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## Professor Nutting Cries Foul Over Tenure Decision

by Catherine Breen  
Staff Writer

German Professor Peter Nutting charges that the Tenure Review Committee, which denied him tenure in 1987, treated him unfairly and that his situation "clearly involved a political decision."

"It is hypocritical," said Nutting, "for the administration to ban fraternities because they are exclusive and discriminatory. They should also ban the exclusive fraternity of tenured faculty."

Nutting began his job as an Associate Professor in the Department of Modern Languages in September of 1985. In December of 1987, after his pre-determined probationary period had ended, Nutting came before the Tenure Review Committee. The committee denied him tenure, so he requested an appeals case.

When questioned about the incident, President William R. Cotter replied, "Peter has hired a lawyer....I cannot comment."

According to Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur, "Typically, we hand (the Faculty Hand-

book) out at the Dean's Office to department chairs, members of the administration, and each faculty member." The Faculty Handbook contains a complete listing of all the college's guidelines for those who teach here.

Yet Nutting explained that he received only, "a few loose sheets from the Dean," because the handbook was not available. Nutting contends that if he had been furnished with the crucial information, this controversy could have been avoided. He feels this oversight cost him his job at Colby.

Nutting appealed the decision and the Tenure Committee agreed to take a second look. Because of the possible procedural errors involved in this particular situation, Nutting said that it was "strongly recommended that I be given additional time" at Colby.

Again the committee voted to deny Nutting tenure, but it did grant him one extra year at Colby before he would have to find employment elsewhere. Upon termination of his employment in August of this year, Nutting will begin his fellowship on Kafka provided to him

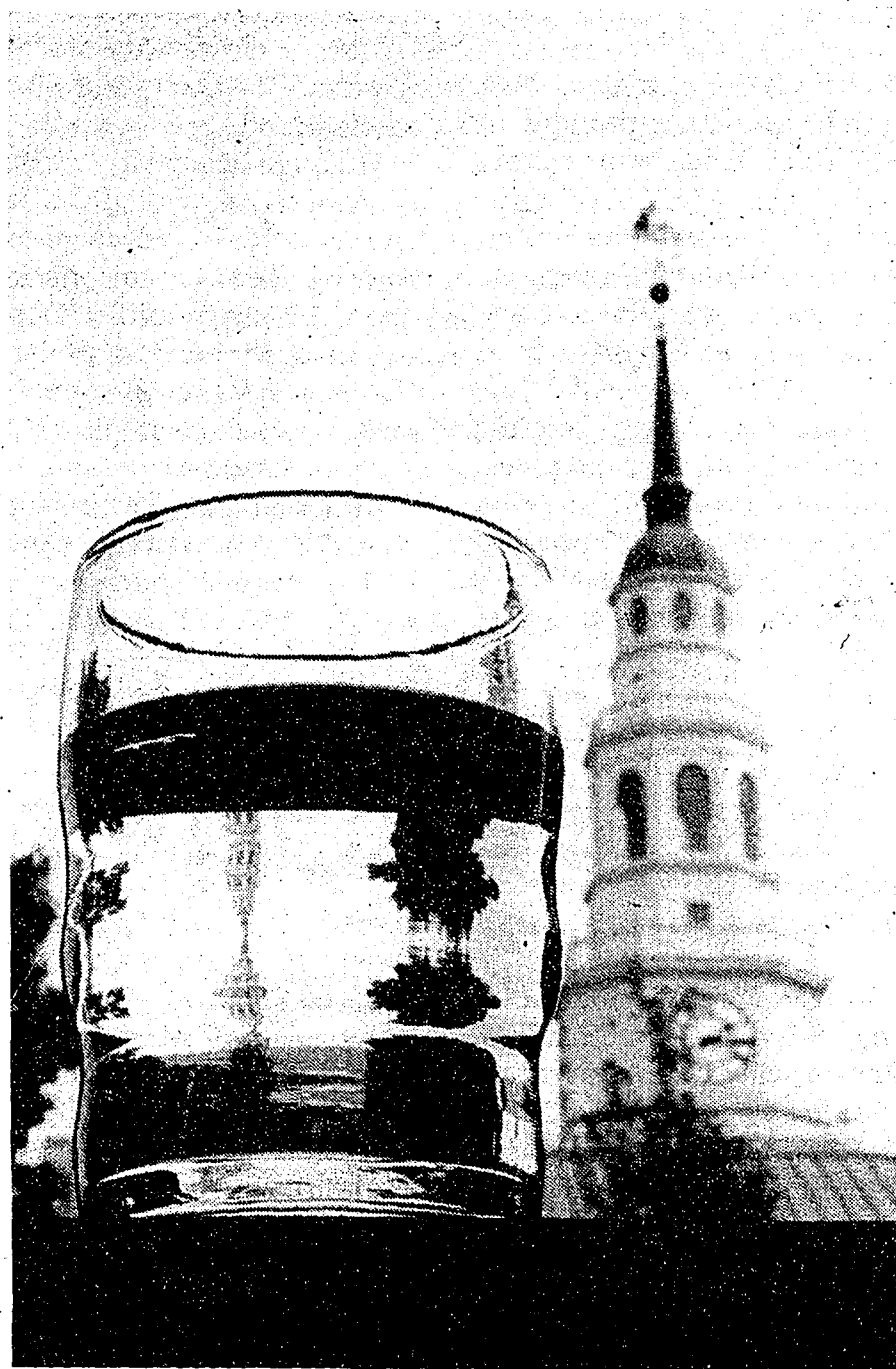
by the National Endowment for Humanities.

When Nutting spoke to each individual on the Committee as to the justification of their vote, he said he could only infer that the members of this group denied him tenure because he had not been at Colby long enough and that they did not have enough information about him in his dossier.

However, Nutting presented several documents proving the validity of his credentials. The documents that he assembled showed that between 1985 and 1987 he received higher ratings than his department as a whole. In 1987 between 95% and 100% of his ratings from students were "excellent" or "very good." And "only one of five letters from students could possibly be construed as negative," added Nutting.

If the reasoning for being denied tenure stemmed from lack of time at Colby, then the college should have extended his probationary period, according to Nutting. He also explained that his previous seven years at Cornell provided him

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Despite its unpleasant aesthetics, to the best of anyone's knowledge Colby's water is safe to drink. The testing, however, will continue.

photo by Augie Cennamo

## Colby Tests Water Again

by Tracy Hardman  
Staff Writer

This week Colby will be conducting tests to thoroughly analyze the safety status of the drinking water.

The results of the new tests will come in today or tomorrow, and as Administrative Vice President Stanley A. Nicholson stated, "if there are problems we will retest," and possibly shut down dangerous sites. He continued, "we'll identify the problem and solve it."

Recent testing done on December 28th indicated that some of the drinking water at Colby does contain more than 50 parts per billion of lead, an illegal amount. But, the tests that were taken on the 28th were of water

that had been idle for some time, and consequently the results depicted the worst possible scenario.

Although the water was sampled from multiple sites, including every water fountain on campus, at various times of day and tested at the Northeast Testing Lab in Winslow, it was still too restricted a sample for anyone to draw reliable conclusions. In order to insure accuracy, multiple samples must be taken periodically from many areas, not arbitrarily as in the past.

Most of the problems with Colby's water are attributed to the pipes through which it must travel before reaching the outlets. Because the pipes were

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December 21, 1988

Peter W. Nutting  
Associate Professor  
Modern Languages (German)  
Colby College

Dear Peter:

I have your letter of December 20 and I wish I were free to respond to your various points. However, I am afraid, once lawyers enter these matters, that exchanges have to be conducted between counsel. I wish it were otherwise but those are the realities of our litigious era.

I am sorry.

Sincerely,

*Will*  
William R. Cotter

This is President William R. Cotter's response to a four page letter from German Professor Peter Nutting in which Nutting disputed the college's handling of his tenure decision.

