get into a debate with the anonymous faculty members responsible for "Mule News;" I doubt that anything I say would do much to change the alienation and bitterness they feel. Colby students, however, must be confused, and some of them are probably upset when they read allegations, for instance, that freedom of speech does not exist for the faculty, or that tenure decisions are made at the whimsy of the president or of other administrators.

I have been at Colby since 1972, and I came as a untenured instructor. I have since been tenured, promoted, and have done a stint as chairman of my department. I have also served on the tenure and promotion committee. I think I have been through just about every stage in a faculty member's life, with the exception of retirement. Let me say unequivocally, and

forcefully, that freedom of expression does exist at Colby.

I have never seen a faculty member disciplined for what he or she had said; I have never seen a faculty member's tenure or promotion jeopardized because of what he or she had said. I have seen a faculty member given tenure after having severely criticized the president in public. I have seen numerous faculty members, who openly disagreed with some members of the administration over important issues (such as merit pay increases) promoted in rank. I have known many faculty members to disagree strongly with the president, the dean of faculty, or other administrators, only to be given important committee assignments or other special tasks. I myself have disagreed with members of the administration over a variety of issues; never was there any retaliation, never was there the hint that my disagreement would affect my salary, my promotion, or anything else.

During the two years I served on the promotion and tenure committee, I found all decisions to be freely made. Not only did the president not influence decisions, he did not appear before the committee until the

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Suspensions

warranted?

To the Editors:

Five Colby students, two of whom are second semester seniors, are now waiting for a decision from Stu-J and the Dean's Office which, the student's fear, will probably result in suspension for one year. One week night not long ago, four of these students, acting on a dare, broke into a linen closet and lifted a bundle of sheets from the American Motor Inn in Waterville in a scavenger hunt. In the process, they set off an alarm. As they were leaving, the night manager of the motel copied down their license plate number, and the police traced the car to a Colby student. The police notified Security who in turn instructed the students to report to Waterville Police the day after the incident. By early afternoon the following day the students had contacted the police, returned all the sheets, apologized to the motel manager, and paid a slight damage fee on a broken door fixture. Since the motel manager had no desire to press any charges, the students figured that the incident was over. But it had just begun.

According to Mr. Arnold, manager of the motel, later in that same day he received a call from a woman in the Dean's Office (Arnold cannot remember her name) who asked why he refused to press charges. Mr. Arnold told the Dean that, "It was a harmless prank, and there's no reason to crucify the students or hang them for one mistake." He said that the students had returned his bundle of sheets and "that there's no reason to wreck their careers." This past Monday he told Dean Serdjenian, "Let's forget about it. Let the kid's graduate."

All these students were first-time offenders, never before having been tried by Stu-J and none of them have

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Unusual tolerance

To the Editor:

The recent letter by "one of the Untenured" faculty prompts some contrasting thoughts about the tenure process at Colby and the right of faculty to speak their minds without the fear of recrimination. Since joining Colby in 1980, I have found that junior faculty enjoy uncommon latitude in determining their roles at the college and a remarkable freedom in expressing their views on any issue. I was immediately welcomed, with other junior colleagues, at all department meetings, encouraged to speak out, and allowed to vote on every issue—policies that are unheard of in many other colleges where faculty hierarchies are more carefully guarded and boldly flaunted.

Similarly I was encouraged, indeed beyond either my expectations or desires, to participate in the committees that help guide the policies and enrich the cultural and intellectual life of the college. Moreover, whenever I dissented from the policies of the administration, faculty committees, or my department, which I did often, the response was worlds removed from the kind of repressive, near McCarthyite atmosphere of terror that one might glean from some portrayals in the

Echo. Rather I discovered from experience that president Bill Cotter and other administration officials have been exceptionally open to dialogue with junior as well as senior faculty, under virtually any circumstances.

As an example: some four years ago I became possibly the only faculty member—certainly the lone junior professor in my memory—ever to join a mass student protest against the administration. (The aim was to prompt still more vigorous action against sexual harassment on campus; in retrospect the call for a demonstration seems to be more impulsive than soundly considered, though at the time it seemed vital.)

From all the current tales of forced conformity among the junior faculty, one might imagine that my appearance with a protest group in the president's office would have produced a permanent condition (that is, for the remaining years of one's contract) of ostracism or worse. The reality, though, bore no resemblance to the commonly held Manichean image of a college divided between tyrannizing administrators and victimized junior faculty. Subsequently I spoke at length with members of the administration, including president Cotter, about the root

problems at issue and possible solutions to them; the subject of the protest itself never came up in these conversations (nor has it ever surfaced until this letter). No pressure was ever placed upon me to abandon my views or my tactics on this issue or any other. The presumption among administration officials, I believe, was and still is that concern for students and the college goes a long way toward legitimizing the most strongly expressed positions.

What of the tenure process itself? My personal experience suggests a rare tolerance for professors who seek to carve out niches they can fill constructively and comfortably. As for the tenure committee's deliberations, though I do not know what was said in my case, I can speak to the thoroughness of the procedure. Since my tenuring, in January 1986, I've listened in both amusement and amazement to several members of the tenure committee refer to aspects of my career that I had long since forgotten (indeed, in the case of some deservedly obscure passages from my writings, aspects that I had long since tried to forget). These faculty members had obviously immersed themselves in the details of my evaluations and other records to a remarkably painstaking (I hesitate just a bit to say painful) degree. This is not to say that

Think more carefully

To the Editors:

I hope my fellow students will bear with me while I step up on my soapbox for a moment. I do not want to appear to be moralizing or preaching to anyone, but there have been things happening on and around this campus throughout the year which have disturbed me greatly. My hope is that this letter may inspire one or two of you to think more carefully about your behavior.

Now, the first complaint I have can actually only be addressed to half of the student population—namely the men. This is due to the fact that I don't frequent the women's room in the Student Center. But the men should know to what I am referring. The men's rooms in the Student Center have been subject to extensive abuse all year long. It seems that everytime I go in there, a new hole has been punched in the wall or huge initial have been dug into the plaster. Thankfully B & G has been persistent in repairing the destruction or the bathrooms might look like public restrooms in West Beirut. Yet, all the repairs cost money and frankly, I don't think it's fair for the entire student body to have to pay for actions of a few people who think it's fun to trash the restrooms. Come on guys—grow up a little bit! Do you think punching or kicking a hole in the wall is a reasonable way for a college student to behave?

(I've even heard rumors of heads being used to penetrate plaster!) Don't you have any respect for public property? Maybe the administration ought to close the bathrooms until people can learn to behave a little more civilly when they go in there.

I also find it very annoying to walk into a dining hall (especially Dana) and see trays full of dishes lying on the tables because some people are too lazy to take their trays up to the dishroom. It may not take the Seiler's workers very long to clean up all the trays after a meal but that is not the point. The food service staff is there to provide us with meals, not to clean up after us. They are not paid to be the lazy Colby student's busperson. Does it create that much of a delay to bus your own dishes? (30 seconds to a minute, maximum, during peak hours.) It makes me sick to think that some people believe that they shouldn't have to clean up after themselves. Perhaps an extra \$1000 could be tacked on to our tuition so that a tray busing service could be hired. Wouldn't Mom and Dad love that!

But wait, the most ridiculous is yet to come. Recently several Colby students were caught stealing a large quantity of sheets from two Waterville hotels. And toward what end I must ask? A toga party? To hang signs outside the Student

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Cafferty: A great entertainer

To the Editors:

I'm writing in response to Dana Friedman's review of John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band. I thought that his column was completely biased toward his personal music preference and that he was unobjective in representing any sort of consensus of the audience as a whole. Did the dancing fans consider Cafferty

to be a "trite" stage performer? Did the cheering crowd complain when the "band wouldn't leave?" Did they feel mowed down as Friedman did that Cafferty wielded "his guitar like an assault rifle?" I think not. By my observation and the reactions that I heard after the concert convinced me that Cafferty was well received by many. He was a great entertainer whose enthusiasm

for the audience was reciprocated. Let's hope that Friedman will learn to represent future entertainers with greater balance. It's hard enough getting good bands up here, the last thing we need is unjustified sabotage of their talents.

Allyson Goodwin

Tenure

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include three members from each concentration of study at Colby: Social Sciences, Humanities, and Natural Sciences. Dean Archibald is the Chairman of the committee but has no vote. Professors are thoroughly reviewed from materials that include student evaluations, comments from outside members in each of the candidates professional fields and indepth student recommendations. Even Kensington agrees that the committee "puts in an enormous amount of time." Then the committee recommendations go to the President for approval. Only twice in the past five years have recommendation been denied.

O.K., so we have an unhappy faculty member. How about some suggestions on how to fix this supposedly unjust system? Dean Archibald admitted that the system might not be the best

The Echo regrets . . .

The Editors regret any implication in the headline on the front page and in our editorial that there had been a finding of an assault on a Safety and Security officer. (Echo, Feb. 26, 1987) This was unintended. The front page article made it clear that these were only allegations but the headline and editorial may have inadvertently conveyed a false impression. The statement in the front page article that the student had been summoned for "aggravated assault" however, was incorrect. He was summoned for misdemeanor assault.

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students are from outside of New England, representing almost every state) "We've failed to get racial diversity," said Cotter. "It's up to the student to make [the] community racially open." One problem cited was that minority students have not been interested in liberal arts colleges.

The turnout for the discussion was surprisingly small despite poor publicity; a spokesperson from his office was not aware of the date of his next student-address.

but it is universal. Colby could not feasibly drop this embedded process of higher education without jeopardizing their ability of attracting top notch professors. Once more, we would look as stupid as Bowdoin with their innovative and absurd grading system. In short, tenure is necessary in protecting the ability of professors to maintain their beliefs and integrity.

Basically what Smedley and other people here at Colby need is some focus. Understandably, there are many emotion that coincide with the importance of tenure decisions. However, keep to the facts and stop being so negative. After all, we are having enough problems avoiding the liquor inspector.

If you have any questions or concerns about AIDS,
please call: 1-800-851-AIDS.

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 ever been placed on disciplinary probation. And yet with good reason they fear probable suspension.

"The strange thing is," one of the student's said, "that we get no second chance." It appears that the school would like to send a message to the student body, but in this instance the message is guaranteed to be met with a great deal of bitterness. This offense was not at all malicious or violent; it was in the words of the motel manager "a prank" and the sentence ought to be viewed with a degree of temperance in this light. The students readily admit their guilt and when

asked what punishment they felt merited their act, they suggested sanctions of disciplinary probation and community service work.

If the students are suspended, the penalty becomes obscene especially in monetary terms. They would lose all of this semester's tuition and then have to pay another \$7,500 for a semester next year. That's a \$15,000 fine, not to mention the money that the seniors forfeit by not working next year. These students would have done better in a civil court at the mercy of a judge.

Jim Sullivan
 ECHO Opinion Editor

Those who are interested in running for stu-a president and vice-president, treasurer, social life chair and cultural chair, please pick up nomination sheets in the student activities office as soon as possible. All sheets must be brought to the informational meeting on Sunday, March 8, at 8 pm. in the Student Association office.

Statements must be handed into the Echo by Monday, March 16th. Elections will be held Monday, March 23rd. Run-offs will be held on Wednesday, March 25th.

Am I alone?

Am I alone in thinking

- 1) that Colby-bashing is tiresome?
- 2) that tenured professors who write anonymous letters are gutless?
- 3) that the administration should not be blamed for what an elected faculty committee decides?
- 4) that most of the Promotion and Tenure Committee have been and continue to be frequent critics of various

actions and policies at Colby and do not punish tenure candidates for their expressions of controversial opinions?

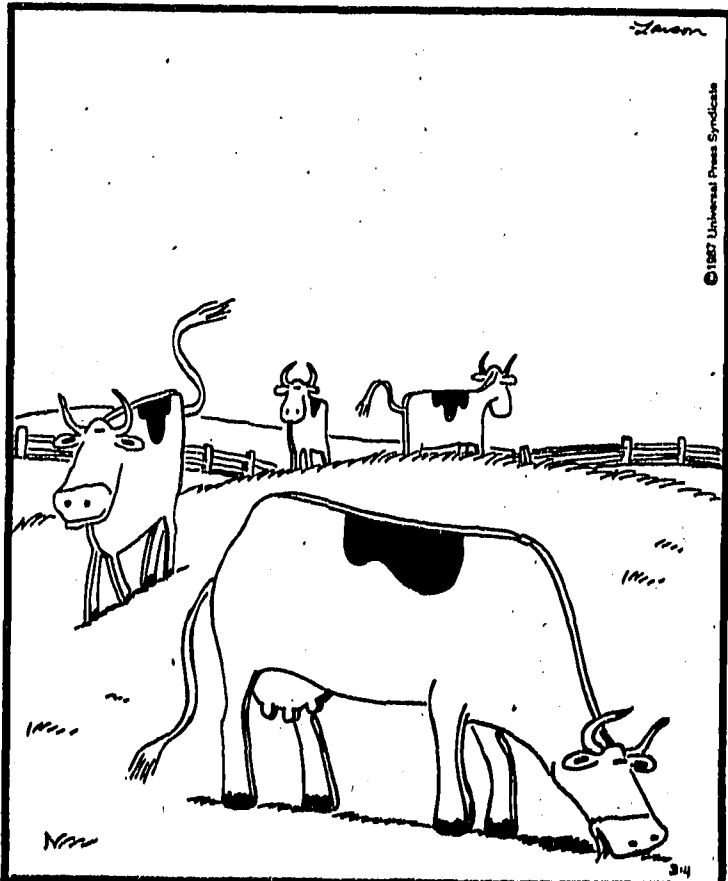
5) that even when the P & T Committee has erred (as I firmly believe it has in at least the only case with which I am thoroughly familiar this year), it has done so conscientiously and in good faith?

6) that we have an excellent president who has done much to improve this college?

by John Sweeney

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Where "minute" steaks come from

AIDS Awareness

by Chip Gavin

"Nobody's safe unless you're 85 and you've lived with your cats for 20 years" said Vincent, a 24 year old victim of AIDS, as he summed up Colby's recent "AIDS Awareness" night, sponsored by Colby's Health Services Advisory Committee. The presentation, held Wednesday, February 25, at 7:30p.m., left latecomers with no place to sit, as a standing room only crowd of at least 230 people filled Lovejoy 100.

The first of the three speakers to address the audience of students, administrators, faculty, staff, and community members was Dr. Peter Leadly, epidemiologist for Mid Maine Medical Center. The second and third speakers were Mr. Gary Anderson, Director of the Portland based "AIDS project", and Vincent, carrier of the AIDS virus and member of the Board of Directors for the "AIDS Project". The three speakers each had their own contribution to make in covering the historical, physiological, preventive and personal issues surrounding AIDS.

Leadly spoke for approximately 20 minutes, first tracing the pathology of the disease. He explained that after contracting the forerunner to AIDS, the HIV virus, "often nothing happens, but sometimes, within three to four weeks, people come down with a severe illness like severe influenza...or mononucleosis." The trouble is that following this initial reaction, the disease enters a latent stage for a period of several months to nine years.

During this period, the infection remains hidden and undiagnosed, but is as transmittable as a case of full blown AIDS. Leadly said that there is "reasonable and measurable risk that a person with HIV will contract full blown AIDS." Some estimate that there are currently 2,500 such infected individuals in Maine.

Although he did explain that AIDS could only be transmitted by a sharing of bodily fluids (usually blood, semen, or vaginal fluids), this was obviously still the number one concern on students' minds when Leadly opened the floor to questions. When asked if AIDS could be transmitted by a simple kiss, Leadly answered, "There is no evidence that sharing saliva, as in kissing, is infectious, but of course," because small traces of AIDS have been found in saliva, "it is theoretically possible".

