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Forum opens channels for communication

By Laura Pavlenko
NEWS EDITOR

Students, faculty, and administrators all met in a packed Student Center last night at a forum designed to address student voice on campus.

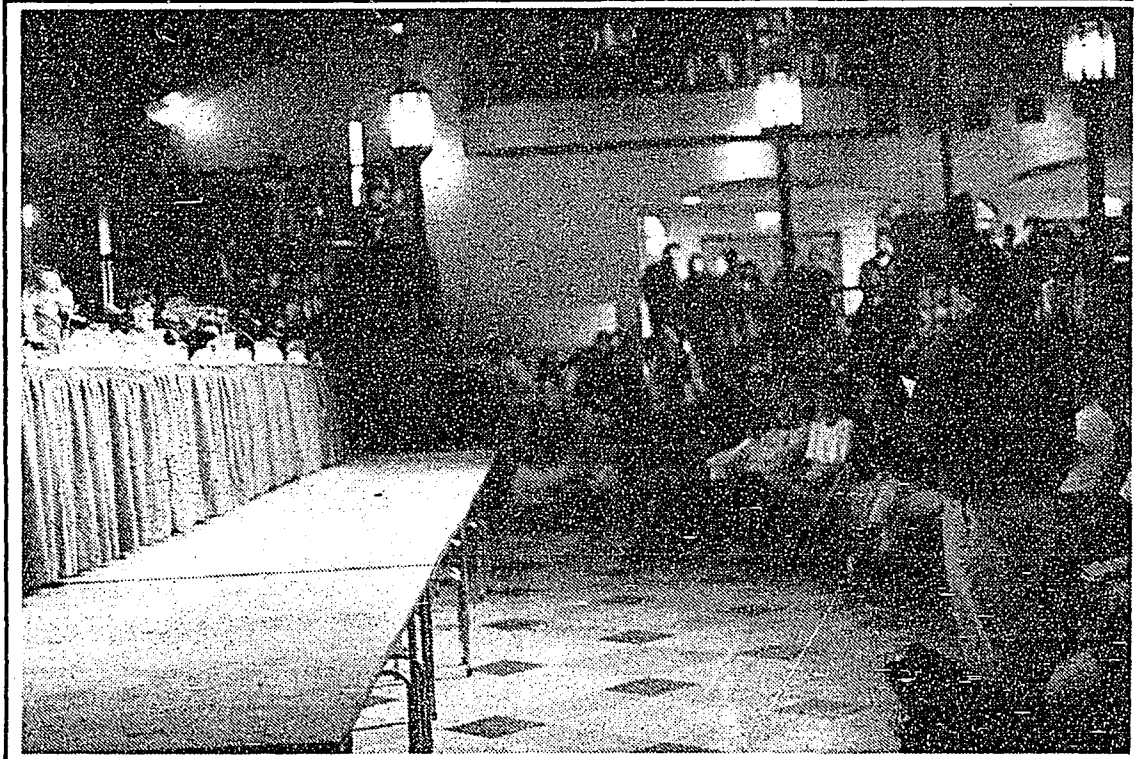
The forum, organized and facilitated by a group of Colby seniors, was designed to provide constructive criticism, dialogue, and discussion between all voices of the college community, according to David Roderick '92, one of the forum's organizers.

"This isn't a time for pointing fingers," said Eric Johnson '92, another student organizer.

In a speech to the crowd, President William Cotter said it was clear there was a breakdown in communication between students and administrators. "We've always prided ourselves on student consultation, but that consultation has broken down," he said. "We need to set up dialogues that don't exist now."

One suggestion, from Keith Dupuis '93, president of Johnson Commons, was to restructure the committee system so that Presidents' Council and the Student Affairs Committee work in parallel, like the relationship between the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) and the faculty.

Under the present system, EPC drafts



Erik Mortenson '94, stands to address the administration at last night's forum.

photo by Amy Kl. Borrell

and endorses policies which are enacted only through a majority vote of the faculty. Many student leaders would like Presidents' Council to have final approval of Student Affairs' policies that deal directly with students.

"[Members of Presidents' Council] feel we have a difficult time getting our views looked

at," said Erik Mortenson '94, president of Drummond.

"I think you have put your finger on a big problem," Dean of the College Earl Smith said to Mortenson. "Student power is too diverse. It's spread throughout the committee system."

Mark Boles '92, suggested eliminating some of Colby's committees as a way to streamline communications. "There are too many committees," he said. "I haven't seen much get solved in the committees I've served on."

"I'm very tempted to cut down on the number of committees," responded Bob McArthur, dean of faculty. However, McArthur felt that eliminating committees would only limit student voice further by cutting down on representation.

Other students used the forum as an arena to voice general concerns about the College. Responding to one student, Cotter denied rumors that unionized campus security guards would be fired this summer and replaced by non-union workers.

Several students addressed issues concerning the music department that dealt with music lessons for non-majors, increased practice facilities for campus bands, and the addition of a full-time band director.

Chris Mastrangelo '92, Goddard-Hodgkins president and an organizer of last week's protest to the trustees, said that poor lighting on campus was an example of how student voice was either not heard or ignored.

Students have urged the College to improve outdoor lighting on campus, but the improvements have been minimal, according to Mastrangelo. He blamed the poor lighting

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Higgins and Rimas elected by wide margin

By Kathryn Cosgrove
STAFF WRITER

With all of the recent attention on issues surrounding student input in the Colby community, recently elected Student Association officers Bill Higgins '93, and Karyn Rimas '93, have vowed to improve student representation on campus committees.

"Students became apathetic this year because they didn't feel they had a say in Colby activities and policies," said Higgins, newly elected Stu-A president for the 1992-93 academic year. "I want to get everyone involved in all aspects of Colby life. The first thing Karyn and I plan on doing is getting more student representation on all committees."

"We want the average student to get involved," he said. Representation should not be limited to hall presidents and Stu-A [executives]. Everyone deserves to have their opinions heard."

"The demonstration on Friday was a perfect example [of students wanting to be heard by the administration]. Students have opinions and they want those opinions to be heard," she said. "Every student on this campus has the power to change what they don't agree with. [Higgins and I are] here to listen to what students want changed and help them voice their opinions."

"I think that communication is the key. We need to inform students of what is going

on within the administration and the Student Association," said Higgins.

One of the proposed changes would be the implementation of a floor representative system. In each dorm there would not only be a hall president and vice president, but also floor representatives. The floor representatives would attend Presidents' Council meetings and then report back directly to the members of the floor.

"We're hoping this would improve communication between hall residents and student officers. These [floor] representatives would be close to their constituents and better able to express their concerns at meetings," said Higgins.

"Between open meetings and more representation, we need to make a change right away," he said. "We want the students to know that we will always be available for new suggestions and opinions."

"Students realized [during the campaign] that we represent their voice, and we are not afraid to bring their voice directly to the administration," said Higgins. "We are here for the students, and we plan to fight for the students."

Jason Soules '93, current Stu-A president and Higgins' opponent in the election, said, "The timing of the election favored Bill - That's politics. Hopefully, the end result will be a better Colby."

Karen Laidley '93, current Stu-A vice president and cultural chair elect '92-'93, is

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Student fees set at \$23,090 for next year

By Laura Pavlenko
NEWS EDITOR

Total student charges for the 1992-1993 academic year were set at \$23,090 by the Board of Trustees last weekend, according to Earl Smith, dean of the College.

Fees for next year are 5.9% higher than last year, but this hike is the lowest percentage increase in 17 years, according to Smith.

The trustees voted to defer their tuition decision from the January meeting to the April meeting for the second year in a row. "[Deferring the decision] gives the College a longer time to work on the budget and get a better sense of what other colleges are doing," said Smith.

The budget parameters are fairly established even before budget negotiations begin, according to Smith. The bulk of the Colby budget is set aside for faculty compensation. "We try not to raise the fees more than we have to," he said.

"Financial aid and salaries are our

highest priorities when looking at the budget," said Aronid Yasinski, administrative vice president.

In a letter to students and parents sent this week, President William Cotter said: "While we have maintained priority support for compensation and student financial aid in the budget, we have continued the freeze on any new administrative positions and have reduced the general budget by 4.4% from the 1991-92 level - an actual reduction of 7.5% when adjusted for inflation."

Students fees at Bowdoin went up 5.7% to \$23,210 for next year. Bates fees increased 6.8% to \$23,850, according to Yasinski.

Cotter renewed Colby's pledge to meet the full financial needs of all Colby students who require help. The financial aid budget will increase by 20% next year to \$7.6 million to accommodate all students in need. The increase in the financial aid budget is partially reflected in the increase in overall student fees.

The charges for 1992-93 academic year breakdown as the following: tuition, \$16,810; general fees, \$800; room, \$2,830; and board, \$2,650. □

News and Features

News Briefs

Women's Studies bulletin board vandalized in Lovejoy

The Women's Studies bulletin board was vandalized on or just before March 24, according to Margrit Lichterfeld Thomas, associate dean of faculty. The damaged board, which is situated on the second floor of Lovejoy, was discovered by Elizabeth Labovitz '94, president of the Pro-Choice Coalition.

Labovitz said she was on her way to a class on the second floor when she caught sight of the board, whereupon she removed the pamphlets. Each pamphlet was "slashed with something like a paper clip," said Lichterfeld Thomas.

"I thought I should take it down because it would just upset more people," said Labovitz. She brought the vandalized pamphlets to Lichterfeld Thomas.

Although nothing inflammatory was written, Lichterfeld Thomas believes it was an act of anger. "People say we don't need things like the Women's Studies program or the gender-neutral statement," she said. "If there's that much anger, it's scary. You don't know how many people there are out there with the same feelings."

Labovitz regarded the vandalism as "disrespectful," and did not feel it signified a great amount of anger on the part of the vandals.

Lichterfeld Thomas said nothing like this has happened before, and she was unsure as to the intentions of the vandals, "unless it's related to the gender-neutral language statement, [which may be] perceived to have been connected with the Women's Studies program." (A.K.)

Elections to stay in the spring

By a wide margin, members of Presidents' Council voted last week in favor of maintaining the traditional process of hall president elections, keeping the election process in the spring and allowing presidents to retain the privilege of choosing their own rooms. The Election Committee originally had advised the Council to shift elections to the fall.

"We may have been misguided in bringing this up in the first place," said Dave Jorgensen '92, Student Association treasurer, just before the vote. Most of those present had either forgotten why there was a need to move elections to the fall or had become certain the present situation was preferable.

Several leaders expressed interest in establishing a designated room in each dorm for the president. No action was taken on this point, however.

Both Erik Mortenson '94, and Amy Fang '92, Drummond and Coburn presidents, respectively, said their constituents did not like the idea of a first-year student being a hall president; if elections were held in September, first-years could conceivably run for the position.

"I have to assume this is the way people in the halls wanted it," said Jason Soules '93, Stu-A president. (D.H.)

Security update

• A car in the Mary Low Annex parking lot was "repeatedly kicked on the side," said John Frechette, director of Safety and Security. The incident took place sometime between Saturday night and Sunday morning. Damages exceeded \$2000.

• An unknown individual walked into a student's room on Frat Row at 3:15 a.m. Sunday morning and attempted to steal several items. The student chased the vandal outside, whereupon he was assaulted by the individual and an accomplice, according to Frechette. The individuals left the scene in a light blue, late model Mustang.