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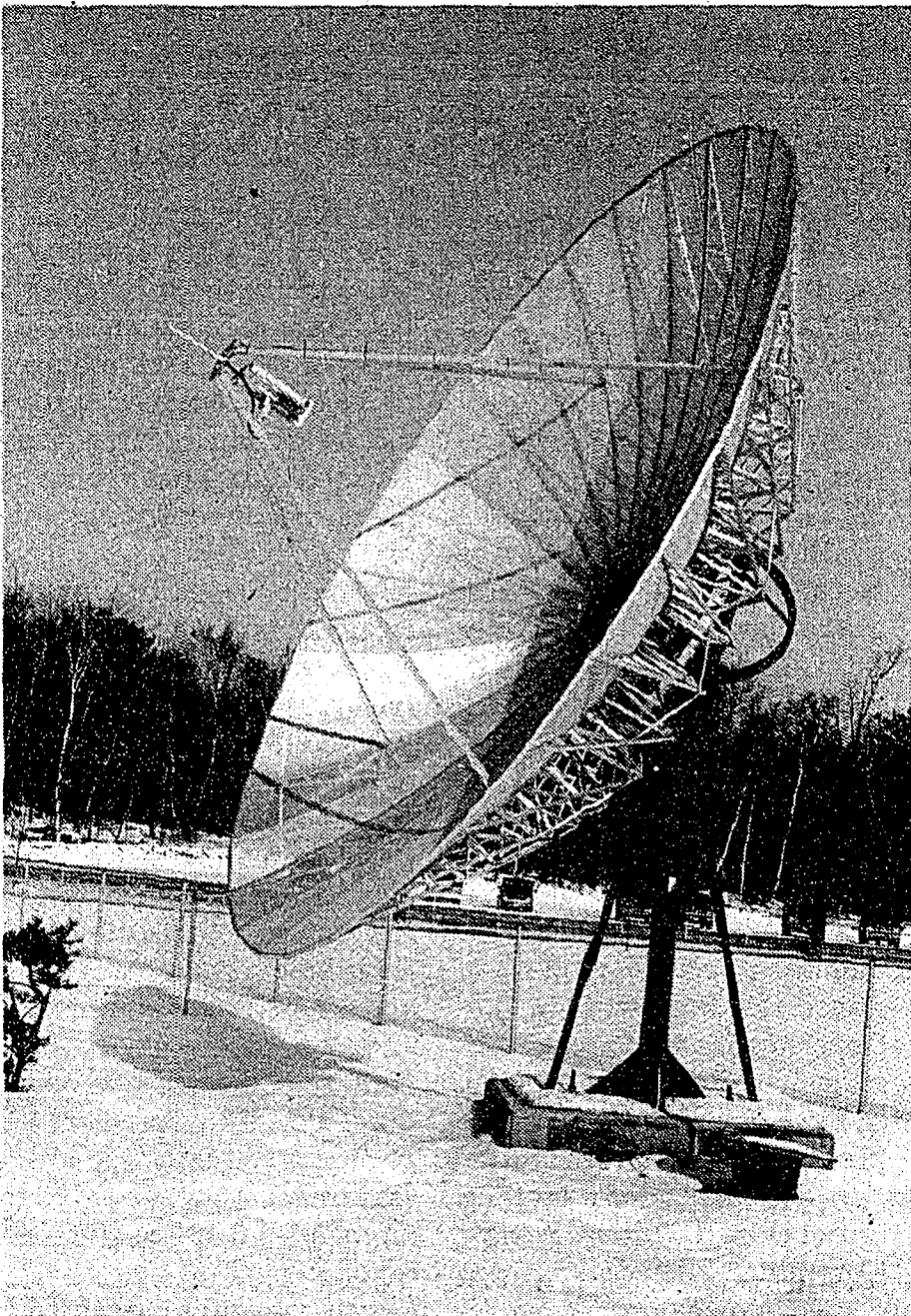
No Russian T.V. - Yet

By Terrel Hutton  
Staff Writer

Colby's new satellite dish, purchased with a grant by the Mellon Foundation to improve the college's Russian Studies program, has yet to receive Russian television transmissions. A converter for the dish was defective and sent back to its manufacturer. A second converter arrived, but it turned out to be the wrong unit altogether. A third converter is on order from a company in Kansas and projected to be received by next week. The converter increases

the frequency of the Russian signals, allowing it to be broadcasted on American television. When it arrives, Atmore believes that it will require only a day to install. Although he says the wiring of both Lovejoy and Miller Library, where equipment for viewing the programs are located, will be more difficult than expected, Atmore is optimistic that the systems in the two buildings will be in place "as soon as possible." Although the dish is large enough to provide a wide range of international programs to Colby and perhaps even the

Waterville community, Atmore emphasized, "until we get the Russian programming working, we're not sure what the availability [of the satellite resource and related electronics provided by the grant] to other programs will be." A committee was formed this fall to investigate the benefits that the dish will provide to other academic departments. Chip Hauss, professor of Government and committee member, stated that the increased use of the AV equipment in the classroom could "revolutionize the way we teach language."



It looks like it works, but the satellite dish doesn't pick up Russian television programming.

photo by David Coleman

No More Brunch  
Extended Dining Hours

by Lisa Twomey  
Staff Writer

According to Director of Dining Service Dan Eusebio, Seilers' will make brunch available for the residence halls for the first five weeks of Spring Semester. After this period, it will be eliminated. Under the new program, "Students will eat in the dining halls where they can get a full hot meal and not have to worry about people stealing it," stated Eusebio. Eusebio believes, "It's not right that a few people are taking advantage of the program which is a good program." Last fall Student Activities voiced a dissatisfaction with the weekend dining hours, namely their opening at 12:30pm. They also had to find \$30,000 within the current budget for clubs and activities. In light of this, there was a proposal to cut the take-out brunch service, which Eusebio

claimed, "We can tie the change directly to that Stu-A need." He saved \$27,000. Tony Russo, Manager of Johnson/Chaplin dining halls, stated, "We are waiting to see what the reaction is-our purpose is to make sure that people get fed, and the brunch program is not serving the community as well as it could. People blame us if they can't eat but I don't blame them for not getting up early to do it." Hall Staff objected to the elimination of the take out brunch on the grounds that it was an important community forming opportunity for the dorms to eat together on weekends. Eusebio supports the idea of residential life and understands this need and offered a compromise. He claimed the change in hours saves money and eliminates hassles and is justified by the fact that currently when lunch opens at 12:30 as many as 223

people can go through Chaplin in the first half hour, whereas in the last half hour as few as four may be served. By moving everything up an hour to 11:30am he believes as many or more people will be served and at more convenience to the student. Russo hopes that this plan will mean, "better food, better service, and more relaxed dining." Dan Eusebio wants to hear student opinions on this issue. "If you have a better idea then let [us] know! No news is good news around here and if we don't hear anything we are going to go ahead with it." The student committee that helped design this proposal are: Paul Baisley '91, Jeff Cox '90, Terri Edmunds '89, Lisa Owen Evans '91, Chris Malcolmb '92, Shelley McConnell '90, Carol Lockwood '90, Deanne Newton '91, Matt Noyes '92, David Russell '89, John Starr '91, and Robyn Torrisi '89.

Off The Hill  
Bowdoin

In conjunction with Black History Month, Bowdoin's annual Black Art Festival is running throughout February. Also, last week the college held a panel discussion concerning the Civil Rights Era. Included on the panel were two ministers from Baltimore who had worked with Martin Luther King Jr. on Civil Rights strategies. Also last week, one hundred and fifty students attended a panel discussion on "Racism At Bowdoin" sponsored by the executive board. The administration at Bowdoin has abolished the Fall Rush and now only advocates Spring Rush. This was done so new students will be more able to "get oriented to academics" when they first arrive and to alleviate "the social pressure of fraternities."

Tufts

Tufts is initiating many programs and speeches concerning Black History Month including a speech by Richard Hatch, a Kennedy Fellow at the Institute of Politics At Harvard, on "Forging A Black Political Agenda". Also, poet June Jordan will honor Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesse Jackson. In addition, last week students participated in a "multi-school" live teleconference entitled "Beyond the Dream, a Celebration of Black History."

Union

Union's annual Winter Festival begins today. Activities for students include a Cabaret, an Auction, an Ice Cream Social for charity, comedian Carol Leifer and various movies vendors and games. The carnival will continue through Sunday.

Proposed Dining Services Meal Hours  
1988/1989 School Year  
Second Semester

Monday-Friday:

	Mary Low	Johnson/Chaplin	Lovejoy	Spa
B	Closed	7:30-9:45	7:30-9:45	9:45-11:30
L	12:00-1:30	11:30-1:45	11:30-1:45	1:45-5:00
D	5:00-6:30	5:00-7:00	5:00-7:00	7:00-9:00

Saturday:

	Mary Low	Johnson/Chaplin	Lovejoy	Spa
B	Closed	8:00-9:00	Closed	Cash Sales
L	11:30-1:30	10:30-1:30	10:30-1:30	1p.m.-2a.m.
D	5:00-7:00	5:00-8:00	5:00-8:00	

Sunday:

	Mary Low	Johnson/Chaplin	Lovejoy	Spa
B	Closed	Closed	8:00-9:00	Cash Sales
L	11:30-1:30	10:30-1:30	10:30-1:30	1p.m.-11p.m.
D	5:00-7:00	5:00-8:00	5:00-8:00	



# FEATURES

## Don't Forget Frisbee And The Fonz

by Jennifer Scott  
Features Editor

"College should mirror the real world."

This is what many people told me I should keep in mind when I was a high school senior, weary of college essays and sick of begging teachers for college recommendations. I shudder to recall the college application process my senior year. Every day, my dad had some new article about how- with the amount of highly qualified seniors entering the applicant pool I was more likely to be taken hostage by Libyan terrorists than I was to get into the college of my choice.