In response to one question Leadly remarked, "the more promiscuous you are, the more likely you are to contract the disease, but it obviously only takes one sexual encounter." Anderson however, picked up on this statement and said, "We could all sit here and masturbate together and not get AIDS. It's not how many partners you have, it's what kind of sex you have with your partners." Leadly had given outstanding educational information, but it was clearly

Anderson's and Vincent's show for the rest of the night.

Anderson first commended all the males in the audience for attending the presentation and then urged the entire heterosexual population "to, at some point...get more involved", explaining that it's their problem too. Backing up his claim, Anderson cited statistics compiled by the Maine Department of Public Health, saying that if a male with AIDS has anal intercourse with a male or female, the uninfected person stands a 1 in 10 chance of getting AIDS. If a male infected with AIDS has vaginal intercourse with a female partner, her chances of getting AIDS are about 1 in 100. Finally, if a female carrying AIDS has intercourse with an uninfected male, the odds are 1 in 500 that he will contract the disease. Anderson added that, statistically, in New York City, an estimated 3.4 people in 100 are carrying AIDS."

Using the information provided by Anderson and Leadly, Vincent proceeded to patiently relate the events of his life since he contracted AIDS. The audience was silenced when he began his story with, "my boyfriend called me and told me he had been diagnosed as having AIDS, he has since died, by the way." When Vincent was initially tested for AIDS in Maine, the results were negative. He explained he was relieved, but the tragedy of his lover convinced him to move to California where he stayed until he himself was diagnosed as an AIDS victim. When "I was

in California I tried not to think about it (having AIDS), until I could not deny it any more." Even after being diagnosed, Vincent refused to believe the doctors for several months, but when reality finally settled in it was back to Maine and to the friends he knew he could count on.

Vincent continued with his story, bravely discussing difficult family issues. His family felt that if he had some other disease, "like polio, it would be alright". He commended his friends for the tremendous help they have been and summed up his family issues by saying, "They'll still love me, I wouldn't say they're supportive, but they love me."

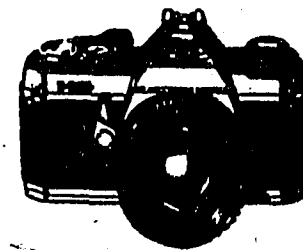
When Vincent finished his story a student began praising him for sharing his experiences. Yet before she could finish her sentence, the audience showed their agreement and erupted into applause in sincere support of Vincent.

Vincent's personal story was, apparently what the audience needed and the mood of the presentation quickly shifted to one of action. Students wanted to get the word out about AIDS and what they could do to protect themselves from contracting the disease.

All three speakers agreed that protecting oneself from AIDS first meant being open and honest with your partner(s) about your past sexual experiences. In Vincent's words, "When you're having sex with

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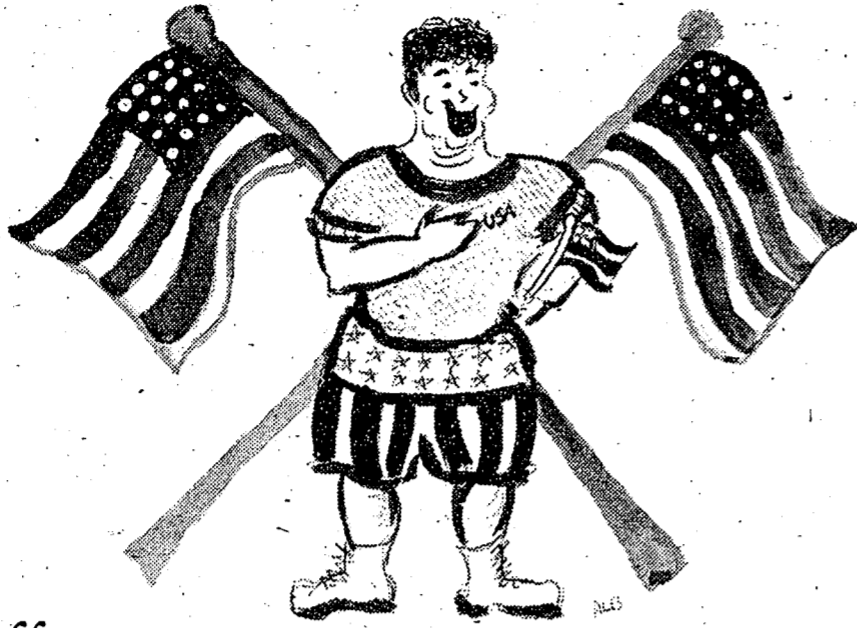
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Off the Cuff: Hotshots and Captain's Chairs

by Jim Sullivan

My father's best friend was a man who had grown thick on steak once a week and a couple beers every night after work at the General Dynamics Shipyard. I've saved my image of him from one Fourth of July when I was eleven years old. Some of the shipyard workers had rigged together something that looked like a ship, and he was standing on the forward deck in red, white and blue Bermuda shorts waving one of those small flags they give out on the Fourth. My family clapped enthusiastically when his ship came in and he bowed so low that he lost his balance and almost fell off the float. When he stood back up his sun-tanned face had flushed beet red and he was grinning ear to ear.

The last time I was home, I saw my father's old friend sprawled out in a body-worn captain's chair sipping draft beer out of a plastic cup in a corner at Walsh's. I was with my friends and we just stopped in for a couple cheap drafts at \$.75 a shot before going to one of those light and glitter clubs where you pay \$2.00 a draft. I hadn't seen him in a long time, but I heard he lost his job when they closed the shipyard down.

He bought me a beer and asked me if I was still going to college. "Your old man must be doing pretty well then."

"Yeah," I answered, "pretty

well," and how was he doing, though I knew things were pretty rough.

"Hangin' in there," he told me. My friends tried to act interested in this man, but then when a slew of girls walked in they turned away.

I asked about his wife. He told me they were moving tomorrow.

Since the shipyard closed down he hadn't been able to get a job that paid enough to keep his house in "tip-top shape." The problem wasn't the shape of his house, it was the size of his new paycheck. He said "they" were going to give him \$150,000 for the house, and he couldn't believe that someone wanted to give him that much for a house he had only paid \$10,000 for 25 years before. "Sold it to a guy just a few years older than you," he said, tapping a forefinger on the beer-runged table. "Says he works for one of them insurance companies. Hell, you might work for one of them when you get out of school, huh?"

I told him I wasn't sure about insurance companies, but he assured me that I was bound to make a lot of money. "You young hotshots'll do alright," he said and downed the rest of his beer just as the waitress came by with refills.

"I got this round," I told him. I fiddled with my money a second because guys like him never let you pay for a round when you

drink with them. But he didn't offer. He just stared at the sawdusted floor when I paid the waitress.

He asked me what I figured on doing once I got out of college. I didn't know if I should tell him that I was thinking about becoming one of those young hotshots who drove new cars and wore Brooks Brothers suits and wing-tipped shoes and bought houses in his neighborhood because the real estate market was booming and I could probably turn around and sell a house like his for a profit. I felt ashamed to think of a house as an investment when he was losing his home to an investor.

He swilled his beer around in his cup a couple turns and took a long haul and told me America sucked. I tried to take the shock in stride by casually crossing my legs, but I'm sure I flinched hard when the great American patriot bagged his country. I couldn't believe that the flag-waving man on the float all those years ago was telling me to go to Australia because that's the way America was a hundred years ago when it really meant something to be an American. Now he claimed that America was run by a misguided lot of businesses that didn't care one way or the other whether he or anyone else lost his job just so long as they made more money. And then he told

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Pet positives

by Liz Sedor

Okay, okay....so we all can relate with many of the little frustrations encountered in the average Colby student's daily life--whether they be termed "pet peeves" or "campus quips" or WHATEVER. But what about some of those little things that sometimes make our day or just make us smile now and then. I mean, if all we ever ran into were negative and irritating circumstances, do you think we'd all come back year after year for more and more of them? Are we all lovers of pain and misery?

While I do agree with many of the sentiments which have been expressed in various Echo articles this year, and indeed have gotten a few laughs from the often-added humor, I think there are many positive and special aspects of almost everyone's "Colby experience" that just haven't been given rightful consideration and thought. Without meaning to sound like Julie Andrews, I'd like to highlight "a few of my favorite things" - some of those memorable experiences that I think many Colby students have had. We're all capable of feeling a little nostalgic now and then, aren't we?

First, how about good ole Ellie and those hotballs? She's been with us through all of our Colby years, from the old to the new post office. Just a little like Mom, isn't she? Fellow seniors, remember her when you're thinking that simply EVERYTHING has changed during your four years here at Colby.

And speaking of a friendly face, how about the dear old man who greets each one of us as we walk into Dana dining hall? His "have a nice day" is certainly one that makes me smile. He's definitely the only person I've ever met who can

sound sincere when repeating that trite little phrase.

Of course, there's always that familiar blue light, too. It certainly hasn't changed colors on us, and, if the legend is true, it will probably NEVER turn white! (Freshmen, ask an upperclassman if you're confused.)

Then there's the incredible freedom we have to walk into any of the dining halls, without an ID. A definite convenience, especially for the many active runners and exercisers and the just basically busy people at Colby who never know where they'll be when meal time rolls around. Fellow seniors, sigh on this one -- we won't have to adjust to any changes in this policy. Whether they'll make things better or not, they are MORE changes.

And how about those exam Survival Kits? Come on now, they're just cute, aren't they? A little touch of compassion for the overburdened student... and by Seilers! One of those things we all kind of shrug off but would surely raise hell about if discontinued.

Now, some not so Colby-specific shared experiences: all of the local Colby hangouts that continue to make us feel a sense of unity to our fellow Colbyites. There's Bonnie's, Dairy Cone, Raker's (though temporarily closed for renovations), You Know Whose, The Last Unicorn, Marden's, 7 Eleven, The Courthouse (or I guess I should say "Champions"), Cottle's, Waterville Drive Thru, Miller's... etc. Oh and of course Dominos, which basketball fans seem especially to enjoy, and good ole Colby Corner, too.

Also, a very overlooked and taken-for-granted aspect of the college: it's beauty!! Don't you remember how pretty the

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Faculty Fair:

Student/Faculty Fuss

by Charlie Bassett
Professor of English

The other day a student came in to my office with one of the many forms that we victims of Bureaucracy spend hours signing. "Thank heavens," she said, "I finally found you in. Would you sign this?" Now those who frequent the second floor of Miller Library know that I tend to be in my office more than occasionally, so I bristled a bit. "When did you look for me?" I asked. "Well, you weren't here when I came by yesterday afternoon - uh, late." "When?" "Uh, around 5:30."

This young person would probably be one of the first to claim that she would like to participate in closer "interaction" (a term that nauseates my colleague John Mizner) with faculty members at Colby.

Closeness to the faculty is a seemingly signal virtue of small liberal arts colleges like ours. And who can deny the good feelings generated all around by faculty and students cooperating on an intellectual exercise (or even an occasional social exercise) of significance to both?

But, hey, I want to go home in the late afternoons, open a green bottle of Rolling Rock, and watch the re-run of last night's Davidson-Marshall game on ESPN. I want to die with my family and terrorize my cat. I want to read my own stuff, listen to my own music, talk to my friends.

Not every night. I enjoy watching my students on the stage, on the soccer pitch, in the orchestra. But, again, not TOO often. And not because of some misguided sense of obligation

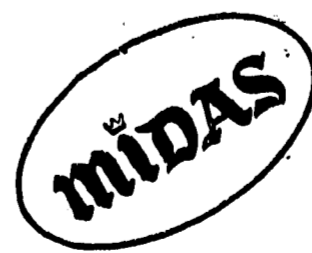
to "show interest": That's like petting an alligator because you oppose vivisection.

No, I'm all for students and faculty doing things together when the joint impulse makes that enterprise mutually and legally satisfactory. Still, I'm not going to join your students at lunch when you want to talk about your "lives." And I don't want you criticizing my troglodytic taste in shoes. I'm fifty-four; you're twenty or so.

That last point was made ruthlessly clear last week in seminar. Discussing "sell outs" among rock music gurus, one student drew nods by suggesting Phil Collins. "Who's Phil Collins?" I asked. The groans could be heard in Oakland.

You don't want to "interact" with a man who can't identify Phil Collins, do you?

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campus appeared the first time you set foot on it? It's got that great New England flavor... beauty in every season, right? Seniors, keep your pictures handy when you're feeling trapped by concrete city streets next year - I know I did when living in NYC last summer.

Academically speaking, how about some of those absolutely GREAT professors who have been just truly inspiring? Or the location of their offices and often taken-for-granted accessibility? Or their visibility at campus events? Sure, these may be characteristic of many small schools, but they are not aspects of Colby College that we should overlook.

Now, how about some of those changes or additions in the past few years that have enhanced our lives?....

The Nautilus Room, for one. It was described in an article last week as "the best thing for Colby's Health since skim milk." I certainly hear people talking about using it, etc, but rarely do I hear anyone giving any credit to Colby for its very existence. It's just one of those new things that everyone loves but nobody stops to appreciate or ask "Gee, who was responsible for bringing this about?"

Career Services, with its library and great Apple computer for resume writing. We have certainly never had it so good, and I know most college students elsewhere will never have it as good. Timing has worked in our favor this

time. I know I've talked with at least a dozen alumni who have commented on "how lucky we are" to have such great new facilities. They are by no means the best, but they are certainly much, much better than they've ever been.

The ever-expanding COOT program, which I very much regret not taking advantage of. I've certainly heard more than one person refer to their decision to go on one of these trips as "one of the best decisions I've ever made."

Jan Plan and the increasing number of options available for students wanting to "do something different," which seems to be the basic common sentiment. (Foreign countries, internships, etc.) Maybe the selection of on campus courses has not been the best, but there's always the option to devise something of your own to do here.

THE MAC LAB!! What did we ever do without it, I want to know.

Other added extras: microwaves in the dining halls, the expanded Women's Locker Room, residence hall renovations

Well, I hope I've raised at least one person's level of appreciation for those positive "little things" that Colby provides. I will not deny the fact that many of us here have been made to feel quite guinea-pig like over the past few years, but I certainly feel lucky and appreciative in many ways, too, and I'm sure that many other seniors feel the

Wake me when it's over:

Blame it on Rio

by Scott A. Lainer

Okay, let's start with something simple: Colby is not a utopia of social stimulation and energetic variety, by any stretch of the most eager imagination. Certainly there are schools which boast a greater diversity of tension releasing activity and social stimulation than does our personal liberal arts wonderland. Over the past years, the Echo has featured numerous articles which have condemned President Cotter for a lack of interest in the welfare of the common student, as exhibited by his limited contact with the campus dwellers (of which he is a member).

Last semester, President Cotter defended himself in a letter, stating that he does indeed interact with the students, (at meals, arts and sports events, etc.) but that unfortunately, people seldom approach him for an informal chat, and he does not wish to interrupt personal conversations at mealtime. He stated that he is frequently available and always eager to talk.

Recently, another one of those Cotter-criticizing articles appeared in the newspaper you are now reading, and I decided to address the issue and express the fact that not everybody wholly despises his very core. I must admit that I have taken considerable opportunity to chastise what I think is a predominantly separatist administration, which chiefly familiarizes itself with student governors and hall staff members (except, of course, during episodes of disciplinary action). This filter down process is more impersonal than I would like it to be, as is the supposedly egalitarian philosophy which supports the system, as it now stands. Colby is small. (SURPRISE!) I therefore feel that the deans could, and most probably should, get to know more students, if just by deliberately eating meals with people they don't know. (This is not a revolutionary trick.)

