

Cost to attend Colby will increase \$1,200

by Mike Diamond

President William Cotter told the *Echo* that the Board of Trustees has tentatively approved a 7.5% student charge increase for the 1988-89 academic year. Final approval for the price hike, which includes tuition and room and board, is expected to come at the Board's meeting at the college in April.

If the Board's plan is adopted,

fees for '88-'89 could total approximately \$17,200. This compares with the present student charges of \$15,950.

Currently, Colby ranks 13th in its total student charges in a survey conducted by Cambridge Associates, Boston, of 25 small to mid-sized colleges and universities in New England. The price range among the group surveyed varies from #25-ranked Worcester Polytechnic Institute

with a \$14,495 price tag and #1-ranked Bennington College which charged its students \$17,990 for the 1987-88 academic year. Colby's Maine competitors, Bowdoin College and Bates College, presently demand \$15,675 and \$15,635 respectively.

Dean Beverage only hopes that the new fees will not scare perspective students from Colby. "What worries us all is that some will dismiss Colby up

front when they see a \$17,000 student charge."

Cotter doesn't expect Colby's ranking in charges to change, despite the fee increase. He stated, "We don't know precisely what others are doing. What we do know from the grapevine is that [our increase] is where most of the others will be also. Most of the colleges and universities will go up 7 to 9%."

Cotter further noted that the

augmentation of fees is necessary if Colby is to maintain the quality of its programs. He said, "I think that the price hike is necessary. Our professors are in the top 5% among college professors in terms of their compensation, and the increase is partially to cover a 6.5 to 7.5% compensation increase. Also, we have to account for new equipment for science labs,"

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Dick Gregory entertained 350 people in Lorimar Chapel last Wednesday.

photo by Dave Coleman

Gregory used Humor to Convey his Message

by Bridget Connelly

Last week, Dick Gregory, the famed comedian, human rights activist and self-taught nutritionist, entertained a crowd of more than 350 people in Lorimar Chapel in honor of Black History Month. Using humor to convey his serious messages, Gregory spoke for more than two hours, touching on a wide variety of topics ranging from the presidential candidates to health and diet issues.

This lecture was arranged collectively by the Student Organization for Black and Hispanic Unity (SOBHU), Black Studies Committee, Intercultural Affairs, and Stu-A Cultural Affairs. Gregory, a vocal human rights activist since the 1960s joked that he

was trying to "punish the CIA by coming here."

Central to his talk was people's unwillingness to question people in positions of authority. It happens all the time, for instance, the makers of the O-rings for the space shuttle knew they were faulty before the shuttle was launched. It exploded over three years ago, and yet "no one has been indicted and you haven't demanded it. It's something about power, you don't challenge it."

Gregory suggested that our society concentrates on minor issues, ignoring the serious ones, and he cited drug addiction as an example. He pointed out that while only 4,675 people die each year from drug overdose, 10,000 die each

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America Needs to Put Itself on a (Spending) Diet

by Mary Thomson

The recent headlines in the *Wall Street Journal* or in the *New York Times* urging America to "tighten its belt," does not mean that Americans should lose weight. It means that they should stop spending in order to improve its foreign deficit.

The decline in the dollar over the past year has not been able to correct the huge deficit which America now has. Even though the dollar has declined more than 40 percent, and import prices for certain Japanese goods such as heavy machinery have risen more than 10 percent, Americans are still importing more. According

to the February 9th's issue of the *Wall Street Journal*, "Since the dollar peaked in the 1985 first quarter, the dollar value of U.S. imports has risen 33% even after adjusting for higher prices, and is outstripping the surge in U.S. exports. Imported goods and services continue to consume a growing share of U.S. spending and now top the 12.5%, a postwar height." In other words, America cannot rely solely upon the dollar's decline to improve its trade balance since the rise in exports is unable to offset the rise in imports. Therefore, how is America to improve its foreign deficit?

According to Colby's economics Professor, H.A.

Gemery, the U.S.'s to a trade deficits and a debtor nation status is not without prediction. The U.S. experienced trade deficits throughout the nineteenth century until the 1895, and remained a debtor nation until World War I. Long term deficits in the balance of payments are possible as long as other nations are willing to lend to the United States. The difference between the nineteenth century experience and the current situation is that capital inflows in the nineteenth century were largely used to finance productive capital formation in

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Applicant pool soars... for now

by Mike Diamond

The Admissions Office received 3,550 applications this year, an 8% increase over last year's figures and is the third highest number in the history of the college.

Colby's boost in the applicant pool comes at a time when the nation's supply of high school seniors is on a decline. While prospects for the future are seemingly sound, given the steady increase of applicants in the past five years (see graph 1), it is questionable whether Colby can maintain its admissions momentum.

In an interview with *The Colby Echo*, Colby's Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Parker Beverage, would not

predict a future applicant pool increase. He stated, "I'd be hard pressed to see such an increase next year. Demographics [the study of human populations] in the U.S. and the states that we traditionally draw from [New England] show that the number of eighteen year-olds will decline until 1992. There is no forecast that tells us that we will enjoy the same number of applications."

In a report published in 1982 by the Association of Governing Boards in its book *The Coming Enrollment Crisis*, it was noted that the population of eighteen year-olds in the United States

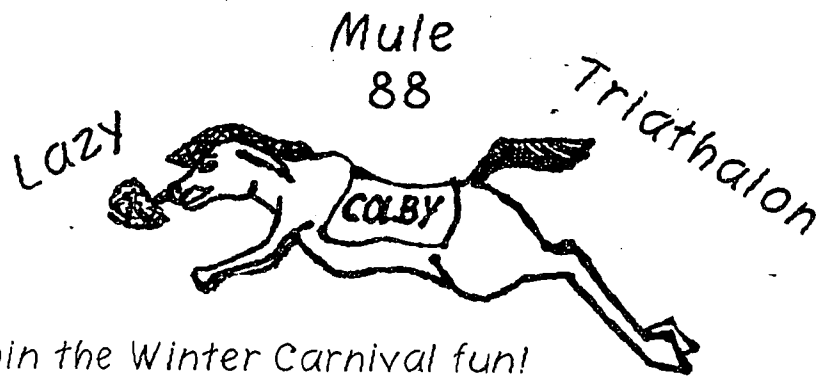
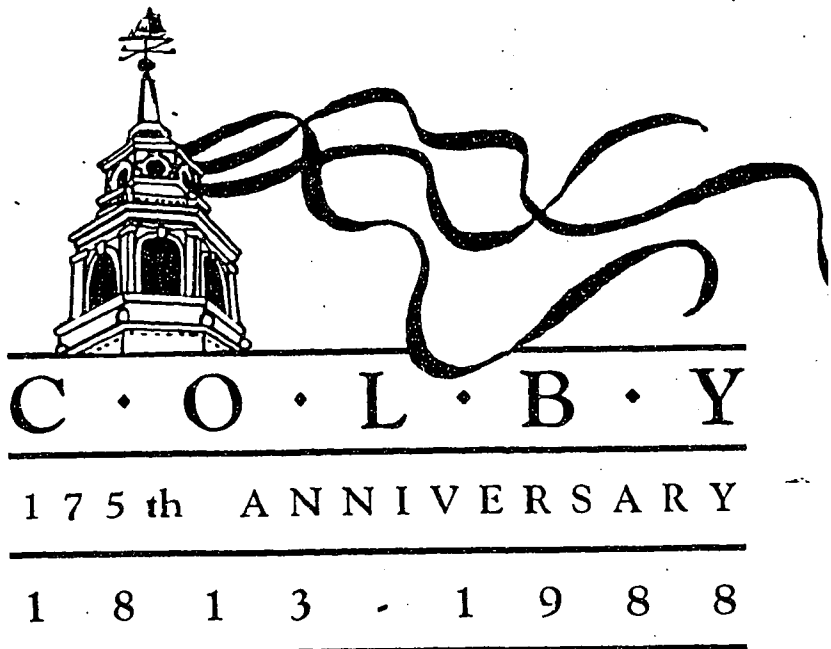
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by Patricio Silva

This weekend is the commemoration of Colby's 175th Anniversary, 1813-1988, which Student Association has spent two months preparing for. There are several historical and entertainment events to pick around the campus. All dining halls will host semi-formal dinners with entertainment from 5:00-7:00 pm on Friday, semi-formal attire is requested. Then film commemorating the martyrdom of Elijah Lovejoy, class of 1826, will be shown in the Spa at 7:00pm, and will be repeated Saturday at 7:30 and 9:00pm. At 8:00pm there is "Faust-The Puppet Show" in the Hurd-Smith-Robins Room in Roberts Union. In sports Women's Basketball takes on Emmanuel College at 7:30pm.

At 9:00pm there will be a fireworks display, best viewing will be from Eustis parking lot and in the Page Commons Room in the Student Center. That will be followed by a Jazz Concert in the Page Commons Room for only \$1.00. Norman David of the Music Department organized the event and it promises to be a great evening of jazz.

On Saturday, there will be Ice Skating with music and hot chocolate from 12:00-3:00pm, and from 12:00-1:00pm there will be a winter barbecue on Johnson Pond. At 1:00pm, 175 helium balloons, each containing a Colby historical fact, will be released from Johnson Pond, and a prize will be awarded for the balloon returned from the farthest distance. Meanwhile, Colby will be hosting the NESAC Cross Country Skiing Championships, which begin at 1:00pm.

From 2:00-3:00pm there will be a series of Colby History Presentations at the following locations; Pierce Lounge where Vice President Stan Nicholson will discuss "The Development of the Colby Campus," Drummond Lounge, with an Alumni Panel discussing "Colby during their College Years," moderated by Marc Serdjian, in the Coffeehouse, Rebecca Zeilon discussing the "History of the Kennebec Campus," and "Construction of the New Campus" by Sarah Hayne in the Heights Community Room. Several of the presentations will be made by students from Professor Longstaff's Colby History Jan

Members of the Senior class are invited to a dedication of a time capsule in the Marchese Fireplace Lounge in the Spa from 4:00-5:00pm, the dedication will be followed by a cocktail party. The capsule will be opened in 2013, in conjunction with Colby's 200th birthday, which will be the 25th class reunion of the class of 1988.

And if you can squeeze into you schedule there's the Colby-Bowdoin basketball rivalry, with the Women's game starting at 5:30pm and the Men's Game at 7:30pm.

From 9:30pm on, the New York City Swing Band, winner of the NACA Campus Entertainment award for the second year in a row, will provide tunes to dance to in the Page Commons Room of the Student Center for only \$1.00.

On Sunday there is the Lazy Mule Triathlon on Johnson Pond, at 1:00pm, a relay ice skating race, snowshoeing race, and cross-country race. Cash prizes of \$60, \$45, and \$30 will be awarded to the first three teams. For entry forms call Jon T. at 873-7550.

The ins and outs of the presidential election

by Mary McHugh

Here is a short quiz to take to test your knowledge of the 1988 presidential election campaign:

1. What is the difference between a primary and a caucus?
2. Who actually won Iowa and New Hampshire?
3. Who's left in the race?
4. When is "Super Tuesday" and what is it?

For those who can answer the previous questions, congratulations, you probably know more than I do and don't have to read on.

For those who can't, these are four important questions that have been encountered over the last few weeks on the campaign trail.

The current primary system is only about twenty years old. Each state has a certain number of delegates to send to each party's National Convention (the Democratic Convention is in Atlanta, July 18-21 and the Republican Convention is in New Orleans, August 15-18.) The numbers of delegates per state are

proportional to size of the state. These delegates are selected to represent certain candidates by the percentage of votes each candidate receives in each state. To win the nomination, Democratic nominees have to win 2,082 delegates out of a total of 4,162, and Republicans have to win 1,139 out of 2,277 in order to be nominated.

The main difference between a caucus and a primary is that a primary is a secret ballot election, whereas a caucus is not. The caucuses are held in each town in a state in a town meeting-type atmosphere where people have to declare publicly their support for a candidate. In most caucus states, a candidate must have a minimum number of the voters in attendance in order to be awarded delegates. Otherwise, the supporters have to disband and join another candidate or become uncommitted. These results are relayed to the state party where the final percentages are tallied and the winners announced. It is up to the individual state to decide what type of system to use.

Now, question number two - who won in Iowa and in New Hampshire? In the Iowa Caucus, on the Republican side,

Kansas Senator Robert Dole was the winner with 38%; Pat Robertson, a surprise second with 24%; Vice-president George Bush third with 19%; followed by New York Congressman Jack Kemp with 11%; former Delaware Governor Pete duPont with 7%; and Alexander Haig with 0%.

In Iowa the Democratic side lined up as so: Missouri Congressman Richard Gephardt was first with 28%; Senator Paul Simon took second with 24%; and Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis was third with 21%. They were followed by Reverend Jesse Jackson with 11%; former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt with 9%; former Senator Gary Hart with 1%; and Tennessee Senator Al Gore with 0%.

After Iowa, the campaign moved up to New Hampshire for the February 16 primary. The Republican results were: Bush with 38%, Dole with 29%, Kemp with 13%, duPont with 10%, Robertson with 10% and Haig with 0%.

On the Democratic ticket, the results in the Granite State were: Dukakis with 36%, Gephardt with 20%, Simon with 17%, Jackson with 8%,

Gore with 7%, Babbitt with 5%, and Hart with 4%.

With the cost of the campaign always rising, the candidates who fail to do well cannot raise money and soon drop out of the race. As of February 21, the campaign has claimed three casualties: Republicans Alexander Haig and Pete duPont have left the race and were joined by Democrat Bruce Babbitt. Of the three, only Haig has thrown his support behind another candidate (Bob Dole.) As the results of the next two weeks start to come in, don't be surprised to see a few more candidates join their ranks. Especially vulnerable will be Paul Simon and Jack Kemp whose campaigns are falling deeply into debt.