[The days I agonized over college essays which asked

questions like "If you could be any fruit, what kind of fruit would you be?" and the nights I stayed awake wondering if cosmetology school would take me.] An eyeliner major with a concentration in hair tipping could take me far.

But, all my agonizing was for naught. I was accepted at Colby and prepared carefully for what I thought was the best of all worlds; the college life. Parties into the dawn. Handsome, clean-cut young men with navy crew necks and penny loafers. Frisbee on expansive green lawns. All-nighters, messy dorm rooms, cheering the home team onto victory. In short, I visualized college as kind of an up-dated version of "Happy Days" when Richie, the Malph,

and Potsie all go to college.

I kept thinking about what people had told me about college reflecting the "real world," and I kept thinking of "real life" as this great beyond; a black void where I would be trapped once I got that diploma in my hand. I think college can be frighteningly "real life," despite what people tell me are its obvious shortcomings. Granted, Colby lacks diversity. The social life is probably a lot more hard-core than many of us will experience after graduation. We are not caught up in the 9 to 5 drudgery.

But most of us have felt the pressure to keep up, to prove ourselves worthy, to become "adults." And so in that sense, I think we have gained the stress

of adulthood and lost the innocence of childhood. I think that while this is inevitable, it's also kind of sad. It's important to remember the past, the days when we were like the high school gang of the Fonz and the Gang, when Colby was a part of our future.

You all remember, I'm quite sure, your first real kiss; the first time you drove the car alone, without your mom or dad gripping the armrest with white knuckles; the party you had when the 'rents were gone that got just a little bit out of hand. We all had moments of triumph; personal victories of which you were proud no matter how small they may have seemed to others. And we all had defeats, when a missed

basket or a rejection to a prom invitation stung bitterly.

So, while those days are lost and we are no longer the same people we were then, we can never obliterate the past or think only of being serious adults. It's important to keep up the traditions of pre-Colby days and do all the crazy things that we're supposed to do in college, things that we won't be able to do once Mayflower Hill is just a place we visit on Homecoming- Things like dressing up on Halloween, making weird snow sculptures, dancing in beer puddles in the Student Center. After all, how sad would it be if for \$17,200 a year we could remember nothing but what we learned in class?

## Russia Through American Eyes

by Lori Wright  
News Editor

Shivering from the cold night air we huddled in a circle talking to two Soviet cadettes. Because these men had strict orders by the state not to speak with tourists, we did not want to risk being seen with them in a public place. So, on the streets of Samarkand, which is a city in the republic of Uzbekistan, we exchanged as best as we could our views on our super-power countries. Although they spoke broken English and only a few members of our group had taken Russian, the fact that the individuals of our rival nation wish for peace and better relations was clear. This feeling was clear for the duration of our trip through six cities in

four republics, including Russia, Georgia, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan.

Through either scheduled or spontaneous discussions with Soviet citizens, the sixteen of us reached a better understanding of the Soviet Union as a system and as a way of life. We talked with junior high school students, workers in the market, grandparents, and intellectuals. Generally, one thing is clear: they love and are devoted to their country, while at the same time they want to learn more about the U.S. and continue to improve relations.

Despite Gorbachev's perestroika and glasnost, lines to buy food still extend out the door, individuals are far from being free to travel, and the availability of apartments or

"flats" is still scarce. While Gorbachev is presently enacting plans to afford people with better housing, he has much to do. According to our tour guide in Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, a fifty percent divorce rate plagues the city which might be due to the fact that couples are forced to live in cramped corners, and oftentimes with their parents. Yet the number of rooms in an apartment is not a concern for people living in decrepid mud huts in rural Uzbekistan. It is this hodge-podge of interests among the fifteen separate and distinct republics which is one of Gorbachev's biggest problems, and the focus of our three week study.

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## 1963 Civil Rights March On Washington

The following excerpt comes from the diary of Margaret Wickes, who currently works in Colby's Art Museum, and it tells of her participation in the 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington.

Last Wednesday I went with Betsy Fuller to Washington D. C. for the March for Jobs and Freedom, as much for my own sake as to represent you and the May Memorial Unitarian Church. We both went as Unitarian Universalists and ourselves.

The adventure started out on a hectic note as I retraced my steps in the taxicab to find my purse at home on the hall table. Betsy, in the meantime had had the ticket agent make out two tickets; my taxi pulled back into the bus station with minutes to spare. I plunked down my money and we were on our way.

We had a good dozing night on the bus, with only one change in Elmira, arriving at the Washington terminal at 5:15 in the morning. The concourse was filled with well-heeled sleepy-looking people of many hues mostly with March buttons on. We were too bemused to buy ourselves one at this point from the hawkers at the door. We were still shy enough not to rush to proclaim ourselves and, in any case, didn't know what would be waiting for us at All Souls, our staging area. However, carrying a drawstring bag bulging with provisions: Kleenex, toothbrush, Metrical wafer, prune plums, plus a movie camera, library book, etc., etc. and a canteen slung over my shoulder, I am sure there was no doubt as to our mission.

It was obviously going to be a

hot day so we tried to find a locker to check our coats. The lockers were all in use, so lug it was all the way. After waiting in a seemingly endless line for a cup of coffee we decided, since there was no space to sit, to start ambling uptown in the growing light toward All Souls Unitarian Church which promised to be open at 7:15 a.m. Two hours later we arrived after a pleasant and leisurely hike up 16th Street, with time for our "breakfast" (Metrical wafers and prune plums) on the edge of a lily pool in the Meridian Hill Park.

Once at All Souls we sank gratefully onto a couch in the Ladies Lounge and waited for 8:00 and the serving of coffee in the dining room. At ten we gathered in the auditorium for a "briefing," more accurately a songfest, under the impressive

vocal leadership of two guitar-playing Student Religious Liberals, who sang *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *America* and that moving hymn of the Freedom Movement, *We Shall Overcome*. We sang in the spirit of preparing for battle.

At 10:30 about 800 of us (The Unitarian contingent) boarded buses for the March area. These approached within one block of the formation area at the base of the Washington Monument. We line up 12 abreast, with supposedly six feet between ranks. Betsy and I ended up near the front ranks of the group. I don't think we thought we were sending our youngest into "battle" in the foremost ranks. We had been told that the ministers from the Southern churches were to lead the parade although we couldn't see them from our vantage

point. The college and high school troops were the song-leaders all the way and so when we came down the Mall to the right of the Reflecting Basin singing *We Shall Overcome* as we moved into our assigned position, we received a heart-warming ovation from the largely Black groups stationed on either side. According to the *Washington Evening Star* write-up that night, our group numbered 900, was 99 percent white, and by far the largest such group participating-a point of pride.

Having reached our allotted space, some 500 yards in from of the gleaming white marble of the Lincoln Memorial, on the north side of the Reflecting Basin, we were told to sit on the grass and eat our lunch. We lunched on Metrical Wafers and continued on page 10

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## Water Tests

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installed in the late 1940's, they are composed of solder containing high amounts of lead and copper

which the water leeches on to when traveling through them. *"If there are problems we will retest... we'll identify the problem and solve it."*

The problem is increased when the water is motionless. As a result the highest levels of contamination appear in the morning, because there is little water passing through the system at night.

Although problems do exist, Biology Professor Russell Cole stated, "the real hysteria developing over the water supply... is not warranted."

Nicholson echoed that sentiment stating, "We certainly don't want to cover up a health

hazard, we don't want to alarm people" needlessly. In his letter to the Colby community Nicholson said,

"We are confident that the Colby water is safe to drink."

Nicholson also made the distinction between "water safety and water aesthetics."

He speculated about altering the filtration of the water in the dining halls.

"We're looking at upgrading the level of filtration or maybe going to bottled water," but emphasized, "not because of safety but because of taste and aesthetics."

If needed, further changes will be implemented after the thorough testing is completed, according to Nicholson.

"We've only scratched the surface of a very complicated issue," he said.