President Cotter is an intimidating figure to many students. I'm not exactly sure why, unless it's the fact that he holds such a comparatively crucial campus position and is reputed to be too articulate to defeat in an argument. Nevertheless, this student trepidation

exists. I used to think that almost anyone would be willing to suspend a mealtime conversation in order to dine with the President, and shoot the breeze about campus policy, or just an episode of "Cheers" from the previous evening. I thought that surely it was the President's obligation to dine with students, in order to get to know them as individuals. However, President Cotter told me at a dinner with nine other seniors that he has tried to eat with students by joining an already established table, and that, generally, he has only received reactions of silence (other than an occasional chew).

There is an impasse between the administration and the students which must be removed, and I feel that the students must now take the initiative. If you have a grievance, an idea that would benefit the school, or merely want to talk about this nutty new fitness craze, invite President Cotter or a dean to lunch, or gather a few friends and sit down with one of them at a dining hall meal. (That is, if one is actually present at your dining hall.) If you're angry or concerned, take direct action. If talking doesn't work, circulate a petition. Make your college livelihood a positive one. Don't just accept what is perhaps for you nine months during which you eagerly anticipate summer break (need I repeat the college fees); don't expect a letter to the editor to wholly and miraculously alter the situation. If you haven't talked to the President or deans, then your criticism lacks valuable potential for support.

Although I have more than my share of qualms, I think that most of us critics have completely ignored the positive achievements, indeed strides, which President Cotter has realized, as we can't seem to get past our anger. This bothers me, because I think that it is all too easy to attack an unseen target. I think that we should acknowledge and recognize the fact that William R. Cotter has made a genuine, positive effort, particularly in the categories of fund-raising and academic diversity. Colby boasts an impressive foreign studies program, as well as a higher


calibre of scholastic achievers than ever before— this is surely worthy of praise. While I think that more attention needs to be concentrated on Colby's present state of affairs, the college's future is indeed secure. Although you could never tell it from the present social situation, Colby is far from stagnant. This is largely due to the ceaseless endeavors of our mobile and tireless President.

Many people also blame President Cotter for closing the fraternities, almost at whim. President Cotter did not have the power to achieve such ends by himself, but he is a convenient scapegoat. It is, I think, important to remember that this was the decision of an extensive committee, which even included 11 graduated fraternity members. President Cotter did not hold a secret meeting in which he stated: "Bring me back an abolishment decision and I'll set you all up with condos in Reno." It was a controversial decision, but it was not his alone. The Presidency is a uniquely demanding and easily targeted position, and the least we can do as students is allow President Cotter an open-minded environment, despite our disagreements. I trust and hope that he would return the favor in kind.

We don't have much casual contact with the President and the administration, and we should. Although there might not be enough issues for a weekly commentary, it might be beneficial for the President to write an occasional column, (say every month) in the student newspaper. We need more direct contact and discussion. People have not been overwhelmingly satisfied this year (excessive sarcasm intended). Lack of effective communication is possibly the major contributor to this lack of variety and change.

Students should take the opportunity to voice their opinions directly to those at the top of our academic ladder. I would like to suggest that an open forum take place once a semester, in which students and administrative officials (from the President of the college and Registrar to the deans of

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Tots in College

by Betsy Kuller

Who would have known that Colby College is sponsoring a nursery school? In fact, very few people in the community do know, and even those who know of its existence know very little about the program itself.

The Colby College nursery school was started twenty years ago under the Colby College National Co-op system, and was created for children associated with the College. A large number of the parents or relatives of the children presently attending the nursery school are either alumni of Colby or have served Colby as faculty/staff members. Others are members of the Waterville and surrounding community areas.

The Colby College nursery school was originally located on the top floor of Robert's Union where the psychology and career services departments now reside. Later, it was moved to the back of Lorimer Chapel until the program was temporarily discontinued during the 70's. It was relocated in the fall of 1984 to the basement of the Alumni House where it has remained ever since.

The nursery school is a parent-run co-operative, coordinated by Peg Copelind and Cheryl O'Hara. Tony Katz, who works in the Colby library, acts as secretary-treasurer while the present director of the entire program is Harriet Hosea, who replaced Pat Bartley in the spring of 1985 when Bartley left to take care of her newborn child. Harriet Hosea, 52, is a resident of Waterville and has been teaching for over twenty years in the Waterville, Fairfield, and Clinton area. She is assisted by Beth Isgro; together they teach seventeen pre-schoolers important social skills with methods that are, for the most part, self-created.

Hosea emphasizes the "social orientation" of the school while blending in number and letter activities to gradually introduce

the pre-schoolers to first-level academics. Doug O'Hara, husband of the nursery school assistant co-ordinator Cheryl O'Hara, stresses that the point of the nursery school, contrary to the "vogue" idea of academic orientation in pre-schools, is to skill the children in interacting appropriately and intelligently in their social environments.

He states that mastery in the number and letter activities is "not pushed." He also stresses the way in which the pre-school is co-operatively run by so many parents. Because of this, the general overhead charge of each family is less. This also allows the ratio of two teachers per ten students to persist. (Even though there are seventeen children enrolled in the pre-school, only ten attend per day in order to achieve the greater individual attention that is very useful at this stage in a child's learning.)

The nursery school day runs from 8:30 to approximately 11:15 A.M. The schedule is arranged around the calendars of the local public schools. The calendar runs from the beginning of the fall to a date in the spring which is set according to when the other public schools start their summer vacations. Almost every week, the nursery school takes a field trip to an educational place in the area, such as the Colby library, the local fire station, the Maine Medical Center, or a local farm or apple orchard.

Who would have known as well, that in the past there have been Colby student volunteers helping with this program? The program requires a large commitment of time and energy and, as Doug O'Hara states, "You would have to be willing to take time to get to know the kids and give them a real commitment as well as the other staff." If you are interested in being involved with the Colby College nursery school, you can contact Harriet Hosea or Peg Copelind through Special Programs.



Colby nursery school.

photo by Andy Rudman

Alcohol awareness week begins

by Kimberly King

According to national statistics, approximately forty percent of American society are alcohol users, and fifteen percent of that number are alcoholics. On a college campus, approximately ninety-five percent of students are alcohol users, of which ten to fifteen percent are alcoholics. However, it must be noted that on a college campus there are a greater number of alcohol abusers - people who become very intoxicated, simply for "the fun of it." Such people have taken the concept of social drinking to a new extreme, unfortunately, in some cases, resulting in violence, injury, or death.

The week of March 9th-14th has been declared Alcohol Awareness Week in an effort to educate the Colby community of the effects of alcohol. Organized and conducted by BAR, the organization for Better Alcohol Responsibility, in conjunction with Stu-A, the Commons, the faculty, the administration, and Seiler's, have planned a week of events, films, and lectures.

BAR is a student run organization consisting of fifteen members; Sara Dickison and Rob Cloutier are presidents. Approximately fifteen of these students have been trained as Peer Alcohol Educators, students who have been given accurate information on alcohol use and abuse. They are willing to listen and can act as a referral link to other resources available on campus and in the community. These people have gone through a special training session covering the physiological and psychological effects of alcohol and methods of dealing with any resulting problems, including the affects of alcohol on the family structure.

The purpose of Better Alcohol Responsibility is to accurately educate people on the affects of alcohol and to inform them of the proper methods for taking care of drunk people and/or

emergencies. The organization acts as referral link to other resources available on campus and in the community. In addition, BAR has worked to make it mandatory for party hosts to provide alternative beverages and food during alcohol related events. At present, BAR is working with the Coffeehouse in an effort to encourage students to visit there; an espresso maker was recently purchased and a series of fiction readings and musical performances are being scheduled.

BAR President Sara Dickison is excited over the events planned for Alcohol Awareness Week and expects a large turnout for the events. "I'm really excited about the support we've been getting - immense support from every facet of the Colby community. I'm really pleased; it's what has made BAR such a success this year. The events of this week will prove to be both educational and informative for every student at Colby."

A wide range of events, films, and lectures are planned for Alcohol Awareness Week which begins Monday. The schedule is as follows:

Monday: "Women and Alcoholism"- a film followed by

a discussion with Joyce McPhetres-Maisel and Nancy MacKenzie. Refreshments will be served. In Piper Lounge, 8:00 pm.

Tuesday: Films dealing with alcohol use and abuse will be shown in the Spa with a special sneak preview. Films start at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Professors Garry Leonard and Charlie Basset will present a slide show and lecture concerning "Alcohol and the Media." Refreshments will be served. In the Coffeehouse, 7:00 pm.

A film entitled "Fighting Drunk", made by a Dartmouth student, will be shown at 9:00 pm in the Heights.

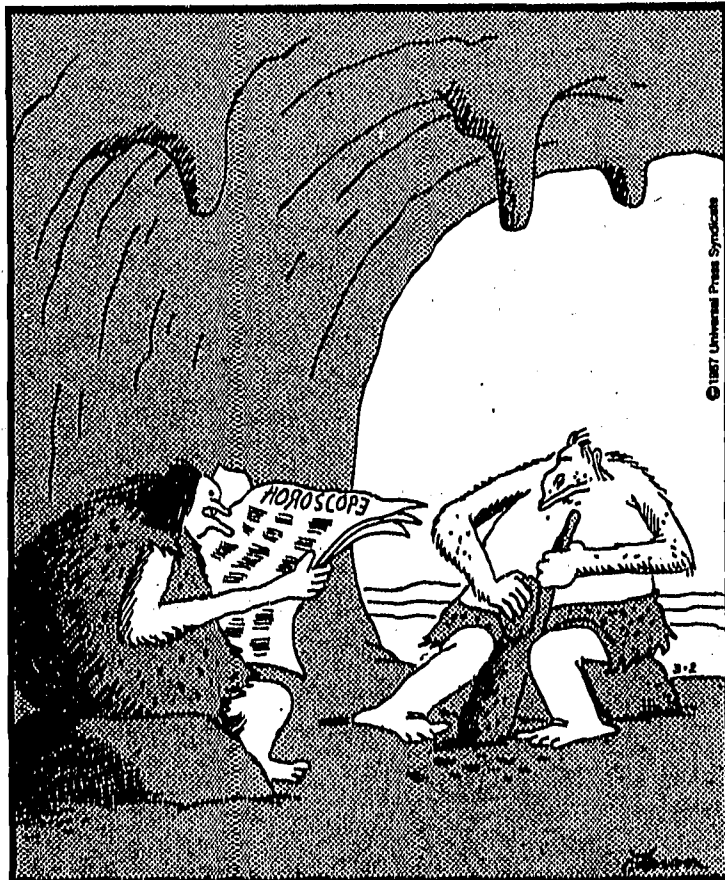
Thursday: A lecture/discussion on "Sports and Alcohol" will be presented by Dr. Stanley Evans, Director of Eastern Maine Medical Center's Alcohol Recovery Program. Given Auditorium, 7:00 pm.

Friday: Eight volunteers will participate in a controlled drinking experiment designed to illustrate the effects of alcohol on one's motor skills. To be held in the Spa at 8:00 pm. in conjunction with the State Police.

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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



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Jan Plan in Germany

by Diana Petrusky, Kristen Sutter and Rachel Tilney

"Noch ein Bier, bitte." This phrase proved to be an important one for the eight Colby students who spent January in Konstanz, Germany. Although we went over anxious about our German capabilities, we returned confident that we could communicate just about any idea in German. The first few weeks were a struggle, but by the last week we felt comfortable, uninhibited by fears of grammatical mistakes, and conversed freely.

It all began on a Thursday afternoon: after a long flight with a pathetic movie and a harried four minute train switch, we met our respective families for the first time in the train station. As we were introduced to our German partners and their families, with whom we would be living for the next five weeks, we looked around anxiously at our fellow English speakers, fear in our eyes. We were whisked out of the door just as our fearless leader, Herr Kueter, yelled "Bis Montag" (until Monday). It was not until we were already in the car that we realized that it was only Thursday, and we would not see each other until Monday. For most of us, this meant three solid days of speaking and hearing only German. Three days that rapidly turned into a lifetime.

If it had not occurred to any of us in the train station that we were to be surrounded by German daily, it came as a shock that first day at lunch. We learned that when one is exhausted and hungry, it is quite a challenge to speak German. Most of us had had only about one and a half years of German, and none of our studies had prepared us for the babble that was thrown at us that first day. For the most part, we just nodded and pretended we understood.

On Monday morning we all met at the German school that our partners attended. Thrilled to speak English, we were regaled with stories of each others weekends. For most, they consisted of sleeping a lot, eating a lot, and being dragged

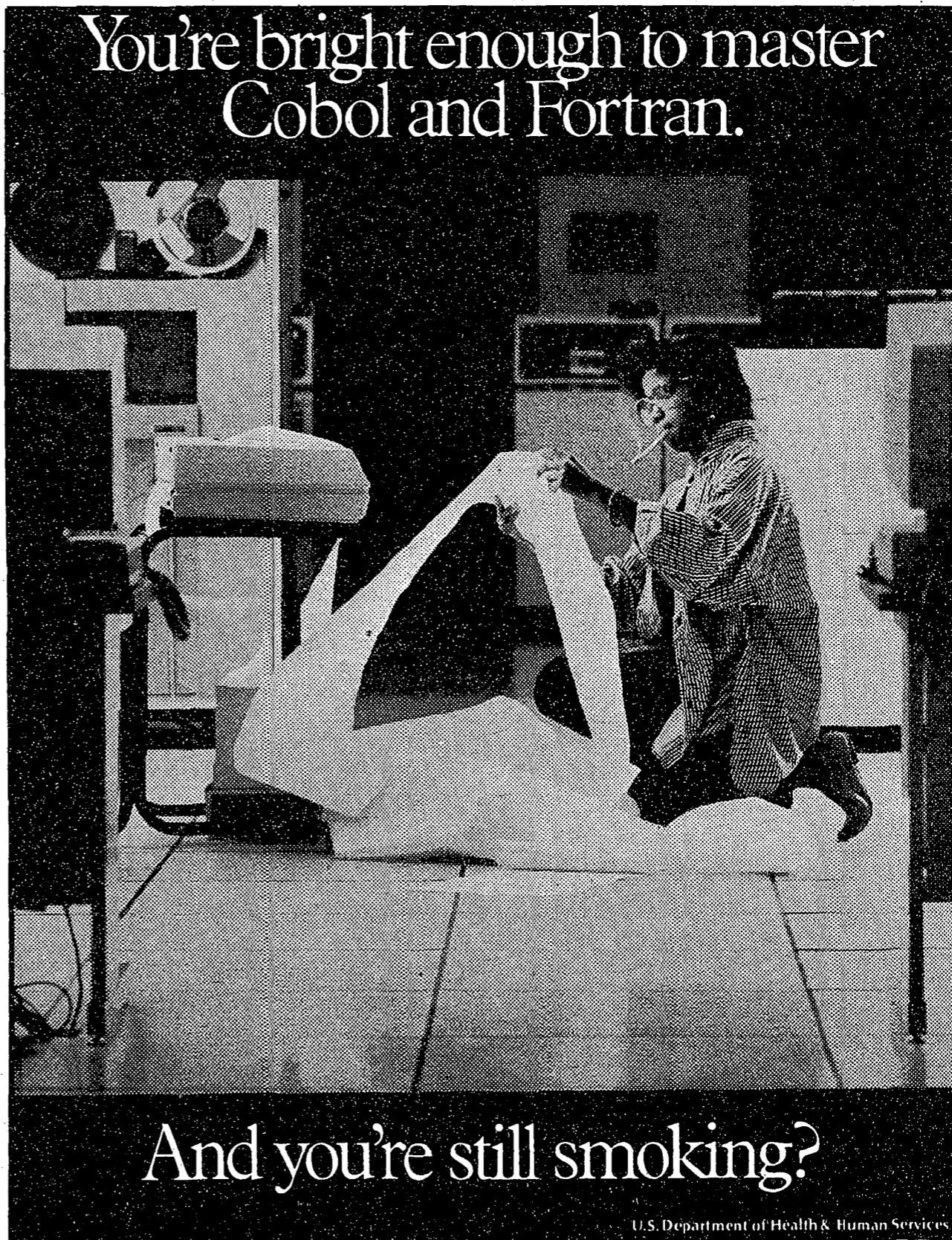
around in a state of utter cluelessness. Some told horror stories of discos filled with 15 year olds and long evenings sitting around, saying little and inhaling a lot of other peoples' cigarette smoke.