From the beginning of the presidential election race, two words have dominated every conversation: SUPER TUESDAY. Super Tuesday is the nickname for the twenty primaries and caucuses that will be held on Tuesday, March 8. Fifteen southern states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia) along with five other

states (Idaho, Massachusetts, Maryland, Rhode Island, and Washington) will be casting their ballots that day, making for the biggest one day total of delegates contested, with over half of all the delegates being awarded. The favorites who are expected to do well in the South are Republicans George Bush and Pat Robertson, along with Democrats Al Gore and Jesse Jackson. But, don't count out Dole or Dukakis. These two candidates, with respectable showings in the South, and large victories in the other five states, could end up being just as successful as the favorites.

Super Tuesday, although it is the most exciting, is not the only race in the upcoming weeks. Between now and March 8, there are five more races to watch. On February 23, South Dakota will hold its primary and Minnesota will hold its caucuses. On February 28, presidential politics comes to Maine, with the Maine Caucus (Colby students can participate in the caucus, which will be held at 7 p.m. in Waterville.) And, Vermont and Wyoming both get in the act with caucuses on March 1 and March 5, respectively.

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NEWS

To Fine or Not to Fine

Roman V. Azanza

Every semester, the majority of on-campus residents get fined dorm damage fines. The right to penalize someone for something he or she is not responsible for could become a moral issue.

The fall semester saw a total campus dorm damage bill of \$9589.81. Dana Hall topped this semester's total damage bill with \$1956.15 worth of damage. On a per capita basis, Piper was fined the most with \$15.72 charged to each of its 39 residents -- Dana residents numbering 187, were charged \$10.35.

Some small two digit number becomes nestled between four digit tuition bills according to

Paul Johnston the administration's Housing Coordinator. He explained that Physical Plant assesses the damage, whether it is stolen painting or else a beer stained carpet, and the person responsible is charged with the cost of repair (including overhead and labor), together with an additional 25% fine. Problems arise when the culprits are not found and the cost goes under the housing coordinator's "unclaimed damage" tally.

At the end of the semester, the unaccounted charges are divided among the residents of the residence halls and the students are billed accordingly. If the fine per student is less than \$5, the school absorbs the cost. "Colby does not charge nuisance fees", Administrative Vice President Stan Nicholson

clarified. Unpaid dues simply stay on the bill.

The entire dorm should be held accountable for the damage most are not responsible for. Dan Whitting, a Dana HR, has mixed emotions on the subject of whether "It's not necessarily the people in the dorm who are responsible...but most of the time they know who did it." A Dana resident claimed much of the responsibility should not rest on dorm residents but on the hall staff "since they are on duty over the weekends--when most of the damage is done."

Dave Scannell, another Dana hall staff member, questioned the high prices charged for dorm damage. I think people should refuse to pay for things so far out of line -- just like the defense department. It's

unfair." He cited a recent incident wherein Dana was charged \$85 for a stolen garbage can.

Surprisingly enough, not many official complaints are aired. Paul Johnston claims that, to his knowledge, no student has ever protested about the dorm damage bill -- he has only received half a dozen letters from parents asking for clarifications of the damages. Administrative Vice President, Stan Nicholson claims that the most problematic aspect about dorm damage bills is the public relations aspect "We hear a lot from parents... it's annoying to receive small bills."

There are other methods of resolving unclaimed dorm damage. Many schools have students pay for non-refundable dorm damage account at the beginning of the

school year which covers all eventual dorm damage fees. Colby had a similar policy several years ago but, according to Paul Johnston, "most people felt that they had to get their money's worth."

The school can ignore the charges all together. But in absorbing the losses every semester the education budget would be greatly affected. "The school isn't going to take a \$9000 bath every semester", Mr. Johnston stated.

It is the current belief of the administrative that the dorm damage policy is the most effective solution to any known alternatives. "We set a tone, 'this is your college-- be responsible'", concluded Mr. Nicholson, "and frankly it works!" And until a better solution is found -- it is here to stay.

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day from cigarettes, and 30,000 die yearly from alcohol-related liver and kidney diseases. Today, the number one drug addiction in the country is caffeine. "You old folk, next time you worry about young folk smokin' reefer, why don't you give up your coffee."

Speaking on the 1988 elections, Gregory, himself a former presidential candidate, referred to George Bush as a "wimp." He also joked that Pat Robertson is a good candidate because, as a nation, "maybe we deserve him."

To Gregory, the Howard Beach incident is not an indication that bigotry is

becoming more prevalent in the United States. He says it never went away. "Racism is raising its ugly head. . . When did it ever put it down?"

He criticized college students for not taking advantage of their potential power as a group. Why is it, he asked, that was imperative that he speak here. And now that he is gone, it would be "very easy for us to go back to our normal lives," but it is "important that we follow through on our awareness. We can change things if we want."

every Saturday, "millions of people go out in sub-degree temperatures to watch a football game, but you can't get 50,000 people in Washington" to march for issues such as

financial aid? "Somewhere you can make a difference," he reiterated throughout the speech.

The entire evening went "very well," according to Jimmy Reynolds, President of SOBHU. Erin Coyle, a sophomore, thought it was "great" and said she "keeps thinking about the things he said." "We were bombarded," said sophomore Chris Hobart, "One minute he'd be joking, the next he'd be screaming. It was like a rollercoaster. He was the best speaker I've seen at Colby so far."

The idea of inviting Gregory came from junior Majester Stewart, who saw him speak five years ago at the University of Southern Maine. He felt the

message he gave there was "so important and so crucial that it

Dick Gregory was born during the Depression in St. Louis, Missouri. He grew up in poverty and would not have been able to attend college had it not been for a track scholarship from Illinois State University. He left school before graduating and joined the army for two years. From there he worked odd jobs until 1958 when he was hired as a comedian in Chicago.

He became increasingly popular until 1961 when he earned national recognition after Time magazine did a profile on him. Since that time he has used his prestige to draw attention to human rights issues, such as world hunger,

by marching, fasting, and public speaking. Because of these efforts, he has been criticized, imprisoned and suffered financial losses through bookings cancellations.

Today, Gregory is still actively involved in human rights activities and travels all over the country speaking at over 200 colleges each year. He also has written nine books and developed a popular water and powder diet.

The next speaker commemorating Black History month will be Paul Lovejoy, descendent of Elijah Parish Lovejoy. The lecture, "Abolition of Slavery: A Comparative Perspective," will be on the evening of March 25th.

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library acquisitions, and insurance increases."

Many students, however, have concerns about the planned increase of cost. Freshman and Marriner governor, Anita Davis, told the Echo, "Even though tuition is going up, my parents' income isn't. We don't get any financial aid as it stands now - we're borderline. The increase is really just a kick in the pants. My dad's planning on retiring next year, and he's really cutting into savings to send me here."

A member of the class of 1991, who is currently receiving financial aid and preferred not to be named said, "We're not suffering at all right now, but my parents' whole focus on life is to put me and my sister through college. We've already had to cut back in a lot of ways."

Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Parker Beverage, while concerned about the increase, does not think that it will drastically affect students. He stated, "In all likelihood, some students at the margin of financial aid qualifications may get some aid. We'll have to calculate some people's needs differently. If a person's standard of living decreases dramatically, they might be brought in under the financial aid umbrella." Paying \$60,000

to \$70,000 over four years is a problem for a good number of people. The college currently awards 35% of all students grants (which do not have to be repaid) from \$200 up to \$12,000. 70 to 75% of all students receive some form of financial aid if you include loans.

Beverage, however, contends that the student fee increase is justified. He remarked, "The fees are not going up for the sake of going up. If we're going to keep pace with programs, we have to keep paying for

them. We have to make sure that we're not drawing from the endowment. That would be the beginning of the end for Colby."

Sophomore and Mary Low governor, Bill Aguiar, is similarly sympathetic to the proposed price hike. He stated, "I think that the cost of attending Colby or any other top school will be the same overall. We are getting our money's worth, though. For all the money I put out, I'm getting a lot back."

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Date of Hearing	Finding(s)	Charge(s)	Sanction(s)/Rationale
Feb. 14, 1988	harassment of a fellow student	guilty (so pled)	-letter of apology; -Disciplinary Probation through May, 1989; -counseling evaluation through the Health Center.
Feb. 14, 1988	physical assault of a fellow student (head resident)	guilty (so pled)	-\$50 fine; -Disciplinary Probation through Jan Plan, 1989; -letters of apology to 3 individuals involved.

FEATURES

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Back in the U.S.S.R.

by Stacey Parker

"How are you going to get back?" was the common response when I told my friends that I was spending January in the Soviet Union. At first I laughed, but days later when our plane entered Soviet airspace and the captain announced that taking any aerial photos of the Soviet Union was strictly forbidden, doubts began to surface. After all, what did I really know about the Soviet Union?

We travelled to the Soviet Union as participants in Colby's program "Comparative Legal Systems: The Soviet Union and the United States." The first two weeks were spent studying the U.S. legal system on campus, and the second two weeks were spent in the Soviet Union visiting Moscow, Minsk, and Leningrad.

What really motivated me, however, was curiosity. I wanted to learn more about the Soviet Union and what really went on behind the Iron Curtain.

I started the trip with many of the stereotypes most people associate with the Soviet Union. Would we really be followed by KGB twenty-four hours a day? Are Soviets allowed to speak freely, or if they do, are they sent to Siberia? Do the people have access to Western goods? Is the vodka as smooth as they claim it is?

Perhaps the most striking thing that we encountered was the somber mood of the country, particularly in Moscow. In public the people looked expressionless. They didn't talk much and seeing a smile was rare. It became a game for Susan Lockhead and I to see if we could get people on the Metro to smile. We got three smiles in five days.

The dark heavy clothes and the gloomy January weather combined to make Moscow seem like a rather dreary place.

As the trip progressed, both the weather and the flavor of the cities improved.

In Minsk and Leningrad we had the opportunity to talk to people, mostly students our own age. The most amazing thing about them was their incredible interest in the United States. They knew everything about us: our customs, our music and culture, our history and politics.

In fact, it became embarrassingly clear that they knew far more about our country than we did about theirs. Although the amount of information they receive about the United States was limited, they immediately absorbed anything they could get their hands on.

What they found very difficult to understand about us was that if we had so much freedom and access to information, then why didn't we know more about their culture.

In touring the country it was quite clear that the Soviet Union channelled a large proportion of its gross national product into defense spending.

High Tech consumer goods are very scarce, and the ones we did see were incredibly expensive. Consequently, there was a thriving Black Market. Not a day passed without a dozen offers to swap for our CB jackets, Sony walkmans, Reebok sneakers, and, yes, our L.L. Bean sweaters and boots.

One young trader looked at my Colby sweatshirt very skeptically until, of course, he saw it was made by Champion. Then he was happy to trade it for a Soviet flag.

One of the funniest examples of Soviet technology were their soda machines. We were in a museum in Moscow when we saw a crowd of people gathered around one. Like everybody else, we stood in line to wait our turn.

What we discovered was that at this soda machine you couldn't take your drink with you. Instead, you inserted your roubles and soda poured into a glass - just one glass. When you finished you had to put it back. The machine rinsed it and then it was somebody else's turn! How's that for modern

technology?

Visiting the Soviet Union was a tremendous experience. And a short article such as this could never do justice to such a country rich in tradition and culture. Its people are proud of its past yet unsure about its future.

It is impossible for me, or anyone else, to make a fair comparison between our two countries. As Americans, most of us could never be satisfied with such a structured and limited way of life. But most Soviet citizens are completely content with their way of life. Just because our lifestyles are different does not mean one is necessarily better than the other.

As a result, this trip gave me a clearer sense of the Soviets as people, not just "the Russians." They want peace and understanding as much as we do, if not more. However, the only way to truly understand the Soviet Union is to experience it. And I feel privileged to have had that opportunity. By the way, Russian vodka is *very* smooth!

A baked bean suppah?

by Chris Preston

Picture this culinary extravaganza: all the baked beans, hot dogs, fresh biscuits, and homemade pies you can eat for \$3.50. Add a dozen little kids scurrying under the long plywood tables with baked bean sauce smeared across their mouths. Include about sixty adults with some of the largest appetites in the U.S.A. What you have are the ingredients for one of Maine's most cherished traditions; a Downeast baked bean supper.

I've been to two of these rituals; one last semester and one over Jan Plan. Both were sponsored by the Kiwanis Men's Club of Hampden, a suburb of Bangor. Having never been to one before, I had no idea of what to expect so all I brought was curiosity and a very large appetite.

When I arrived finding a parking spot was next to impossible. I've had an easier time parking in New York City. But after finally finding one, I headed towards the nearby single story building that was headquarters for the Kiwanis Club.

Once inside the rest was easy. All you did was follow your nose. The aroma of baked beans was so strong and enticing that I instantly realized why parking was such trouble. Half the town was here trying to stuff as much food as possible into their bellies.



As a newcomer to this downeast tradition I was unsure of what to do or where to go after paying the required three-fifty. Fortunately one of the hosts spotted me as a greenhorn and guided me around the corner to the food where he handed me a plastic plate.

My eyes scanned the selection. There were big ones, little ones, and those in between. Baked beans were everywhere. Unfortunately, my knowledge of them was limited to the variety Seiler's serves and those I see in grocery stores.

However every bit the enthusiast, I decide to try all three. The man behind the counter sensed my anticipation

and slapped a whopping spoonful of each onto my plate. Moving down the line I selected two big hot dogs from a steaming pot. And after choosing three homemade biscuits, I turned to survey the scene.

Although the mess hall was packed, I was able to find an empty seat. After accepting a styrofoam cup of coffee, I dug in. I attacked my mound of food with a starch white plastic fork and knife. For those stubborn piles of beans I discovered that the plastic spoon was the preferred utensil.

Obviously this was a big social gathering which gave people the opportunity to come together and talk about anything from ice fishing to the Presidential election. Knowing this, I perked up my ears to see

what people were saying around me.

To my left sat an elderly gentleman and his wife. They were talking to a younger couple about the secret ingredients in tonight's biscuits. Although I would think such a conversation would tend to be rather short, I remember them discussing biscuits for half an hour.

Volunteer work was the topic to my right. It consisted of two middle aged women discussing what each was doing for the children of Hampden. One was organizing the annual childrens day celebration in the spring. The other was talking about her cub scout troop.