# 25 HOURS

## THURSDAY

The Winter's Tale / Colby Performing Arts  
Strider Theater 8:00 PM

The Inspectors Concert 9:00 PM- 1:00 AM, Sponsored by the Crew team Student Center \$3.00 Admission

Susanne Lamdolph (actress) Talk on AIDS  
7:00 PM Chase Lounge BATES COLLEGE

Stu-A Movie DIE HARD 7:00 and 9:15 Lovejoy 100

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## FRIDAY

The Winter's Tale / Colby Performing Arts  
Strider Theater. 8:00 PM

Reunion Concert! Colby **SHOW OF HANDS**  
9:00 PM-1:00 AM, Student Center. Admission, \$4.00

Measure for Measure / Bates Theater  
8:00 PM Gannett Theater, Bates College

Stu-A Movie DIE HARD 7:00 and 9:15 Lovejoy 100

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A Winter's Tale / Colby Theater Productions  
Strider Theater, 8:00 PM

Stu-A movie DIE HARD. 7:00 and 9:15 Lovejoy 100

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Semenya McCord, Jazz Vocalist, with her four-piece band.  
4:00 PM, Lorimer Chapel

Measure for Measure / Bates Theater  
8:00 PM Gannett Theater, Bates College

## SUNDAY

SPA VIDEO NIGHT  
5:00 - 7:00 PM Rock World, 7:00 - 9:00 Spinal Tap  
9:00 - 11:00 Marty's Metal Videos

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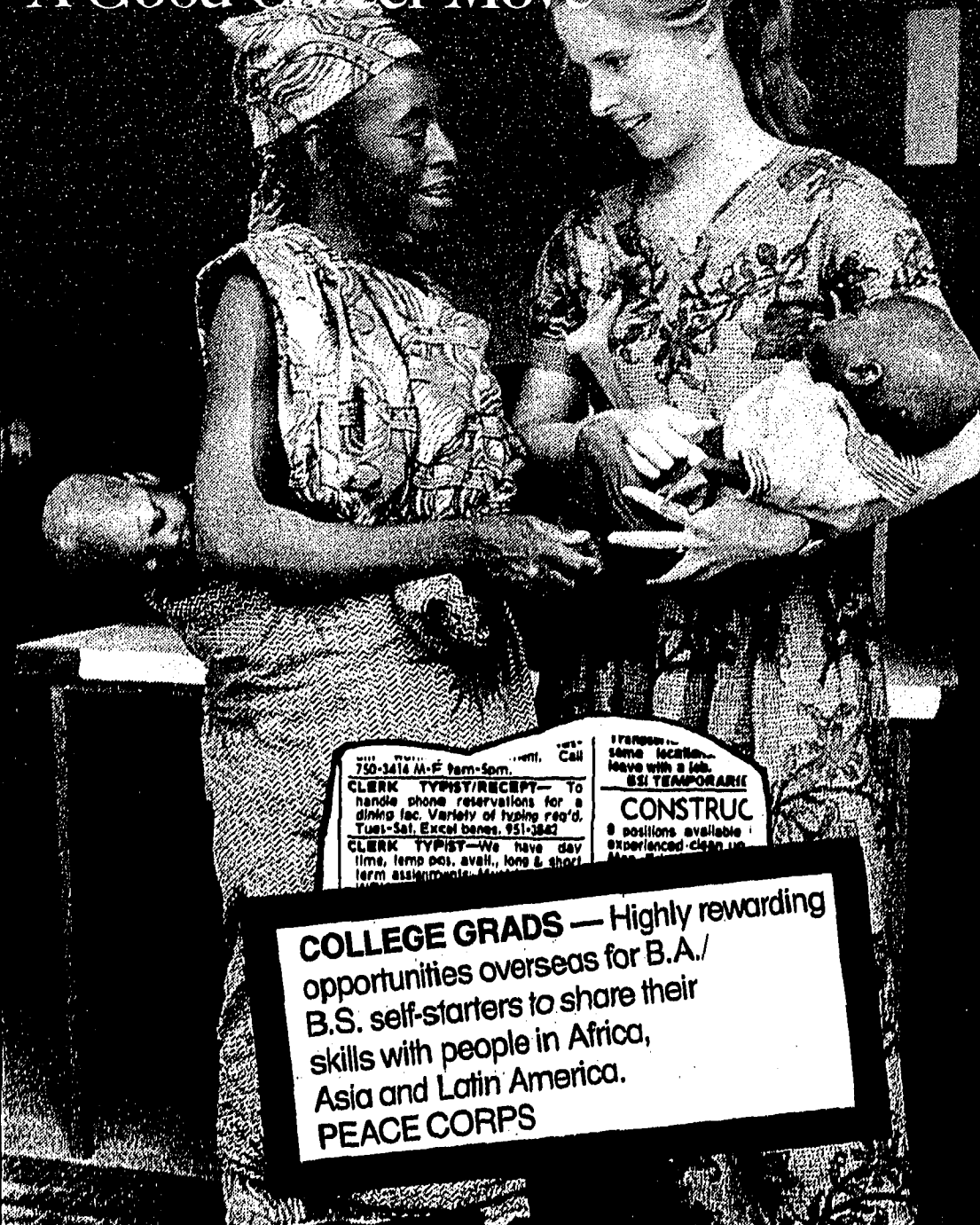
Boston Symphony Orchestra, Seiji Ozawa, Music Director  
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\* **INFORMATION BOOTH.**  
Thurs., Feb. 16 from 9-3:30 p.m. in Student Center  
\* **INTERVIEWS.**  
Thursday, Feb. 16. Sign up in Career Services: 872-3343



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## Nutting

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with sufficient experience.

Despite this evidence calling attention to student satisfaction with Nutting's teaching, the college stuck to their initial decision.

In another attempt at overturning the decision, Nutting sought legal counsel. Nutting's

lawyer, David Lippmann, wrote to Dean Bob McArthur asking that they meet to "discuss grievances" and to try to reach an "amicable agreement." Lippmann received a reply from Colby's lawyer, Hugh McMahon, denying the request.

According to Nutting, McMahon responded that there was no reason to pursue negotiations. Deciding against a law-

suit, Nutting turned to President Cotter as a last resort. In a five page letter to Cotter, Nutting explained his point of view in depth and asked to be reconsidered. The next day Nutting received a four sentence response from Cotter saying that he was, "unable to respond to your various points" because he had engaged in legal counsel

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# LETTERS/OPINION

## A Retraction And A Challenge

I've learned many things in the four years I've been atop Mayflower Hill. One of them is to be accountable for my actions.

The January 26th edition of *The Colby Echo* ran its top story on the condition of the college's water, specifically its lead content. The story included excerpts from federal law, quotes from science professors, Physical Plant personnel, and others who work for both the State of Maine and private water companies.

After the *Echo* went to press, I discovered the article contained several misrepresentations and partial truths. But the biggest problem was the front page photograph of a "Don't Drink The Water Sign." It was incorrectly attributed to Dr. Donald B. Allen. The photo was actually staged.

As Editor of the *Echo*, I apologize to the Colby community, especially Dr. Allen, for its inclusion alongside the article.

The picture raises ethical and moral questions about crossing the line between responsible journalism and sensationalism. The photo challenges every ideal the *Echo* stands for, and jeopardizes the improvement the paper has sought all year. At the very least, the picture was misleading and slanderous.

To guard against future errors, the *Echo* has created the new position of Copy Editor, whose responsibilities will include verifying facts and quotations.

Despite the controversy, however, water remains the important issue. Choosing to either disregard or ignore this on account of the picture would be immature and irrational. And I'd like to believe that those in a position to do something about the water, namely the administration, understand this. Anything contrary to this raises questions about the college's commitment to its own community.

By raising an issue so potentially embarrassing for the college, the article forced the administration to publicly confront a problem that it might have otherwise preferred to deal with less obtrusively. This is both good and bad.

In a time where students have less influence in the way the school is run, it is reassuring to see their actions can bring results. But it is truly a shame that the administration publicly voiced concern about the water only after compelled to do so. The college should have voluntarily told the community what it was doing about the water. Their failure to do this implied a need for secrecy, and therefore, that there really was something to hide.

Administrative Vice President Stanley A. Nicholson's letter to the Colby community dated Feb. 1, failed to point out that the administration is currently working with specific professors within the various science departments to devise a program for systematic testing of the water throughout campus. This will enable the administration to gather a data base from which a responsible decision can be made regarding whether there is a problem, and if there is, how should it be addressed.

According to Geology Professor Bob Nelson, a simple test for lead and copper costs a mere \$7 per sample. He added that the development of an accurate data base would cost the school an absolute minimum of \$10,000 to \$20,000 and, if enacted immediately, could be ready by March 1, at the earliest.

The cost of water testing is irrelevant. Tuition will most likely rise 10.7 percent next year, so I would think that attached to such a price tag is the responsibility of finding out whether any danger lurks in water that has already proven itself to be aesthetically unpleasant.

I'd also like to correct Mr. Nicholson's letter to the Colby community. Part of his letter implied that the call for a petition which accused the college of violating federal law was organized by this paper. Instead, it was run solely by the Colby Environmental Council and had nothing to do with the *Echo*.

Chris Preston  
Editor

## Echo Misleading, Water Safe

The quality of Colby's drinking water is a matter of concern and deserving of the attention it is presently receiving and has received in the recent past. Britt Moore has brought the issue of water quality to the immediate attention of most of the Colby community through her article on the front page of the January 26th issue of the *Echo*. However, there are several points included in Ms. Moore's article that require clarification if the Colby community is to address this issue in a rational and objective manner.