But that was only the first weekend, and once over that stumbling block, the trip proved to be fantastic. That first day we learned the basic pattern which the rest of the month would take. We were to have two hours of class with Herr Kueter in the morning and perhaps attend a few classes with our partners, return home for lunch, and in the afternoon go to classes or just wander around. Soon our afternoons were filled with billiards at Tagplatt (the local hangout for the students), and pasteries and café at Café Rose. Because our work did not fill entire evenings, we went out to movies, discos, bars and the theater. The month was also speckled with various day trips to such places as Ravensburg, Saint Gallen, Zürich and Salem. Other activities included an evening of wine tasting, a farewell party given in the tradition of Faschingsfest, and numerous private parties given by the German students.

One of the highlights of the trip was the second weekend. This was a four day ski excursion in Austria. Unlike many of the day trips we had, this ski-weekend was attended by all of the German partners and a few teachers from the school. (Although all of the Germans were invited on these trips, some did not join us.) We had a chalet of our own and did all of our own cooking. The skiing was fabulous, with no lift-lines and beautiful weather all four days. This weekend proved to be a good adjustment period for both nationalities. The relaxed atmosphere, and the love of skiing which we all shared, helped to integrate the two groups. It was also good that the weekend was early in the month, before the American group had become a tight group of its own. All think it was an advantage that we did not know each other well before we started; this prevented the

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 final decisions were made, and then only to accept the recommendation of the dean, which rejected the votes of the committee. Members of the committee spent many more than three hours on each case; some cases required six or seven hours of reading, then many more hours of re-reading during the lengthy consideration of the case. Each committee member acted independently, and no one tried to outguess members of the administration or anyone else. I have seen close decisions, hotly debated decisions, and decisions that have been reversed when new evidence was presented. Of course, people will disagree with tenure decisions, especially the people closest to the candidates, those in their departments. But the system of an all-college committee, while perhaps not perfect, is the best system we have for the small college in which department personnel decision have an affect on the entire faculty.

I am not a Polyanna, and I am not saying that everything is just fine. There are problems, there are disagreements. But these are to be expected in an institution of higher learning. Except for a small group of malcontents, Colby's faculty respect one another, like one another, and yes, debate and sometimes yell at one another.

With few exceptions, Colby's untenured faculty participate fully in decisions affecting the college and even chair some departments. And Colby's administrations, increasingly coming from the faculty itself, is a part of that ongoing debate without which our institution would stagnate.

By continuing to publish anonymous newspaper columns and unsigned letters, a few faculty members are probably increasing the anxiety of untenured faculty and confusing the misleading students. The rest of us are too busy working on our teaching and research to pay an awful lot of attention to "Mule News."

Jonathan Weiss
 Professor of French

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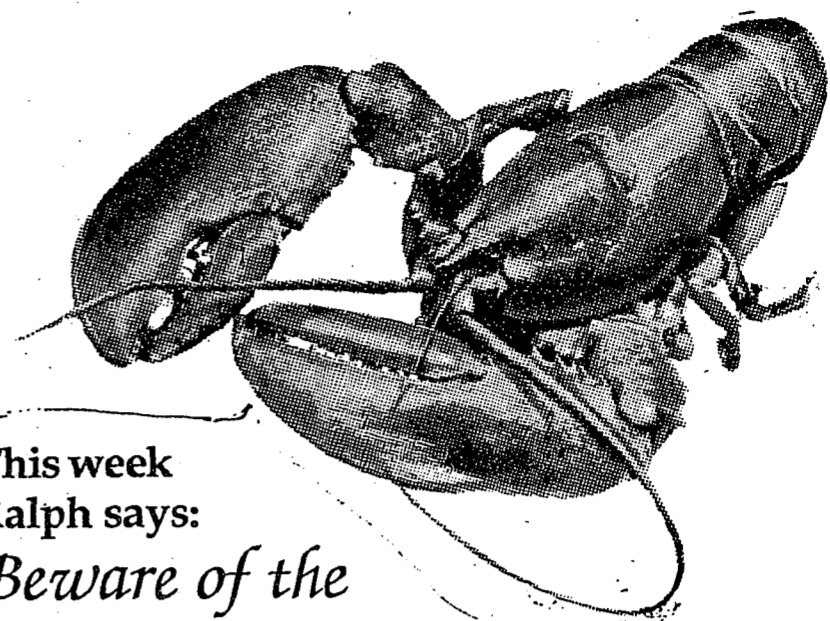
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any nine people can with perfect accuracy evaluate another person's efforts; but given the imperfections in any situation involving humans, I was impressed by the time, energy, and emotional commitment that these committee members had invested to give my efforts the fairest hearing possible.

I respect the initiative and involvement that led "One of the Untenured" to express his or her serious concerns last week. Nor would I insist that my own experience is more typical than any other. I merely

hope here to extend the range of perceptions about the college and the tenure system. There is little doubt that achieving tenure has become a more rigorous, even grueling process in recent years: the job market in many fields is tight, standards of publishing are higher, teaching is evaluated stringently, and in general the responsibilities of junior faculty are time-consuming, challenging, and often pressure-filled. Nor is there any guarantee, in tenure decisions as in the rest of life, that even the most scrupulous judgments will do full justice to a person's time and contributions. Still, a competitive tenure process, which promises long-range benefits to students in the form of able and dedicated instructors, should not be taken as prima facie evidence of encompassing administrative evils. The rigors of the tenure process are sobering enough and merit full and reasoned exploration before we assume a conspiracy to intimidate and silence all non-conforming faculty. My own experience and observations at Colby lead me to speculate perhaps a bit unfashionably, that those who etch their careers, for whatever reasons, in shades of gray would be constructing the surest obstacle to a successful tenure decision.

Sincerely,
 Rob Weisbrot



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Don't crush egos to open minds

To the Editors:

Dr. Charles King performed a valuable service some weeks ago in awakening many of us to some basic, if harsh truths about race relations: that blacks remain an oppressed people, that white racism is at the root of the problem, that patterns of discrimination will continue to elevate whites and submerge blacks until we take the initiative to change them, and that only when we recognize all these things can we begin to take the necessary steps. The message is of such overriding importance for those of us, white and black, who want to see a more just and humane society that the widespread rejoicing over the Dr. King's contribution is not only understandable and in many ways admirable, but also nearly irresistible. Still, I am among those who resist. An oppressed people naturally must choose the means of struggle against that oppression; but if this statement is to escape the clutches of mindless jargon, then everyone in society who cares about making it better must respond independently to those means, rather than venturing reflexive approval (or censure). In the case of Dr. King, I hope that amid the thunderous applause for his efforts to raise our awareness on a critical social problem, we do not altogether ignore the still small voice within that asks about the ethics - and the practicality - of systematically insulting, degrading and publicly humiliating individuals (black as well as white) in the interests of promoting greater

tolerance and respect for human dignity. It is possible that the individuals targeted that evening for psychological abuse are resilient enough to emerge unscathed in any lasting way; one such person has already conveyed to me forcefully and articulately that for him the session was well worthwhile, that the benefits far outweighed the costs. I respect the strength of character behind that remark, even as I wonder whether there were other, more fragile psyches attacked that night, or at some other campus stop, that might not feel the weight of public ridicule more intensely and permanently.

Behind these reservations lies an assumption, naive perhaps but at the root of our common commitment to education at Colby, that the heart of good teaching is to feel, genuinely and fully, that every student has worth, has something valuable to say, and has an inviolable right to self-esteem. From that starting point of self-respect and inner dignity, one can move on to explore with tolerance the range of human experience and ideas, the diversity of perspectives on any issue. Is this, then, the only way people can learn? Perhaps not. But I confess a deep reluctance to sanction an approach that assumes, in effect, that one needs to crush people's egos in order to open their minds.

A coda to the above thoughts: Odetta gave a concert at Colby that was a marvel on many levels. I will focus here on her role as educator. The instant empathy that she induced in her

audience, including new student admirers as well as longtime listeners, clearly had much to do with her legendary musical skills but, I suspect, just as much with the humanity that was evident in all aspects of her singing and speaking. In that evening she broke through all barriers to reach people as an individual black woman, and form a community. She shattered stereotypes, taught as well as entertained, and did it all without assailing anyone's individual worth. During her concluding rendition of "Amazing Grace," Odetta suggested a change in lyrics as her audience sang along: "to save a soul like me" - there are no wretches here." It would be difficult to improve that formulation as a basis for education at Colby or in our efforts to shape the wider society.

Sincerely,
Rob Weisbrot

Pet positives

same. I don't expect anyone to rush out to learn the unknown school song after reading this (though maybe you could think of a new one that is actually sing-able), but perhaps many people will become less apathetic or resentful about the many changes they've had to adjust to during their "Colby experience." If anything, maybe you should appreciate not being in a total utopia on Mayflower Hill, outside of the real world, and having to deal with things that you may personally not like at all. After all, that's what life in the real world's all about, right? Don't you feel prepared now?

To the Editors:

Whether or not the author of "Dana Dilemma" realizes it, most of the direct quotes of students complaining about the situation at Dana during the lunch hours make the students at Colby College sound like a bunch of spoiled brats.

While Emily Isaacs believes that by specifying the problem to the Dana lunch hours, perhaps she should look into the fact that on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Music History class is let out around 12:30, as well as many other classes. Besides where, there have always been crowds at the dining halls. I was surprised she didn't just demand that Seilers open a new dining hall to make sure that our aristocratic, delicate digestive systems "do not (cause us) intestinal displeasure in (our) afternoon classes," or expose us to crowding "so intense so I experience fatigue and nausea."

As for Isaac's [Isaac's] sarcasm in reporting the Dana dining hall guards "in their

handsome white uniforms," perhaps if they did not enforce the "walking format" with a "look that says it all," the crowding would be even worse. They (the dining hall workers) can't help it if there happen to be many more people who have time available for lunch at a certain time. We live in a community here, and in the real world there are going to be crowds and obstacles - we'd better learn to deal with it. If this is "suffering" now, just wait until we see what it's like in the big leagues.

Maybe we can find something more interesting and purposeful to write about in the future besides "being capable to make our own sandwiches and find our own nourishment." If we're so capable now, as college students, of feeding ourselves so well, then let's take the opportunity to behave as civilized adults. Why not act as intelligent people when there are those inevitable crowds and wait our turn. Take it easy...

Betsy Kuller

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B.K. - I appreciate your serious tone, do you appreciate my sense of humor? Personally I'd rather stick with the latter.

Zandry - Beeing happy? Better beel Bzz... Guess Who

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Maryanna-how's my roomie doing? Escibame. On the rampage in Spain -Mezgan

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Elizabeth, maybe if "youknow whose" needs a new waitress, they'll hire you!

Where is VAnna White? Probably eating peanuts.

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Ken, Your left hook needs a little work

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Person who was dancing with a girl on crutches Sat night at Stu. Cent. please callx3026

To my graduating friends who have 87 days left. As I promised at "you know whose" (while wearing the hat) you're all welcome to stay in my room next fall. And don't think it doesn't work both ways! Good luck and I'll miss you

Miss Eriandson- When do our grades come out for discussion?

Ed, the only cure for the illo-ibular-band is a few stiff drinks! Takelt from me, I know!!

Boware of the next Tri-Wanda Keg

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Hey Laurie- How do you spell Deep Ellum Bluz?

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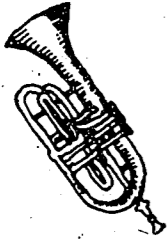
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Locomotion
Jazz locomotion

The jazz ensemble Locomotion will perform at next Saturday's party in the Student Center. Their concert will feature fusion, with selections by Spyro Gyra, as well as their usual jazz numbers. Following Locomotion's performance, the stage will be taken over by the infamous Dick Dingle and the Berries; there will also be a cash bar.

The Portland Spring Quartet will be playing in Given Auditorium on Sunday, at 3 p.m. For more information contact the Student Activities Office.



by L. Escher

Directed by Jean Jacques Annaud, Umberto Eco's "The Name of the Rose" takes place in a medieval monastery during the Inquisition. With Sean Connery as William of Baskerville, and Christian Slater as his loyal companion Adso of Melk, the story is of a series of mysterious deaths occurring at the monastery.

Though the "The Name of the Rose" was filmed mostly at the Kloster Eberbach in West Germany, Annaud visited many monasteries. He captures in his scene settings an ominous sense of mystery.

Connery is an empiricist, applying the words of Thomas Aquinas to solve the monks' mysterious deaths. William Hickey plays the mystic Ubertino de Casale, Fedor Chaliapin, Jr., is the blind librarian, and F. Murray Abraham plays the church Inquisitor. Christian Slater, as Adso, is the narrator.

Before William and Adso arrive, a young devoted monk has died. Baskerville falls upon the information unexpectedly, as he discovers a fresh grave.

His hosts are most surprised at the information, and confide in Adso that there is a feeling of unrest throughout the monastery. As Baskerville and Adso try to discover the outstanding qualities about the dead monk, various inconsistencies arise and another monk is found dead.

As the mystery begins to unravel, the relationship between the older, more experienced Baskerville and the young, naive Adso becomes a focal point of the prevailing philosophies of their time. Adso questions Baskerville about his previous experiences, especially in dealing with the Inquisition. The question of following the heart or the intellect and believing appearance or reality is put forth.

Tonino Delli Colli's cinematography is excellent; his portrayal of the monastery is a very believable setting. The time element was beautifully illustrated, and set the mood and tone for each scene. Connery was convincing as a monk, and left James Bond out of "The Name of the Rose."

What's Goin' on in Maine?

by Sean Collins

Portland:

- Peter, Paul, and Mary Concert; Sun. March 15 @ 7 pm. Cumberland County Civic Center.
- Portland Museum of Art - Rothschild Collection of African Sculpture (closes March 15); Image & Memory: Photographs from Permanent Collection (closes March 15).
- The Pretenders w/ Iggy Pop- Fri. March 13 @ 8pm- Cumberland County Civic Center.
- Portland Symphony pops concert "Marching Along w/ Sousa," with Keith Brian conducting, 8:30 pm, Sat. March 7 and 3pm, Sunday, Mar. 8, Portland City Hall. 773-8191.

Colby:

- Jette Museum, "Near & Far," landscape paintings by Abbott Meader, thru March 22.

Elsewhere:

- Bates College: Olin Arts Center, "Thoreau's Country: A Visual Diary" by Tony Foster, thru Mar. 27.
- Bowdoin College: Walker Art Building: Building a Collection: Recent Acquisitions in Photography, thru Mar 15; "Visions, Dreams, & Ecstasies in Renaissance & Baroque Art," opening Tues., thru April 19.

Review: Rockalike obscure

Jim Sullivan
ECHO Opinion Editor

With only a little drag at the outset, the 'Lip-Sync' contest benefitting MS last Friday night got off to a royal start when a Prince impersonator shook and shocked the Student Center on his way across the stage. Packed solid top to bottom, the Student Center's atmosphere rivalled the performers' in spirit.

Taking either a lot of guts, a lot of alcohol or an ego the size of the Goodyear blimp to get up on the stage and perform, Prince was followed by Run DMC, performing "Walk This Way" with a pseudo-Aerosmith band. Sister Sledge (or Family Sledge - a guy impersonated a girl) pleased the crowd with a

choreographed number, and the crowd began chanting even before the riotous Beastie Boys act began.

Preceded by a Tequilla vignette, Kiss, the most elaborately made-up act, rock'n'rolled the crowd to such a frenzy that the mob of fans rushed the stage.