Meanwhile, the fellow directly across seemed to be an interesting sort. He wasn't talking to anyone so I struck up

a conversation with him and soon found out that he was a member of the Kiwanis club.

I asked him questions like how long do the baked beans cook (they simmer all day long in pits dug in the ground) and how many suppers they sponsor per year and where the proceeds go (they schedule about six and the money goes to charitable functions like local boys clubs and the elderly).

Gradually conversation shifted to Maine's hottest topic-the Black Bear hockey squad which is currently number one in the nation. As it turns out he has been to every home game in the past five years. He knew so much about the team I bet he knew what they all ate for breakfast.

Our conversation lasted as long as it took me to chow my way through three huge platefuls of baked beans and six hot dogs. When he finished he stood up, wished me well, and left to help the other members clean up.

It was time to go. The thought of eating another meal in five days made me ill. I struggled out my chair, said my good-bye's and thank you's, and waddled out the door fifteen pounds heavier.

I strongly recommend the baked bean experience to anyone interested in learning more about the state we all attend school in. You'll find it interesting, educating, enjoyable and definately filling.

Just be sure to check if your windows work. You'll be sorry if they don't.

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Massachusetts' Underprivileged Criminals

by Harold D. Rider, Jr.

I was reading the January 25, 1988 issue of *Newsweek* the other day and came across an interesting article. It seems that the inmates corralled in the Massachusetts Correctional Institution are rallying together to form a group that will be able to flex some political muscle in the upcoming Massachusetts elections. So far only 300 absentee ballots have been processed by the prison movement, however, this has potential to expand in number to over 10,000 when one considers all of the prisoners statewide plus their families and supporters. The state of Massachusetts is one of only a few in the nation that allows their prisoners to vote.

This illustrious group of politically aware prisoners wants the state's prisoner furlough program to be preserved and perhaps even liberalized in the future. This notion is receiving considerable resistance from the people of Massachusetts who have collected 70,000 signatures calling for a re-evaluation of the furlough program. This uprising is a result of the actions taken by a state inmate who was out on furlough last April. It seems he made his way down to Maryland where he raped one woman and stabbed another. He was then sentenced again, but the judge refused to let him return to his

comfortable Massachusetts cell for fear that "... he will be released [again.]" He was kept in Maryland where he could be properly attended to.

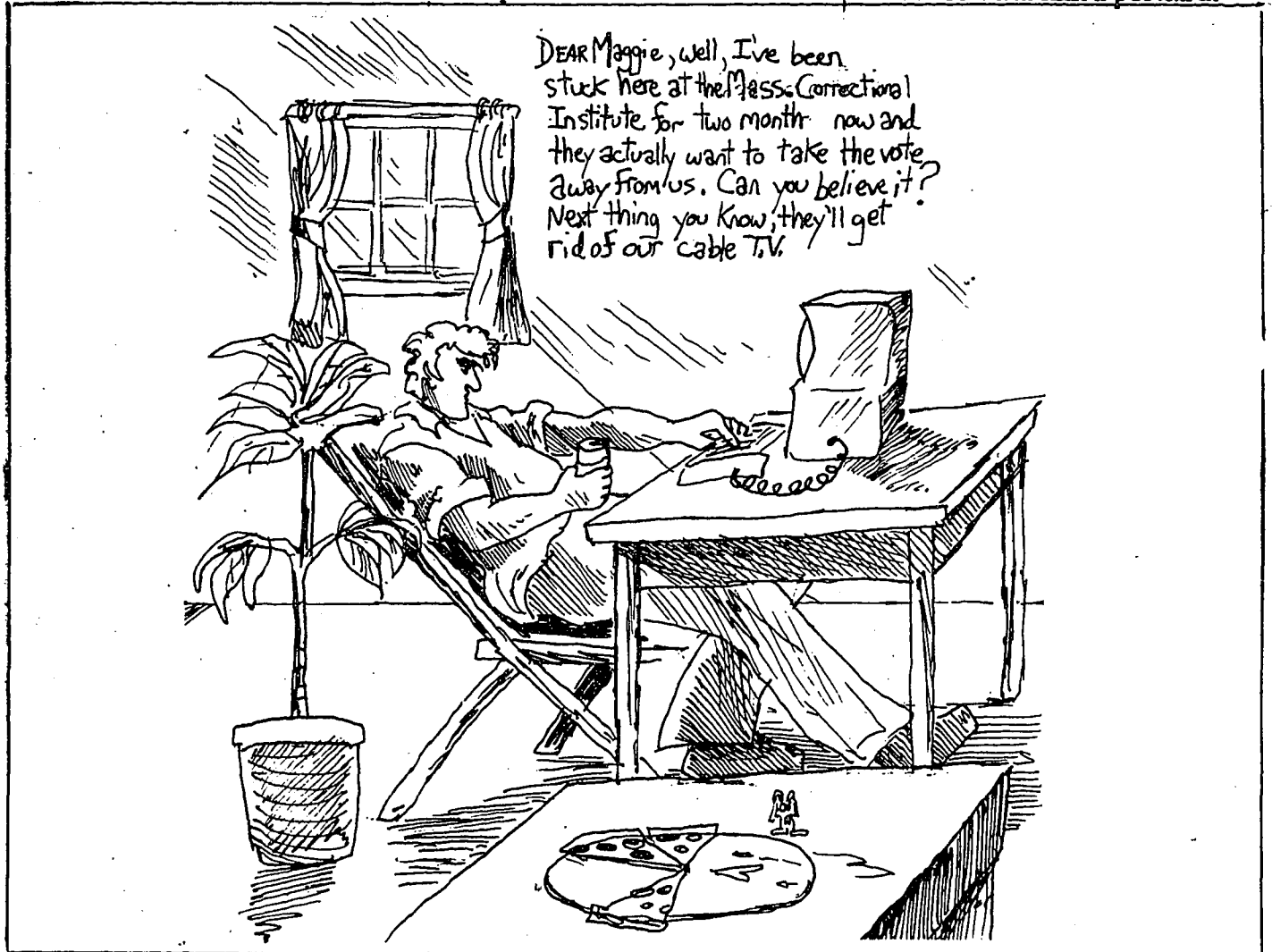
John Blodgett, a murderer who is serving a lifetime sentence, is working hard to keep the furlough program going strong for his fellow prisoners, and for himself. A picture in the magazine shows him in his cell typing away on his IBM Selectric typewriter. In the background is a window without bars and nice blue curtains. He also has a television set, a coffee pot, and nicely painted walls; he is wearing a white polo shirt and a grey v-neck sweater. His accommodations seem to be very nice. He looks like he is in a hotel room somewhere about ready to try his luck out on the resort golf course or something. Perhaps he will do just that when he gets his furlough.

After being violated in some way, the tax paying public has been kind enough to fund these inmates to stay in Massachusetts, but that isn't enough. The scum of America want more. Right now they want their right to furlough preserved, and they deserve it. They worked hard to get themselves into prison - they might as well reap the benefits. If they ever achieve this first goal, just think, next they can push for paid vacations and maid service. Wouldn't that be nice?

Some of the men behind the movement may be priming themselves for respectable jobs once they get out of prison. America's criminals are getting the training they need, free of charge, to make it in the outside world. If once they're out and find the real world a little too hard to swallow, then it is a simple process for them to return to the comfort of their jail cell.

I find the idea of inmates voting for their so-called "rights" appalling. They had their chance to perform acceptably in American society, however, they apparently found the guidelines by which they had to live a little too constricting for their lifestyles, and now they want us to pay for it. Frankly, I would push for a decline in the living standards the prisoners of America are

enjoying and put the money saved into training programs for other Americans who found it possible to keep from breaking the law. Or maybe the money could go to housing the homeless, who don't even have a nice cozy cell. Better yet, I think I'll take the money saved from my taxes and go skiing in Aspen. And just so Mr. Blodgett doesn't feel left out, I think I'll send him a postcard.



Bravo for Bill

by Roger Woodberry

This faculty profile constitutes a tribute to Bill Wallace as a teacher and communicator. It is a tribute long over-due, and my purpose is to alert those students who may not have heard about one of Colby's finest teachers.

Bill Wallace is Colby's piano teacher, and he's nonpareil. Using his various teaching formulae: teaching the person as an individual (not as just another student), minimum sacrifice/maximum reward, learning how to learn, etc., he can literally have a total beginner playing a two page Bach prelude from memory, hands together, in an hour. Oh, come come, this surely is an exaggeration. Not so; I was the student. At piano lessons he gets right down to practicing small patterns with you for forty minutes or so, getting you to listen, evaluate, and utilize minimum physical effort simultaneously. This kind of concentration is exhausting for even ten minutes; the mind

boggles at how Wallace finds the energy and patience for this kind of teaching some forty hours per week.

Wallace believes that playing music is therapeutic and allows one a safe venue by which to experience and nourish one's emotional being, while providing the added benefits of fostering mental clarity, discipline, and problem solving ability. "Playing music is unique amongst the arts in that it combines the objective right or wrong (notes, fingering, rhythm) with the subjective feeling components (tempo, sound color, phrasing) in a way that challenges and satisfies with great immediacy. Of course, I'm prejudiced, but I think music is the most accessible of the arts. It comes out and grabs you and says, if well played, *listen to me*."

Though an incredibly good pianist, Wallace cannot play public performance due to a musicians' finger ailment brought on by fifteen years of daily eight hour practice sessions. "During performance, my finger will lock into a fixed

position, requiring me to stop playing and unlock it with the other hand. After thousands of miles of travelling around the world to doctors, along with a couple of unsuccessful operations, I was forced to abandon playing concerts, the one thing I love doing more than teaching. The worst part is when people seem insensitive to what a bitter tragedy this is in the life of an artist; to be denied that one thing that means everything. Unfortunately, such physical problems are common among professional musicians and have had a high profile in recent years. There has been enormous publicity surrounding the hand problem of Gary Graffman, Byron Janis, and Leon Fleisher, all of whom have had to stop playing altogether. Also, numerous Musicians' clinics have sprung up everywhere. My doctor, the doctor of the three concert pianists named above, keeps encouraging me with tales of new medical miracles. I'm not beaten yet."

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Colby's Unsung Heroes

by Mark LaPointe

Here at Colby there are many "unsung heroes" who continue their daily rituals of cleaning, lifting, mending; basically sweating, without expectation of praise, so that we, the students and faculty, can enjoy a more comfortable existence as we pursue our educations and careers. The Housekeeping staff at Colby is made up of 26 housekeepers and 25 custodians who perform the dreaded jobs of cleaning toilets, emptying garbage, and caring for buildings whose residents don't seem to care.

One such person is Wanita Bilodeau, the forty-two year old housekeeper on the second and third floors of Dana, a dorm which has earned a rather poor reputation for neatness among other things.

Wanita is a resident of Oakland, where she has lived for twenty-one years with her husband, Sherwood, who is a custodian in Arey. Five days a week Wanita makes the journey up Mayflower Hill to face whatever mess the residents of Dana have left her from the previous night's festivities. She nonchalantly describes her job as, "just trying to keep the place clean." She does admit, however, that it is a challenge, but one well worth it. She jokingly declares that, "Monday is a very rough day here."

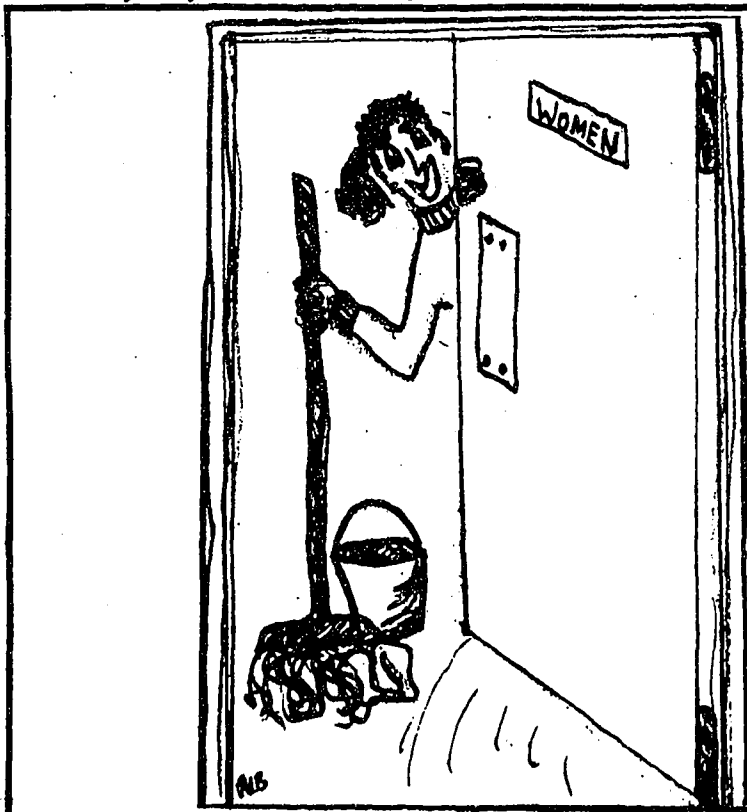
At the same time, Wanita also praises "her" kids, saying that they are "for the most part cooperative, interesting, and very polite." She says that she

has had very few problems in the fifteen or so months she has worked at Colby. While she does admit the showers are her greatest problem, Wanita says that the only thing she could possibly see changing about her job would be the wages. "For the work we (the housekeepers) do, I feel we're worth more money."

She also likes to emphasize the point that when she and the other cleaning staff people have to clean vomit of particularly big messes, the assessed fines go to the institution and not to the staff people. She is a kind lady who is concerned that because of the misconceptions people have about these fine students will consider her a "beast." On the contrary, anyone would benefit

from knowing a woman like Wanita or many of the other housekeepers who do their jobs because they like where they work and the people they work around.

Wanita is one of the many women and men who help keep things around here more pleasant. Students and faculty tend to take such things as clean bathrooms and halls for granted. Take a moment today to recognize the importance of people like Wanita who work to make things better for you during your stay at Colby. You'd be surprised at how much something so simple as a smile or a friendly word can brighten someone's day; especially someone who deserves it so much.