• Tire tracks on various lawns across campus were discovered over the weekend. Damages are estimated to be in excess of \$100.

Professor Bowen to leave Colby

By Karent Lipman
FEATURES EDITOR



photo by Katherine Bordwell

After fourteen years of sharing his knowledge of government with Colby students, Professor Roger Bowen has decided to leave Mayflower Hill. Bowen has accepted an offer to become the new vice president of Academic Affairs at Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia.

Bowen first came to Colby in 1978 as an assistant professor in a tenure track position. Fourteen years later, he greatly needs a change, he said. "I feel I have been at Colby too long," said Bowen. "I do suffer from a disenchantment with some aspects of Colby." He cites the merit and promotion systems as "in need of repair" and also believes Colby "needs more intellectual leadership."

"I think Colby is ready to change but change is unfortunately slow here," he said citing last Friday's demonstration as an example of the school's readiness for change. "[It] is a reflection of the feelings of alienation and disempowerment of the students and faculty."

Bowen describes Hollins Col-

be involved with them."

Single-sexed education is not a foreign idea to Bowen, who attended all-male Wabash College in Indiana. His oldest daughter now attends Mt. Holyoke, an all-womens' college. "I am more of an advocate of womens' colleges than male colleges" because of the "incredibly sexist society in which we live," said Bowen. Asked whether he finds it bothersome that there are so few women professors in the government department at Colby, Bowen said "yes, and yes."

At Colby, Bowen has enjoyed leading several off-campus study programs in Cork, Ottawa, Nicaragua, and Vietnam. "It restores your faith in students—it's a lot more fun, a lot more natural," he said. Much of Bowen's teaching curriculum has focused on Japanese politics, a topic on which he has already written two books, *Rebellion and Democracy* and *Innocence is Not Enough*, and on which he soon hopes to write a text book.

When the Bowen family departs for Roanoke, VA. sometime in June, they will leave knowing that they will return to Maine for summer visits to their cottage. "It's been a great fourteen years," he said. □

TOP TEN LIST FOR THIS WEEK

Top Ten Signs at the Protest

By Patrick Robbins
STAFF WRITER

10. For this I spent four years in high school?
9. I Bet Duke Wins
8. The Colby Administration Doll--Wind It Up And It Goes Deaf
7. You Spelled "Trusty" Wrong
6. We Want A Voice, A Pub, And Orange Cheese
5. John 3:16
4. All These Signs Have a Picture of A Whale On Back
3. Hi Mom--Send \$
2. I Swear I'm Not Cutting Class
1. Don't Forget--Spring Forward, Fall Back

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Echo survey

Uncovering the religious beliefs of Colby students

Do you consider yourself religious?
 Yes--45% No--55%

What religion/s are your parents?
 Catholic--41% Protestant--47%
 Jewish--10% None--4% Other--3%

How religious are your parents?
 Very--13% Somewhat--17% Not very--35%

What is your religion?
 Catholic--30% Protestant--35%
 Jewish--11% None--11%
 Atheist--3% Other--7%

Did you practice a religion while living with your parents?
 Yes--69% No--31%

Were you ever confirmed in a religion?
 Yes--70% No--30%

Do you practice a religion now?
 Yes--47% No--53%

How often do you attend religious services?
 Always--6% Sometimes--12% Never--42%

results compiled from 253 surveys

Some responses:

"The actual act of religion is mere coincidence in my mind--it's the faith and belief behind it--the spirituality--that counts."

"I'm very skeptical--I need to see proof and there really isn't proof of God"

"Acceptance of organized religion is a weakness of character."

"I wish Colby would allow each religion to better express itself. I am not pleased with the resources Colby provides for religious groups."

"The importance of religion in my life has greatly increased since I've been here. I credit maturity with this renewed appreciation."

"I went to a Catholic high school for four years and was personally damned to hell by a nun, so since then I figured my soul was a lost cause."

"I enjoy attending services here. Father John is very inspirational and addresses current issues. I think he's the main reason I attend services here."

"There is a lot of beauty in many religious traditions, but organized religion can be dangerous. More people on this planet have been killed in the name of God than for any one else."

"Religions tend to be anti-environmental"

"How can my religion be 'right' and someone else's also be 'right'?"

A survey overview:

A large number of respondents mentioned their overall distaste for organized religion; one respondent summed up the feelings of many by stating she "did not think an institution should be a mediator between me and what I believe." A sizeable minority was more vehemently opposed to organized religion, claiming it brainwashed its constituents into a system of beliefs.

Overall, however, respondents stressed that although they did not attend religious services regularly, they still considered themselves religious, or--as several put it--"spiritual." Some wanted to be more "religious," but had difficulties grasping religious concepts: "If God exists, why is he so unfair?" said one person. Several wanted to attend services on campus, but found it is not always convenient. As more than one person noted, Protestant services are held at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings--when most students are either eating or studying.

As for religious leaders on campus, almost every non-Catholic who addressed this issue felt that his or her own religion was in need of someone as visible and approachable as Father John Marquis. This lack of confidence prompted one respondent to write: "If I want to go to church, I go downtown."

Respondents represented a wide range of faiths, from Episcopalian to Baptist, Catholic to Jewish, Atheist to Agnostic, from Quaker to the Baha'i faith. Two claimed to belong to the religion of nature, one to the religion of love, and one student said: "If I practiced any religion I would have to call it the distinctly individual, unique religion of me.."

Why do college students lose faith?

Karen Lipman
 FEATURES EDITOR

Survey results show that while most students practiced a religion while living at home with their parents, most do not practice a religion now. Most of these students no longer practice because they are either critical of religion, or unsure of their own beliefs. Both Director of Counseling Services Patty Hopperstead and Colby Chaplain Rabbi Raymond Krinsky see this as characteristic of many students in their college years.

"It is developmentally appropriate for people to be questioning their beliefs at this age," said Hopperstead. "One way to look at it is that it is a time when people are re-evaluating the values they were brought up with."

Both Hopperstead and Rabbi Krinsky believe it is part of the process college students go through when leaving home. "In the college years there is a breaking away from family ties...and a searching for other approaches," said Rabbi

Krinsky. "It's a time for re-thinking, and it should be."

Although many students do not practice religion soon after leaving home, Rabbi Krinsky does not believe students necessarily will abandon their religion all together.

"There may be a return to it when one gets married and has children," he said. "There is often a renewal."

Many of the students who no longer practice a religion were at one time confirmed in a religion. However, Rabbi Krinsky does not believe most people are confirmed at too young an age, or at an age when they are not really given a choice to decide for themselves.

"There's nothing wrong with the present arrangement of educating one in childhood through adolescence... but then it might be a good idea for people to have additional involvement [later on]," he said. "Perhaps there has to be another decision made when one is close to adulthood."

Rabbi Krinsky agrees with Hopperstead that "religion is an individual kind of issue." □

Religious groups try to remain active on campus

By Emily Chapman
 Staff Writer

Though a nonsectarian college, Colby has three very active religious groups on campus: the Catholic Newman Council, the Protestant-affiliated Colby Christian Fellowship, and Hillel, the Jewish organization. This year all three have been active, though in distinctly different ways.

The Newman Council has thrown several major events during the year. The Hunger Banquet, probably the largest activity the Council sponsored, was held to raise the Colby community's awareness of hunger around the world. Over 100 people gave up their meal credit to take part in the event. Seventy percent of the participants were given rice and 20% were given rice with a piece of bread. These participants all drank water and sat on the floor. The remaining 10% ate a full-course meal sitting at tables. The banquet, which also included an address from a speaker from Maine Hunger, raised about \$300 for a Waterville soup kitchen.

"All the stuff we do is geared toward helping others," said Father John Marquis, Newman Council

advisor.

Members of the Newman Council also volunteer weekly at a downtown soup kitchen, an effort run by Karen Wu '92. Earlier in the year they held an interfaith service to help Colby students become familiar with other faiths, and members of various faiths participated.

"It was nice just to get to know everyone's faith," said Bill Higgins '93, Newman Council president.

A Fast Day held in November raised over \$1200 for Maine Hunger, and every week's collection taken during mass goes toward third world and national charities. They sponsor a child with Save the Children, and have donated money to Covenant House in New York and also to AIDS research.

On the other hand, Colby Christian Fellowship is much more geared toward its namesake.

"The name of it is 'Colby Christian Fellowship' and the fellowship is what's most important, seeing what being a Christian is all about," said Kerry Enright '94.

The group is a part of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, a nationwide organization, and they hold most of their big activities with groups from Bates, Bowdoin, and


the University of Maine, along with other local colleges. Here at Colby, on a regular basis they hold large group meetings with speakers, Bible study, and prayer meetings.

Enright said that every year more and more first-year students are getting involved, and that they spent most of first semester concentrating on getting to know one another and feeling comfortable with each other.

"I guess maybe instead of being an organization that does activities we try to instill that personal faith and knowledge of their Christian responsibilities in individuals," Enright said, adding that many CCF members participate in volunteer organizations, either through the Newman Council, the Volunteer Center or some other avenue.

Hillel has basically structured its large events, such as its Channukah Party, around the Jewish holidays. Coming up on Friday, April 17, the group is planning a Passover Seder to celebrate that holiday.

"We would've liked to have speakers and do more big events," said Zach Shapiro '92. "But due to lack of funding we haven't been able to put much together." □



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Latin American scholar confronts revolutions

By Laura Pavlenko
NEWS EDITOR

Margaret Randall, a feminist and leading scholar on Latin American women, lectured formally on the role of women in the Cuban and Nicaraguan revolutions of 1959 and 1979 in Lorimer Chapel last Thursday night.

Randall used these two revolutions as a case study for Latin American women, stressing the ideological differences between the two movements.

During the 1950s, Cuban social culture was heavily influenced by sugar purchasing by U.S. firms. Businessmen, marines, and organized crime turned Havana into a playground of gambling and prostitution, according to Randall.

"Women were not present in large numbers in the work force, therefore female presence in the revolution was small," said Randall. "There was very little political leadership from women."

A women's battalion was formed in 1958, whose efforts were supported by Fidel Castro. "These women were exemplary in battle," according to Randall. The women of the battalion stayed united after the war and dedicated themselves



Margaret Randall. *file photo*

to literacy campaigns and public health concerns.

Their approach to social problems had a very 1950s-style approach, with women in traditional roles. "Cultural sexism takes generations to change. Positive examples of women in society were not there," said Randall.

Occurring twenty years later, women in the Nicaraguan revolution had the Cuban revolution and the American women's rights movements to learn from. As a result, "the women were combative, and they experimented with ideas," said Randall.

Rather than using the "mass organization" approach that the Cu-

ban women's battalion utilized, Nicaraguan women used smaller cells to instigate social change.

After the war, women of the revolution were able to begin programs like non-sexist sexual education. "Feminist issues were, and continue to be, on the agenda," said Randall.

Randall is a well-known scholar on Latin American women. "She knows Latin-American women better than anyone I know," said Phyllis Mannocchi, professor of English. Alan Davison, director of Colby in Cuernavaca and Spanish instructor, is currently writing his dissertation on Randall.

Randall was part of an important court decision in 1984 when the United States government deported her for her involvement in Latin American politics. The prosecution wanted to use Randall's art against her in the court of law. The proposal was rejected, setting a precedent for artists across the country.