It is unfortunate that the front page photo of the drinking fountain with the "Don't Drink the Water" sign was staged. Ms. Moore made the sign herself and taped it over the drinking fountain, then had the photographer snap the picture. This could have been used effectively as a dramatization, but to identify the sign as "one of many hung in the Mudd Science Building by Geology Professor Donald B. Allen" was

fraudulent.

Last autumn, Professor Allen did put signs above the two drinking fountains on the second floor of Mudd that read, "This water is unfit to drink." This was at a time when the water was very dark in color and contained abundant sediment, probably because work was being done on the water pipes somewhere in the system. The signs were up for approximately two weeks. It was also pointed out to Ms. Moore that many problems with the Mudd Building water are due to insufficient water flow to adequately flush the system. The 20 percent sediment content measured in one sample mentioned in her article represented an EXTREME case noted in 1986; the impression that the Mudd water is normally 20 percent mud by volume is not valid.

While there are indeed problems with water on the Colby campus, much of this is aesthetic and results directly from

the Kennebec Water District's own problems in trying to make the water from China Lake palatable. Levels of algae (particularly in diatoms) are excessively high in China Lake, and though the chlorination process kills these and other microorganisms, their remains frequently remain suspended in the water. As noted in Ms. Moore's article, the Kennebec Water District is presently planning construction of a major filtration plant, which should eliminate much of this problem.

The lead levels indicated in the Physical Plant studies of Colby drinking water are and have been a matter of particular concern; the high levels mentioned in Ms. Moore's article, however, appeared in neither previous nor subsequent tests. Concentrations of both lead and copper are measured in parts per billion, a level of dilution at which analytical errors become significant and which approaches the practical detection limits of many laboratories. For these reasons, it is critically important that re-testing be done to verify previous high readings. Additional testing of Colby water is presently underway and is planned for the future; over 70 additional samples were submitted late in December alone.

The presence of organic chemicals in drinking water is a matter of national concern. Chloroform, one organic chemical, is commonly present in drinking water as a by-product of the chlorination process that kills bacteria and other microorganisms. Chloroform was detected in some samples of Colby's water but in all cases was well below the maximum allowable limit. Dozens of other known carcinogenic (cancer-causing) hydrocarbons were not detected at all, although tests were conducted for them. There is also no available evidence that there is any link between cancer rates in the Waterville area and the local water supply.

Quotes, which are scattered throughout the article, are supposed to be accurate citations of what someone has said, in precisely his/her own words. The fact that Ms. Moore took few notes when talking to us is probably why the "quotes" used bear only slight resemblance to what was actually said. Consequently, information used was out of context. Professor Reynolds' reference to most people using tap water (highlighted on page 1.) for instance, was with respect to cooling water for his equipment.

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# Black History Month: Its Beginning And Its Importance

Chantal Miller  
Contributor

Michelle R. Pinnock  
Contributor

"The key to black mental health is awareness of who we are," said Na'im Akbar, a former president of the National Association of Black Psychologists.

Any people, in order to succeed and prosper, must have a sense of importance and belonging. The history of blacks in America is a story of determination, courage, and inspiration. Their extraordinary contributions helped shape this nation's character.

This heritage was first honored in 1926 by Black American Carter G. Woodson, "The Father of Black History," who established Negro History Week. Over time, this week long event grew into Black history month, now nationally recognized as taking place in February.

Woodson left West Virginia State College in 1922 where he was Dean of College in order to dedicate his time to the study of Negro Life and History in Chicago. In this time he promoted historical research and writing, published books on Negro life and history, encouraged the study of Negro history through various civic organizations, and collected his-

torical manuscripts relating to black history. Yet by and large, the history of blacks is greatly undervalued by society and poorly represented in history courses and texts.

Black history month gives Black Americans the opportunity to celebrate and to immerse themselves into their rich history and culture. Furthermore, it appeals to all because it celebrates the African American contribution to the history and culture of the United States.

So this month is a great beginning to the awareness necessary for our society but it has to be celebrated by all. We were fortunate enough to have attended an elementary school that stressed the importance of Black History. We have a sense of belonging, of purpose, and of pride. The history of our people is an unlimited resource of strength and encouragement. Share it with us.

It's about time that Americans recognized the greatness of these contributions to the United States. We, as a nation, should integrate Black history into American history instead of segregating it.

*To learn more about Black history, read the table tents in the dining halls for information and events, and consult the calendars in the Student Center, the Miller library, and Roberts Union for visiting lecturers and performers.*



## What's Your Black History I.Q.?

- The first Blacks arrived in Jamestown, Va.  
a. 50 years after the arrival of the Mayflower.  
b. 100 years after the arrival of the Mayflower.  
c. 1 year before the arrival of the Mayflower.
- Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable  
a. led a famous slave revolt.  
b. was the first Black in the National Football League.  
c. founded Chicago.
- The first Black player on "organized" baseball was  
a. Moses Fleetwood Walker  
b. Jackie Robinson  
c. Larry Doby
- The first successful operation on the human heart was performed by  
a. Dr. Christian Barnard  
b. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams  
c. Dr. Charles Drew
- Abraham Lincoln said a major factor in the preservation of the Union was the contribution of  
a. the 10,000 Black Union troops  
b. the 200,000 Black Union troops  
c. Black cotton pickers
- Of the 44 founding fathers and mothers of Los Angeles  
a. 1 was black  
b. 4 were black or descendants of blacks  
c. 26 were black or descendants of blacks
- The only major male participant at the Seneca Falls, N.Y. convention that launched the U.S. women's rights movement was  
a. Frederick Douglass  
b. Wendell Phillips  
c. Theodore Roosevelt
- Of the 15 jockeys in the first Kentucky Derby in 1875  
a. 14 were black  
b. 1 was black  
c. 3 were black
- Nat (Deadwood Dick) Love was  
a. a famous rock star  
b. a famous cowboy  
c. a slave artisan
- Madame C. J. Walker was  
a. a "reader" and a spiritulist  
b. a famous Paris entertainer  
c. The first self-made woman millionaire
- George Washington, son of a slave, founded  
a. Mound Bayou, Miss.  
b. Centralia, Wa.  
c. Boley, Okla.
- The Souls of Black Folk* was published in  
a. 1895  
b. 1903  
c. 1923
- Benjamin Benneker  
a. helped survey Washington D.C.  
b. was a painter  
c. was a dancer
- William Alexander Leidesdorff was  
a. a German-American track star.  
b. a star in the first black movie  
c. one of the founders of San Francisco
- The three-way automatic stop sign was invented by  
a. Alexander Graham Bell  
b. Garrett A. Morgan  
c. George Washington Carver
- Nefertari was  
a. an African born model  
b. a fashion designer  
c. an Egyptian queen
- Native Son* is a  
a. T.V. miniseries  
b. novel by Richard Wright  
c. poem by Toni Morrison
- The First Black Woman to receive a major U.S. government appointment was  
a. Mary Church Terrell  
b. Mary McLeod Bethune  
c. Patricia Harris
- James Weldon Johnson and his brother J. Rosamond Johnson composed "Lift Every Voice and Sing" in  
a. 1870  
b. 1929  
c. 1900
- The first major novel published by a Black American was  
a. *Cane* by Jean Toomer  
b. *Clotel* or *The Presidents Daughter* by William Wells Brown  
c. *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

Give yourself five for each correct answer. If you scored less than 70 you are, according to Black History paraisans, culturally deprived and should run to the nearest library and check out a book on black history.

Answers: 1. c; 2. c; 3. a; 4. b; 5. b; 6. c; 7. a; 8. a; 9. b; 10. c; 11. b; 12. b; 13. a; 14. c; 15. b; 16. c; 17. b; 18. b; 19. c; 20. b

This test was taken from one February issue of *Ebony* magazine.

## Four Year Education Challenged

I am writing to voice my opinion on the new rule that was passed at Colby a couple years ago which requires every Colby student to be in residence at Colby or an affiliated exchange program for eight full semesters before they are allowed to graduate. Prior to this, students were permitted to graduate as soon as they were able to meet the credit requirement for their degree. Now, any student who wishes to graduate early must file a petition with the (Administrative Committee) stating the reason(s) why they wish to graduate early. As of yet, no student has ever been granted permission to waive the residency requirement.

I filed a petition with the Committee based on financial, medical, and family reasons, but my request was denied. I was told that family and financial reasons are not even taken

into consideration, since the Committee does not feel these are legitimate concerns. I asked Dean Seitzinger the reason for the residency requirement, and she gave me a vague answer about getting a well-rounded liberal arts education, and that it is also to discourage students from taking five classes a semester, since if everyone did this the classes would be too full.

I do not think this is a legitimate concern, since not everyone would want or be able to handle a heavier course load. Also, I do not see how one's education can become "more rounded" in four years as opposed to three if the same number of courses are taken either way. There are exceptions to every rule, and I think Colby is being narrow-minded in refusing to grant any exceptions to this rule.