SOBHU CORNER:

Recruitment On Minority

Last Thursday, in a discussion with the Student Organization for Black Hispanic Unity (SOBHU), on recruiting minority athletes, Colby football coach, Tom Austin, explained the recruiting process at Colby.

Coach Austin started out the discussion by stating the main concerns on the recruiting of the minority athletes.

For the members of SOBHU, the major criticism was that the athletic admissions department should focus more on the outside of New England because that area does not have substantial minority population. One student added that something is wrong when over one-third of the college's students live in Massachusetts.

Austin agreed with the statement and told SOBHU that he sends out over three thousand prospect sheets to every public high school in New England, and well as Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York.

However, he also said that the further west and south one goes the less chance there is that students even know that there is a Colby College. Yet, Austin told members of SOBHU that this year the football program is making an effort to recruit athletes from the Chicago area.

Austin attributed the lack of minority athletes, in large part,

to the restrictions that coaches have by schools in Division III and Colby's conference, NESCAC. "Coaches are not allowed to visit high schools so all of our recruiting is limited to the phone and the mail." He also told SOBHU that because of Colby's financial aid policy, he can't give athletic scholarships like division I and II schools do to lure athletes to their programs. "We've lost five kids to scholarships this week," Austin said.

Yet Austin emphasized the importance of students and alumna in recruiting because they are allowed to see perspective athletes at their school or home. "You (students) bring all that information that we've sent them to those who can't make the trip to Maine." He also added that nineteen of twenty-seven freshman football players were involved with alumni before they came to Colby.

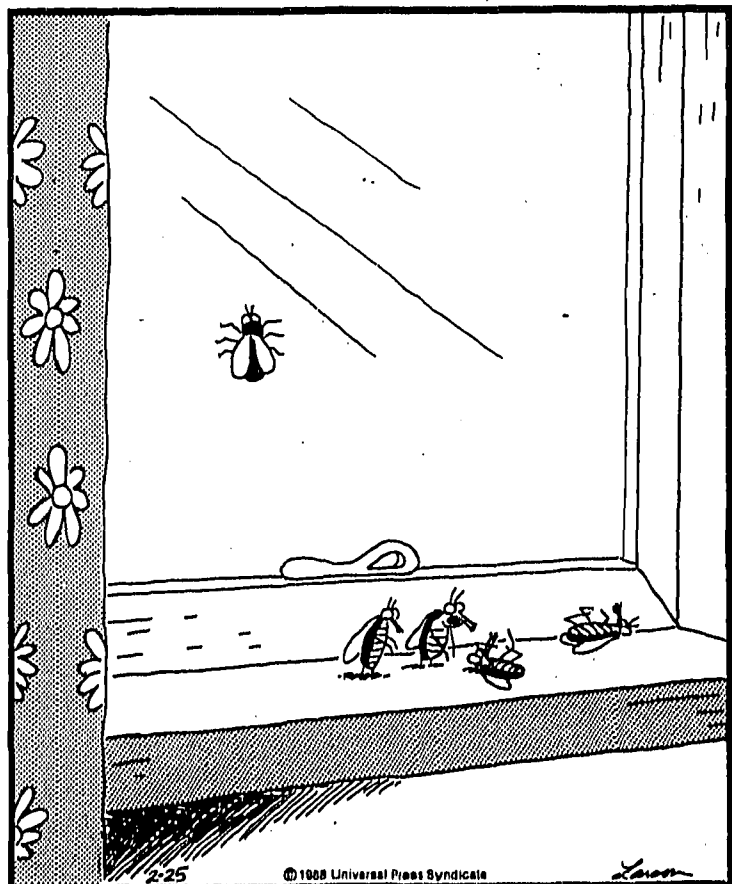
The members of SOBHU felt that the athletic department could do more for minority perspectives who visit Colby by introducing them to minority students on campus. One student added, "It is so hard to come to a place where you can't find anyone to identify with."

Another member of SOBHU who works for the Admissions Department suggested that the coaches get a hold of a list of

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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Wow! Now Ed and Carl are gone. ... Seems like lately we've been dropping like ourselves."

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Once I got to know Bill, which doesn't take too long since he's so personable, I decided to test his abilities. Now I knew that he is a pianist beyond belief, but the true test would be his ability to recognize a pitch, i.e. whether or not he has perfect pitch. I felt certain that he did, and asked him, while he was at the other end of the room, to recognize the note that I played. He did. I then played a cord of four pitches, and he identified these with equal ease. I was amazed. Just for fun I play eight pitches, and dared him to identify all of them. He missed only one.

If you have ever had an inkling to play music, Bill Wallace can teach you if anyone can. He's demanding yet encouraging, inspiring—using rich metaphoric teaching language which seems to make the sound visible, and, remarkably, has a wonderful rapport with all different types of students. He's also funny, a marvelous raconteur, and not at all stuffy. Piano students treasure him, and if you think I'm being partial, ask anyone who has studied with him. Better yet, have dinner with him, he's a faculty affiliate at Marylow.

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woods
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and
-no younger men
But, don't say no...just say yes
no matter what the size! (only
kidding)

-L,?

Chris - Sorry about kicking that
plug! I knew you wanted to
type those headlines again
anyway!

Ski - hurt knees are the only
way to start a successful
season. Don't worry.
-JIA (not!)

Amnesty International
Information Session - Feb. 29,
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Dollar Dewey's recap!?! Next
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-the girls in Sturtevant

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Sarah- Have a fun weekend,
just don't lose Daniel! Make
sure to bring back plenty of
muffins for all of us!

Jenny - You'd be a fool to cry!!!!

Spending

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the United States, e.g.,
investments in railroads
leading subsequently to low
cost exports of grain and steel,
while in the current situation,
however, foreign investment is
largely used to finance the
budget deficit and fuel
consumer spending.

According to economists
Lester C. Thurow and Laura
D'Andrea Tyson, "When
Americans borrow from
foreigners to sustain current
consumption rather than
finance new productive
investment, they are selling
their existing assets to the rest
of the world rather than
creating new ones to pay off
their foreign debt. The sale of
existing assets in exchange for
a higher immediate living
standard means that in the
future, Americans will have
fewer claims on the goods and
services produced at home."

In order to continue to attract
foreign investment America
will have to pursue a
deflationary monetary and
fiscal aimed at reducing the

amount of spending in the U.S.
This would mean that Arthur
Greenspan, Chairman of the
Federal Reserve, would raise
interest rates slightly and
Congress would decrease its
spending, most likely in the
area of defense. The effects of
these policies would be to slow
down growth in the economy
which would decrease income,
and thus the amount of foreign
and domestic goods purchased
and lead to a reduction in the
budget deficit.

Regardless of what some
presidential candidates are
advocating, protectionist
measures are not alternatives
to America's excessive
spending habits. Should the
U.S. enact protectionist
measures, Western Europe and
Japan would not most likely
follow suit which would result
in decreased exports from the
U.S. to the rest of the world.

The fact is that if the United
States is to continue to attract
foreign investment, it must
admit to its excessive spending
habits and adopt policies
directed at decreasing spending
and increase savings rates in
the United States.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Well, Let's see... So far I've got
rhythm, I've got music... actually,
who could ask for anything more?"

Adopt a Grandparent

by Janet Boudreau

In an effort to promote more
student involvement, Colby's
ADOPT A GRANDPARENT
program held a Valentine's
Day party at Colonial House
Nursing Home on College
Avenue.

In preparation for the party,
held Monday, February 15,
organizers had rallied and
advertised in hopes of getting
70 students to participate in the
afternoon festivities. Although
only 42 students showed,
organizers claimed success as
it was the adoption program
largest turnout this year.

According to Bill Derry, the
chief organizer of the party and
campus coordinator of the
adoption program, a
Halloween party and
Christmas party were held
earlier in the school year to
recruit as well, but struggled to
reach large numbers from
campus. Consequently, Derry
described this recent gathering
"encouraging."

The students and adoptees
met at the Student Center at 2
PM and spent 2 hours of their
time with the elderly. "It's such
a good feeling to be a bright



Adopted Grandparents Marie Post and friend on Valentine's
Day.

spot in someone's day," said
Derry, "and they (the
'grandparents' become a
bright spot in o lives too."

Derry explained that at first
people are usually timid about
dealing with the elderly until
they participate a few times.
Then, "It's a lot of fun! The

'grandparents' tell us old
stories and are very funny."

Eventually, Derry hopes to
see the program develop into a
weekly commitment like Big
Brother/Big Sister programs.
"When [the nursing home
residents] expect you on a
weekly basis, they are much

more open and receptive," said
Derry. Presently, 10 students
go to the Colonial House
Nursing Home every Friday
leaving at 2:45 from the
Student Center.

The ADOPT A
GRANDPARENT program has
planned its next major event
for March 4: a 'Rock and Roll'
party (using rockers and
wheelchair rollers for the
Grandparents!) The goal is to
raise money for the American
Heart Association. For more
information, contact Bill Derry:
Pierce 2nd floor, X3029.

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minority alumni in order to aid
in recruiting. Austin accepted
the suggestion enthusiastically
by saying, "I'll have that list on
my desk by next week."

Both the members of SOBHU
and Coach Austin learned from
the discussions on how to
increase the interest of
minority athletes to Colby in
the recruiting process. Austin
sees the recruiting as getting
better since he has six or seven
minority candidates for the
class of '92.

LETTERS

Thursday February 27, 1988

WMHB is doing the right thing

Although you have never heard the names of Janice Donovan, Mike Star, Jim Bean, or Annie Earhart called during role in any of your classes, they are an integral part of the Colby student community. These are just a few of the people from the Waterville community who donate their time to our radio station - WMHB. Without these people the station would not be able to stay open during the holiday breaks and throughout the summer. This year will mark the first time that the station has remained operative for a full year.

I've heard some complaining from Colby students about the fact that they cannot get shows at WMHB, and they are complaining that the non-student D.J.'s are taking their possible airtime. Annie Earhart, Community Liason and Consultant for WMHB, says, "Everyone who wanted a show was able to get one. The people who didn't get shows were not able to for a variety of reasons and one of those is not because there are too many community people with shows. We give students every opportunity to get shows or to become involved in other ways, people just have to be willing to work."

The station has just extended its hours on the air to 6a.m. to 2a.m., which adds seven new shows. Community D.J.'s make up less than 20% of the total number of shows at WMHB. These people are able to spend time that students are not able to because of classes and other commitments, which result in well researched and planned shows.

WMHB is trying to grow into the community, they are hoping to increase their power to 3000 watts which would cover all of central Maine, therefore the community needs to grow into the station. Without the outside influence of community D.J.'s WMHB would not be able to build an audience with a year-round following, or gain the reputation of diversity in its programming.

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Benefits of Books

Dear Ms. Lockwood:

I would like to comment on the opinion column by Todd Pritsky in the January 26th issue of *The Winter Voice*. Mr. Pritsky bemoaned the relatively low buy-back prices being offered in the Bookstore for used texts.

There are two fundamental assumptions Mr. Pritsky has displayed in his letter. The first is that the Bookstore is obligated to buy the books back at all. The second is that the books are not worth having once the course has been completed. Both are seriously in error.

The College Bookstore, whether at Colby or elsewhere, is NOT obligated to buy back texts. They do so as a matter of service to students who would like to dispose of books, and as a means of obtaining used copies of texts that they can then re-sell at a discount to other students.

However, there are few among us who can read through a good book once and

grasp everything of significance. I know I cannot. I found as a student, as I find today, that I continually refer back to books I used in previous courses. With few exceptions (most being books that were borrowed and never returned), I still have the books I have in all my undergraduate courses: the 17 I had for two classes in Roman and Greek civilization, the 8 I had in psychology, the 10 I read in my freshman courses in English composition, and many others. And if one takes inflation into account, mine cost every bit as much as yours do now, if not more: \$250-200 per semester at today's prices.

Some of these I have gone back and read in their entirety, as new understanding has made me realize more fully the relevance of these volumes. Some I haven't opened at all in recent year. Yet I find myself periodically missing those I no longer have and have been unable to replace, as I wonder for instance, "What did Huxley REALLY say about this issue?" Having these volumes yourself

is infinitely more convenient than having to run to the library every time you want to look something up.

A liberal arts education does not arise from having successfully run a gauntlet of intellectual hurdles which one then forgets once they are past. It is a development of a mode of thought, of a broad-based orientation to the world. It is based upon the digestion and understanding of the works of others, but must include critical input from one's own intellectual efforts.

Retaining your own books, particularly if you've made marginal notations, enables you to refer back to them repeatedly as you re-examine your knowledge, understanding, and beliefs in years to come. Obviously, it is a habit which I personally see worth encouraging.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Nelson
Assistant Professor
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Woody's needed



helping us out by being either of the two, please give us a call, drop us a line in the mail, or tackle us in the hallways. We'd love to hear from you.

Now if you are worried that you don't know exactly what a woodsman is or what they do, relax. We're just starting to figure that out ourselves. Besides, most of all, the meet will be a lot of fun with a lot of fun - and oftentimes, slightly warped people. Thanks...and do drop us a line.

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This spring, the Colby Woodsmen's Team will be hosting the 42nd Annual Woodsmen's Weekend (the dates are April 22nd and 23rd - the same weekend as Spring Carnival). Many of the events are timed and, therefore, require some sort of judgement

as to when time begins and ends, and what sort of bonuses and penalties shall be assessed. For this reason, we will need a good number of timers and judges (approx. 25).

That's where you come in. If you think you'd be interested in

Chess club of truth

To the Editors:

Thought much lately? No, really, you find your mind most stimulated in front of the T.V.? Feel as if the creative surges you experience are all too often quenched by a barrage of meaningless frat-bashes? Feel grateful if your philosophical instinct is even recognized?

A haven for your thoughts! I propose the Chess Club of Truth! Why the name you say? Why not the "Philosophical Association of Colby College?"

Well, I really don't have a good reason for it. Maybe when fruitful talk is not in abundance we can let our ideas surface over a game of chess. Chess has very little to do with the club.