In addition to writing poetry, Randall takes political photographs and has acted as a mid-wife. She is the mother of four children, and a recently professed lesbian.

Randall also lectured on her photography to Mannocchi's "Female Experience in America" course last Friday. □

Echo Archive

Campus protests apartheid

By Jennifer Gennaco
STAFF WRITER

In light of the recent student rally for an equal say in college policy, protests of days passed may come to mind for some Colby staff and administration.

Protests are a large part of the history of many colleges, and Colby is no exception. One large Colby protest took place in 1985,

when 250 students and faculty demonstrated on the steps of Miller Library against apartheid in South Africa.

President Cotter called for the release of political prisoners, an end to the state of emergency, and the removal of the ban on select political organizations. If these conditions were not met, Cotter hoped the United States would impose economic sanctions.

Other speakers included were Father Paul Cote, Rabbi Raymond Krinsky, Reverend Ronald Morrell, English Professors Debbie McDowell and Phyllis Mannocchi, and Tom Tietenberg.

Tietenberg, economic professor and Chairman of Colby's Advisory Committee on Investment Responsibility, expressed

disappointment toward the student body, due to the lack of students willing to address the trustees at their hearing on divestment. However, by the Monday following the protest, sixty students had signed up.

At one p.m., the chapel bells chimed "We Shall Overcome." This was followed by a moment of silence for those suffering in South Africa. One hundred protesters continued their support with a march to Waterville City Hall. □

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Off the Hill

By Elizabeth Herbert
Staff Writer

Davidson College Davidson, N.C. *The Davidsonian*

A campus survey at Davidson College revealed that students there have little desire for instituting a quiet dorm. The survey stemmed from "concern on behalf of some faculty members about noise levels in dorms adversely affecting classroom performance," according to the college newspaper.

Students conducting the survey found that most people thought quiet dorms were unnecessary and would be detrimental to "renewing the spirit of community. Of the 48% of the student body responding to the poll, only 7% said they would opt for a quiet dorm. Student leaders feel that instituting quiet dorms would avoid the root problem: "disrespect and intolerance for others."

Wellesley College Wellesley, Mass *The Wellesley News*

A female student at Wellesley was allegedly banned from campus after reporting she had been the victim of a series of crimes, including sexual assaults. The student told another student acting on her behalf that Dean of Students Molly Campbell recommended she leave campus.

Campbell allegedly cited to the student's father "an inability to protect the student, emotional turmoil on campus, and the safety of other students as reasons for the administrative decision." Administrators stated that they had the best interests of the woman and the community in mind.

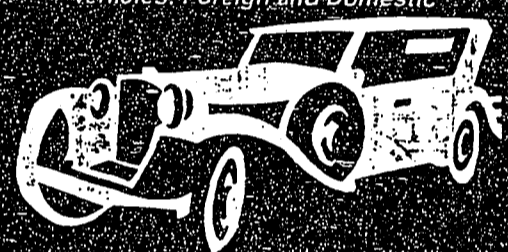
Although some students feel that the student should be allowed to return back to campus, others disagreed and felt she was a threat to the safety of the community.

Bates College Lewiston, ME *The Bates Student*

In response to a rising trend of students opting to live off-campus, Bates has decided to implement a limit of 80 students allowed to live off-campus. A deadline was set for applications and permission was granted on a first-come, first served basis.

In the last two years, the number of students living off-campus has risen from between thirty and forty last year to over one hundred this year. Students are concerned that the College is restricting off-campus living only in its own financial interests. □

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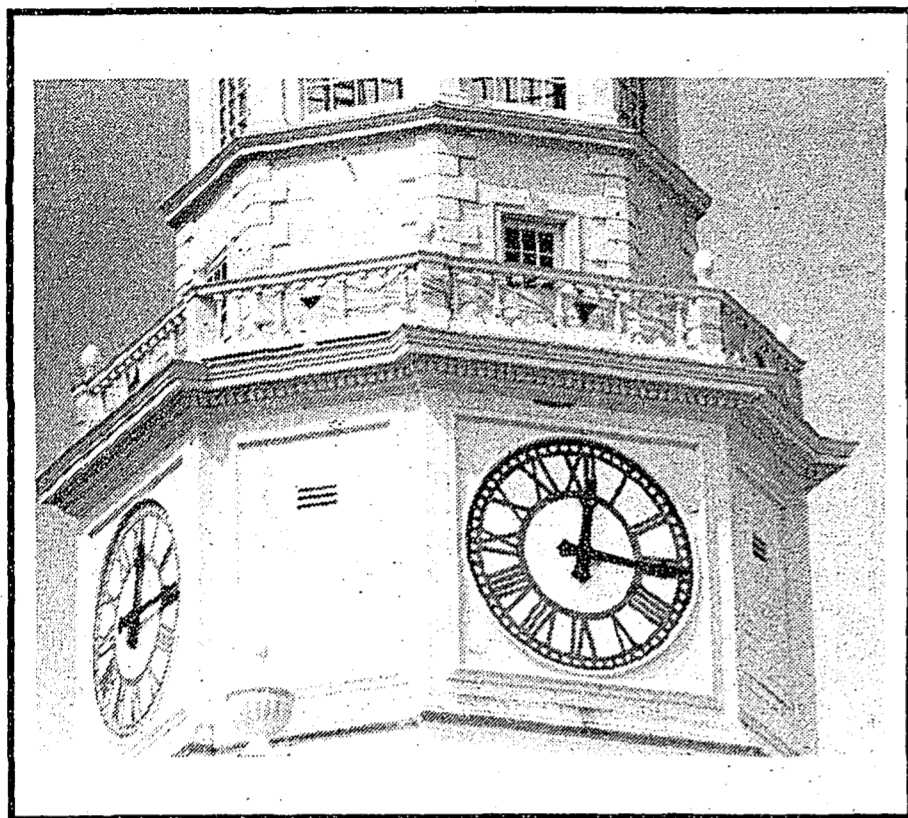
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BGLAD comes to Colby



The library tower with its pink ribbon.

photo by Katherine Bordwell

By Craig Appelbaum
EDITOR

The pink ribbon currently encircling the tower of Miller Library commemorates Colby College Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness Days (BGLAD), which began Tuesday and will run through next Thursday.

A wide range of events have been planned for BGLAD, including a panel discussion Monday night with two parents from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and a high school student from Fairfield who has been "out" since he was fifteen. The student was beaten up by group of fellow male students in January.

The discussion will take place in Lovejoy 100 at 8 p.m.

Also next week, the famous AIDS quilt will be in the Student Center on Tuesday, April 14. On Wednesday, SHOC will show the Oscar-winning documentary "Tales from the Quilt."

"All of our events in the past semester have been very well-attended," said John Cook '92, vice president of The Bridge. To cap off BGLAD, members of The Bridge will sit on a panel discussion to answer questions about what it's

like to be a bisexual, lesbian, or gay student at Colby. The event will take place next Thursday night at 8 in Lovejoy 215.

"I think what is needed is discussion," said Cook about the importance of BGLAD. "If there's no discussion it can become a non-issue. We need to keep it in the public eye." Cook said the response to BGLAD so far has been good.

"I'm really excited for the next two weeks," he said.

Cook said the idea for the ribbon came almost accidentally.

To increase student awareness for BGLAD, Cook said he "wanted to do something with sidewalk chalk again." After being discouraged by the Dean of Students Janice Seitzinger from doing so, Cook jokingly suggested putting a pink ribbon around the library tower, just as the Colby Republicans had put a yellow ribbon around the tower last year in honor of Americans serving in the war with Iraq.

"But Janice said 'That's a great idea John,'" said Cook. And so, last Monday at around 5 p.m., members of The Bridge placed the ribbon around the tower.

"We talked about doing this October," said Cook. "It was sanctioned from the beginning."

News Analysis

People for choice march for women's lives

By Amanda Hallowell
MANAGING EDITOR

The large millipede gathered force, width, and breadth as it wound its way toward the mall at the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. It had thousands of different heads, and a jagged back formed of picket signs saying "We Will Decide," "We Won't Go Back," "Keep Your Laws Off My Body," and "Not Every Ejaculation Deserves a Name." Puns on the word 'bush' were not the least of the president's worries, though President Bush was reportedly in Camp David for the weekend.

The pro-choice rally last Sunday began with speeches by the president of the National Organization of Women, Patricia Ireland, leaders of NARAL who handed out thousands of picket signs, and other prominent leaders in the women's movement. Support was also shown by such artists as Peter, Paul, and Mary, who sang songs to support the Pro-Choice Act.

The millipede spread across the mall as far as the eye could see, and one had no sense of how many people were there, only that they were all united by a common goal, a common thread: the desire for women to have control over their lives and their bodies. There were Republicans, Democrats, religious groups, southerners, northerners, whites, African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, women, men, children, and dogs.

It was not a violent group, but one which felt good about what it was doing and why it was there, and about the beautiful day that heralded its spirited march on the capitol. There was no sense that this group was all radicals or all women or all democrats or all anything. It was simply a group, a very, very, large group—N.O.W.'s counters estimated 750,000—that believed in the freedom of choice for women.

Newspapers the next day called it an "abortion rally." But it was not just that. Pro-choice does not mean pro-abortion, it means believing in a woman's right to make decisions about what she does with her body and her life. This was a very important message for the demonstrators.

One particularly striking form of protest came through two boys, about 12-15 years old, walking along together, very quietly, with coat hangers around their necks. Coat hangers have become a symbol for pro-choicers about the way they feel about the abortion issue; they don't want the procedure to

return to back alleys, to dirty tables, dirty knives, and illegally-practicing "physicians." This is how women die, the speakers said. Don't let it happen again, the speakers said.

As the millipede began to wind its way slowly down the street people began chanting, and now and then a cheer would begin at one end and pass all the way down the lines like a wave of cheering, shouting, spirited people becoming one in a lion's proud roar. The frequent chant was "Hey, hey, ho, ho, George Bush has got to go," and as the ranks filed by the White House they took out their tennis balls with messages written on them and threw them to the president, over the fence to the waiting security guards.

The march continued all the way to the capitol, a relatively short distance, perhaps a mile or two, which took the slow-moving group about four hours. At the capitol the masses spread out along the mall, listening to the speakers and resting their weary limbs. A woman doctor who flies in a helicopter to different states each day to perform abortions spoke about the harassment she suffered and, more importantly, why she chooses to suffer it. Cyndi Lauper made a brief speech and sang a song to support the cause. The writer of the "Thelma and Louise" screenplay spoke about women who are forced to the edge, who make desperate choices when they are given no other options. The supporters went on and on.

Men spoke. People cheered. Vendors sold their wares, including "Thelma and Louise '92" t-shirts. People ran into old friends. Men held hands with men. Women kissed other women.

On one street corner a small contingent of anti-choicers held signs saying "Pro-choice is pro-death." The pro-choice marchers' chants increased in volume and they marched proudly by, their conviction strengthened. It was a day that made pro-choicers proud, restored their faith in humanity, or at least in a small chunk of it, and gave them hope that one day not so far off equality would be reached. The anti-Bush sentiment ran high among the marchers and speakers. There was even talk of women presidents in the future. Somehow it did not seem such a remote possibility when standing among the crowds of cheering people, listening to the words of brave women over the loudspeakers.