Most people had long since forgotten the sixth act, but when the Village People took the stage singing "YMCA" most of the female section of the crowd couldn't believe they had forgotten just how sexy these guys were, especially the lead singer.

I'm not sure who does "They're Coming to Take Me

Away, Ha Ha, Ho Ho, Hee Hee," but just check your last nightmare. Janet Jackson and a bunch of Nasty Boys were the eighth act and The Aroostook County Connection followed them with hillbilly music.

Something sang "Respect" for the tenth act, but they were as abstract as a T.S. Elliot poem and I couldn't tell you what they were. Madonna (Timothy Burton) and the leather-painted twins brought up the rear, and when it was all over she'd won first prize, while Janet Jackson (Desiree Pullen) took second. The T.S. Elliot poem was awarded the "most creative act," and has yet to be identified.

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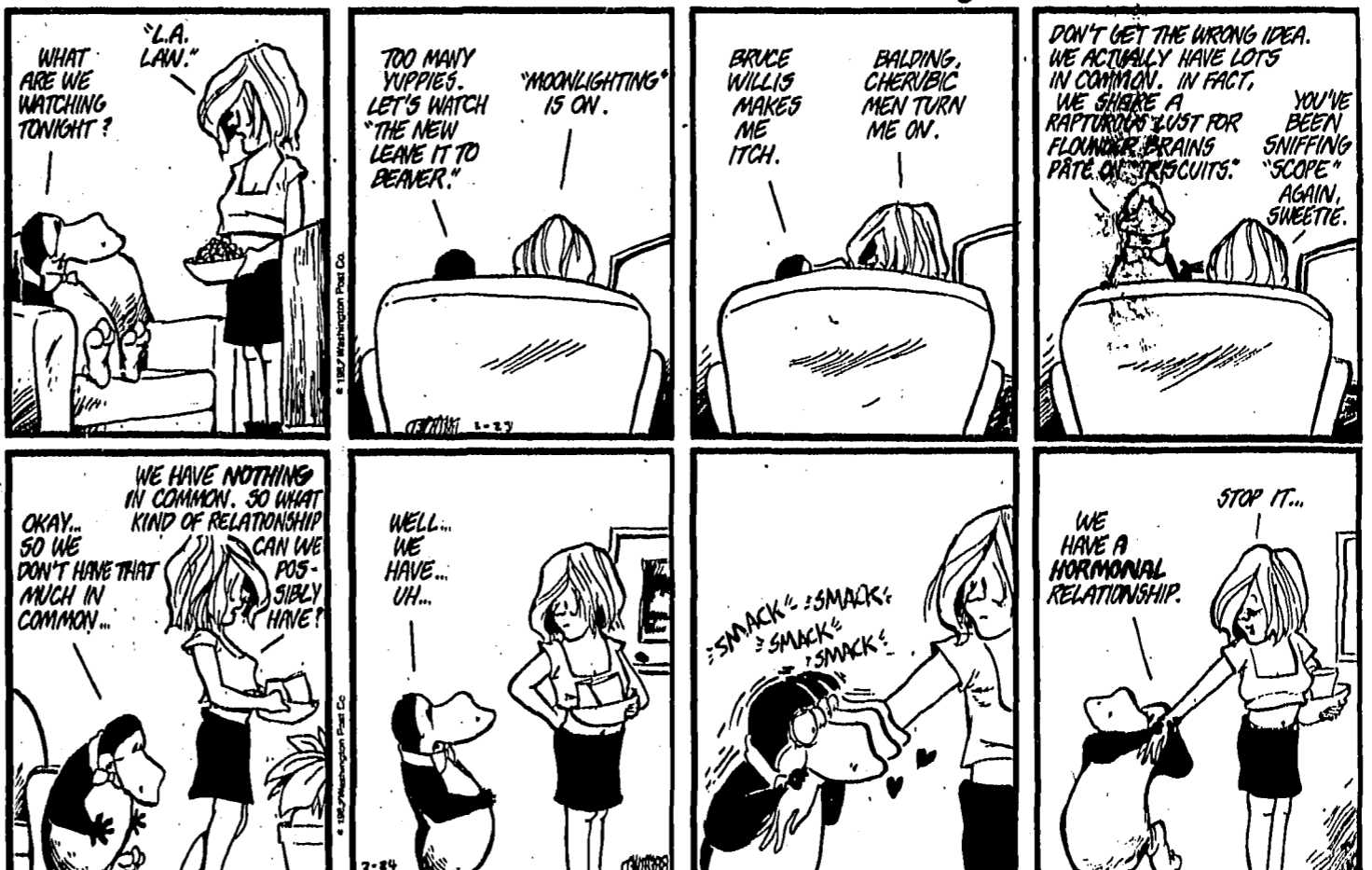
by Berke Breathed

David Black

Author and journalist David Black will speak on Wednesday, March 11 at 8:00 pm in the Commons Room. Black is the author of "The Plague Years," a social history of AIDS. His talk is titled "The Impact of AIDS."

"The Plague Years" was excerpted in Rolling Stone magazine, and won the National Association of Science Writers Science-In-History Award for the best magazine article of the year 1985.

Because he is a journalist and not a doctor, Black looks at the many sides of the AIDS problem without bias, including the impact on homosexuals, heterosexuals and the medical profession.



Thomas Lux to read

Poet Thomas Lux will open Colby's Spring Visiting Writer's Series tonight at 8 P.M. in the Robinson Room of the library.

Lux is the author of four collections of poetry, most recently *Half-Promised Land* (winner of the Houghton Mifflin New Poetry Series Competition). His poems have appeared in many national magazines, and have been anthologized several times; he has experience as an editor (of *Ploughshares*) and as an

essayist.

He has taught at Oberlin College, the Iowa Writers' Workshop, and currently teaches at Columbia University and Sarah Lawrence.

He has given hundreds of readings all over the country, and is known as an entertaining and moving reader. Admission is free, and a reception will follow the reading.

The following is a sample of Lux's work from his latest collection of poetry.

IT'S THE LITTLE TOWNS I LIKE

It's the little towns I like,
with their little mills making ratchets
and stanchions, elastic web,
spindles, you
name it. I like them in New England,
America, particularly -- providing
bad jobs good enough to live on, to live in
families even: kindergarten,
church suppers, beach umbrellas ... The towns
are real, so fragile in their loneliness
a flood could come along
(and floods have) and cut them in two,
in half. There is no mayor,
the town's council is not prepared
for this, three of the four policemen
are stranded on their roofs ... and it doesn't stop
raining. The mountain
is so thick with water, parts of it just slide
down the heifers -- soggy, suicidal --
in the pastures below. It rains, it rains
in these towns and, because
there's no other way, your father gets in a rowboat
so he can go to work.



"Kiss" makes a brief appearance at Rock-a-like.

photo by David Coleman

Local talent sought

In searching for a cast for the new movie "Star Dancer," the makers of "Flashdance" are sponsoring dancing and modelling contests nationwide.

Pete and Larry's, at the Holiday Inn in Waterville, is

hosting the talent search every Tuesday, with registration by 10 p.m. The finals of the competition are to be held April 1; two contracts will be awarded to the two winning ladies, one for modelling and the other for dancing. American

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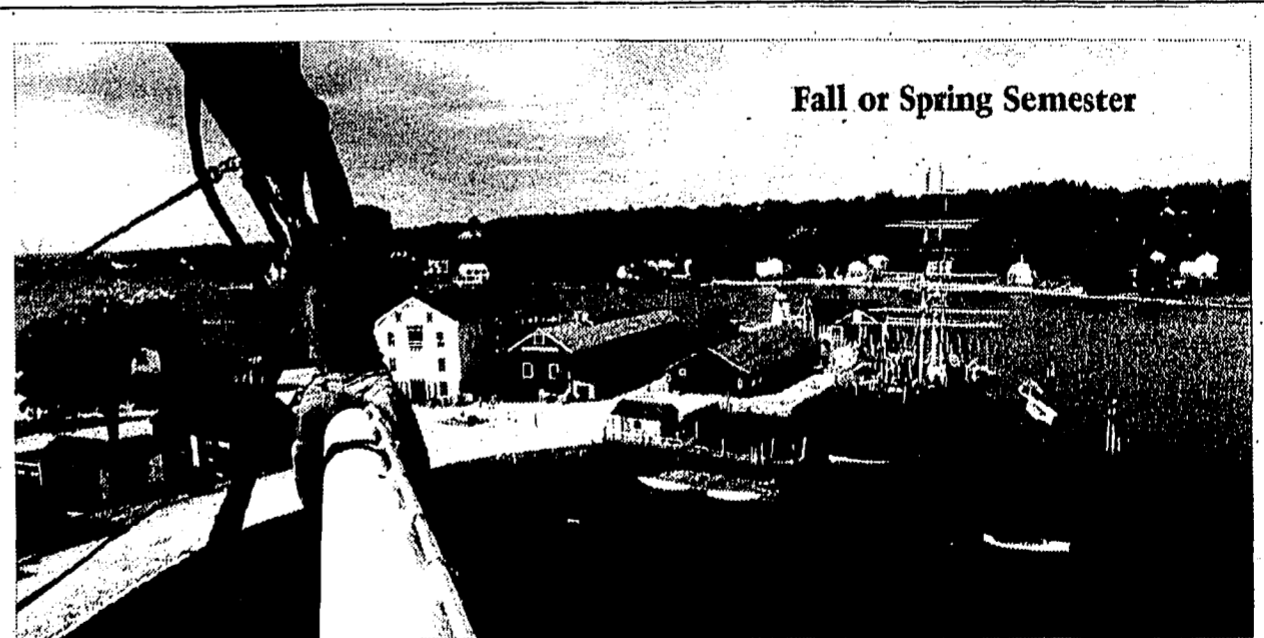
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WORLD NEWS

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Washington: The changing guard

by James Reston
c.1987 N.Y. Times New Service

WASHINGTON - A big change has come over Washington in the last few weeks. People are beginning to talk about the Reagan administration in the past tense. The reporters are still running around like blind dogs in a meat house, but almost everybody else seems willing to leave the recent White House scandals to the investigators, the historians and the psychological novelists.

Suddenly, a lot of officials have discovered that they want to spend more time with their wives and children. President Reagan says quietly and almost enviously that he won't stand in the way of anybody who wants to go home, and a lot of people are taking him up on it.

Pat Buchanan has decided he doesn't want to run for president after all, maybe remembering that the last Buchanan we had in the White House wasn't very happy. Other official cheerleaders are packing up. The president hasn't had a news conference since the explosion, but he has a new press secretary and so does Vice President Bush. Richard Perle is leaving the Pentagon to concentrate on fiction, which is no big change.

There has been an outbreak of amnesia here since the turn of the year. Everybody agrees that something went wrong on the way to the Iranian "moserates" and the Nicaraguan "freedom fighters," but few can

remember exactly what happened and those who can aren't talking.

But despite new poisonous disclosures every week, it doesn't seem to matter now whether the president knew or didn't know what Colonel North and Admiral Poindexter were up to in the basement of the White House. There is general agreement here that Reagan was deceiving Congress if not breaking the law, and that knowing or not knowing, it was a disgrace.

Everybody is embarrassed: George Shultz to discover that the White House was running a secret foreign policy behind his back; chief of staff Regan to discover he didn't know what his staff was doing; the Congress to discover that it had been scooped on the biggest scandal since Watergate by an obscure magazine in the Middle East.

What hurts here is not primarily what Washington doesn't know now, but what it has known and ignored or minimized for a very long time. It has known since the beginning of this administration that the president delegated more authority to his squabbling Cabinet and staff than any other president in memory.

Ever since the secret mining of the Nicaraguan harbors and the air raid on Libya, it has known that the administration was engaged in covert operations without informing Congress, and was conniving with private gunrunners to arm

the contras and overthrow the government in Managua, where it maintains "diplomatic relations."

It was not, however, until it was discovered that the administration was shipping arms to the terrorists in Iran and sneaking the profits to the contras that the whole squalid business was exposed. As one senator complained: "It was like finding that John Wayne was selling liquor to the Indians."

At first, it was thought that maybe these blunders were the result of the president's casual if not careless administrative procedures, carried out by zealots who thought they could defend democracy abroad by defying it and corrupting it at home.

It was only later when Congress began to examine the mindless and ill-prepared Reagan nuclear arms negotiations with Gorbachev at Reykjavik that it was realized that the president's shallow knowledge of the facts and his feeble grasp of the possible consequences began to seem not only reckless but dangerous.

For a time, the administration still seems stunned and bewildered, not knowing quite what has happened or what will happen tomorrow as the investigations proceed under the scrutiny of a Democratic-controlled Congress.

The human tragedies are painful and the unraveling process will no doubt go on, but there are consolations. The demonstration is correcting the procedures of the National Security Council, and the Congress is reviewing the

Drug tests

by Micheal Goodwin
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New York-Simone LeVant is not "One in a million." She is, however, one in 15,000.

There are about that many student-athletes at American universities participates in sports under the authority of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and all except one have agreed to be tested for drugs. Simone LeVant is the one.

Captain of the Stanford University women's diving team, LeVant refused to sign a consent form requiring her to take a urine test at the NCAA championship. Supported financially by the American Civil Liberties Union and morally by Stanford Officials, LeVant filed a lawsuit charging that such tests are an invasion of privacy and constitute an illegal search.

The California state court suit has already brought her a partial victory. The NCAA had made signing the consent form a condition of eligibility for all athletes during the regular season, even though the drug tests were to be conducted only at postseason championships and bowl games. But LeVant got a temporary restraining order in January allowing her to compete until the case is resolved. She is aiming for the national diving championships, which begin March 19.

"I pretty much thought my season was over when I refused to sign," LeVant, a 22-year-old senior English major, said in a recent telephone interview. "I didn't think too much about whether I could get the NCAA to change policies. I just had to do it for my own conscience."

She is not alone at Stanford, a school that has become

something of a hotbed of dissent on the issue. Football players have protested drug tests and Stanford's athletic director, Andy Geiger, said both he and the school's president, Donald Kennedy, admire LeVant.

"She's thought it through carefully," Geiger said. "I admire her pluck."

A court hearing scheduled for March 11 in San Jose is considered crucial by lawyers on both sides because there is probably not time for the loser to appeal before the national diving championships. Moreover, there is also a chance, the lawyers say, that the case could affect the NCAA's testing plans for others sports. The organization says it plans to test about 2,000 male and female athletes at such championships as basketball, gymnastics, track, skiing and hockey.

Many of those tests will involve the men's basketball tournament, which begins March 12. John L. Taylor, chairman of the NCAA drug testing committee, said recently that every player from each of the 64 teams in the tournament would be tested at least once. Tests will begin soon after teams are selected on March 9, Toner said, and will continue as teams advance, with many players on successful teams being tested several times.

"We will test continuously through the championship," Toner said. "Each step of the way we want to guarantee that the next step will be clean of dealing with alcohol-related drug use."

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Rules of Engagement

by William Safire
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WASHINGTON - The best advice given Ronald Reagan in this space was not to run for a second term. Now all of us who are covering the crumbling executive authority need fresh advice on how to cope with the torrent of revelations to come, so that we do not aid those dovish partisans seeking to reverse the election of 1984 or otherwise succor the blame-America-first crowd.

I have pasted the following seven rules of fairness-in-scandal-mongering on my word processor:

1. Do not allow the natural revulsion against paying arms ransom to a terrorist nation undermine more effective efforts to defeat terrorism. It is suddenly chic to derogate any anti-terrorist actions as the lawless antics of cowboys in the White House. Resist this: the only trouble with President Reagan's strike at Col. Gadhafi's headquarters last spring was that it was not powerful enough. We should remind ourselves that we are at war against a network of

murderers and kidnapers and that it is moral and ethical to punish and deter them.