The purpose of the club is to create an environment where the interchange of ideas is valued for its own sake. Debates! Discussions! Guest speakers! Colby has gone too long without a club like this! The club could double as a debating and chess club even.

Put your ideas to the test! All Welcome! This could be a wonderful opportunity to explore your own discipline and meet interesting people.

The first meeting will be...as soon as I get my act together. Look for the notices soon!

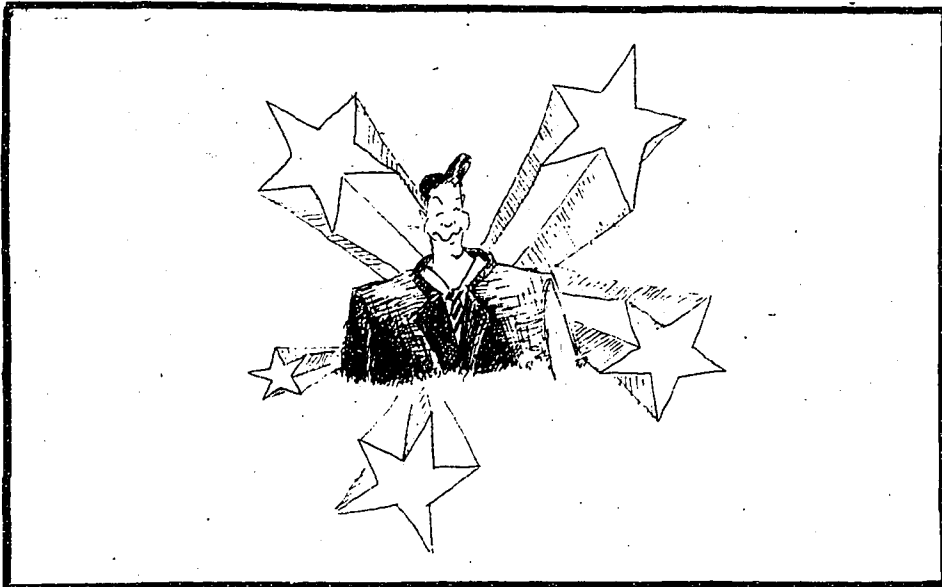
For all those who advocate thinking in solitude, I say it is always nice to have good company. See you there!

Sincerely,
Christian Ostergaard

Thursday February 27, 1988

OPINION

True stories (and other myths of the newsroom)



by Christine Gilman

Greetings and welcome back to all of you who were *unfortunate* enough to miss the *Winter Voice* in all of its snowflaked glory because of Janplans far and near.

Since so much has happened lately and I can't possibly give my own *corrected* view of it all I think that I will write on a topic that concerns virtually everything we call news - the

wording and content of "news" (or as David Byrne might say, well you know...) stories.

Have you ever noticed the way in which different sides present an issue? Take Nicaragua for example - on the *right* hand we have President Reagan pleading for U.S. tax dollars to be sent to the poor, country-loving freedom fighters of Nicaragua known as Contras. While on the other hand the Contras are referred

to as anti-government, CIA-backed terrorists fighting against a democratically elected government. Are there two sets of Contras? Is there something that we, the American people, need to be informed of?

In El Salvador the tables are turned: The Reagan Administration refers to the situation as leftist guerilla rebels fighting against a democratic government. Whereas the other side speaks of revolutionaries fighting against a totalitarian militaristic regime.

How is the average American who doesn't really give a damn about Central America, supposed to make head or tail out of this?

To shed some light on the picture, one might say that in the case of Nicaragua - the present government, the Sandinistas, are financially backed by the Soviet Union while the Salvadoran government is being propped

up by U.S. dollars. Hence in the black and white (one might say red and red, white, and blue) world of President Reagan the Salvadoran government is good (i.e. Democratic) and the Nicaraguan Government is evil (i.e. Communist).

But should who gives financial aid to a government determine the quality of that government? It certainly seems to in the Reagan Administration's eyes.

How about the status of the citizens of these Central American countries? How about the fact that the U.S. government could use some of its pull within President Duarte's El Salvador to direct some aid to the people and not just to the military?

Shouldn't the American people be informed that it is not only Nicaragua's President Ortega who is blocking the Central American Peace plan, but also be reminded that the U.S. is not upholding it's half of

the bargain by continuing to support Contras.

The people need to know that Reagan, and consequently much of the U.S. press deliver only half of the picture to the American people, carefully editing the facts that disagree with Reagan's ideology. For example, I have never heard President Reagan speak of what many people say was a rigged election, in the case of El Salvador's "democratically" elected Duarte; nor have I heard him admit that the team of international observers (which Reagan declined to send representatives to) who traveled to Nicaragua to verify the 1984 elections declared the election of Ortega fair and democratic.

Anyway, I didn't mean to write the entire column on Central America, but wouldn't it be nice if we could somehow reserve the slant for the editorial pages? If somehow, "the true story" really was the factual and impartial story?

Pat Robertson: a Fine Choice

by Todd Pritsky

Oh, ye of little faith - let's hear it for Pat Robertson! Remember way, way back, when Brother Pat announced that he wanted, excuse me, that God wanted him to run for President of the United States? Do you also remember how everyone, including people who would love to see him in office, scoffed? At that time, no sane American believed that Pat could give candidates like George Bush or Robert Dole a good race, but those doubts have been silenced by the primaries in Iowa, New Hampshire, and party caucuses.

Well, how about those primaries? In Iowa, Rev. Robertson finished very well, coming in second to Bob Dole and destroying George Bush. Pretty impressive for some political "nobody." Pat also fared pretty well in the recent New Hampshire primary, too. He didn't beat out George this time - we can attribute Iowa to beginners luck, I suppose - but his showing was still good. In that paradise, Hawaii, Pat romped in the state caucus. Of the 20 delegates Hawaii has to send to the Republican nominating convention, Robertson won 16, leaving Bush and Dole with 2 a piece! Now, no-one can just write off the Reverend; we actually have to consider the possibility that he could win the Republican nomination, not to mention the Presidency. This fact is probably very heartening to

those who are sick of the moral decline of our society and country. Our values have been decaying for a couple of decades now and things look pretty bleak. Well have no fear, Brother Pat is here. If we elect him, it will do our whole country a world of good.

The thing that Pat really has going for him is the fact that he's a fundamental Christian. After all, only Christians and Jews are fit for the office of President, according to our friend Pat. Rev. Robertson has that fine, moral quality I wish all our Presidential candidates had - I know Pat has an extremely fine set of values, and is a fine, God-fearing man. Heck, how can you not like a guy that actually has the Lord's endorsement? Must be a real ringer, that Pat Robertson.

I'm most impressed with Pat Robertson's intelligence. Here you have a person who isn't easily duped by anything or anyone, so we know he won't be ill-advised by his cabinet about any situation. For example, Pat saw right through the deceptive veil created by Planned Parenthood - you know, that evil organization that operates under the guise of "social service." Well, they didn't fool our friend Pat. He immediately, and logically, deduced that Planned Parenthood was established to create a master race, attempting to do so through sterilization of people such as Blacks, Jews, mental defectives, and fundamental Christians. Of course, we really should

have noticed something peculiar right from the start, I mean, the founder was an atheist.

Another issue that will probably be swiftly resolved by Rev. Robertson is that of prayer in schools. It's obvious that the lack of prayer in schools is the direct cause of the increase in crime and moral decay. Pat, being a fine, moral Christian, wants to re-introduce our children to prayer, and what better way to do that than through our public school system? Those godless opponents of prayer in school don't realize the important role prayer plays in the upbringing of a fine, moral child. We educate children about history, sex, math, and science, so it seems only fitting that we teach them about God, as well. One favorite argument of the evil opposition is that prayer in schools violates the First Amendment to our Constitution. Where does it say that church should be separate from state? Oh, sure, it bans a state religion, but prayer in schools is open to people of all faiths. Besides, separation of church in state was advocated by Thomas Jefferson, and we all know he was a deist.

Speaking of Amendments and such, Pat wants to push another one through. Is it the Equal Rights Amendment? No, this is much more crucial to our nation. Brother Robertson supports an Amendment that would ban abortion, because it is not a moral thing, and Pat is a fine, moral man. It's not that

he's trying to force his morals on the country, he just wants to see to it that this country stays moral in the eyes of God. Again, there are people who oppose all that the Reverend is trying to do. There are women out there who think they should have the right to control their own bodies, and believe that murder is morally acceptable. How can these persons justify their belief that once a baby develops a brain and nervous system it has more right to live than an amorphous blob of protoplasm that was created by God and given a soul? There sure are some crazy people out there.

We all know there are some insane people in the world, and it is our moral duty to stop these people from doing our country any harm. I'm sure the first danger that comes to any fine, upstanding American's mind is the Soviet Union. Not only are the Russians Communist, but they are immoral atheists as well. It's all becoming clear now, isn't it? Those godless commies are out

to get us because they are the personification of Evil in the world, so the only viable solution is to rid ourselves of the menace. Pat, of course, knows this and has stated he will stop at nothing to eliminate our dangerous rivals. It makes me feel safe to know that Brother Pat will protect me from those damned Soviets, no matter what the cost. No more of these softy Presidents who try to talk to those irrational Russians - Pat means business.

Well, I think I've lauded Rev. Robertson enough. I'm sure all of you now understand the benefits of voting for Pat and putting him into the office that God Himself has seen fit to ordain. As you can see, the only moral choice is to elect him, so we can put America right back on the moral track it followed so long before. When he does get into office, all you people who don't like the fine, moral theocracy can move to Australia; that's where I'm heading if things don't work out.

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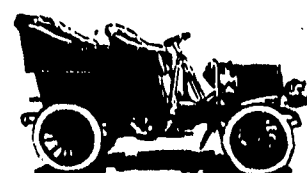
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The phantom of Runnals

Okay, so maybe there is no art to stagemanaging, but there is no special trick to it either. In order to be a stagemanager, a person must be a) patient, b) understanding, and c) masochistic. Craziness is also a good attribute to have when asking for the job. A sane man would not ask to be stagemanager. A good analogy is a man on the rack asking to stick around for a couple more hours. Needless to say, I have held that glorious position close to a dozen times in my life. I have pulled my hair out over three times. I have suffered through long bouts of the disease called rehearsal. I have even not partied on a Friday night in order to see the show goes up. Fortunately, those situations are few and far between.

I know what is going on in your head. Why are you doing this, you dumb schmuck? The truth is I love the power. There is an understanding in the theater that the stagemanager is God. All during tech. week, it is his or her show. You may think that having a six-pack is great fun, or that smoking dope is the best thing on the face of the planet. It is nothing compared to being in charge of over twenty people, being able to run their lives for a week.

Actually, none of what I've said is the absolute truth. I bet you could not have figured that one out already. The truth is that the job is long on responsibility, short on free time. But it is like any other job in that the level of satisfaction attained is incredible. There is nothing like seeing the show come together piece by piece.

The stagemanager is the only person who gets to see it all. He sees the technical side as well as the rehearsals.

into productions. There is no more devotion to a production than there is for the typical sport, but there is certainly no less.

We could use a lot of help this semester. If you have that hint of craziness to you, but you are afraid to approach us, come anyway. Len is the only person that bites, and I'll print him out to you. We may seem too tight

Now you are sitting there, saying, "That's just jim dandy Bri, but what the hell is your point?" I am not sure. I wanted to tell some funny stories. What I ended up doing is shedding a little light on a fairly unknown subject. It is unknown because the best stagemanagers are never seen. They are like the theater elves I mentioned in another article. My point has become to tell you what it is like in the mysterious underworld, behind the idiotic grins of theater people. We are all crazy. You have to be able to get up on that stage and pretend to be somebody you're not. You have to be crazy to put the amount of time and effort a group to enter, but we are not restrictive on who we will talk to and who we will ignore. We can't afford to ignore people. If that doesn't convince you to come by the theater, get involved so you can be a participant of a cast party, because that is probably the best reason to be involved in theater. Next time I promise to tell funny stories. In the mean time, come on by Runnals Union. The door's always unlocked.



Architect firm chosen to build Bixler extension

by Leonard C. Sciarra

Last week, the architecture firm of Koetter and Kim was recommended by a Colby committee to the board of trustees as the best choice to design the new edition planned for the Bixler art building.

Fred Koetter brings experience and excellence to Colby. His degree in architecture from Cornell University, and his professorship at Yale and Harvard schools of architecture, only supports his academic credentials. His partner, Susie Kim, was an undergraduate at Harvard and holds a Masters Degree from Cornell. The firm has already built numerous collegiate facilities from dorms to

performing arts centers on the campuses of Syracuse and Princeton. The firm has also received a number of awards from the architecture magazine "Progressive Architecture."

Bringing things up to date, on seeing presentations of the four firms that came to Colby, Koetter and Kim were definitely the most impressive. Instead of standing up and lecturing, they sat down rather relaxed and went over the agenda that we had sent them. Only after requests by the art department, did he show his slides which only reinforced the decision. Susie Kim has a basis in Urban Design which will help her make the building complement existing Colby architecture. She also has a keen interest in Landscape Architecture that again will

serve those same ends. Koetter and Kim are not out to make a monument, but to design and build a functional and aesthetically beautiful building.

Last Friday, Fred Koetter came up to the campus to meet with faculty and administrators. As a student interested in the architectural profession, it was interesting to watch how Mr. Koetter dealt with all of the faculty in one room, for each professor wants and need specific things. As he has proven himself as a designer, he proved himself as a diplomat. Koetter and Kim bring to The Bixler Expansion Project expertise that will insure a building that serves the students' and faculty's need while harmonizing with Colby's existing architecture rather than fighting it.

Modern "visions and traditions" at museum

by Carolina A. Kroon

"Vision and tradition have often been opposed to one another in modern art" writes Hearne Pardee, curator of the current "Vision and Tradition" show at the Colby College Museum of Art. The show first opened at The Morris Museum in New Jersey, and incorporated a variety of American artist whose styles lend to some of the vision and tradition movements of the twentieth century.

At the opening of the show last Sunday, Pardee gave a slide lecture on the artists in the show and traced some of their major influences. The two biggest influences on the artists were the turn of the century European artists Picasso, Matisse, and Kandinsky, and the Abstract Expressionist movement that originated in the nineteen-forties in America.