Smudged, tired, and dirty, the millipede slowly began to break off into pieces; but as do all millipedes and other bugs to be found in the earth of good gardens, when they are cut in half they regenerate new legs and grow to full size again. Pro-choicers can only hope that as each of these pieces broke off and went his or her own way, that they continued to spread their message, to grow new legs, so that, as this year's crowd was bigger than last year's, next year's will be twice as big as the millipede of April 5, 1992. □



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The crowd of 750,000 protesters stretched as far as the eye could see.



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Student Protest

Student protest interrupts trustee meeting

By Marty Hergert
STAFF WRITER

Angry and frustrated with student government's impotence in influencing College policy, about 200 Colby students marched before Robert's Union Friday afternoon demanding to be heard by the Board of Trustees. Carrying signs with slogans like "Colby is Going Down Hill," and chanting "We want a voice!" through megaphones, students rallied outside in full view of the Colby trustees' meeting in the building.

"When the trustees look at a mass of people out here demanding to be heard, they won't be able to avoid the issues any longer," said Erik Mortenson '94, president of Drummond.

The voices of students did not go unheard. When the demonstration gained momentum, about 200 students poured into the foyer of Roberts Union. The rallying students solicited an impromptu speech by President William Cotter, who addressed the mass gathered in the hall and stairwell of Roberts. The protest also completely restructured the plans of the trustee meeting, according to Kurt Niebuhr '94, Mary Low Commons president.

"The entire agenda for Friday afternoon's meeting was scrapped.

From the sidelines, dissenting views

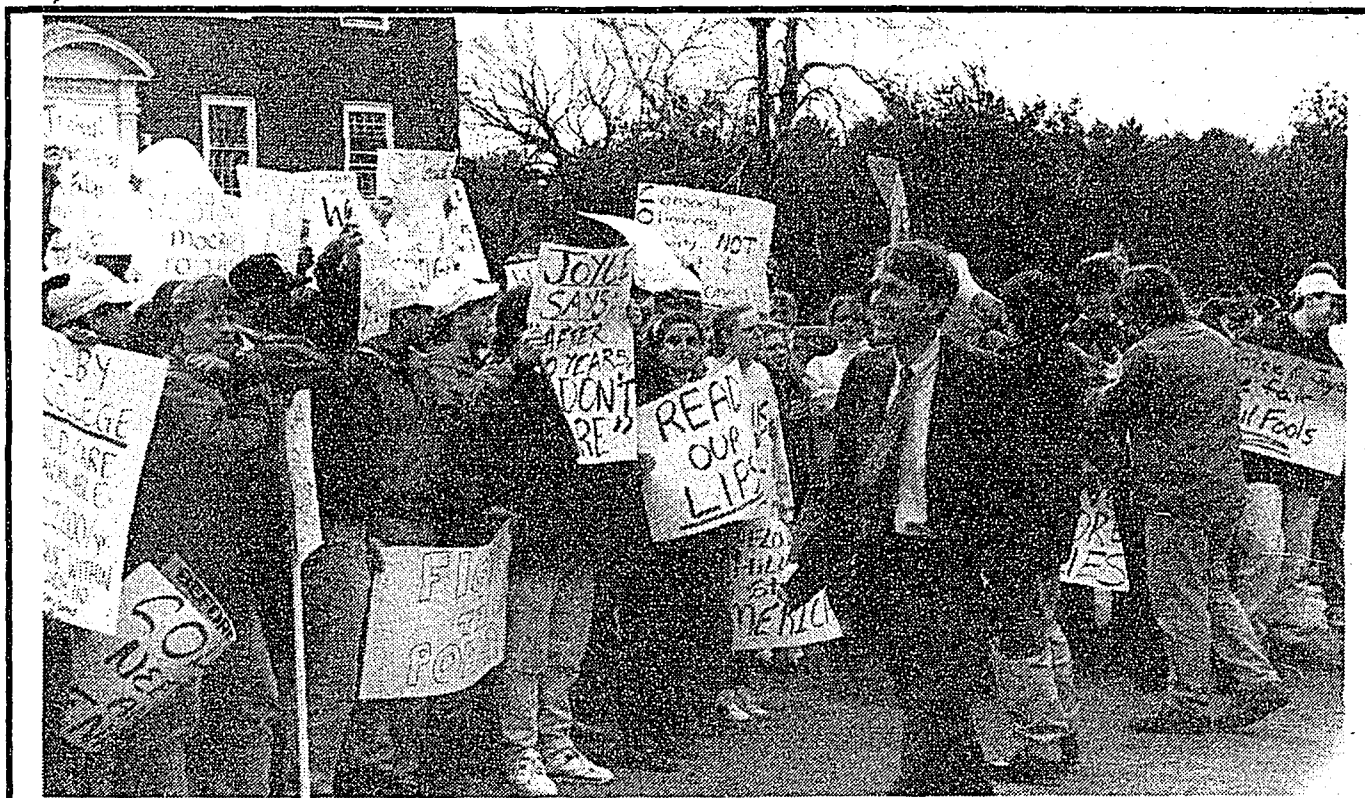
By Craig Appelbaum
EDITOR

As their fellow students demonstrated in front of Roberts Union last Friday, several other Colby students watched from the sidelines in disagreement.

"I'm embarrassed to be a Colby student right now," said Dan Bar-Zeev '92, upon viewing the protest. Most watching the crowd, though, wondered what the protesters hoped to accomplish.

"What exactly are they protesting?" said Dev Tandon, 93, head resident of Dana Hall. "I don't know, they don't know, and the trustees will never know. I think [the protesters] should grow up."

Said Craig Mertens '92: "I think that the people who organized the protest are unfocused in the mes-



Dean of Faculty Bob McArthur surveys the crowd of protesters.

photo by Brannon Lobdell

Presentations by Joyce McPhetres and Janice Seitzinger were postponed until May, and the board went directly to the student representatives. The trustees said 'O.K., we want to hear from you,' and gave us the entire two and a half hours to voice our concerns," said Niebuhr.

Student representatives pulled for more student government power at the meeting. They de-

manded that the administration allow campus wide committees to have an equal ratio of faculty and staff to student representatives. Student leaders also called for changes in Presidents' Council.

"We want Presidents' Council not to simply play the role of an advisory committee, but to be a legislative body that is a focal point of the decision making process, especially in student affairs," said

Niebuhr at Friday's meeting.

As it stands now, the administration is not required to heed the recommendations of student government.

"We want an influential student voice," said Niebuhr. "We want provisions requiring the administration to listen to student opinion. Even on the E.P.C. we are pulling for equal student representation."

Amidst the waving of signs and yell from the crowd, student government officials expressed the concerns which prompted the demonstration:

"We need a voice. Our voice must be able to make decisions. Right now Presidents' Council is just another committee. The administration says 'Thanks for the suggestions' and does the opposite of what the students want," said

Chris Mastrangelo '92, coordinator of the protest and president of Goddard-Hodgkins Hall.

"When you are told by Joyce McPhetres that 'After ten years, I don't care what the students think' then you begin to wonder about the effect of student government," said Jason Pizer '93, Lovejoy Commons President.

Stepping out from the meeting on the third floor of Roberts, Cotter addressed the congregation of students. He attempted to demonstrate the importance of student input in making decisions. "Your input is changing policy," Cotter said, but his statement met with protest from students.

Cotter cited the design of the Student Center, the building of the Heights, and the student rejection of the administrative ban on C.I.A. as examples of the efficacy of student input.

"Student input has always been crucial," said Cotter. "I know of no occasion when we have tried to silence student voices. It doesn't mean that every student idea is going to be followed. The chance to have input is power."

Students still felt that their voice was inconsequential in making campus wide decisions.

"Our input is such a minority compared to other committees on campus. We don't want you to use our input to make decisions, we want to be part of the decision ourselves," said Mastrangelo.

Cotter ended by citing communication as the flaw in student affairs.

"Communication back from the student leaders doesn't always get to the student body. Student representatives are not getting their voices back to you," said Cotter. □

Sign says...

Last Friday's demonstration not only allowed students to vent frustration, but to demonstrate creativity as well. Here's a list of some of the more interesting signs seen at the protest:

- "Elijah would have transferred to Bates"
- "\$22,000 jail term!"
- "Mayflower Hill is still America"
- "Great leaders—Stalin, Lenin, Hitler, Seitzinger"
- "Kegs are not the problem, Joyce is!"
- "Give us liberty or give us Bates"
- "Colby needs an enema!"
- "Hail Colby Hall... Let us out of jail!"

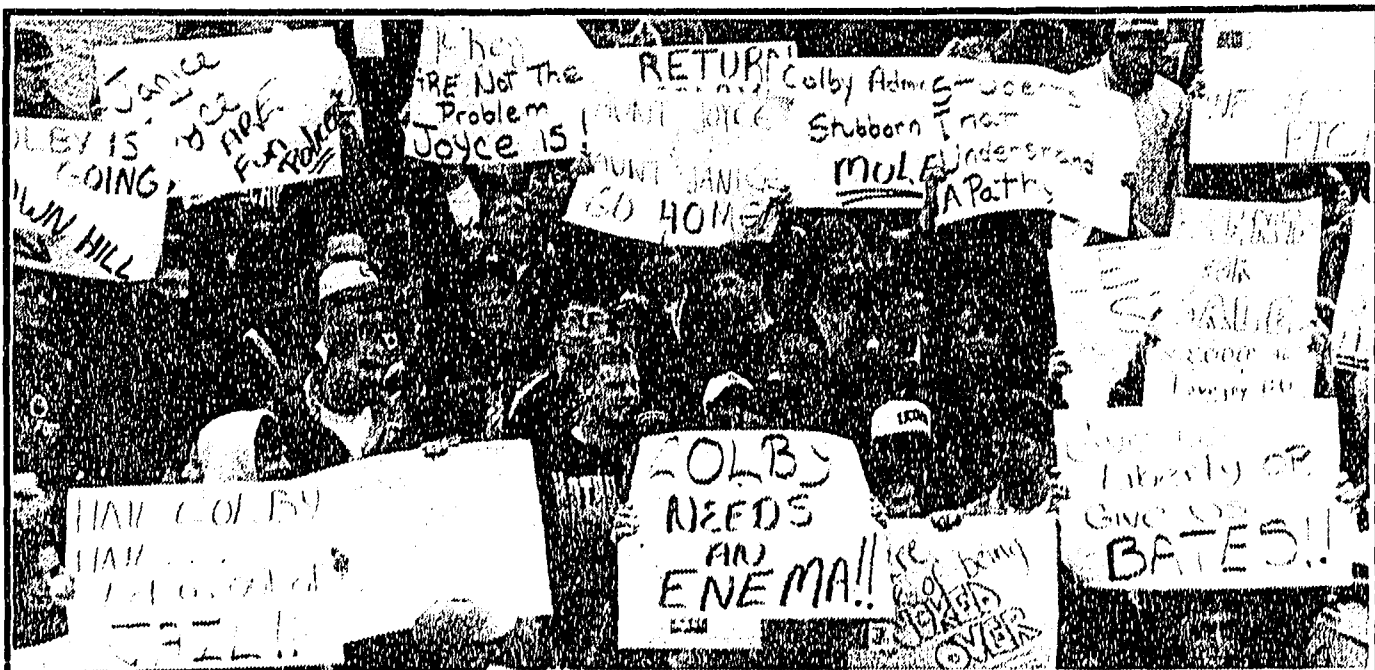
sage they're trying to get across."