2. Do not, in cultivating news sources, overlook the shortcomings of the people in the white hats. The federal appeals court panel that appoints special prosecutors operates without oversights and has been oblivious to conflicts of interest following its selections. Worse, the Senate Intelligence Committee was told by Robert McFarlane in sworn testimony last year about possibly incriminating computer tape backups and pretended it did not hear him. If the committee gets so upset about not being told of covert action, why did Durenberger & Co. ignore the hot news it was given?

3. Do not repeat, without checking for refutation, the attacks from ambush of the score-settlers. I reported here that Howard Teicher, then the National Security Council's Middle Eastern chief, had been widely fingered as the source for the "disinformation" about plans for a second strike against Libya. But widespread fingering does not a disinformant make; he denies the

charge vociferously and submitted to a polygraph test to prove himself innocent. It also should be reported that Teicher had not avoided testifying under oath, and denies knowledge of the contra fund diversion.

4. Do not get daily story-itis. Watch out for shocked-and-appalled reports about the discovery of secret contingency plans. Remember that various government agencies have in their files the most far-out contingency plans imaginable, and their publication is usually a sign that a reporter is under too much editorial pressure for a sensational lead.

Off the Cuff

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me again that I ought to go to Australia.

A cruel part of me wanted to laugh at him, and say 'listen, next year I'll have joined arms with those businesses. I'm going to secure a position for the rest of my life with Raytheon, or AETNA, or Union Mutual or Merrill Lynch.'

"Yeah," he said, "they're all nothing but crooks. Just look at that Natick kid who was running around the streets of New York with suitcases full of cash. He's one of those hot-shots. Those money hot-shots." He warned me that there were hundreds of those "money devils" out there who took care of money first and everything else later. And then he reminded me of Iacocca or "that guy who ran a profit on the Olympics," Peter Ueberoth.

"Everyone wants to make those two president," he told me, "because they know how to turn a profit. When I was a kid we thought Ted Williams was hot stuff or Rocky Marciano. But look at today. Everyone idolizes that Iacocca because he can make money. It doesn't take much of a brain to make money just so long as it's the right color - green."

I remembered reading about two Columbia business instructors who forecasted yuppy-death within the next fifteen years and I wondered if he had read the article. "Your generation is bankrupting the common man," he said. "And I think it's because you're all

scared; you're scared not too have money because everyone else you know has it. So you hoard it, thinking it's going to save your ass." He was talking about peer pressure, and if I know one thing about Colby it's that everyone tends to look alike, right down to the weathered look on a pair of Bean boots. "I never wanted a ton of money in my day," he said. "Sure I wanted my fair share. I wanted a house for the wife and kids, ya know. But what goes around comes around, and you can bet your bottom dollar that all those hotshots are going to pay for this one day."

I wondered if more people at Colby thought about what was beyond the interviews, applications and high-paying

jobs. Colby was preparing another batch of these "hotshots" for the world, and up on Mayflower Hill it seemed the noble thing to do. But Colby is a totally different world than the kind you find among the old captains chairs at Walsh's. While we all thought about whether or not we ought to sacrifice the \$2000 pay difference to live in Boston rather than Portland, this guy was hoping to stay on top of his rent. His way of life was going the route of the buffalo because all the hot-shots, as he called them, were pricing everyone else out of the market.

"Don't worry," he said as I got up to go, "even though your generation doesn't think it's their problem, you'll all hurt one day just like I'm hurting now."

Germany

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formation of an American clique and a German one. Instead, the weekend formed the foundation of one large group. We stuck together throughout the month, allowing for close friendships and warm intimacies to grow. During the other two weekends, people went on private trips to Munich, Stuttgart, and various other places with their families.

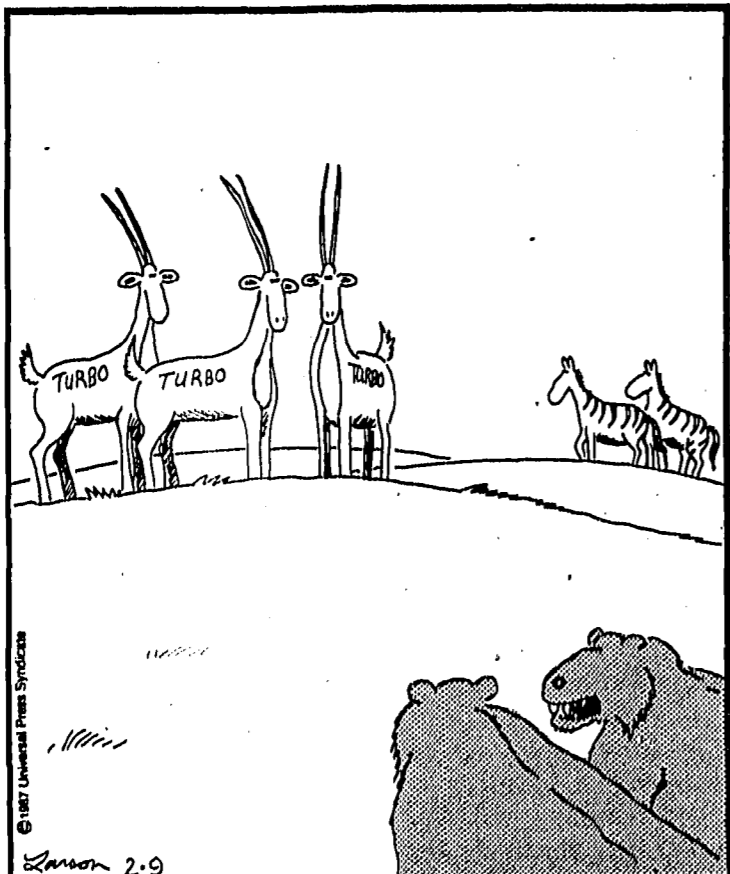
Living with families was a wonderful aspect of the program. Almost everyone had a good family, that not only made fantastic food but was good company. There was always a home to return to, for

most even a room of their own to take refuge in if it all got a little too hard to take. The families were patient and understanding with our German (or lack thereof). Most were impressed with how well we could speak German considering how little training we had had.

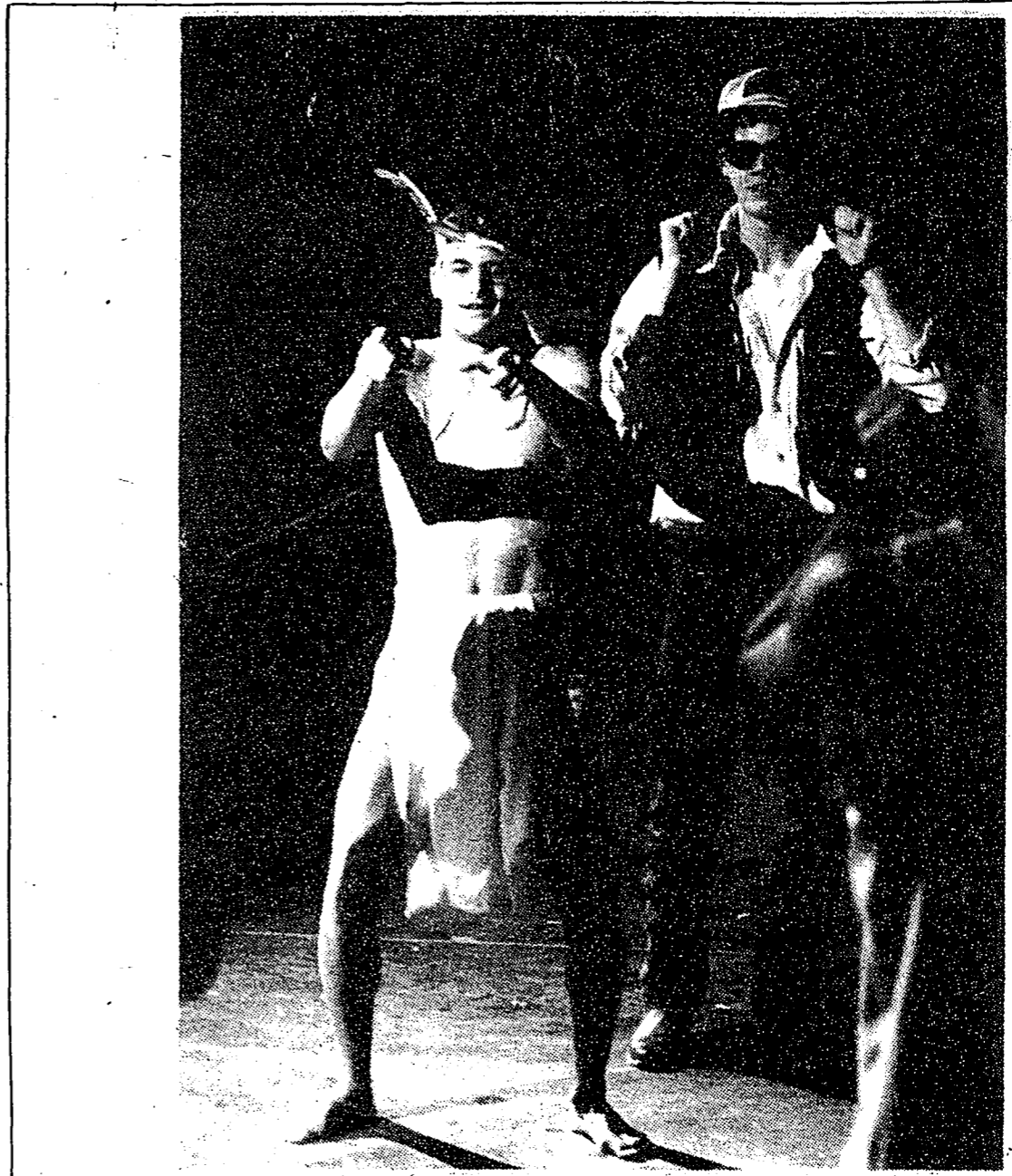
It is difficult to summarize the trip. Probably what made it so great were the German partners we had; they were, for the most part, around our age and very compatible. Saying goodbye to them was the hardest part of the entire trip.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Forget these guys."



Freshmen ham it up for a good cause at last Friday night's Lip sync.

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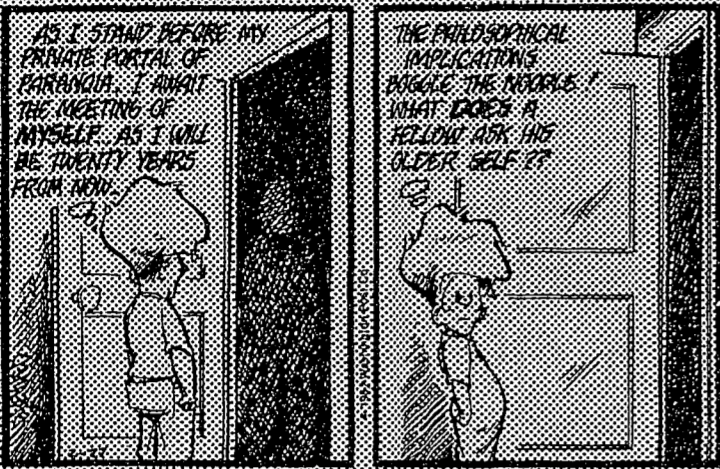
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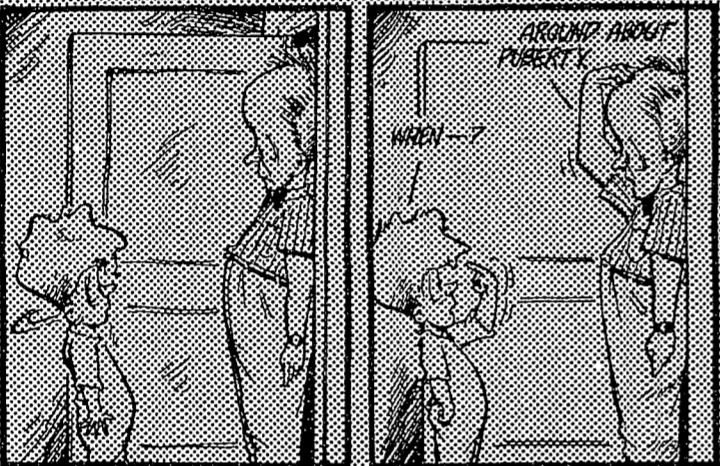
SPORTS

Thursday, March 5, 1987

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed



Swimmers cap season victorious

by Robert Young

The Colby Men's swimming team put some finishing touches on a very successful season at the New England championships last weekend. The 68th annual contest, the nation's oldest championship swim meet, was held at Springfield College and featured 35 teams from Divisions I, II, and III. Considering the fact that teams from all divisions were represented, including perennial powerhouses University of Massachusetts, Williams, and Southern Connecticut, Colby's squad did exceptionally well.

Next year, it is highly probable that the divisions will be separated for the championship contests, giving the smaller Division III schools a greater opportunity for team success. Despite the overwhelming circumstances, Colby swam some outstanding races.

Two team records were broken and several personal bests were achieved.

The highlight of the weekend came in Saturday's performance of the 800 freestyle relay. Colby's team of Larry Collins, Paul Beach, John Arney and Tom Sherry broke away from the field and established a new school mark of 7:32.6. This bettered last year's record of 7:34.5. Colby's performance enabled them to then swim in the finals later in the day where they finished up in 17th place overall and 7th in Division III. Earlier in the day, Sherry had shattered the 8 year old 100 butterfly record by over one and a half seconds. The new Colby record stands at 55.12 seconds.

Among those recording personal bests at the meet were Randy Barr in the 100 backstroke, Jon Goldman in the 100 breaststroke, Tripp Johnson in the 200 Individual Medley, and Doug Belkin in the 1650 freestyle. Dave Russell lost

some time (along with all of his hair) in the 200 breaststroke. Paul Beach proved his arrow was pointing in the right direction in the 200 backstroke and in three relays, and Pete Sekulow finished up strongly in the 200 backstroke.

Co-captain Peter Voss led the team throughout; shining through the 50 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay. The 400 medley relay of Beach, Russell, Sherry and Collins and the 400 freestyle relay of Voss, Beach, Arney and Sherry failed to reach the finals but showed much determination while swimming extremely fast races.

This Colby team has a lot to look forward to in the future. More than half the team this year was new swimmers, making for a very young team. The team owes its success to its coaching staff and the leadership of the seniors. They look forward not only to their hair growing back, but to an unparalleled season next year.

Women's indoor track

by Sarah Redfield

Women's Indoor Track (once again) has a quiet but victorious season. The team was small but produced winners. In sprints Tracy Morrow proved her natural ability in qualifying for the Easterns in both the 400

meters and 4 by 200 meter relay. Freshman Melanie Brockway high hurdled for Colby and scored consistently. Brockway qualified for both New England Division I and the Easterns. Also new to Colby Track, freshmen Leslie Couture sprinted successfully to qualify

for Easterns in the 55m, 200m, and 4 by 200 m. relay. Couture, who underwent surgery this fall, has been steadily improving. Couture and Brockway are potential high scorers for the spring season.

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Men's basketball

by Christopher Watt

As the Colby Mules made their way down to Morrell Gymnasium in Brunswick this past Saturday to take on the Bowdoin Polar Bears, the odds seemed to be stacked heavily in their favor. Colby had a better record (15-7 vs. 11-12), had blown Bowdoin out by 18 points earlier in the season, and was just coming off a very convincing pasting of the Bates Bobcats. Add to that a large Colby cheering section (embarrassingly for the home team, we had more fans there than they did) and the ejection of 6'7" Bowdoin center (or should I say thug?) Joe Williams only 2:00 minutes into the contest and you would think that the Mules would have walked away with it.

Unfortunately, I think the team was thinking just the same way.