The first Americans to incorporate some of these styles were Milton Avery, Stuart Davis, and John Marin in the

early twentieth century. Each artist in the show expresses a reaction to these movements and seems to maintain an American feeling to their works and along with their own very individual styles.

Two artists whose works were particularly striking were Leland Bell's and Robert De Niro's. Each artist shows different influences in their style and composition. Bell, on the one hand, shows a clear tie to Cezanne, particularly compositionally, but in terms of color scheme the influence can be reached more closely to Matisse and Kandinsky. De Niro, on the other hand, uses a very gestural brushstroke, closely linked to the work of the Abstract Expressionists along with his non-traditional composition. Again, however, the colors can be more closely tied to those of Matisse and Kandinsky.

The show continues at the Colby College Art Museum until March 16, 1983 and is well worth the visit.



Hello Again

by Geoff O. Darren

This article happens to be about two movies that are currently available on videocassette, a drama called *The Long Good Friday* and a comedy, *My Favorite Year*.

The Long Good Friday is a British film about the British underworld. However, it's not necessary to have intimate knowledge about the British mob in order to enjoy this film. The movie itself provides helpful information in the form of dialogue. The story is about one Good Friday when there is a meeting of the American mob and the British one. As things are explained to the mob representative, they are explained to us, the audience. The storyline concentrates on the fall from power of the British mob leader, played by Bob Hoskins. During this important day, the goal is to unify the two mobs, Hoskins' character is attacked as well as some of his key operations. This problem is that he isn't sure who it is that is attacking him.

This film is a key example of British film-making. It is a very gritty and dark film about a world that is hardly ever seen in real life. The story is very

plot oriented, but the characters do get a great deal of exploration as well. Hoskins plays the mob boss excellently. He gives off the feeling that he was never really in control to begin with. His wife not only supports the actor, but is quite obviously the brains in the organization. There is love between them, but it is secondary to the jobs they must do just to survive in their world. The plot itself is intricate. The beginning is confusing because the film starts in medias res. The action has already started before the movie starts. There are enough twists in the storyline that I guarantee that a safe prediction as to who is attacking the Hoskins character is impossible. An interesting sidenote to this film is that it is the first appearance of Pierce Brosnan. It is however a small role.

The other film is *My Favorite Year*. Suddenly you will find yourself in the year 1954. Television is live and over twenty million people are watching you. Peter O'Toole plays Alan Swan, an alcoholic movie star. Alan Swan has never stayed and fought for anything in his life. He has been married more times than Elizabeth Taylor. However, the I.R.S. wants money so he takes

a job guest-starring on a television show. Although this is the situation, the story is about a young writer Benjamin Stone. Benjy believes in Swan. He is a romantic. However, his hero is also a very unhappy person. Benjy defends Swan in a meeting when the possibility of not using Swan is brought up. The result is that Benjy has to personally make sure that the movie star stays sober and makes it to rehearsal. How he succeeds and fails is what makes the movie funny.

O'Toole brings great depth to his character. He is a man that has been built up too far in the eyes of his fans. Nothing he does seems to match the expectations of his fans. He is a loveable character. He is carefree and he is troubled. As a result he retreats to alcohol. But this is not a story about the does and don'ts of drinking. This film reaffirms the notion that life can be fun. This is most clearly seen in O'Toole. He steals scenes from his co-stars, but not on purpose. He is obviously trying to share the screen. It is just that he can't. He is too good.

I recommend both movies. Maybe next time I'll introduce you to some of the movies I hate. It depends on what you want. I hope to be hearing from you.

Applicant pool

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reached its peak in 1979 (see graph 2) when there were 4,291,000 persons in this age category and has been on a steady decline since then. While 1987 and 1988 show slight increases in the trend, there are no signs of immediate improvement. It is not expected that the number of 18 year-olds will exceed 4,000,000 in the United States at the turn of the century.

Beverage, however, remains optimistic that enthusiasm for Colby will remain strong in future years, despite the possibility of a decline in the applicant pool. He believes that Colby is losing much of its status as a college of second choice in the applicant's mind and that increasing numbers of people are recognizing the college as a strong institution. He told the *Echo*, "Since I've been here, the view that Colby [is a safety school] has diminished. This feeling was never warranted. [In the past,] we've been a place unrecognized for its high quality and have not been given the credit that we deserve. Perhaps, this is a reason for the increase in applications. People are seeing that Colby is a dynamic place with a very thoughtful faculty and administration."

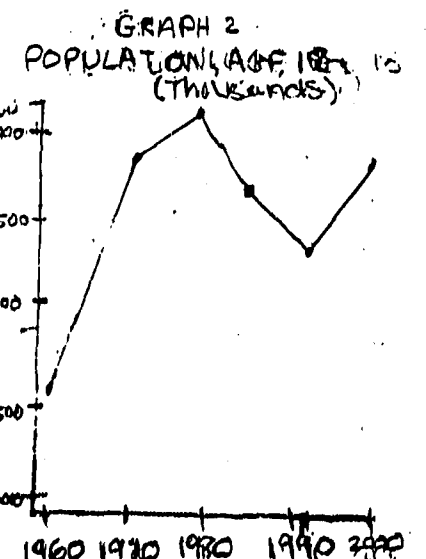
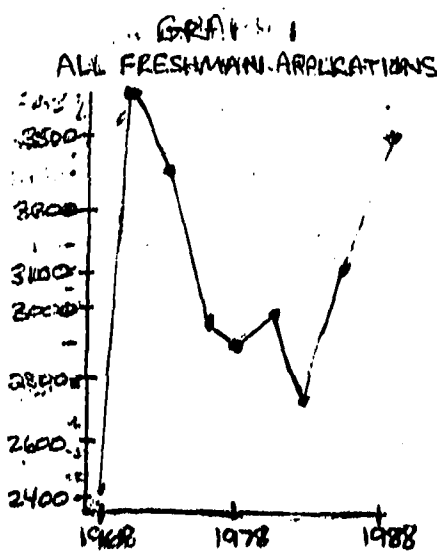
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whether the increased interest in the college will be reflected in the admissions process with the use of greater selectivity in selecting members of the class of 1992. Beverage noted, "Each year it's a seat-of-the-pants process based on trends (like demographics) and the quality of the applicant pool. Last year, we accepted roughly 36-37% of those who applied. In years past, we have accepted up to 44%. This figure is still positive considering the fact that over one-half the colleges in the country accept more than one-half of their applicant pool."

President William Cotter is similarly optimistic about future prospects given the possibility of a drop in the number of applicants. He told the *Echo*, "In 1982, we had 2,548 applications, and this year we have 3,540. We've

gone up one thousand applications at a time when the demographics have gone the other way. People are appreciating the more selective colleges, and with people having fewer children, more and more can consider the expense."

It cannot be determined precisely what attributes have caused Colby's surge in popularity among high school seniors. Aside from the possibility that demographics might eventually take a toll, Cotter stressed that a downturn in the nation's economy would not be beneficial to the applicant pool. He stated, "If the economy became soft this year, I would expect a decline [in the applicant pool.] Its strength is tied to the strength of the economy."



Heavy Visions

by M. Burke

* Tonight, do a lecture. Paul Lovejoy will speak at 8 PM in Lovejoy 215. He is brought here on behalf of Black History Month.

* Aside from that, Max Creek is playing in Portland tonight. I don't know where though.

* Or travel to R.R. Square Cinema and see *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid* Thursday the 25th at 9:00. *Frida* is the 7:00 movie showing.

* This weeks Stu-A favorite, *Everything You Wanted to Know about Sex, Always* is showing. February 25 through the 27th. The price is \$3.00 or \$1.00 with membership.

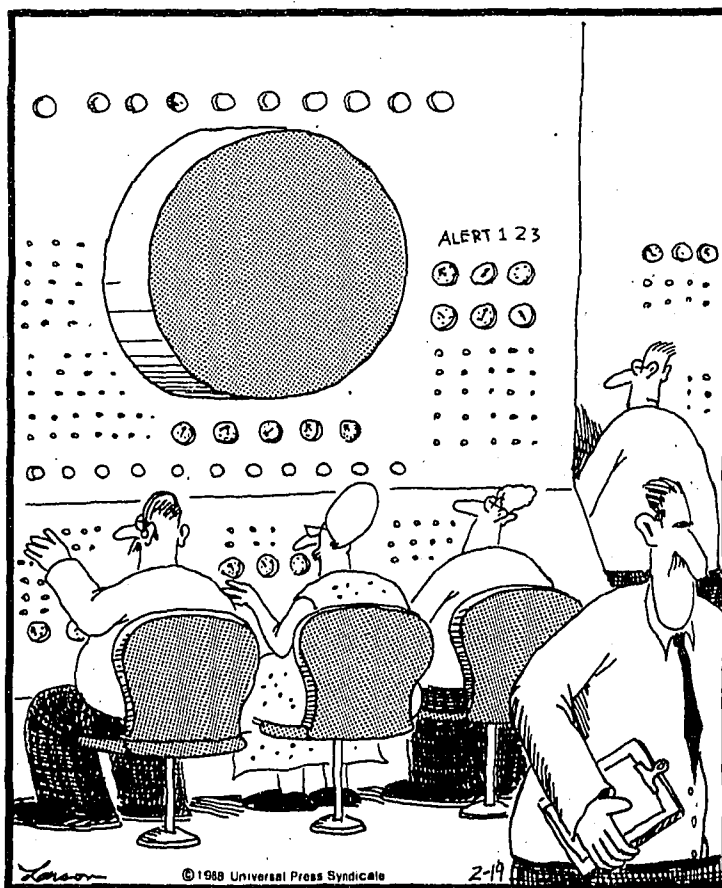
* Hey, there's a T-shirt design contest for Coot. Submissions, omissions due by March 14th. Remember, cash prize!

* FIREWORKS.

* Sunday night in the chapel atop the green hill, (now white), "HaFiz Shabazz", an African drumming group will perform. It starts at 8:00 PM. Come talk to the wind.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



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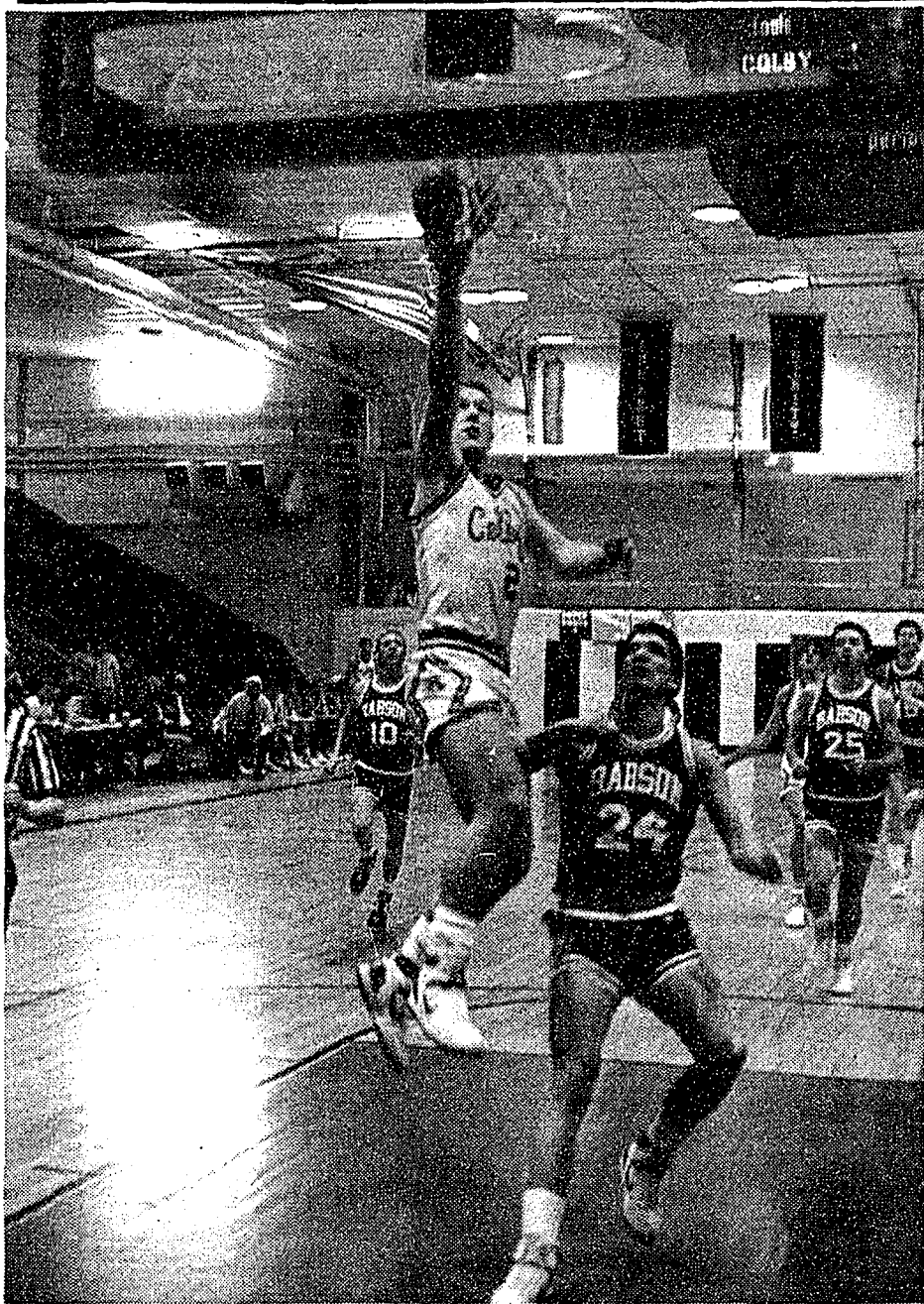
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SPORTS

Thursday February 27, 1988



All New England Matt Hancock drops in 2 of his 38 against Babson.
-photo by Dave Coleman

Home court advantage

by Mark Reilly

The Men's Varsity Basketball team will end their regular season schedule at home this Saturday night at 7:30, when they play host to the Polar Bears of Bowdoin. The team takes a 12-0 home record into the game as well as a chance for home court advantage in the upcoming ECAC tournament.