Although the protesters were demanding more student power, "they have no definite plans with what they would do with that power," said Mertens.

Several students shouted "Grow up!" to the protesters throughout the demonstration, which was accompanied at times by songs like "I Can't Get No Satisfaction" being blasted through loudspeakers. Some protesters also threw oranges at passing faculty and administrators.

Jason Reifler '95, who watched the protest, did not agree with the signs held by protesters, many of which carried personal attacks against administrators.

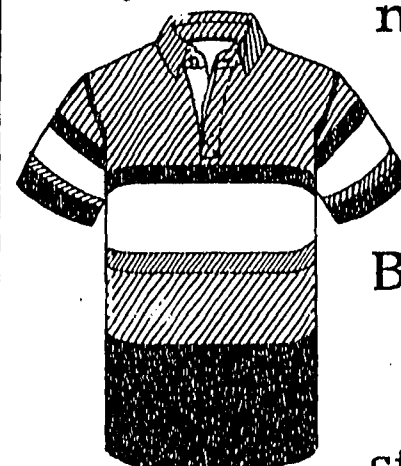
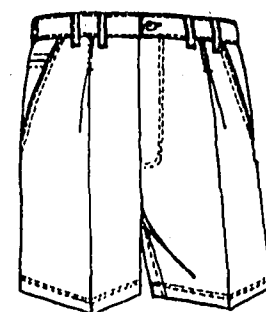
The protesters, he said, failed to accomplish anything "by resorting to name-calling and mudslinging." □



Students demand a stronger voice in College decision-making process.

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Student Protest

News Analysis

What do student leaders want?

By David Holtzman
STAFF WRITER

The greatest thing that could have occurred during the student protest in Roberts Union last Friday, said student leaders, was that students would be galvanized into action. A mass protest would send a clear mandate for change to the College's top administrators and the Board of Trustees. Most leaders were satisfied with the outcome of the event.

But before, during, and after the event, one question remained unanswered: what do student leaders want?

"I think it was definitely time for [a demonstration] like that," said Cate Czernicki '94, Averill president. "But not many people were aware of why they were there. Supposedly there was a list of demands, but I never saw what was on it."

Erik Mortenson '94, Drummond president and the student who in-

troduced this issue at Presidents' Council before spring break, presented a "statement of concern" at last Wednesday's meeting of the group. This was meant to outline the lack of power he and other leaders felt they had.

Mortenson's statement was allegedly "vague" and offered no concrete proposals for giving student leaders the power they seek. He also backed down from his earlier position that students should have a major role in all areas, suggesting that perhaps curricular decisions were the "sacred ground" of faculty.

After much debate, the group agreed to approve Mortenson's statement. The focus had been narrowed to include only student representation on the Student Affairs Committee.

"I think we should do it one step at a time," said Karen Laidley '93, vice-president of the Student Association. "Student Affairs is the first step."

Arguing loudly in opposition were Goddard-Hodgkins President Chris Mastrangelo '92, and Lovejoy Commons President Jason Pizer '93, who said student power on every committee should be fought for.

"We're so concerned with [faculty and administrators] getting offended, when what we need to do is step on toes," said Mastrangelo. "When have they ever feared offending us?"

Although Mortenson's statement passed 15-3, there did not appear to be a unanimous feeling that protest was necessary. Three or four student leaders came up with the idea for a rally and presented it to the remainder of the presidents. Just as many students came to the rally unaware of what was at stake, many of their leaders were also bewildered.

The chief rallying cry at Friday's protest was "We want power." The specifics are less clear, but one demand some hall and Commons

leaders have voiced is equal representation between faculty and students on committees.

Two committees, Educational Policy and Student Affairs, are mentioned most often because rules made there go directly to either the Faculty Committee or Presidents' Council for approval. Miscommunication seems to be rampant among members of these groups and may be a bigger problem than a lack of student participation.

"I don't think I actually vote," said Erica Gregg '92, a member of the EPC. She said she almost never attends meetings because of a time conflict. "I just give my opinion to another member."

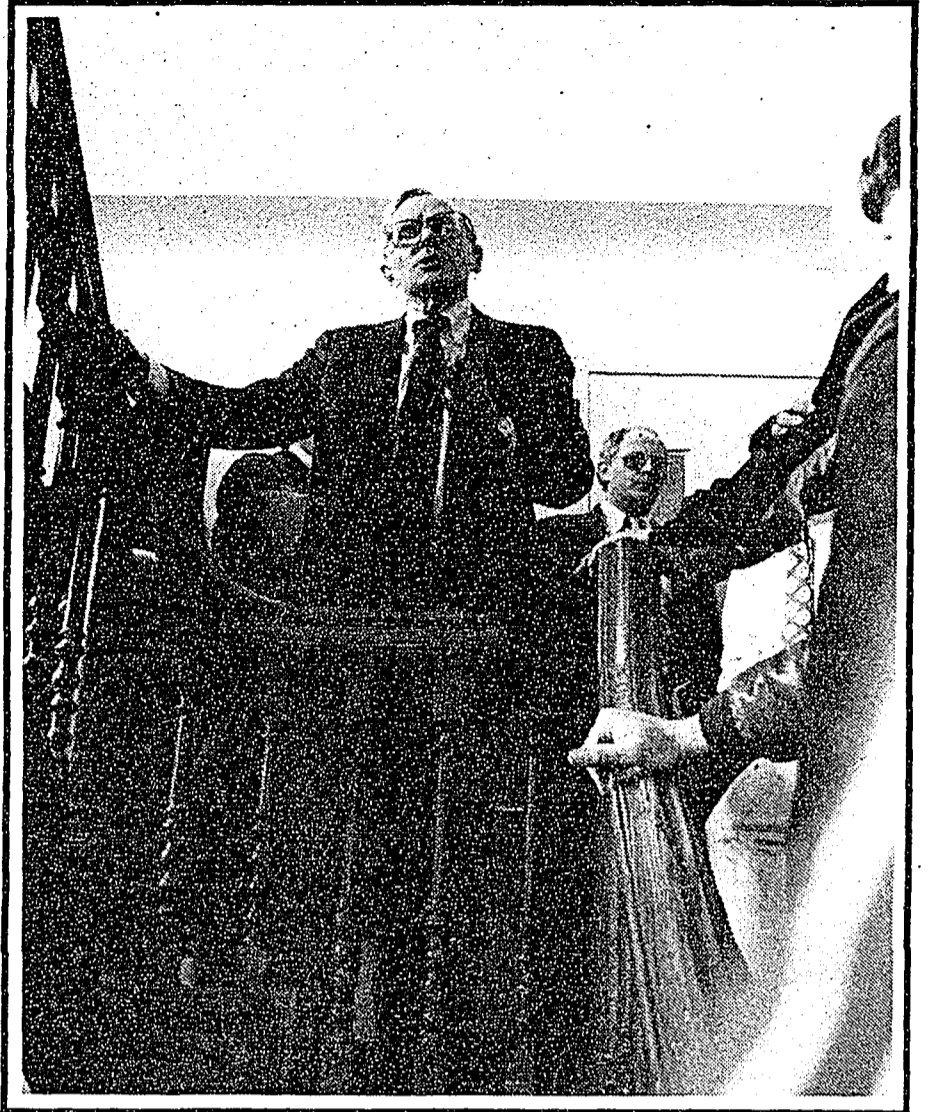
Bob Gramling '92, is still an EPC member though he hasn't attended any meetings this semester for the same reason as Gregg. He said he votes, but doesn't usually know the details of each discussion. He has heard, he said, that there isn't much debate at the meetings because faculty have already determined what they think in smaller committee meetings, where no students are present.

Stu-A president Jason Soules '93, and Yeager Hudson, professor of philosophy, both members of EPC, said they saw no evidence of decisions pitting faculty members against student members.

"There has been disagreement among faculty on some issues," said Soules. "Some of them have supported us."

Hudson said students, if anything, ought to have more power in Student Affairs while leaving EPC as the faculty's domain, since the latter are more experienced in making curricular and tenure decisions.

The current system favors the faculty in social and academic law-making, since the faculty can overturn a motion passed by the students or create one of their own without even asking Presidents' Leaders continued on page 12



President Colter addressed student protesters from the landing of Roberts Union. photo by Yuhgo Yamaguchi

"Committee of Four" formed for students

By Laura Pavlenko
NEWS EDITOR

In response to the student protest last week, trustee Beverly Madden '80, created a committee, called the "Committee of Four," to address students' voice on campus.

The four members of the committee are Janice Seitzinger, dean of students, Pam Blake, chair of the Student Affairs committee, Jason Soules '93, Student Association (Stu-A) president, and Bill Higgins '93, Stu-A president-elect for the 1992-93 academic year.

Madden recognized that the major issue from last weekend's meetings deals with the breakdown of communication between students and administrators, according to Seitzinger.

The committee began meeting last Tuesday night to discuss the weekend's events and prepare for the forum held last night. At the meeting, the committee members recognized issues surrounding the protest as well as things that could become issues in the future, according to Blake. The committee also discussed the role of Presidents' Council, she said. "It was a frank and open atmosphere."

The Committee of Four will have an opportunity to iron out problems that surfaced during last week's demonstration, according to Soules. "Last week, all of the discussions were fresh and new," said Soules. "Now we need to prioritize the issues. It's going to be an uphill process."

Soules said he looks forward to working with Higgins, his opponent in the Stu-A election, and added that the four person committee will be effective because it is small.

Higgins said that there is going

to be "no more sugar coating" on this committee. "It's going to be intense," said Higgins, who said he hates committees that turn into "story-telling" sessions. "I'm glad to be on it."

Blake, Soules, and Seitzinger all agreed with Madden that the lack of communication between students and administrators was a main concern. Higgins said that this was on the agenda for the next meeting, and that they were going to look at the hierarchy from students to administration and examine the way in which information travels from level to level of the hierarchy.

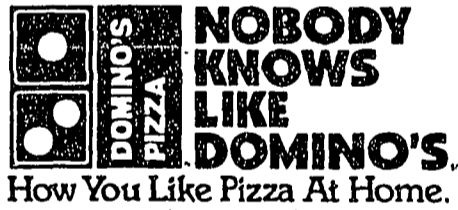
"[Administrators] are frustrated when people say there's no student input because we're talking to students all of the time," said Seitzinger.

"Students need to feel they're being heard," said Soules, who discussed various avenues for change in a meeting last week with President Bill Colter, Stu-A vice president Karen Laidley '93, and a group of seniors concerned about student input. Suggestions such as holding regular student forums and creating a newsletter from the senior staff to students surfaced during the meeting.

Members of the Committee of Four also recognize the importance of diverse student opinions. Seitzinger said that she has become aware of diverse student voices over the past few weeks, but usually administrators only hear a limited voice from students.