I believe Colby is limiting students' potential by not allowing them to work at their own pace or to their full capacity. I have been taking a heavy course load, and my overall GPA is above that of many students taking lesser loads. I feel that if a student is capable of meeting the graduation requirements early, he/she should not be forced into wasting the time and expense of attending school for an extra year. I would like to ask the Administrative Committee to reconsider their decision regarding my petition; I do not want to leave Colby, but if they do not allow me to graduate a year early, they leave me no choice but to transfer to another school that will.

Julie Jenkins '91

## Off Campus Students On Their Own

by William Stauffer  
Contributor

Over the past several months I've been hearing quite a few complaints from students wishing to live off campus and from those already off campus wishing to fill their leases. The real problem came when a minority of off campus students were unable to fill their leases because of the administration's decision not to allow anymore students to live off campus.

Now, surely, we all may feel sympathetic towards those poor off campus students who will now have to pay double rent or be threatened with thousand dollar law suits. Yet, the administration's decision is right, of course, because they have the contract. How can Paul Johnston or Janice Seitzinger

actually be expected to help these students when the students have already signed a contract releasing the school from any obligation to do so.

Furthermore, the administration may have promised some students, such as Carolyn Lockwood, that there would be a lottery to select a certain number of on campus students to fill any empty places in the off campus students' houses. Yet, Lockwood failed to get the administration to sign any contract for that promise, and that is why she is now in trouble. It was obviously wrong of her and others to assume that the relationship between the administration and students is based on anything more than a contract. What were those students thinking? That the ad-

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question involved traveling by either plane or train to Moscow, Tbilisi, Samarkand, Bukhara, Alma-Ata, and Leningrad. The most striking facet of the trip was the differences between each of the republics and the fact that they are even a part of this vast land. Before arriving I thought that everyone in the Soviet Union was Caucasian, wore black fur hats and dark grey coats, and lived in the snow-covered city of Moscow or something like it. Arriving in Moscow, my preconceived notions actually held intact, for not only did everyone wear fur hats, but stern, no-nonsense expressions as well. Young Soviet boys, however, had no problem smiling when they saw a group of American students tromping through the streets, for they knew that we had gum. "GUM! GUM! GUM!" they'd say, in hopes of exchanging a Soviet pin for a stick or two. These minor trades were fun at first, but when the novelty wore off we named them "gum rats," and batted them off when they herded towards us.

Going to Tbilisi, Georgia from Moscow involved as much culture shock as from the U.S. to Moscow. When we landed in Tbilisi someone compared it to Florida, with the arid climate, palm trees, and snowless streets. Except for flowered shawls over the women's heads, most people did not wear hats, so we could see that they were not Caucasian, but olive-skinned and dark haired. Friendlier than the Russians,

bottles of the home-grown Georgian wine and champagne were sent to our tables in the restaurants to welcome us to Georgia.

While Russian is sometimes spoken as a second language, the mother tongue is Georgian. This is the case in other republics as well, where people speak their native languages such as Uzbek or Kazak. The many different languages in the Soviet Union make it difficult for the republics to interact with one another and hinders the movement towards true unification of the republics. I found it difficult to arrive at concrete conclusions on the degree to which the varying nationalities effects the condition of the Soviet Union. I had to keep reminding myself that I was in the Soviet Union, for each republic seemed like its own country, separate from the U.S.S.R.

However, tributes to Lenin prevail across the country, and huge murals of his face painted on a bright red background are enough to remind one of his or her place. He is everywhere and Stalin is nowhere. Any form of memorial to Stalin has been well-hidden or destroyed, except for one statue in Gori, the town of his birthplace. While we were advised by our tour guide not to go to Gori on account of the Stalin museum being closed for renovation, we figured that it was just a plot to hide us from any indication that the man ever existed. We were wrong—the exhibition was being redone, but at least we got a picture of the only remaining statue.

Although the state is trying

to erase parts of Soviet history by eliminating Stalin from text books, guided tours, and museums, the Soviet people comply with such actions due to the cruel purges which occurred while he was in power. Almost every citizen of the U.S.S.R. lost a friend or relative when Stalin held control. We visited the cemetery in Leningrad where a quarter of a million Soviet people are buried, and the number of mourners placing flowers on the mass graves showed a sort of patriotism among the Soviet people which the devastating wars and revolu-

tions have created.

While Soviets are very interested in both life in America and in acquiring our goods, such as jeans, sweatshirts, and walkmen, devout feelings for their country are in the air. Nicholas Daniloff said in his book *Two Lives One Russia*, "Love of country is strong among Russians. They complain endlessly, of course, criticizing the government for everything from the lack of food in the shops to their inability to travel abroad. Yet, given the opportunity, few Russians would choose to live anywhere

else. If the Soviet borders were opened, people would flood out to see the world, but I believe that most would return home in time."

Most of us were glad to return home as well, but the three weeks spent seeing and experiencing many aspects of the entire Soviet Union made us aware of both the extreme differences and the striking similarities between our two countries. Politically and culturally we are opposite, but as individuals who want peace, we think alike.

## Water Safe

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ment, not for drinking. While none of us drink the water from Mudd building laboratory faucets, that does NOT mean that we don't drink Colby water, which we do regularly, in coffee and tea, drinks at the spa and dining halls, and from water fountains.

Lastly, there would be little effort required to check a campus directory or college catalog to ensure that names are correctly spelled when one is attributing information or quotes to anyone, be they students,

faculty, or staff. Several of us had also offered to comment on a draft of Ms. Moore's paper and would be happy to read and discuss any future items on the subject.

Rather than serving to focus attention on a serious problem that is already being investigated, Ms. Moore's article has had the unfortunate result of excessively and unnecessarily alarming the campus community as well as those parents, alumni/alumnae, and friends who receive the *Echo*. While we do need to be concerned about the quality of our drinking water, we also need to approach the issue objectively, with a solid understanding of the ex-

tent and scope of the problem that can only be gained by careful and deliberate study.

It is important to note that, at least as of this writing, to the best of anyone's knowledge the Colby water supply is safe to drink.

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*Editor's note: the Echo assumes responsibility for Ms. Moore's article. (see Editorial)*

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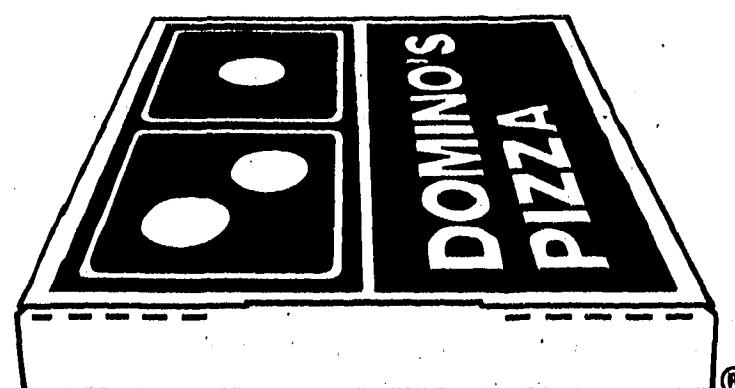
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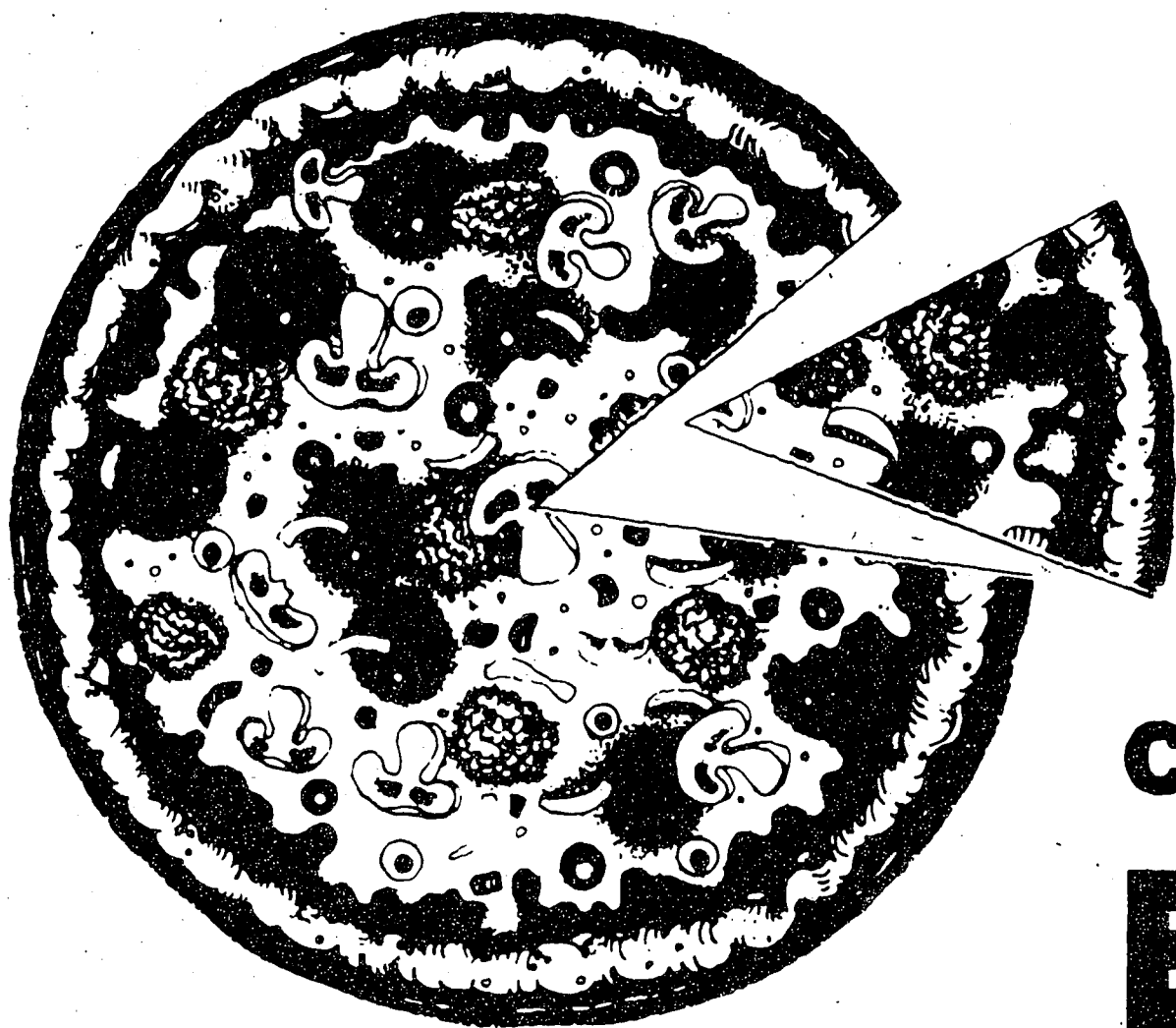