There has been a lot of talk recently about the home court advantage as it seems to affect everyone from the pro's down to the high school level. What is it about Wadsworth Gymnasium that has enabled the Mules to defeat such powerhouse teams as

Middlebury and St. Joseph's at home and then lose on the road to a team like Trinity?

The reasons are many. One major factor is the crowd support generated for the home team. Certainly at Colby, Basketball is one of the most fan supported sports. The enthusiasm that the crowd brings to the game not only picks up the Colby players, but at times, can be a distraction to opposing players: "That's the biggest advantage," says senior tri-captain Jamie Arsenault, "the crowd gets the other team down and then they [opposing players] start to feel like they are in nowhere land. Facing a huge crowd on the road is very discouraging." Testimony to

that is the influence that crowds in Wadsworth seem to have had so far this year on the tempo of games and close calls by officials.

However, the fans are not the only advantage (sorry to the men in orange who would like to take all the credit). The court itself seems to make a difference. Colby practices in Wadsworth everyday. They shoot at the same rims and backgrounds everyday. This is significant because different rims are tightened differently. The shooting background also varies from gym to gym. Arsenault feels that the team can usually get properly adjusted in warmups but feels that the "toughest part of playing on the road is the actual traveling."

Picture this: It is ten o'clock or earlier on a Friday morning as the team bus pulls out of Colby for Connecticut, Manhattan, or some other far of location. Reaching their destination, the team must play a game that night against an opponent that is well rested and acclimated. When the game is over, the team is off to a hotel and will have to play the following afternoon. After that, it is back on the bus for Colby. Arsenault feels that "there are so many distractions: not sleeping in your own bed and eating in a different environment to name two."

Just thinking about what a player has to go through during back to back road games gives one an idea why the team may be flat on the road. Add to that an excited home crowd and a well rested home team. The advantages of the home court are obvious.

If it seems that the Mules have no hope on the road, realize this. After losing miserably at Trinity and Wesleyan (2/6&7), the team bounced back and won impressively at Connecticut College and Eastern Connecticut the next weekend. Arsenault feels that the team has found the key to winning on the road: "Keep the level of concentration high and get a lot of rest." The White Mules did on their second Connecticut trip and they will be tough to beat in the ECAC tournament whether they are at home or on the road.

In I-Play, anything can happen

by Lawrence Rocca

"Do you believe in miracles? Yes!" screamed Jim McVay from his position in goal as the final seconds ticked off the clock in the Midnight Express' dramatic 5-3 victory over the highly touted and heavily favored Grapefruit Knives on opening day of the I-Play hockey season.

The scene changes from Alford Arena to Wadsworth Gymnasium: "Nice take Goober! Way to be Shaggy! All you Jody!" shouts the excited captain of The Wall as they pull away from their opponents, the Generics, in I-Play basketball.

The final score was 69-44, The Wall. Interestingly, The Wall had defeated the Slammers, the pre-season favorites, on opening day. Another upset in I-Play. However, what makes this truly interesting is that both the Midnight Express and The Wall are captained by sophomore R.A. John Kinsley.

"Miracles" may be stretching it a bit, yet the win for Midnight Express, composed primarily of freshman and sophomores, did come as a shock to the considerably more experienced Grapefruit Knives as well as to the rest of the league and a handful of fans. "I was really stunned,"

commented Express booster Tom Wieck, "I think they're a good team, but I never expected them to play as absolutely wonderfully as they did."

Fans at the Slammers-Wall game were equally surprised: "I never would have dreamed it," stated a dazed Brent Livingston, "The bookies cleaned up on this one."

Kinsley, too, must not have dreamed of either upset, let alone both. However, he is trying to keep the wins in perspective: "It's a long season and I think that the Grapefruit

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TIMEOUT "Let them go"

by Lawrence Rocca

In 1983, Todd Coffin was a Cross Country runner for Colby, one of the best small schools in New England, and as a member of Division III, a school that does not grant athletic scholarships. Coffin had an excellent season and was one of the best runners in the nation. Later that academic year, Harland Storey led Colby basketball to a ranking of #2 in the nation. Storey, like Coffin, was considered one of the best in the nation. Todd Coffin qualified for the NCAA championships and then won the national championship in the steeplechase. Harland Storey, although he was named All-America, did not receive that same opportunity to compete for a National Championship.

Why? Because Colby belongs to the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) which is comprised of Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Connecticut College, Hamilton, Middlebury, Trinity, Tufts, and Wesleyan.

The NESCAC, according to its five basic principles, views athletics as something that should be "kept in harmony with the educational purposes of the school" and, in order to "keep a proper perspective" on athletics' role in the education of a student, "limitations are placed upon the number of contests as well as starting and terminal dates for practice and competition."

What this translates to is a league policy that is full of contradictions and exceptions. Basically, NESCAC teams, unlike other schools teams, no matter how qualified, are prevented from participating in NCAA national championship tournaments, but individuals in sports such as track, swimming, or tennis are not.

Why is it that the Ivy League, which many people consider the epitome of athletic and academic conferences, allow their teams to go to nationals but it is NESCAC policy to prevent teams from national championship competition? In turn, why are individuals allowed to compete if teams are not?

Colby President William Colter answers with the statement that the "NESCAC is the epitome" of athletics and academics and feels that the rule exists not to actually prevent teams from national championships but because of "timing" and so that "students would be able to plan their lives so that they know their season lasts only a week extra." He said that the rule exists because schools in NESCAC place the "priority on academics" and added that it also "enabled athletes to play more than one season."

Colby men's basketball coach Dick Whitmore, whose team lost the opportunity to compete in the NCAA's in 1984 because of the ruling, mirrored that view and added that the presidents of NESCAC took "everyone as individuals" when they made the policy.

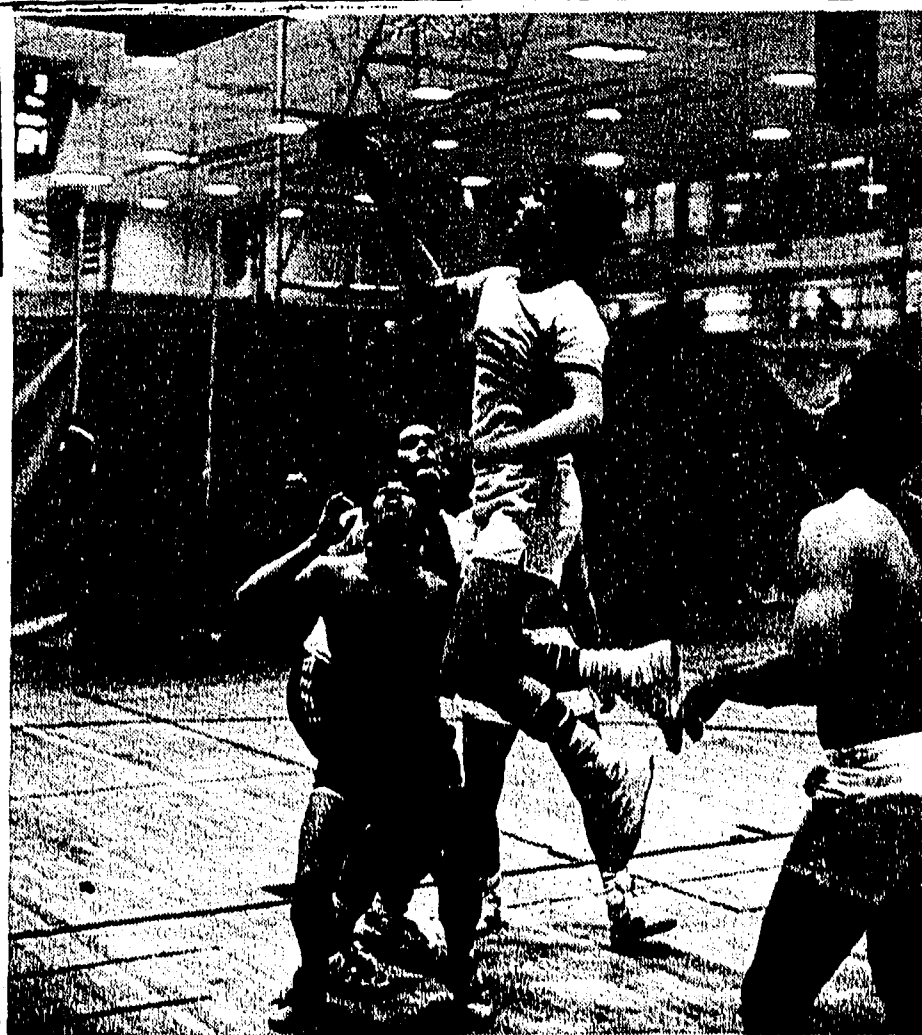
The reason, feels Whitmore, that individuals are allowed to compete is because of that philosophy. "I think that the major reason [that teams are not allowed] is because the team would make the decision to go," said Whitmore, "and then, the presidents feel, there would be peer pressure. If an individual goes, he would not disturb anyone else." Whitmore added that he accepts the rule but it is not his "solution to the post season."

Under current rules, NESCAC teams may participate in the ECAC's, regional tournaments that do not extend the season longer than the allowed one week after Saturday of the final week of the schedule. But if Whitmore is right in stating that "everyone has the innate desire to compete at the highest level," for those NESCAC teams that are good enough, the ECAC's are just not enough.

Debby Pluck, assistant athletic director for women and women's field hockey and lacrosse coach agrees, saying that "playing with the best adds a real joy." When asked about the inconsistency involving the individuals and team rules, Pluck expressed disappointment that teams could not go as individuals could, but made it clear that she would not want individuals prohibited: "I would never want to limit anyone."

As for Colter's reasons on why the rule exists, most seem highly unlikely to have been the major factors in the decision. Division III NCAA tournaments do not last as long as Division I tournaments because fewer teams are involved. Therefore, are NESCAC schools telling their athletes that they are able to balance their academics and athletics for an entire season, but then not be able

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Double Captain John Kinsley has high hopes for the I-Play season.
by Dave Coleman

Winter Games Enter Final Weekend

by Jim McVay

As the fifteenth Winter Olympiad enters its final week, the United States is suffering through one of its most disappointing showings in the past twenty years. Many hopefuls have fallen upon hard luck leaving the Americans straining to acquire medals.

American speedskater Dan Jansen's story is more distressing than the misfortune of his teammates. After learning of his disease-stricken sister's death on the morning of the 500 meter race, the 1988 World Speedskating Champion lost his balance in the first turn and tumbled into the retaining wall. Later in the week, disaster struck again when Jansen lost an edge in the 1,000 meter race, ending his medal hopes for 1988. However, the United States Speedskating team has had a spark in the

surprising performance of 20 year old speedskater Eric Flaim who looks promising as a future Olympian. Flaim captured one silver medal and three 4th place finishes and is looking to be the Eric Heiden of 1992.

The U.S. Hockey Team was unable to beat the West Germans and were knocked out of the medal round for the second consecutive Olympiad since their historic 1980 gold medal. Despite a big opening night win, a respectable comeback against the Soviets, a ten point performance by Olympic veteran Corey Millen, and often incredible goaltending by Pennsylvania native Mike Richter, this squad fell short of their goal. However, the rest of the week will still bring forth the best of hockey as Sweden, the Soviet Union, and Czechoslovakia try to prevent the host Canadians

from taking home the gold medal. The pick here is a big surprise with Sweden just edging the Canadians and Soviets.

One of the bright spots for the United States was the nearly perfect performance of figure skater Brian Boitano en route to winning his country's first gold medal of these games. It took Boitano's final long program to come from behind and pass Canada's Brian Orser and take the gold in one of the best figure skating battles in Olympic history.

The Olympic Games are fun to watch no matter who wins. This spirit of competition has had many Colby students tuning in throughout ABC's coverage. The men's quad on second floor Johnson bets they've had on just about every minute of the games. It seemed fitting to ask the members of the quad their opinions on the

games. Mark Sicinski, and English major studying Shakespeare, stated, "I could not help but notice the resemblance in the tragedies of both Othello the Moor and speedskater Dan Jansen." Peter O'Toole stated "the competition was excellent, but I just wish there was an American hero like Eric Heiden or the 1980 Hockey Team." And Dan Alto, a watcher from Perkins-Wilson, said he "could only admire Brian Boitano's zesty performance in the short program."

The road has been rocky for the United States so far; however, there just might be some gold at the end of the rainbow. The United States has an excellent shot still to come with figure skater Debi Thomas.

Here's a brief look at this final weekend's schedule:

ABC (Channel 7)

Thursday 2/25 (8-11, 11:30-12) - Cross Country Skiing, Alpine Skiing (Men's Giant Slalom), Ice Hockey and Figure Skating

Friday 2/26 (8-11, 11:30-12) - Alpine Skiing (Ladies' Slalom), Ice Hockey (3 medal round games), Biathlon and Speed Skating

Saturday 2/27 (Noon-6, 7-11, 11:30-12) - Cross Country Skiing, Four-man Bobsled, Alpine Skiing (Men's Slalom), Nordic Combined, Speed Skating, Figure Skating and Ice Hockey (medal round)

Sunday 2/28 (noon-6:45, 7-11) - Four-man Bobsled, Nordic Combined, Speed Skating, Figure Skating, Ice Hockey (medal round final & consolation) and closing ceremonies

Women's hockey going to ECAC



The Lady Mules will hope for some good luck in the first round of the ECAC's. -photo by Dave Coleman

by Mike Freret

Rob Pfeiffer's Lady Mules hockey squad completed its regular season last week, losing a heartbreaker to Brown 2-1. That loss put Colby at 12-12 for the year, and made them a longshot for advancement after the first round of the ECAC playoffs, which begin Saturday at various locations in New England.

But the even record belies the calibre of gutsy, hustling hockey played by Colby all season. The Mules were 12-8 going into their last week of regular season play. After coming off a hectic, tiring tournament in Canada, in which Colby placed fourth against some of Canada's best, the team was forced to play the three best teams in the nation, and a very strong Brown team. Still feeling the effects of soundly playing the tough Canuck squads, Colby was beaten by Providence, UNH, and Northeastern, after playing soundly at the onset of each.