Soules agreed. "Presently, we're hearing the same voices," he said. "There are some voices on campus that are constantly heard. The non-vocal majority needs to speak up about what bugs them." □

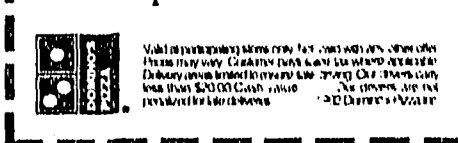
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EDITORIALS

Making sense out of the noise

Last Friday's protest proved how passionately some students feel about their perceived lack of voice in College decisions. Students expressed some valid concerns, yet the event lacked organization; with the great number of signs and shouts, trustees viewing the demonstration would have had difficulty deciphering what students did in fact want. Throwing oranges at administrators also will not prove to them we are mature enough to handle the power we are asking for. Before we ask the administration for more of a voice on campus, we Colby students need to prove to ourselves first that we are mature enough to handle this increased responsibility.

First, we need to make ourselves aware of the issues. Hall meetings are designed to allow for open discussion between students and their hall president. Yet few students attend their hall meetings. Worse, some hall presidents don't regularly attend Presidents' Council. We must admit, then, that we are equally to blame for what we see as a "lack of communication" on campus.

Perhaps minutes from Presidents' Council should be posted throughout our halls, so that we need not rely solely on hall meetings to hear from our leaders. More open forums like last night's would be helpful as well. Newly-elected Stu-A President Bill Higgins and Vice President Karyn Rimas want to institute more forums, too; now is the time for us to approach them with our concerns for next year.

Admittedly, in the past administrators have heard opinions only from a select group of students, usually Stu-A and Commons leaders. Although Stu-A executives appoint students each year to serve on College committees, these selections have failed to represent some members of the student body, such as minority students. Before making selections for next year, Higgins and Rimas need to ensure that all members of the student body are being represented on committees, so that all members have a voice on campus.

Also, much of the recent complaints have to do with administrators and faculty not taking our opinions seriously. Yet, Presidents' Council submitted a proposal to the faculty on gender-neutral language which, if passed, effectively would have done away with a professors right to enforce any required language in the classroom.

As Professor Charlie Bassett pointed out in his letter to the *Echo* last month, this would mean no faculty could enforce proper grammar on students' papers, or that no French professor could enforce the use of French in class. When our elected leaders submit proposals like these, can we blame the administration for not taking our concerns seriously?

Not every student agrees with the protests, but those who do need to focus their concerns and take time to learn the issues. Vague shouting is fruitless, and reducing the issue to personal attacks on deans and administrators benefits nobody. If we want the administration to listen to us, we must prove we are able to express our concerns with both intelligence and maturity.

P.C.--C'est la vie!

I'd like to give a pat on the back (figuratively speaking) to Holly Labbe '94 for her stand on the Moose Prints controversy. Way to go! Stick to you guns! (No pro-war or pro-violence sentiment intended.) Over here in "La Douce France" (please realize that the French singled that out as feminine, not me), the world of *The Echo* and Colby seems distant, and quite different from, (though certainly not better or worse than), what we experience here. However, *The Echo* brings us closer.

I also happened to notice that your name, Labbe, suggests a French ancestry. I hope you will not feel singled out or offended by my noticing that; but it did provide an additional impetus to write. The fact is, here in France my wife and I—that is to say the person I'm married to and I, or I really should say we two people, equal partners in marriage—have noticed that the French treat us a bit differently than they do the natives. (I'm not sure if "natives" is an offensive word or not and hope it will pass muster on campus). They, the French (I'm sorry to keep singling them out like this) evidently sense somehow, probably due to my terrible speaking ability, that we are foreigners—or "étrangers," strangers, so to speak. The idea of being designated as foreign or strange might seem offensive, but we ignore that and are surviving nicely. Possibly we are insensitive, or maybe it's just the great food. And we do learn. We learn, for instance, that the road to the Temple of Diversity has its pot-holes. (And nothing pejorative intended toward ceramics, mind you. My marriage partner is, in fact, a potter—nice old neutral term—but is not *only* a potter. No intention of limiting or defining her by the use of that term!)

So thanks for your fortitude, Ms. Labbe, and "Vive France" (bad grammar, but PC, I hope), and "Don't take any wooden nickels!" (while being assuredly informed that I absolutely adore all sorts of objects made of wood; but certainly not to the exclusion of, or more than, many objects made from other materials.) Ciao, and all the rest.

C. Abbott Meader,
Associate Professor of Art
(and called a lot of other things as well)

Not P.C. in D.C.

I am a junior in DC. this semester on Colby in Washington program. I just received a copy of the *Echo* of 3/12/92 from a friend at school. Unfortunately, it seems Colby is sliding further down the PC road to suppressing individual liberties. I can not believe the apparent furor over the quote in the Moose Prints. Can't anyone take a joke anymore? Are we so sensitive that we need administration and faculty to shelter us from anything that might possibly offend someone?

Along the same lines, I see in John Brockelman's column that the administration is considering a ban on "potentially controversial" speakers. Are they serious? God forbid a speaker might say something that challenges what the school wants us to believe! What are we, children?

Congratulations to John and Josh Reynolds and all those who stick up for our freedom of speech on campus, which the administration, faculty, and a few students apparently do not think we deserve.

I am not thrilled about returning to Colby next semester, especially if this PC nonsense continues unabated. I can not wait until those people get into the real world, and see just how sheltered they have been at Colby.

Dave Smith '93

Calculus not required for '95ers

In the March 19 issue of the *Echo*, Regina Lipovsky complains that the class of '95 is being required to take calculus. Of course, this is not true. Students do have a variety of non-calculus courses which can be taken to fulfill the Area IV "Quantitative Reasoning" requirement, including courses in logic, computer science, government, music, and psychology.

Below is a summary of other statements in Ms. Lipovsky's article which I thought were incorrect. My concern is that other students reading her article will not realize that she is mistaken on these points.

- She refers to MA 111 as an example of a calculus course, when in fact MA 111 Introduction to Mathematics presents mathematics from a "liberal arts" point of view. It satisfies the Area IV requirement.

- She implies that there is a national trend in education away from the sciences in favor of the hu-

manities, and she states that Colby is being retrograde by going against this trend. In fact, the recent trend nationwide has been to re-emphasize the natural sciences after decades of relative neglect.

- She implies that area requirements are contrary to notion of a liberal arts education, when in fact taking courses from a broad range of disciplines is central to the notion of a liberal arts education.

- She believes that since she despised high school algebra, that she will likewise despise studying college mathematics, which is not at all a foregone conclusion. We offer a number of courses which will be very unlike the "bungling of algebra equations" which she remembers from high school.

- She states outright that her remaining three years at Colby will be packed with courses she dreads due to the area requirements. Below is a list of the graduation requirements as I understand them, with an ample estimate of the number of credit hours it would take to satisfy each. Even under these generous assumptions, Ms. Lipovsky still has about 32 hours (likely more) free for exploring different subjects.

Requirement	Hours
English Composition	4
Language Requirement	12
Area Requirements	28
Diversity Requirement	4
Major	40 (varies)
Total	88 hours
Required for graduation	120 hours

- She states that she will likely be unable to spend her junior year abroad due to the area requirements, when in fact the numbers above show that it is perfectly possible to satisfy the area requirements and still go abroad.

- She is accurate in saying that if she chooses to double major at Colby, then satisfying the area requirements in addition to two sets of major requirements will not allow her many free course slots to explore different subjects. That, of course, is inherent in the nature of a double major.

- Finally, she feels that she should not be required to take courses in areas in which she grossly underachieves. Of course, this is all the more reason to take courses in those areas. An athlete does not say, "These muscles are weak, therefore I will not exercise them!"

In summary, her article had many misleading statements. Given that she was working with inaccurate premises, it is completely understandable that she came to wrong conclusions. I hope the above information will help her develop a more informed opinion.

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Mathematics and Computer Science

Lipovsky dreading too many courses?

While it may very well be true that death, taxes, guilt, and calculus are unavoidable in life, I am not aware that Colby requires students to take courses on any of them. There is indeed a requirement that students take at least one course involving quantitative reasoning; many students choose to use this as an opportunity to take a course in logic, to learn a little about computers, or to go on the roller-coaster ride through mathematics offered by Math 111. This seems only reasonable: after all, this is a liberal arts college, and students should get exposed, in the course of their education, to both sides of C.P. Snow's "two cultures" divide. I hope that this does not mean that Ms Lipovsky's remaining three years will be packed with courses she dreads; if it does, can it be perhaps, then she dreads too many courses?

Fernando Q. Gouvea
Visiting Assistant Professor of
Mathematics and Computer Science

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Opinions

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What did you think of the protest on Friday?


Chris Shore '95

"I kinda was hesitant to go because it started out pretty stupid. But I'm glad it happened because it got a lot accomplished and we got to see what the trustees look like."

photos by Katherine Bordwell

Chad Kriger '95

"I heard it, I saw it, and I left."


Shannon Roy '93

"I thought it was good that the students were coming together. The forum will be good because one person will talk at a time instead of people yelling out. The [protest] was good for morale and the [forum] will be good for getting things discussed."

Bryan Chase '92
"I think there's some legitimate points but to see signs like 'Colby needs an enema' and 'Colby is a prison' makes you wonder if these kids have been at the same school that I've been at for the past three and a half years."


Sam Rissel '94

"I thought it was good at first, then people started getting derogatory. And I didn't personally see much of a point in it because I don't personally have huge problems with anything that's going on."

Club Colby needs active members

By Laura Steinbrink
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Even at the most posh country clubs, members are responsible for the administration of the club. By sitting on the Board of Directors, members ensure proper maintenance of club facilities as well as decisions about club rules and regulations. Simply by belonging to a country club, a member is responsible for paying dues as well as participating in the decision-making process at the club.

Since the protest last week I have heard people equating life at Colby College to that of a country club. Those people feel the protest was inexcusable. The logic flows something like this: we are all lucky to be attending such a fine institution and since there are no major problems on campus we should not challenge the administration.

Such an attitude is dangerous and ignorant. Each student at Colby has a simple responsibility to assure a positive climate on campus.

The trustees come to Colby to discuss that climate and to make their opinions known. As trustees, they are accountable for listening to the student voice. The protest served as a vehicle to force the administration to listen to that voice.

As both students and administrators have acknowledged, there is a problem with respect to the power of the student voice in administrative procedures. While the structure of the committee system and Presidents' Council appears to grant students an abundance of power, reality proves differently. The lack of equal representation on committees prevents the student voice from winning any votes. In addition, lack of participation by students on these committees shows an inherent flaw in the system.

Without equal representation on committees, the student voice will never prevail when the opinions are at odds. At the protest President Cotter listed a number of examples of when the student voice was heard and won. However, there was no

example in which the students and administration differed in opinion and the students won. When the pass-fail issue was voted on in the Educational Policy Committee the vote was 9-6; there are 6 students on the committee.

Lack of education about how the system works as well as how to get involved is one reason for lack of motivation by a majority of students to sit on the committees. Were reports made readily available about the meetings as well as reports of who voted which way, there may be an increased incentive to participate. As it is now, the people who sit on the committees represent only their views and not that of the whole community. If students were better educated on how to get involved with committees, and if there was a level of accountability, there would be more active participation by students.

Colby Country Club is in need of more active participation by its

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Protest epitomizes student frustration

By Paul Argiro
HANGMAN'S JURY

We are back in classes, the signs are all recycled, the trustees are back to work, and Colby College still moves on. The protest lasted about two and a half hours, but it can't end. We can't scream loudly once and then hope to be heard. With about six weeks left, the students on this campus are dismantling our apathy myth and asking for solutions to a perceived communication problem. But the protest can only be the start of a bigger campaign.