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prune-plums, liberally washed down with canteen water; Betsy's, as I hadn't even bothered to fill mine since the borrowed movie camera weighed heavily. I was enjoying trying my hand at documentary footage, hopeful of a few feet of viewable film in spite of my inexperience.

During this lunch and gathering period, which lasted from about 12:30 until 2:30, we were entertained with a variety of musical numbers and messages from celebrities by a variety of well-known artists, the most

notable of which were scheduled again, later, between the main speakers. The weather was perfect, but even 80 degrees seems like 90 after three or four hours, and so before the last of the dazzling array of speakers and singers had boomed forth on powerful speakers from the top of the Memorial steps, most of us had taken to cooling our feet in the shallow waters of the Reflecting Pool. Occasionally someone would get into it beyond a decorous foot-dangle.

It would be romanticizing to say that the 800,000 people did not each, at one time or another, wish that there were fewer notables to be heard from, but as 4:00 approached we all sensed that this was to be it!

This was what we had been patiently waiting for: Roy Wilkins, Walter Reuther and then Martin Luther King!

Martin Luther King lifted the by now soggy crowd to its feet and instilled in everyone a sense of hope and the reality of achieving success in the struggles ahead for true equality. As the conscience of America and as he spoke we felt that he was the conscience of each one of us there. Eight-hundred thousand people were dedicating their hearts to achieving the Dream that was his but ours as well.

Mahalia Jackson and Marion Anderson wound up the four hour program and by this time no eye was dry. The March was over. It remained to ask the

assembled marchers to pledge to "fight to the finish" at whatever personal cost. The first assignment to contact each one's representative lawmakers to demand immediate action on civil rights legislation. There had been strong words and there had been gentle words expressed, but we were there, so we were charged to be the Commandos in the struggles ahead. We united in those final moments in a bond of commitment. For none of us was there any escape. Black or white, we had received the charge.

Words over the loudspeaker exhorting the crowds to disperse quietly were redundant. We had experienced together. Perhaps not surprisingly, ex-

cept for the departing demonstrators, downtown Washington was virtually deserted. For the next three hours until our bus departed, we had the feeling the town was ours. There was an easy sense of being able to communicate across what was no longer, for those who experienced the day together, a barrier of color. I wanted to telephone home to Syracuse but had no change. A young Black man waiting in line to phone at a public booth asked Betsy for a drink from her canteen. He, in turn, loaned me change for my phone call.

...Seven fifty-five a.m. saw us once more in Syracuse; numb, but with none of the thrill of having participated in the making of history worn off.

## Contract

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ministration would go beyond that little contract and help their own tuition paying students?

Carolyn Lockwood even went to speak with President Cotter about the situation. She stated that in their meeting the President was overly defensive and indifferent towards the students' problems. Yet what could Cotter do? He's a legal man; he knows the limits of the contract. I am sure, however, he was not in any way indifferent to the needs of the students; for I have heard of those Fireside Chats he holds—something of a cross between the "Mister Rogers" and "Phil Donahue" shows.

There was another worry, too. What would the landlords think about Colby College once they learned that some Colby students had to break their

leases? Well, of course they would be quite upset. However, in the last edition of the *Echo* President Cotter characterized the relations between Waterville and Colby as, "always being very good." As long as the President of our college says there is a good relationship between the town and Colby, I am sure those landlords will feel the same as well. There is no reason to back up such a wonderful relationship with proper conduct. I have come to an almost certain decision that the students and landlords are wrong in this case. The only solution I could think of would be to... well, to... perhaps use that two-hundred thousand dollar financial aid surplus to make up for allowing the mere six or so students asked for to fill the voids in the leases. Yet, I would be concerned that such a move may upset that ever so important contract.

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## A Word From The Sports Section

A lot of people think that men's hockey coach Mickey Goulet was put under the microscope in last *Echo's* Sports Editorial "Why Won't Mickey Talk?" He wasn't really, but it was a start. Some people were unhappy with what they read, saying that the scrutiny was unfair. Others approved.

It is good that there was varied response. The *Echo* Sports section throughout the second semester will try to evoke more response by conducting our own examination of the entire Athletic Department.

We hope to find some answers to some interesting questions.

Our intent as sports writers is to give the reading audience information about the sports world and in our pursuits we may step on a few toes. However, we would rather stir up some controversy in our attempts to show people what we feel is the truth, than allow things to stagnate and have a negative effect on a certain sport.

## The White Mule Hockey Notebook

by Billy Goodman  
Staff Writer

The Colby women's hockey team has skated to an 8-10-1 record under the guidance of fourth year head coach Rob Pfeiffer while playing what Pfeiffer calls, "The finest women's hockey teams in the country, even in the world."

The team is led by hotshot senior All-American Megan Patrick who, with 27 goals and 10 points to her credit, is on track for another All-American bid. She is ably assisted by her fellow captains Robin MacWalter and Jenny Webster.

Pfeiffer is happy with the teams play against the tough schedule this year, but is vehement about the ECAC officials decision to not count Colby's wins and losses besides those that were against Division I teams.

"If we had known this at the beginning of the season", says Pfeiffer, "we would have scheduled accordingly. But rather, they (ECAC officials) changed their minds on the rules in the middle of the season. We scheduled against the best teams for a reason and now our kids are being punished."

On the bright side of the season has been the play of sophomores Liz Preston and Dina Cloutier, as well as a host of other freshmen and sophomores who have filled in where injuries were threatening to drag the team down.

Pfeiffer says, "Oh geez, these kids are really turning into hockey players. They're able to communicate and see each other with much less effort. However, it gets real interesting out there with so many young kids, but their holding their own."

With five games left, the Lady

Mules must maintain their level of play if they have any hopes of getting into the ECAC playoffs. They must also hope that the ECAC officials don't bring back the little known Rule 76 which states: All players must play with their helmets on backwards, the goalie must drive the zamboni and the head coach must sing both the National Anthem and "God Save the Queen" prior to the opening face off.

Senior Dave Loser's score with 15 seconds remaining in regulation at St. Anselms tied the game at 4-4 and sent it into overtime. In the overtime period, senior Quinn Moyer took a pass from sophomore Chris Caponi and ripped one past the St. A's keeper to win the game, 5-4.

The men's hockey team sits at 7-10-2 after Tuesday's overtime triumph over the Eagles, but the Mules have struggled as of late, dropping three in a row over the break: Merrimack (7-2), Middlebury (5-1) and Norwich (4-3 in overtime).

With four games remaining, the team must claw their way past Union, Hamilton, Babson, and the plague from the South, the Bowdoin teddy bears to salvage a .500 season and a chance at the ECAC playoffs.