Spirits were high from the start and tempers began to flare early between the B rivals. Center Williams, a.k.a. Andre the Giant, leveled tri-captain Chris Powell with a blatant forearm to the head early in the first half. Williams received an early trip to the showers from the officials, to the delight of the Mule faithful.

What took place thereafter is a mystery. One would have thought that the Polar Bears would have fallen apart without their aggressive mainstay anchoring the middle on both ends of the floor. But

that was not the case. The incident seemed to drain all of the emotion from the Colby squad, while the determination of the Bowdoin players intensified. A combination of solid shooting (60 percent for the game) and strong desire of the Polar Bears with generally lackluster play of the Mules led to a lop-sided contest early. Colby, having shot a miserable 36 percent from the field in the first half, headed into the locker room at halftime trailing 49-40.

The second half started much as the first had ended. The Polar Bears continued to outgun the Mules, with guards Chris Kiritsy and Kevin Hancock (brother of Colby guard Matt) leading the way.

But the Mules were not dead yet. Behind the one-two scoring punch of Matt Hancock and Chris Vickers, Colby fought back and tied the game with 35 seconds to go. But then came the heartbreaker. Red-hot Kevin Hancock stuck a last second 3-pointer (his 7th of the game) to ice the victory for the Polar Bears.

"It was one of our weaker defensive efforts," stated Colby head coach Richard Whitmore. He cited the Mules' inability to contain Bowdoin guards Kiritsy (33 points) and Hancock (30 points) as one of their main deficiencies. The Colby attack was lead by Vickers (22 points) and Hancock (20). Also, Powell, who chipped in 15 points,

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Colby sports televised

It wasn't Brent Musberger on CBS Sports Saturday, but two Colby athletic teams made their television debuts, as did announcer Richard McGee, Athletics Director, on February 7. The games were aired on Channel 5, a CBS affiliate. Both the Colby men's hockey and basketball teams played before this Mid-Maine television audience with mostly positive results.

Despite a loss for the hockey team both teams represented Colby Athletics with style and class. The fact that the games were broadcast during Jan Plan break, while many students were away, did not seem to be a factor in the crowd's enthusiasm. By mid-afternoon the stands were almost full and signs and posters appeared all around the gym at times making the home audience confuse this game with a Celtics or Islanders game! Some fans provided more color than Tommy Heinsohn ever imagined. However the actual day of the games for Channel 5 and Colby's Athletic and Public Affairs Departments was not just one day's work.

Though the day's broadcast lasted only about 4-5 hours, weeks of planning went into the event. According to Catherine Anderson, Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs in Charge of Sports Information and Photography, communication with Channel 5 occurred

at least once every other day for a month before the broadcast.

However the project involved much more than just phone calls. Camera crews were sent to a Colby-Bowdoin game in Brunswick in order to obtain footage of key players in advance. Channel 5 also came to Mayflower Hill just a week before the games in order to interview members and coaches of the teams and President Cotter. Footage of the campus was used during breaks in the games. According to Anderson a lot of work was put in to provide sufficient background information to fill in gaps when there is no action. "A lot goes on behind the scenes... All the spare time must be filled," noted Anderson. Throughout the entire month Channel 5 kept in contact with Colby to update scores and statistics in order to have useful information. During the games there were people keeping track of the scores of all games and meets taking place that day to feed the announcers.

Feedback from the day's events has been positive. This was a test case for Channel 5 as they just recently acquired the ability to go remote. Due to the positive results of this event and the hard work of the Public Affairs Department, there is a possibility that Channel 5 may cover a Colby football game in the fall.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Ooo! Now here's a nice one we built last fall."



Men's basketball

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reached the 1000 point plateau in his Colby scoring career, a great achievement in only three years of varsity play.

Despite this loss, the Mules have qualified for post-season play. They are ranked sixth in the newly expanded 8 team ECAC tournament and will take on third ranked WPI down in Worcester this Saturday. Let's hope the Mules can come together as a team as they begin their quest for the New England championship.

Runners

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fast times in the 600m and 400m. She is a member of the 4 by 200 meter relay team which will race at the Easterns. The middle distance runners, Linda Roberts and Deedra Beale, both ran personal bests in the 1000 meters and will race at Easterns. Roberts placed consistently for Colby in the 1000 meter run. Once again the

long distance runners prove themselves outstanding athletes. The 7 year old 1500 meter Colby record was broken six times by Jeanne Guild, Karen Boomer, and Jill Vollweiler. Each broke the record twice, just to make sure that it was truly destroyed. Jill Vollweiler now holds the 1500 meter record. Both Guild and

Vollweiler are one half second off from qualifying for the Nationals in the 10,000 meters. Guild placed 6th in the 10,000 meter at the Division I New England at Boston University.

Although the Women's Indoor Track season remained unseen and unheard, the women had a great season. They expect to have a successful spring season.

Men's track

Last weekend the Men's Track Team travelled to Bates for the New England Championships. Colby ran fairly well but just found themselves overmatched by the Division I schools. Boston college won the meet.

The meet began Friday night with the trials for many of the running events. The only Colby runner who made the finals was Michael Misner in the 800. Misner ran a solid 1:55 in the trials, taking fourth in his heat. In the finals he ran a competitive race and narrowly missed sixth place.

In the 55 meter hurdles David Duane continued to run well. The previous weekend he had taken second in the Division III Championships. Duane passed smoothly through the trials into the semi-finals. Once again he ran well but this time it was not quite enough, as he missed making the finals by .01 seconds.

Perhaps one of the most exciting races of the evening were the trials of the 1500. Colby's Mark Pagnano entered the event with hopes of repeating his excellent performance at this meet last year when he took fourth. He may have done that if he had been in a different heat. The race went out slowly, leaving the entire field bunched together with three laps to go. The race then turned into an all out sprint. Pagnano got stuck in a bad position and was unable to get up with the leader. He

had to settle for fifth in a time of 3:57.


In the 500m Rob Salaverry broke his own freshman record and came within half a second of the Colby record. Salaverry just missed making the finals as he came on in the last 100 meters. He and Rhode Island freshman Bryan Cannon were both clocked at 1:06.66 but Cannon was chosen for the finals.

Jim Fisher took ninth in the 5000. It was another good race for Fisher who had taken fourth at the Division III Championships. His strong last mile carried him to a time of 14:58, just a few seconds off his previous week time.


Bill McCrillis, slowed by hamstring injuries, had a sub-par performance in the triple jump. The field was amazingly strong as five jumpers cleared 50 feet and a meet record was established.

The Division III Champion Distance Medley relay team of Misner, Jim McCutcheon, Toby Yos, and Pagnano took ninth. All of the team members ran well but simply did not turn in the spectacular performance that would have been necessary to beat the Division I schools.

The indoor season is winding to a close. This weekend Colby returns to Bates for the Eastern Championships. The following weekend Duane and any of his teammates who qualify at Easterns will head to the University of Chicago for the National Championships.




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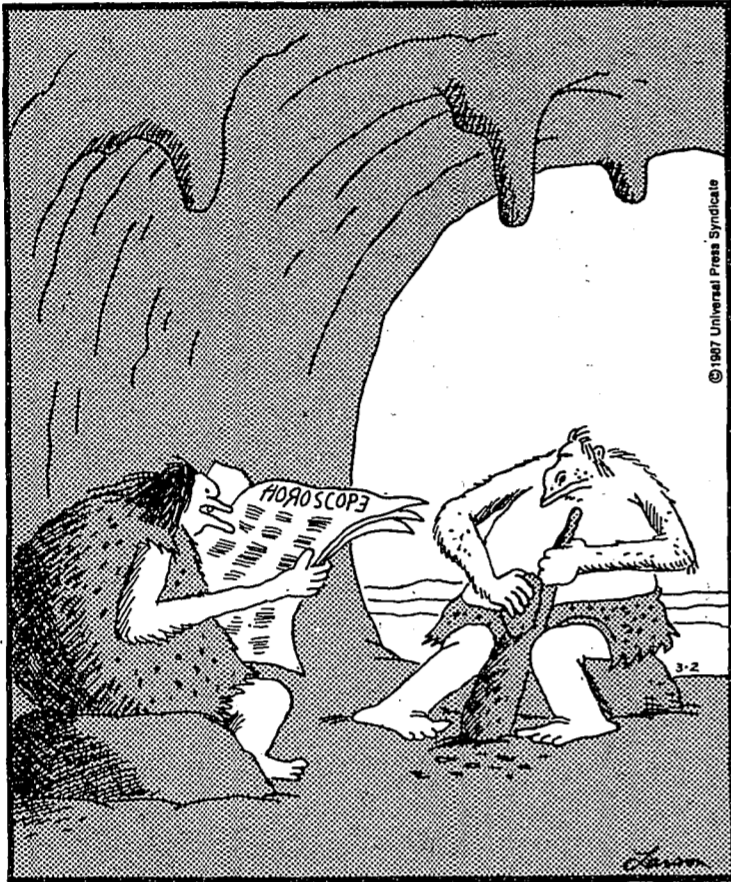
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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"You have a small capacity for reason, some basic tool-making skills, and the use of a few simple words. ... Yep. That's you."

Women's ice hockey:

An unfortunate loss

by Debbie Parsons

An unfortunate loss to Dartmouth rounded up the season for the women's hockey team. Off to a good start in the first period, their confidence was up. Assisted by Feb. freshman Kaki Martin, Megan Patrick scored the opening goal. Outshot 16-8, Dartmouth was shaking.

The second period proved to be repetitive of the first. Megan and Jen Rubin assisted Robin MacWalter to add another goal to our advantage. Outshot 11-8 this time, things were still in Colby's favor.

A penalty in the last minute of play in the second period put a slight damper on Colby's play that seemed to carry on out through the last period of play. Colby was short-handed, and Dartmouth having the ideal opportunity carried out a power play. They took advantage of the circumstances and scored one minute into the period. One minute later they scored again. And again. Yes, three goals in three minutes. "Team nervousness" was now running high on the guest bench at Dartmouth. Dartmouth picked up their game yet another notch and proceeded to score in the last 20 seconds of play, making it an even 2-4.

It was a disappointing way to wrap up the season, but Colby welcomed the competitive play. Once again, the team is young,

and some key mistakes were made which can be worked on. It was the "snapshot of the season" in that Colby didn't quite play up to their potential. For the most part, every other team was played tough by Colby.

The trio of Providence, Harvard, and UNH is ranked high and are much better than Colby. They were understandable losses. But every other game, we gave out our best competition. The Ivies are "our natural opponents at the present time," says Coach Pfeiffer. The Ivies made for even games.

The majority of the season was played by four freshmen, eight sophomores, and two juniors. Eight juniors and two seniors being away resulted in most of the team consisting of rookies. Pfeiffer was constantly rotating the players. People were coming and going making it an inconsistent team. Some of the women are presently scattered all over in Italy, Germany, Switzerland, France, etc.

The team "grew immensely as the season went along." It's a close team, and one "loner" is seldom seen. They work hard on and off the ice. Splitting wood to be sold is the job at the moment. In an effort to raise money for their upcoming trip to Russia, Finland, and Sweden next Jan Plan, this seems like as good a way as any to them. They go down on their own

time and willingly work towards their goal. It's a joint effort as is the sport.

Coach Pfeiffer smiles optimistically, "It looks good for next year." He is more positive for next year than he was for this year at the start. Their "maturity and confidence is growing." It was a "shaking transition year and a tough one, but the team was understanding and grew through it.

The sports banquet held Sunday night revealed the award winners. Captain Leah Basbanes won most valuable player. Kathy Keller was noted most improved player, and M'erie Mead was awarded the captain's cup for dedication and spirit.

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Wake me when it's over:

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students, housing, admission, and faculty (and possibly the Student Association President, Cultural Life Chairperson, and Social Life Chairperson)) gather at the Student Center for a question and answer information session. If anyone gets rude, the meeting should immediately be discontinued by an impartial host. It should be a time of open and polite interaction. The meeting should last for a specific period of time, and if more needs to be discussed, a new meeting or private appointments should be scheduled.

Most importantly, I feel that we should not blame one individual for all of our woes. The deans have direct influence over us; and while it would be nice to know our President, it's even more important that we maintain a constant rapport with those who dwell and deliberate on Lovejoy's first floor. The deans and the students make the final decisions, although President Cotter's influence is still

extensive and extremely relevant.

Colby is excruciatingly dull right now. We all get angry and frustrated and point our increasingly flaccid fingers. Direct action and open discussion could make at least some difference. Make appointments; circulate petitions if nothing is happening. There are influential resource people whose job it is to listen. Tap, tap, tap. There are indeed feasible, realizable solutions. Colby used to be fun. I'm sure I remember it. The demise of the fraternities should not spell the demise of our social activity. That would speak very poorly for us as intelligent, imaginative individuals. If Seiler's Colby Eights don't taste as good to you, or you want to see more live bands on campus, tell somebody, and not just the friend with whom you are sitting.

Course you could just do what I'm doing--sleep in. My annoying beeper alarm clock is set to wake me when it's over.

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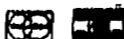
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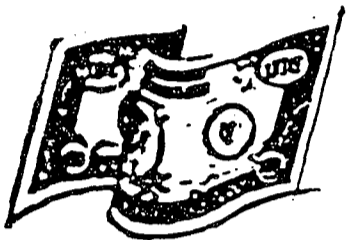
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policies that have led to such deficits and mistrust at home and abroad.

Fortunately this crisis has come at the threshold of a new presidential election campaign. Unfortunately neither Governor Cuomo of New York nor Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia will be in the race. But the people will have a chance to consider the candidate's character and experience, the procedures by which they are chosen and the regulations of the 200-year-old Constitution under which they are supposed to serve.



Awareness

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somebody, you're not just having sex with them - you're having sex with everyone that person has had sex with for the last ten years."

Concerning practical measures for "Safe Sex", they warned to take the responsibility of always using a condom during any kind of sexual activity. Anderson pointed out that males aren't always prepared, and that

females should seriously consider having a condom handy. He also stated that if anyone had any questions about

"safe sex" or AIDS that they should call the AIDS Project in Portland, toll free, at 1-800-851-AIDS.

Roughly a third of the audience left to attend the Colby-Bowdoin basketball game, those that stayed didn't seem to want to leave even when the presentation ended. Many students milled about 15-20 minutes, talking with the presenters and asking questions. One student said the presentation had taken "a lot of the mystery away from AIDS" and many others expressed that they too felt less intimidated by it.

One adult, when asked what he saw as the worst aspect of AIDS, replied that AIDS "can take an intelligent, bright, nice young guy like Vincent, who in my opinion didn't do anything to deserve it, and put him in the financial and social situation he is in now."

One student made a striking comment saying, "When this many people show up for something like this at Colby, you know people are concerned." This concern impressed upon by Leadly who had stated, "This is not an inconsequential issue at all... this is not a trivial disease at all, it is not trivial to our society or our country" and referred back to Anderson's earlier comment that, "We're looking at a future generation that may not have a future."

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Center? The students motives are not clear but what is clear is that these people have brought disgrace to this college. Is it any wonder that the citizens of Waterville don't always think highly of Colby students? Come on people - where are your brains? Such theft is in itself wrong but the idiocy of the act is compounded by the fact that Colby students were involved. We are supposed to be the most educated members of our society and a great majority of us are not exactly hurting financially either. No one at this institution is justified in stealing. How are we ever going to hope to be the leaders of our generation if we ourselves don't display a knowledge of what is right and wrong?

We don't just steal from Waterville folks however. The amount of theft that goes around on campus is enough to make one want to move off campus. Take for instance the framed pictures which have been put up in the renovated residence halls. Within weeks of the opening of school in September a number of them had been literally ripped off the walls. And for a time, there was a rash of telephones being taken off the walls. A well placed source informed me that this latter action was the result of a fraternity prank. Thanks a lot guys! I derived great enjoyment from not being able to place or receive a call and I was laughing even harder

when the dorm damage bill included charges for missing phones.