The protest really began on April 1 when 20 or so students gathered in senior Chris Mastrangelo's room to discuss the rally. It was the first time I had heard about it, but for Mastrangelo, Karen Laidley, Erik Mortenson, Jason Pizer, and others, this was the only solution to the problem. Student opinion was falling on deaf ears and if anyone should know how we felt, the trustees should. It was decided—we would meet in front of Roberts at 1:00 on Friday.

On Friday, Juan Huerta '92, echoed a sentiment felt by many: "I think it's about time people showed they cared." Granted, only about 200 people were at the demonstration, or as Director of Communications Ed Hershey would point out, only 12% of the college population. But those 200 spoke loudly and clearly and the trustees listened. Even President Cotter listened.

"We have a system," said Cotter, "if it is worked right, that will have greater student input... Without student input, you don't have any chance." President Cotter, sensing the urgency, took the time to speak to all of us there and answer questions that we had. He was also worried that we had forgotten how much power students already have.

In issues like the Student Center, divesting in South Africa, the CIA proposal, Pass/Fail, and others, Cotter pointed out that student input was the driving force behind the changes made. He also made it clear that the Educational Policy Committee made Colby one of the only colleges "where students control the curriculum." Have students forgotten this?

Well, no. But the EPC is 9-6 in favor of faculty. As Mastrangelo said, "it might as well be 15-0." And the student body overwhelmingly disliked the current Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory concept. All the changes Cotter mentioned show that students are pretty intelligent in making decisions. Unfortunately, there is a perception that the deans do not really care what students have to say. And when Dean Joyce McPhetres indicates that changes might be made between now and the trustee's next meeting in May, this perception is heightened.

The protest was effective in that it forced the trustees to think about why we were out there on a cold afternoon. Lawrence Pugh '56, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said: "I assure you the Board does and wants to listen to you. We listen and we listen loud and clear. We want to resolve those issues and we want to solve the frustrations you have." Many of our concerns were addressed in the trustee

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Parking double standard happens again

By Paul Argiro
HANGMAN'S JURY

Just when you thought the administration of this institution would actually start listening to its students, something happens to undermine that very thought. And just when you thought that 250 students standing in Roberts Union on a cold and dreary Friday afternoon would have an effect on decision making, you are proven wrong. On Saturday night, a little more than 24 hours after the student protest, the administration of this school ignored decisions introduced by elected leaders.

A few weeks ago, Presidents' Council unanimously voted to stop the double standard occurring between Waterville residents and the student body: no longer would Waterville residents be able to park on the hill that leads to the Heights when an event was going on in the Chapel. Student Affairs agreed with this decision and Dean Janice Seitzinger and John Frechette, the head of Safety and Security, also agreed. Just as a student's car would be towed for violating fire lane rules, so would Waterville resident's cars be towed for the same offense. But that's not what happened on Saturday night.

The Colby Jazz Ensemble held a concert in the Chapel on Saturday and it was well attended by the Waterville community. I know this not because I was there but because about 20 cars were parked on the hill that leads to the Heights—a clear fire lane. Sharing in the activist spirit that seems to be gripping Colby College, Chris Mastrangelo and others called Frechette to order that those cars be towed.

Nothing doing was Frechette's response. According to him, as long as there was enough room for emergency vehicles to get by, the cars were not violating any fire lane hazards. Well, it's a good thing nothing was going on in the Heights to

warrant an emergency because there was no way a fire truck or ambulance was going to get to the Heights with all those cars there. Our best bet would have been to fly a helicopter to the roof. How's that for practicality? Even Director of Student Activities Tullio Nieman tried to get Frechette to do something. That didn't work either.

What made this matter even worse was that two student cars were towed that very same night. One was towed in front of West Quad parked in a handicap space, and the other was towed from the parking lot, probably a result of one too many tickets. One car had a Massachusetts license plate, the other a Maryland one. And neither one should pay a dime. Frechette, in his infinite wisdom, should pay the towing costs.

Has Frechette forgotten already what students are so upset about lately? Did he read the *Waterville Sentinel* either Friday or Saturday? Did he watch Channel 5 News at all on Friday? Obviously, Frechette could care less about student opinion. By his actions alone this weekend it's clear that he thinks Waterville residents deserve a double standard when it comes to parking on this campus—the very same double standard that students voted to abolish a few weeks ago.

This type of thing is exactly what students are talking about. We make a suggestion, it gets recommended, and the deans pat us on the head and say "Oh, that's nice. But we're going to do things our way anyway." Is it just a perception now, Mr. Cotter?

What will it take the next time? A fire? Or some other emergency. Yes, there is a matter of principle involved but it goes deeper than that. There is also a matter of student safety involved. Too many times it takes a tragedy both to realize that it could have been avoided. We only hope that it doesn't take a tragedy to stop Waterville residents from parking on the hill and wake up Frechette. □

Arts and Entertainment

Ireland's Steven Gale on Colby arts and Bertolt Brecht

By Dawn Devine
STAFF WRITER

Steven Gale started in theatre writing and directing in school. He then earned his BA in Drama at Exeter University in England and went on to

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study Brecht at the Berliner Ensemble, Berlin. Specializing in Directing, he attained an MA in Drama at Leeds University, England.

He has spent the spring semester here at Colby as a visiting professor from University of Cork and directs the Brecht Dialogues which will be performed tonight, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm in the Cellar Theatre.

Echo: Any advice to future directors or actors?

Steve Gale: Read the plays. They contain everything that you need to know, if you read them carefully enough.

Echo: What's your opinion on the arts at Colby?

S.G.: Good variety and a generally high standard. Great enthusiasm.

Echo: What's the difference between

the theatre scene here and abroad?

S.G.: British theatre is more technical, more concerned with "doing" than "being." European theatre is more visually oriented, dominated by the director/designer than here.

Echo: What kind of music do you listen to? Would you rather listen to a Mahler symphony or go to a Polish concert?

S.G.: Anything except country and western!

Echo: Are you in any way a vegetarian?

S.G.: No.

Echo: Give us a preview of what to expect this weekend at the Brecht Dialogues.

S.G.: Hope to give some idea of the range of Brecht's work, the depth of his writing & ideas, his sense of fun.

Echo: Explain Brecht's Epic Theatre; why was it a radical departure from earlier German drama?

S.G.: Brecht wanted to return to Shakespeare's style of theatre, with the audience directly addressed and

actively involved, rather than being ignored by the actors à la "method," which he found patron-

izing.
Echo: When Brecht lived as an exile in Santa Monica during the 1940s, he said he felt like "Francis of Assisi in the Aquarium, Lenin at the Fair, a chrysanthemum in a coal mine, or a sausage in a greenhouse." How do you like being here? Do you feel like a sausage in a greenhouse?

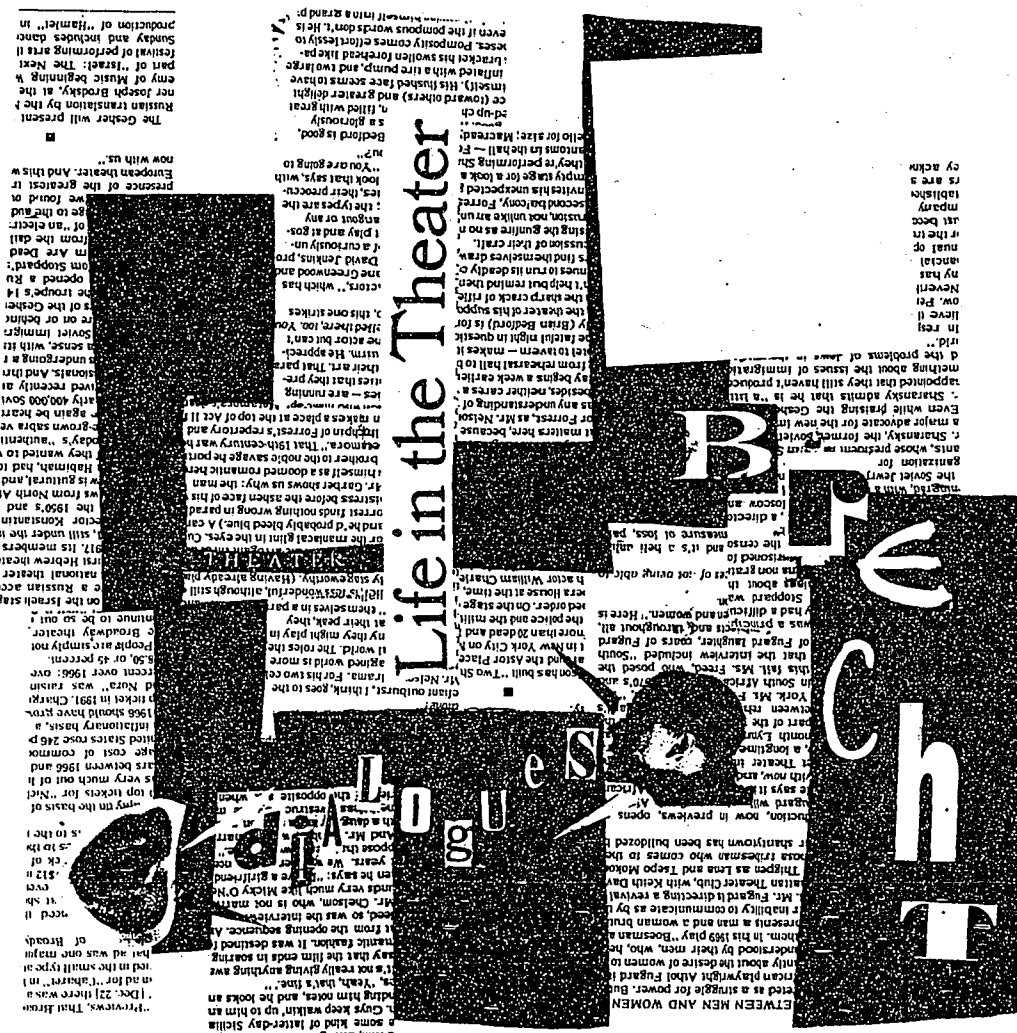
S.G.: Well, my room is often as over-heated as a greenhouse! I feel that I have been made welcome, and appreciate that very much. I'm aware that my "culture" and way of working is different, but that's presumably why I was invited in the first place.

Echo: Make up your own question and answer it.

S.G.: Q: What do you think of facilities for students at Colby?

A.: Generally very good (theatre, sports, library, etc.) but what is lacking is a social centre that the students can genuinely call their own. The Spa doesn't fulfil this function. It's too tidy!

Tickets for the Bertolt Brecht Dialogues are available today through Saturday from 2 pm until showtime. The cost is \$2 for students and senior citizens, \$3 for general admission. For more info call 872-3388. □



Fast Forward: VCR options

By Julie Trodella
ASST. A&E EDITOR

If you're anything like me, you're not always thrilled with the fact that you own a television and a VCR. Though this miracle of modern technology can provide hours of endless—and mindless—entertainment, going to the video store can turn into something resembling a bad re-run. I don't doubt that one can ever see *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* too many times, but you may want to give your brain a shake-up after the forty-seventh showing. Some intelligent and inspiring options to the VCR humdrums are presented forthwith.