At home against Brown, the Mules were much more impressive. Although thoroughly outskating their

opponents, the Mules could not find the net despite numerous opportunities, while Brown tucked in two shots behind goalie Dina Cloutier, neither reaching the back of the net.

Despite the loss, Pfeiffer was extremely pleased with the Mules play, and is optimistic regarding the tournament and the future.

"The women have arrived," Pfeiffer said, "they're at the top of their game. They are excited and ready to play. The turnaround from last year has been monumental."

The reason for the turnaround from last year's dismal 5-16 record to this year's 12-12, is due largely to a bumper crop of freshmen.

"The freshmen have assumed needed leadership roles. And we couldn't have done it without the goaltending of

freshmen Dina Cloutier. We have so much more confidence than we did last year. We know now that we can play that much more aggressively knowing Dina is back there, and can stop them when they come back at us. The confidence difference is amazing," Pfeiffer said.

Though the chances for a win are remote, Pfeiffer and the team cannot help but be optimistic. Seeing the play improve steadily, and the consistent adhesion to Colby's game has led Pfeiffer to invest a great deal of faith in his squad.

"Sure, we're not great, but whose kidding whom?" asks Pfeiffer. "These women know how to work, and they know how to sweat, and it's the blue collar stuff we need to win."

But despite the positive season, there are a couple of things the coach would like to see changed.

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to do so for an additional two weeks? Furthermore, careful consideration of schedules in advance would prevent a conflict between the NCAA's and exams. League policy could mandate that if there ever were a conflict between exams and post season, teams would not go. For example, this academic year, there is no conflict in any sport for Colby.

As for placing the "priority on academics," that can be done while still allowing athletes to participate in a national tournament. Men's Ice Hockey coach Mickey Goulet feels that a national tournament "could be a distraction, but it could also show self-discipline. I think most kids would respond the proper way."

Colter's statement about "enabling athletes to play more than one season," simply does not wash as there are many examples of multi-sport athletes at schools with far larger athletic programs than any NESCAC school. John Paye, who played quarterback in football and point guard in basketball at prestigious Stanford University is a prime example of such a student athlete.

Women's Ice Hockey and men's Lacrosse coach Rob Pfeiffer has a slightly different opinion: "You play athletics as an adjunct to the academic process. The way the schedule is set up allows athletics to do that." Pfeiffer feels that a National Championship tournament "potentially infringes on academic growth," and noted that he "struggled mightily," one year to decide whether or not to take his Lacrosse team to the ECAC tournament, a two day event. Although coach Pfeiffer says he does not "have a driving need to compete nationally," he does "want to strive for excellence," but he feels it can be done "sufficiently in the framework of NESCAC."

This all brings us to coach Jim Wescott's unusual situation. As men's cross country and track and field coach, Wescott has experienced both the hardships of the rule and the benefits of its inconsistencies.

Wescott has seen a great cross country team be denied but still have three of its members achieve All-America. Because of NESCAC rules, the team did not go, but it was so rich in talent that three members were able to qualify as individuals.

Every year, the cross country championships are the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The championship is a one day event and extends the season by only one week. Furthermore, the winter starting date for NESCAC competition is December 5. In 1983, when the team qualified, the #4 & #5 runners on the team graduated Phi Beta Kappa. It seems idiotic to argue that academics would have been infringed upon in that case. Of course, that is an exceptional case, but one must remember that NESCAC teams qualifying for the nationals is also an exceptional event.

In the past decade, Colby has had very few teams that could have qualified for NCAA post season play. The rest of NESCAC is much the same with only Bowdoin Hockey as a recent perennial national power. Why, if it only happens every once in awhile, the big fuss then? Wescott feels Colby is a highly respected academic institution and every other category, besides academics, that Colby is involved in "should have the same opportunity to receive that respect."

When questioned about the possibility of pressure to produce NCAA teams, Wescott said that "coaches with the drive and motivation to consistently go to the nationals will end up somewhere else [besides Colby]. I don't think that I or any other coach would put pressure on the kids or admissions." Wescott feels that coaches know why the kids are here, but just in case, admissions would simply have to say that they will not tolerate any added pressure from coaches or Alumni.

"Competing at the national level," says Wescott, "is a varied educational opportunity." Wescott went on further to say that "we ask excellence in academics, you would only want excellence in extra-curriculars." In fact, it is hard to imagine that Colby would deny its orchestra the opportunity to perform in a national showcase as long as it was not during an exam period.

With the pool of college applicants on the verge of decreasing, Wescott feels that NESCAC needs "to look for creative options that will help improve the admissions process. Colby does not just want intellectuals, extra qualities are going to become very important when the pool gets smaller. Sooner or later NESCAC will have to change." Although coach Pfeiffer says that no one has ever told him they would not apply because of the rule, Wescott feels that because the NESCAC colleges are centers for growth, it is his "hope that all student endeavors will receive every opportunity and encouragement for fulfillment."

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Athletes of the week

Female

Male



Playing in one squash match is physically demanding, two gruelling, and winning both handily is remarkable and unlikely. Yet sophomore Sarah Hayne did just that last weekend when she swept her opponent from Amherst 3-0 and then beat her foe from Smith 3-1. In the Smith match, Sarah bounced back from a 15-12 loss in the first game to take the next three.

Sarah ended her season last Tuesday against Bates.



Last weekend, seven Colby runners competed at the New England division III championships held at MIT. The most successful of those seven was senior Bill Derry. The English major from Winchester, MA, won the 5000 Meter (3.1 miles) with a time of 14:49. The time was two seconds off his personal best and he was able to win by a comfortable seven seconds. Bill felt that it was a "pretty good race. I sat on the leader and kicked to win with half a mile left."

Bill received All-New England division III and will compete in the all division New England championships this weekend at Boston University. He has an excellent chance at capturing the ECAC championship at Bowdoin next weekend and is a hopeful for the nationals at Smith, March 11-12.

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"I would have liked to have seen better puck anticipation. We have been a little slow in making a decision as to where to intercept the puck," Pfeiffer said.

"Also, I'd like to see us get a little luckier than we have been. The Brown game was a tough one. Just one break was all we needed. A little luck could have turned the game around."

In I-Play,

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Knives will probably be in the finals." With players like goal keeper Jim "Morty" McVay (32 saves), right wing Todd O'Connor (2 goals, including a short handed one), center Tom Sitzmann (1 assist), and defenseman Sean Lucey (2 assists), Midnight Express might join them. Also strong for the Express are wings R.B. Kiernat (1 goal) and Jeff Nash (2 goals).

On the basketball court, Kinsley's chances for a championship berth are even brighter. With a roster of sophomores (except for standout freshman center Jody Cox), The Wall sneaked by the Slammers and blew out the Generics.

The man in the middle of this was forward Jeff "Shaggy" Baker. He hit several clutch foul shots in the win over the Slammers and paced the team against the Generics with 28 points. Other strong performances for The Wall: Cox (13 points), Dave "Late Night" Carney (9 points), and Kinsley (7 assists). Forward Derek Hudson is also a valuable part of the team. The Generics were led by Jeff Farley (4 of 6 from 3 point range) and the hustling defense of Bob Coupe who "jumped the highest in his life" when he blocked a 3 point attempt.

Never overconfident, Kinsley still feels that his team cannot be considered a favorite since they have not yet played the Irish Rovers, captained by Mark Reilly, or Bernie Farrell's Rigby. Additionally, The Wall lost to Joe's Bar and Grill: "They only had five guys and they still beat us." Jeff Bruce, Scott Smith, and Steve Teplitz are the main ingredients in Joe's Bar and Grill.

It is a long season and the outcome is hard to predict. Even Jim Brandt, an I-Play commissioner, seems a bit confused. When asked what he thought of The Wall's blow out win, he replied, "Don't ask me, I'm just a ref."

Ski Team hosts Division II Championship

by Don Darby

The Colby Ski Team is once again host to the NCAA division II championships tomorrow and Saturday (February 26th and 27th). The alpine events will be held on Competition hill at Sugarloaf with the Giant Slalom starting at 10:00 am Friday and the Slalom at 9:30 am on Saturday.

The nordic events will take place in Carrabasset Valley on Friday and the exciting relay race here on campus on Saturday. The relay start times are 12:00 pm for the women and 2:00 pm for the men. The start and finish area will be located across from Roberts Union in the open area next to the soccer fields. In its second year of varsity status, the extremely successful ski team hopes to defend its title of division II champions acquired last year. The very competitive league is made up of 12 different colleges from all over New England and New York.

The stronger teams looking for a chance to defeat Colby include Bowdoin, Harvard, St. Michaels, Castleton State, and Johnson State.

Under the direction of coach Rick Tonge, (ski team captain for Colby in 1979) the Colby team has achieved some commendable results. Leading the women in alpine are freshman Ellyn Paine (2 slalom victories and a 2nd in GS) and junior captain Lisa Beliveau (2 top five finishes) who is coming off a recent knee injury. The team is also counting on strong finishes from sophomore Beth Kubik, freshmen Susan Gertsberger and Rachel Weinstein, and junior Ingrid Kasaks. The men's alpine team will be lead by junior captain Don Darby (1 slalom victory and 2 thirds in GS). Seniors Rok Zajec and Jonathan Selkowitz are looking for solid top ten finishes and junior Bob Gallagher will be a threat in the slalom. Freshman Don Cochrane and senior Bill Ralph

will provide competitive results in both events.

The women's Nordic team will be lead by co-captains Galen Laumen (1 victory) and junior Amy Shedd, who recently sprained her ankle but will be healthy for the race. The other female Nordic skiers include freshmen Hilary Green and Margaret Curren. The dominating men's team consists of Freshmen Mark Gilbertson (2 victories), Rich Starets, and David Douglass. Strong finishes are also expected from juniors Trey Amundsen, Bill Morgan, and Captain Matt Tabor.

All in all, Colby's chances of a repeat victory look very promising, especially if they ski the way they have been this entire season. The team would greatly appreciate support at these events from the entire Colby community as it promises to be a very exciting weekend.

Seven receive All-New England

by Lawrence Rocca

Last weekend's New England Division III championships saw seven Colby runners receive All-New England honors. Bill Derry won the 5000 meter run in 14:49, David Duane placed third in the 55 meter high hurdles in 7:81, Andrew Richter was sixth in the 500 meter run

with a time of 1:08.20, and Kent Thompson was sixth in the 1500 meter run.

The distance medley relay team of Ken Barber, David Duane, Toby Yos, and Dave Donnelly was also sixth. Colby finished eleventh out of eighteen teams.

This weekend is the all division New England championships. Colby will send

Bill Derry in the 5000, David Duane in the 55 meter hurdles, and a distance medley relay team. Kent Thompson and Andrew Richter are possibilities in the 1500 and 500 respectively.

Following the New England's are the ECAC's at Bowdoin and the nationals at Smith. Coach Jim Wescott feels that "Derry will probably qualify and David Duane is very close."



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Thur	1/14	L	Jumbo Hamburger Bar	L/J
Fri	1/15	D	Taco Bar	M/L
Sat	1/16	D	Steak Night	All Halls
Wed	1/20	B	Breakfast at Tiffany's	J/C
Fri	1/22	D	Baked Potato Bar	M/L
Sat	1/23	D	Steak Night	All Halls
Tues	1/26	L	Make A Dagwood	L/J
Thurs	1/28	B	Pancake Bar	J/C
Sat	1/30	D	Steak Night	All Halls

February, 1988

Tues	2/2	D	Vegetarian Buffet	M/L
Fri	2/5	L	Pizza Mania	L/J
Sat	2/6	D	Steak Night	All Halls
Mon	2/8	D	Seiler's Buffet	M/L
Wed	2/10	D	Pasta/Pasta/Pasta	L/J
Sat	2/13	D	Steak Night	All Halls
Sun	2/14	D	Ice Cream Bar	L/J
Thurs	2/18	L	Brownies Galore	J/C
Sat	2/20	D	Steak Night	All Halls
Wed	2/24	D	Birthday Night	All Halls

March, 1988

Tues	3/1	L	Vegetable Bar	L/J
Thurs	3/3	L	Deli Special	M/L
Sat	3/5	D	Steak Night	All Halls
Tues	3/8	D	Birthday Night	All Halls
Thurs	3/10	L	Mexican Pizza	M/L
Sat	3/12	D	Steak Night	All Halls
Tues	3/15	L	Taco Bar	L/J
Sat	3/19	D	Steak Night	All Halls
Mon	3/21	L	Jumbo Hamburger Bar	M/L
Wed	3/23	B	Bagels/Bagels/Bagels	J/C

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Tues	4/5	B	Fresh Fruit Bar	J/C
Thurs	4/7	D	Orient Express Dinner	M/L
Sat	4/9	D	Steak Night	All Halls
Wed	4/13	L	Create A Fruit Plate	J/C
Fri	4/15	D	Baked Potato Bar	L/J
Sat	4/16	D	Steak Night	All Halls
Tues	4/19	B	Breakfast at Tiffany's	L/J
Wed	4/20	D	Sundae Bar	M/L
Sat	4/23	D	Steak Night	All Halls
Mon	4/25	L	Hot Dog Bar	M/L
Thurs	4/28	D	Birthday Night	All Halls
Sat	4/30	D	Steak Night	All Halls

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Sun	5/1	D	Sundae Bar	M/L
Mon	5/2	B	Waffle Bar	L/J
Fri	5/6	L	Foot Long Hot Dogs	J/C
Sat	5/7	D	Pasta Bar	M/L
Mon	5/9	L	Cookies Extravaganza	L/J
Tues	5/10	L	Brownies Galore	J/C
Wed	5/11	D	Birthday Night	All Halls
Sat	5/14	D	Steak Night	All Halls

Key

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner

L/J	Lovejoy Commons Dining Hall
J/C	Johnson/Chaplin Commons Dining Hall
M/L	Mary Low Commons Dining Hall

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