One of the brightest spots on this year's team has been the outstanding goaltending of rookie Eric Turner who game after game has drawn plenty of "oohs" and "ahhs" from the adoring Colby fans. Sophomore Bill Clough, a transfer from U.M.O. this season, has also been a major factor in the seven wins, but he was sidelined over the weekend with a severely separated shoulder and will

## Skiers Kick Bootie

by Don Darby  
Contributor

The past three weekends have meant nothing but victory for the talented Colby Ski Team. Thirteen other division II ski teams, including Harvard, MIT, Skidmore, and Bowdoin College have simply been unable to touch Colby's well balanced squad.

The men's alpine team is lead by captain Don Darby '89 who has compiled first and second place finishes in slalom and a 2nd in giant slalom (GS). Freshman Mark Radcliffe won the GS last weekend and has been consistently strong all season. Senior Bob Gallagher, who rips through slalom courses wearing his purple helmet, placed fifth at the Sugarbush meet. The depth of the men's team is filled by Junior John Hutchins,

Sophomores George Moore (rumored to have been recruited by the Europa Cup circuit after his 3rd place slalom finish) and J.C. Kiser, and Freshmen Mike Gerard and Erik Beckman.

The women's alpine team is lead by Sophomore Ellyn Paine who has walked The Dog to consistent top three finishes all season. Senior co-captain Lisa Beliveau and Junior Beth Kubik (known for her attraction to nice eyes) are both having excellent seasons so far and are expected to be consistent top ten finishers. Susan Gerstberger '91, who is coming off a knee injury, Ingrid Kasaks '89, and freshman Sarah Haynes have also helped carry the women's team to continuous victory.

Despite the lack of snow this past month, the Nordic team is probably the strongest at Colby since 1983 when the Ski Team

was reinstated as a varsity sport. Throughout January, the Nordic Skiers were on a rigorous training program with the Carrabassett Touring Center at Sugarloaf. The undefeated men's team is lead by Marc Gilbertson '91, Sean Skaling '91, Trey Amundsen '90, Eric Hansen '89, Chris Frothingham '92, and captain Bill Morgan '89. The women's team is carried by Hilary Greene '91, Jen Greenleaf '92, Erin Minear '92, Amy Shedd '90, and Ellie Maddox '92. A special recognition goes to Sonya Hall '89, who unfortunately has a knee injury, and Tom Wilde '89 who are the primary support and organization behind the entire team. Colby skiers travel to Saratoga Springs, New York this weekend and will be skiing in the Division II Championships next weekend at Killington and Dartmouth.



Can you say face rake?

photo by Chip Gavin

## The Colby Echo

is holding an information session for all those interested in either writing or photography during Spring Semester, Tuesday February 14, in the Club Room in the second floor of the Student Center

The *Echo* encourages all interested students to attend

## Big Weekend For Colby Hoops!

This Saturday night the Colby women's and men's basketball teams host their nationally ranked counterparts from Husson College. The women will battle the 17-1 Braves at 7 and the men will play at 9. Both games promise action and will be telecast on Channel 5.

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### McCrudden Destined For Kalamazoo

by Brian Murphy  
Staff Writer

Freshwoman tennis standout Margaret McCrudden has come a long way in a very short time. In the time it takes to blast an ace serve or a backhand smash for a winner, McCrudden's spectacular play this season for the Colby Women's Tennis team has volleyed her from a virtual unknown with potential to the No. 16 rank nationally for women's singles in Division III.

As her coach Paula Aboud said, "To put it mildly, what Margaret's done this year is not just a surprise, it's a shock." When McCrudden arrived on Mayflower Hill in September, Coach Aboud wasn't really sure where McCrudden would fit in her lineup. "I only saw a video of Margaret before she got here. I felt that she could play varsity here but I didn't expect anything exceptional." Surprise, surprise! In just her first season of college tennis, McCrudden was Colby's No. 1 singles player, partner of cap-

tain Laura Thornton on the No. 2 doubles team, and was the driving force behind the team's successful capture of the Maine State Tennis Championship.

Individually, McCrudden lost only one match all year on her way to the Maine State Singles Championship, and along with Thornton, the 2nd Division Maine State Doubles Championship. Now with her recent ranking as No. 16 nationally, McCrudden is hoping to test herself against the best in the country at this spring's Nationals in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

McCrudden commented on her success this year: "I surprised myself by how well I did, but I think I can play better. I was much stronger mentally than my opponents." Her mental toughness will be of particular importance if she is to compete and fare well in the nationals.

McCrudden will have to overcome an additional hurdle that her other national opponents won't face. Colby Women's Tennis does not play a spring

schedule. There was a question that she may not be allowed to compete because of NESCAC rules that prohibit such national competition.

However, coach Aboud has contacted a NESCAC representative who had helped a Bowdoin player in a similar situation three years ago and feels that McCrudden will not encounter any problem.

"Margaret has the support of the the Colby Athletic Department, her coach, and her team," said Aboud, "Her only problem is that she will need someone to practice with but I know she can practice with members of the men's team and a women's player in the area who was nationally ranked at Washington State. She'll need to go to one or two tournaments before the Nationals but I know with Margaret's motivation she'll succeed."

After the long road McCrudden has already travelled in so short a time, it's a good bet she'll make it to Kalamazoo in the spring.



Frosh Margaret McCrudden (right) was nationally recognized last fall. With the help of Coach Paula Aboud she hopes to go to the National Championships this spring.

### White Mules Looking Homeward

by John Mullen  
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's basketball team split a two game weekend roadtrip in Vermont. On Friday, after an eight hour bus ride, the White Mules came out flat and dropped their third game of the season, 94-89 to Middlebury. The team regrouped the next day by defeating Norwich 101-84 in a physical, injury marred game. They are now 15-3.

Coach Whitmore was not entirely pleased with his team's recent performance. "We didn't play well in the first half against Middlebury (at one point behind by 17 points). That cost us the game. But at Norwich we played well. We had a good blend of performances. Five players scored in double figures."

Senior Co-captain Scott Jablonski also expressed unhappiness with his own performance in Friday's loss. "After being cramped in my seat for eight hours I was beat

physically when I got out on the court. It was tough to get going against Middlebury. They're not a quality ballclub, but they were pesky, tough to play against."

The White Mules turned themselves around Saturday. After a needed night of rest the team countered the physical play of Norwich with crisp passing, team defense, and mental toughness. "When we play bad, we play horribly," Jablonski said, "But when we play well, we play awesome."

They played awesome against Norwich, but they paid for the victory in injuries. A Norwich player fingered junior center Nick Childs' contact up into his eyelid, and both junior Rob "V" Hyland and Jablonski injured a knee. Junior Co-captain Matt Hancock performed well while continuing to wear a backbrace which limits his flexibility. "No one expected Hancock to play, but he did anyway," Jablonski said.

The team is now in the middle of a week long break. Their next game is Saturday, February 11.

The injured will have a chance to heal and prepare for one of the most important games of the season: vs. Husson College, the 26-2 NAIA power. The game will be aired on Channel 5, at 9 p.m.

"Husson matches up well with us," said Jablonski, "We beat them in the last 30 seconds in our last game with them."

by Jeffrey Smith  
Staff Writer

The best. That is the word that surfaces when describing the women's 1988-89 squash team. The White Mules are in the midst of their best season ever, with 5 wins and 2 losses.

Two significant victims of the Colby onslaught have been Bowdoin and Bates, thus establishing Colby as CBB champions. The win over Bowdoin was only the Mule's third in the past 11 years. Colby overpow-

They're very competitive."

If the team defeats Husson and the other five opponents left on their schedule, Coach Whitmore knows his team will be ready for the playoffs: "If we win 20 games this season we should host the playoffs and be the number one seed."

What will it take to secure the homecourt play-off advantage?

### Best Ever And Burning With Potential

ered Bates twice, sealing their supremacy.

The ladies notched a pair impressive wins when they thrashed both Haverford and Colgate (9-0). The win over Colgate was sweet revenge after last year's 3-6 loss.

Coach Paula Aboud said the stalwarts of the team are Margaret Iggoe '92, Meredith Johnson '92, Laura Thornton '89, Jen Pierce '89, and Twisty Gogolak '91. Coach Aboud described the first three as the best players ever to represent Colby. She described Pierce as

Jablonski thinks the White Mule fans are the key. "The home crowd is crucial for us. To me, to hear the crowd cheering us on the court is the second best feeling in the world. We have great fans and we love to play in front of them. If we make the playoffs there is no way we're going to lose on our home court."

a "cool, consistent player who just knows what to do to beat her opponents." Aboud said Gogolak is "blossoming as a squash player" in only her second year of playing.

This weekend the team travels to Yale for the National Team Championships hoping to improve on last year's fifth place finish.

Women's squash will end their season with a dual meet vs. Bowdoin (Feb. 18th, home), and a three way match against Smith, Amherst, and Mt. Holyoke (Feb. 24-25).