I could continue but the point should be clear. A disturbing number of Colby students seem to display little or no respect for the property of others. There is a pompous attitude of unlimited freedom held by these people; that what is theirs is theirs and what is neighbors is theirs too, if they so desire. Why isn't there more consideration and respect for the property of others? Are the weekly reports

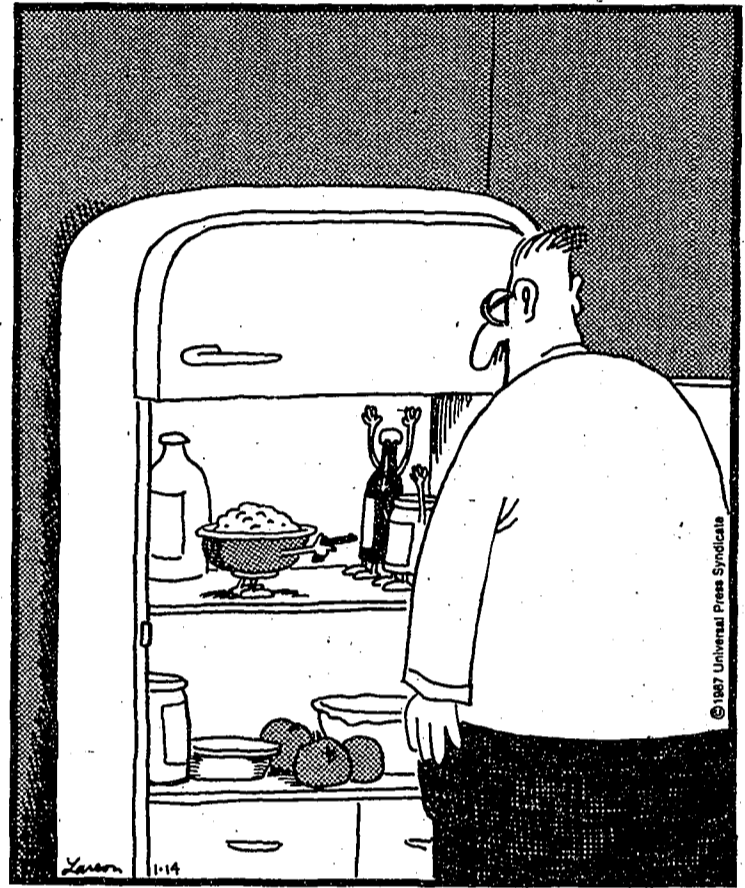
of vandalism and theft which reflect so poorly upon the student body here at Colby really necessary?

Have we become so comfortable and cocky at our wealthy school on the hill that we need not give consideration to others? If this is indeed so, it is a most unfortunate and regrettable situation. It would seem to indicate that we have learned very little on the long path of education.

Sincerely,
Sven Dubie

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



When potato salad goes bad

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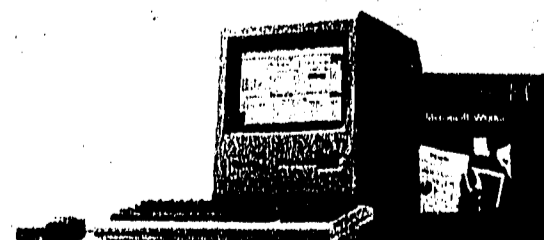
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Gym time

To the Editors:

It has come to the attention of some Colby students that a major problem exists concerning the use of the school's gymnasium. Recently more and more time has been given to non-Colby people for the use of the gym and less time has been left for Colby students. Considering that the gym is Colby's, and that it is the only gym available, it seems that Colby students should be given first priority of its use at all times.

It is common happening now for Colby students to go down to the gym and be forced to stand by and watch for hours while people from Waterville, Lawrence, and other surrounding communities use the basketball courts. On many occasions, the gym has been officially scheduled out to high school teams from some of those cities. As the instances of this have increased over the year, frustration has grown among onlooking Colby students. This is not the only problem. More frequently groups of Waterville High students and others from the town just walk in and start playing. In one case, when some Colby students tried to join a basketball game with kids from Waterville High, they were told "Get off the court,

Coach Whitmore told us we could use it."

The scheduling out of the basketball courts is up to Coach Whitmore, who now also handles many of the AD responsibilities. It seems that something must be done about the too frequent use of the basketball courts by high school teams. Something also needs to be done about townspeople coming up to use the gym. Even if the use of the courts by these people has not been authorized by Coach Whitmore, they still have the idea that they can use them whenever they want. Signs are up all around the gym saying "Use of the facilities are for authorized people only." But warnings are no good unless they are enforced. I must say that on a recent occasion when a group of Colby students were kept from using the basketball courts because of a girl's high school scrimmage game, Coach Whitmore did have the consideration to come down and explain to those students why the court had been scheduled out. But until Colby students are considered first at all times for the use of our college's facilities, no explanation will be good enough.

Jonathon Slate

• Tenure

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committee was familiar with the citation raised by each other.

The folders or dossiers on each candidate literally fill boxes and boxes. Each is read and studied carefully. Another of my recurring impressions is that almost always preconceptions are challenged, re-examined, and often altered or discarded. The record - of student evaluations, peer evaluations of that scholarship, and service to the College - must speak for itself. Few of us know anyone on the faculty well enough to have an impression which is not challenged by the bulk of data.

One important piece of data is the recommendation of the departmental committee. The committee on Promotion and Tenure never disregards that recommendation and never goes against it without a great deal of thought. However, it should be noted that almost all departmental committees recommend for tenure. In the last ten years I can think of only one departmental committee which did not recommend for tenure. I can think of only two departments which were deeply divided. (My recollections do not include the recent years in which I was not on the Committee, because I am not privy to those data.) If the Committee had followed all departmental recommendations, virtually everyone who came up for tenure would have tenure; none of our excellent junior colleagues would even be here.

I also feel the information

about Colby's reputation in various disciplinary associations is inaccurate. In my field we are viewed as one of the top liberal arts college departments in the country. I think that same can be said for a number of other fields, especially those departments which are large enough to have achieved wider visibility.

But this is not the point. The point is that we hire, retain, and promote the best teachers with the highest potential for maintaining those standards as teachers, based on the best evidence that we can acquire. The decisions are made by faculty members, not by the administrators. The faculty members are elected by all of the faculty, from among those with tenure. No one dictates these choices. No one even tries to influence the judgements of the Committee - because no one has a desire to do so. The procedure is democratic and fair.

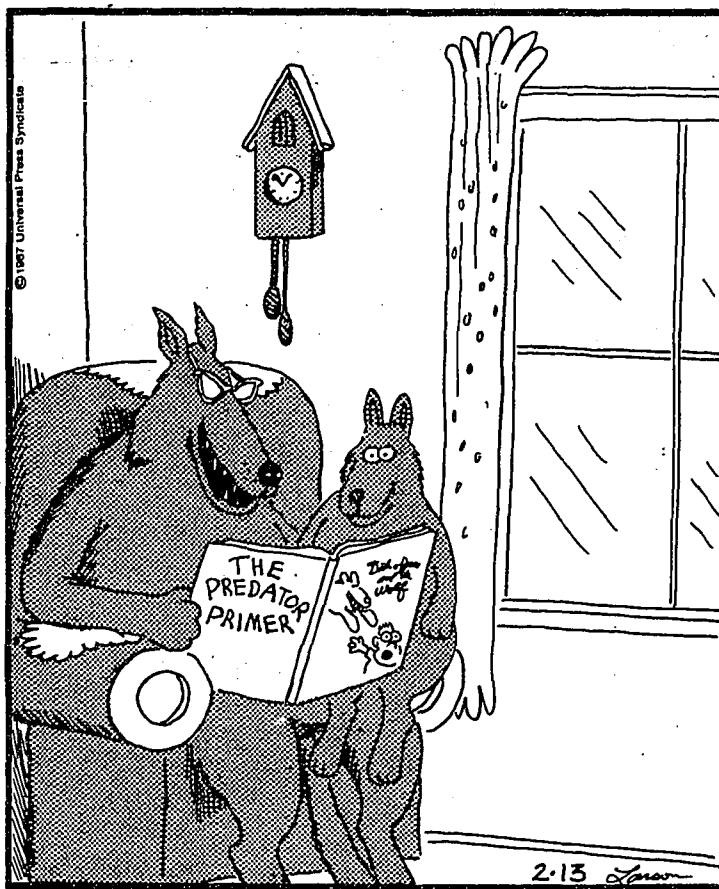
Now that does not mean that it is pleasant for those going through it. That does not mean that it does not cause stress. That certainly does not mean that those who are unhappy with the result will be happy with the system which produced that result, nor with the individuals who were involved. But I think we are all better off if we understand what is involved. I hope this letter has cleared some of that air.

Yours sincerely,

L. Sandy Maisel

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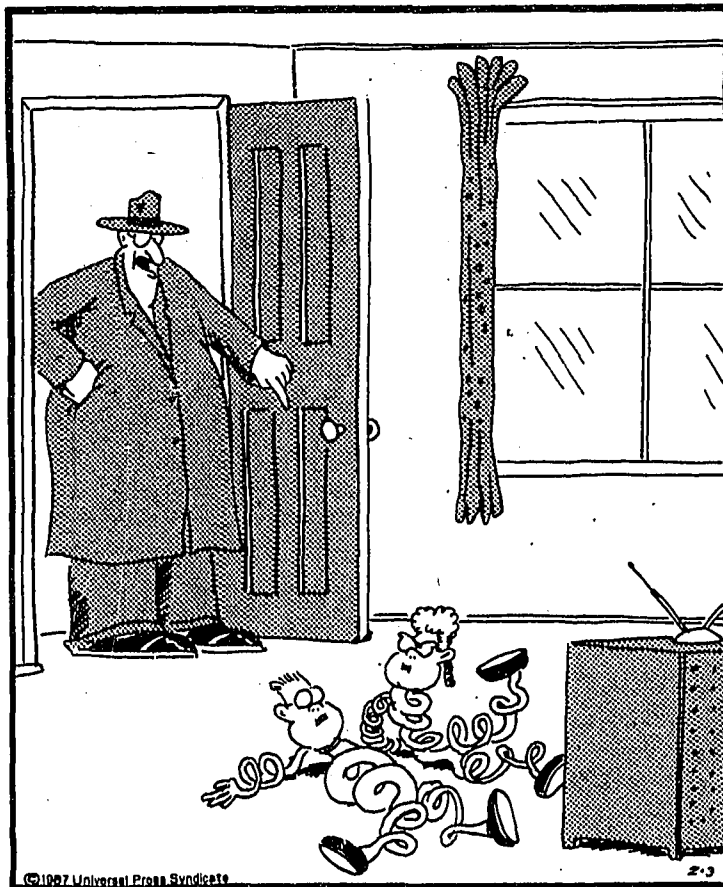
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"See Dick run. See Jane run. Run run run. See the wolves chase Dick and Jane. Chase chase chase..."

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"I've warned you kids about this - now I'm gonna straighten you out once and for all."

On fairness . . .

To the Editors:

Having recently returned from a month long trip to Mexico, I was excited to be back in the United States where democracy rules and the judicial system operates under the ideal that a person is "innocent until proven guilty." Here at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, U.S.A. this concept appears to be a complete farce.

I'd like to address the unjust treatment of the situation concerning the alleged assault of a security officer by a Colby student, late Saturday evening, February 21.

Presently there are numerous allegations and rumors running rampant across campus about the incident. The most disturbing aspect is that of late, the Echo, a publication run by students, has wrongfully condemned a fellow student.

The headline on the front page of last week's Echo read "Officer Assaulted." Try and tell me that this headline doesn't imply guilt! It seems that in an attempt to obtain a juicy news story, Mr. Friedman failed to obtain or ignored certain facts and information. Where did you obtain your scant information, Mr. Friedman, and who gave you the right to slander a fellow student? Must you be reminded that a person is innocent until proven guilty? How can a person expect to obtain a fair trial or hearing after such allegations appear as publishable and knowledgeable truths? When in fact the truth of the incident has yet to be determined.

I'm not advocating that the Echo blindly support all actions of its peers - but I am advocating that these sloppy journalism practices be cleaned up before irreparable damage is done. It is frustrating and disturbing that the rights and reputation of the accused were not taken into consideration by the Editors, the headline makers, the author of the article, and the Dean of Students.

The only redeeming factor of the article is that, based on policy, the student's name was not released, thus a shred of decency exists for the accused.

In conclusion, I beseech that in future issues of the Echo extensive thought precedes action.

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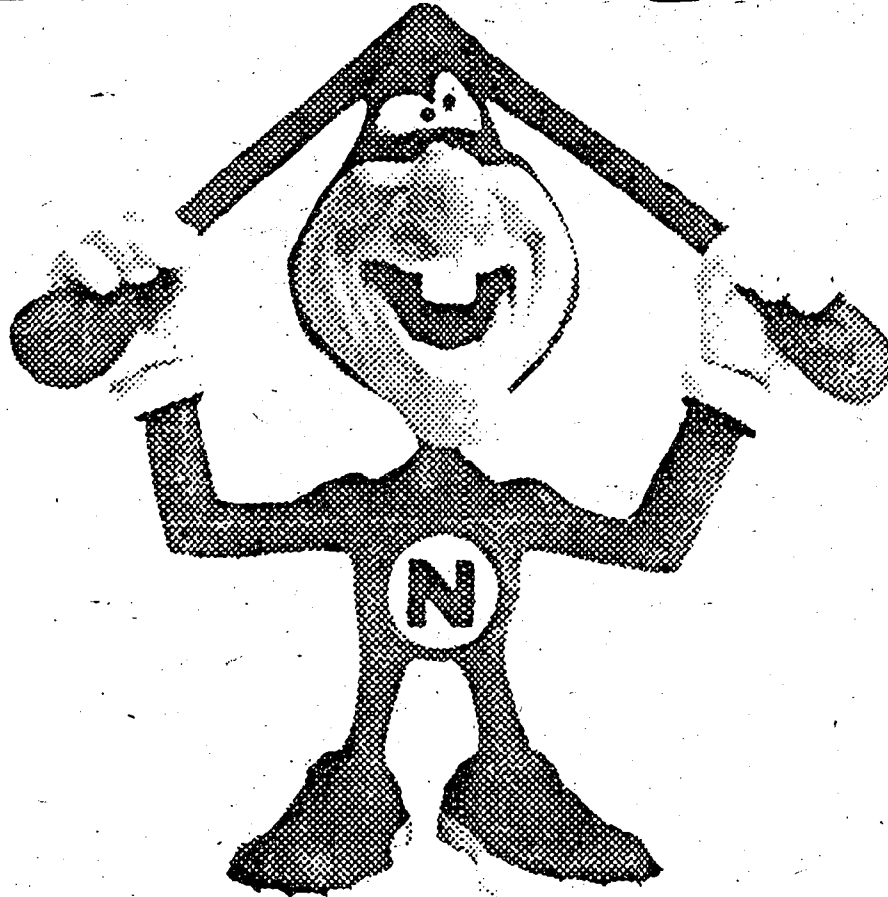
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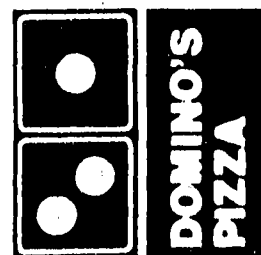
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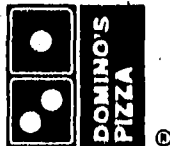
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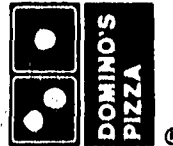
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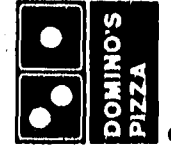
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