• **Valmont:** If you enjoyed *Dangerous Liaisons*, you ought to see this slightly rearranged version starring Meg Tilly, Annette Bening, and Henry Thomas (of *E.T.* fame) to name a few. The presentation of the original story is subtly different, largely due to the intriguing cast of characters. A touch lighter than *Liaisons*, *Valmont* is an easy rival in plot development and intrigue.

• **Amadeus:** For some reason, it never occurred to me that I should ever see this movie because it looked boring. It isn't. It's a whimsical portrayal of life in the Viennese royal culture in the time of Mozart, and a conjectural, perhaps farcical, interpretation of the events that lead to the moments of Mozart's most brilliant works, culminating in his death

and *Requiem*.

• **Lady Jane:** Starring Cory Elwes (*The Princess Bride*) and Helena Bonham-Carter (*Hamlet*). These two obviously have a liking for the medieval film, and their talents combine to make a historically-attested story into a lovely intrigue-filled romance. It is set during the commotion between the death of King Henry VIII and the ascension of his daughter, Mary Tudor, and the historic value of the film contributes enormously to its action.

• **The Presidio:** Starring Mark Harmon, Meg Ryan, and Sean Connery, this is a cops and robbers (and the army, and the drug lords...) action movie *par excellence*, even with a little sex thrown in for good measure (but still in good taste).

This has it all: plot, excitement, and excellent acting.

• **Club Paradise:** Starring Robin Williams, this is just one silly movie. Essentially, it's an early film of Robin's when his humor was geared more toward his *Mork and Mindy*-type antics. So if you're a Williams fan looking for one of his older and different films, this one just might fit the bill.

• **Mountains of the Moon:** A two-hour plus epic film of the historic treks into deepest Africa in search of the source of the Nile. Riveting action and beautiful scenery are just two factors that make this a must-see for both the historian or adven-

turer. It pits friend against friend, philosophy against philosophy. You will want to see it again and again!

• **The Name of the Rose:** starring Sean Connery and Christian Slater, another great medieval mystery with some witty sleuthing by the original 007 himself. There's one full-on view of Christian's rear, but otherwise (or because of this) it's 128 minutes of certain entertainment.

Sobon appetit! And a helpful hint: even if you do not have access to a VCR, remember that there are ones available from your Commons president, as well as the wonderful integrated stereo-VCR system in the Marson room. □

Poet's Corner

If you wish to submit poetry for publication, please submit to box 7725 by the Saturday preceding the next issue. Entries must not exceed 500 characters. Please include your box number if you would like it returned.

TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE STAMPING OUT VERBAL INJUSTICE IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM AND EQUALITY
By Michael Spurgeon

I Hate:
The President, the government, the war, the peace,
The stars, the stripes, the flag wavers, the flag burners,
The republicans, the democrats, the communists, the fascists,
The rich, the poor, the taxes, the whores,
The yuppies, the hippies, the jocks, the intellectuals,
The city slicks, the country hicks, the pen pushers, the union workers,
The feminists, the male chauvinists, the lesbians, the faggots,
The Mormons, the Jews, the Catholics, the Protestants,
The spicks, the honkeys, the niggers, the japs,
The N.R.A., the C.I.A., the K.K.K., and the U.S.A.
But far far more than these things each,
I hate those who would take my freedom of speech.

Michael Spurgeon '92, is an English major with a concentration in poetry.

Check your spelling!

By Julie Trodella
ASST. A&E EDITOR

For all you pseudo-intellectuals out there who are convinced that you've been broadened by your college education, here's a small spelling test taken from David Gramb's *Death By Spelling*. This test is at the SAT level, a harsh reality for those thinking of taking the GREs this Saturday. Simply circle the correct answer and, Seniors, don't use Spellcheck.

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| 1. heterageniety | hetrogeniety | heterogeneity |
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| 5. undiscied | undescried | undiscide |
| 6. sateyity | nattoity | natioty |
| 7. culanious | cutaneous | queantaneous |
| 8. sarry | sarl | saric |
| 9. ubiqutous | cubiqutous | ubiqetous |
| 10. onerous | onorous | onnorou |

For those finding this frustrating, take heed of the wisdom of Walt Whitman: "The spelling of words in subordinate. Morbidness for nice spelling and tenacity for or against some one letter or so means dandyism and impotence in literature."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MOVIES

COLBY STU-A Ext. 3338

Curly Sue: Playing Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 and 9:15pm and a matinee on Saturday at 3pm in Lovejoy 100.

HOYTS 873-1300

Wayne's World: 7:30 and 9:45pm

Street Talk: 7:20 and 9:35pm

Beauty and the Beast: 5pm only

White Men Can't Jump: 7 and 9:40pm

My Cousin Vinny: 9:10pm only

Ladybugs: 7:10 and 9:20pm

Basic Instinct: 6:50 and 9:30pm

Railroad Square Cinema 873-6526

Thursday, April 9th at 7:15pm: **At Play in the Fields of the Lord.**

Due to an unfortunate lack of communication between the scheduling offices of RR² and the Colby Echo, we are having difficulty informing you of the full complement of films provided by The Square. Please call them after 6pm on any night for more information about upcoming events.

CONCERTS/PLAYS/EVENTS:

COLBY COLLEGE:

Powder and Wig Presents: "A Brecht Performance" playing April 9, 10 and 11 at 8pm in the Cellar Theatre, Runnals Union.

Broadway Musical Review April 10, 11 and 12 at 8pm in the Page Commons Room.

Visiting Writers Series Poetry Reading with Jenaro Talenc on April 13 at 4:30pm in the Robinson Room of Miller Library.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE:

Bowdoin Dance Group performs their works on Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11 at 8pm in Pickard Theater in Memorial Hall.

LECTURES:

8 April 9: American studies Lecture with Cheryl Townsend Gilkes of the Sociology and African-American Studies Departments. "Hold Back the Tears: Womanist Ideologies in Gospel Music," 4:30pm in the Whitney Room, Roberts Union.

8 April 9: Phi Beta Kappa Lecture with Professor John Pdemas-Knight of Yale University Department of American History: "The Illusive Discovery: Thoughts on 1492 and Hereafter." 7pm in the Smith, Hurd, and Robins Rooms in Roberts Union.

• April 9: Dr. Ming Chan of the University of Hong Kong and the Hoover Institute of Stanford University: "The Uncrowned Colony— The Economic and Political Development of Hong Kong Toward 1997." 7pm in Lovejoy 215.

• April 9: F. Michael Scherer of the Kennedy School of Economics, Harvard University: "International High Technology Competition" at 3pm and "Beyond the Recession— The Productivity Growth Problem" at 8pm, both in the Robinson Room, Miller Library.

• April 12: Mitchell Public Policy Forum on Health Care in America with Dr. Uwe Reinhart and Dr. Stuart Altman at 7:30pm in Lorimer Chapel.

A & e-mail

Be nice if someone on your floor is trying to sleep this Friday night. GREs are this Saturday!

Curve's musical poltergeist

By Johan Dowdy
STAFF WRITER

Curve, *Doppelgänger*

"Oh the devil is in me, Oh the spirit is in me," proclaims Curve vocalist Toni Halliday, but her hauntingly beautiful voice and gloomy persona offer no notion that this possession is in any way negative. Indeed, Halliday and bandmate/co-songwriter/guitarist Dean Garcia are an integral part of the recent reincarnation of the English "gloom" or "gothic rock" scene. In the spirit of gothic rock progenitors

like Souxsie Soux and Kate Bush, Halliday's mystical lyrics and Garcia's musical dreamscapes combine to illuminate the bliss found just south of happiness and slightly west of reality. Curve's self-created reality is both frightening and confusing, but at the same time real. This turf of the psyche, on which all dreams, desires, and fears are enacted, is the playing field for this brilliant duo's craft.

The album's title, *Doppelgänger*, refers to the ghoulish counterpart of a human being, identical in appearance, yet an evil incarnation. Perhaps Halliday intended this supernatural moniker as an epithet for her own split personality, as her persona is prone to change drastically from one moment to the next. In *Already Yours*, Halliday confronts the listener passively, claim-

ing, "the voices of angels are in my blood." In *Wish you Dead*, Halliday's "Doppelgänger" persona is brought to life, commanding: "Don't step over my line, don't step over my head, because I will wish you dead."

Curve's musical style lends to the nature of its artistic style. It has a suspended quality, as if moving in slow motion through gale-force winds, something intently lethargic as if a forced element of control is in effect. Drumbeats tie the music together with pulse-like regularity as a sonorous cascade of buzzing guitars bombards the eardrums. Overall, the listener is given the sensation that chaos is somehow being controlled and shaped within the bounds of this unique soundscape. □

Colby Improv. Co. slays packed audience

By Ethan Gettman
A&E EDITOR

Quick! With little more than a second to think, you have to effectively—and humorously—make your way out of a sticky situation.

Armed with little more than a fast wit and a creative imagination, members of the Colby Improv. Company dared the audience to think of a situation, a verb, a cliché, anything! that could stump them, but no circumstance was awkward enough to stump these extemporaneous experts.

Both shows were huge successes, as evident by three crowded levels of people in the Heights community room. The Company's onslaught of laughs was merciless, without end.

Founded by senior Marah Silverberg four years ago, the Colby Improv. Company debuted during her sophomore year and it has been a huge success ever since. This is largely due to her formula of improv that is similar to those of professional improv troupes.

P.C. may come and go, but Silverberg's comedic legacy is destined to persevere. □

Pantagruelism

By Ethan Gettman '92



Answers to Last week's Crossword

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Math chair Devlin responds

Regina Lipovsky's opinion piece on the distribution requirements (*The Echo*, March 19) contains so many factual errors it is hard to know where to begin. One possibility would be to recommend that the writer registers for the Philosophy Department's logic course, which itself would fulfill the Area IV requirement that she erroneously thinks consists only of calculus.

Let's take just a few of the significant errors one at a time. First, Regina feels that a 'mathematics' requirement is counter to a perceived trend towards the humanities and the liberal arts. Though for historical reasons mathematics comes under the Science Division at Colby, at many universities, including the one where I taught previously (Stanford), the Mathematics Department is part of the Humanities Division, being arguably a humanity as much (in fact I would argue more) than a science. It is certainly one of the classical liberal arts. The liberal arts constitute a tradition having its roots in Ancient Greek civilization, for which the study of mathematics and philosophy were the very pinnacle of human endeavor.

Second point. There is certainly no requirement that anyone takes calculus, and in fact the Mathematics Department usually recommends against calculus for students who simply wish to fulfill the Area IV requirement, and do not need

the contents of such a course for their major.

Thirdly, and to jump to the end of Regina's article, Math 111 is not a calculus course, nor a high school algebra course. It is a classic liberal arts course that takes students on a tour of certain aspects of humankind's intellectual heritage. The proof of this particular pudding lies in the eating. As it happens, I shall be giving Math 111 this fall. Why not come along and sample it, Regina-or anyone else for that matter. Certainly you can call in at my office in Mudd 406 and talk about it if you wish. Except when I am teaching or talking with students, my door is always open.

Regina laments that she had to struggle to avoid high school calculus. Here I find myself in considerable sympathy. At far, far too many high schools, math classes suck. What is more, they don't even focus on mathematics. By and large, they amount to little more than tedious, repetitive treks through numerical proficiency exercises. In fact, few high schools can hope to provide a true overview of the breadth of human knowledge, so most students arrive at college having little idea of the true nature of many subjects they thought they studied in high school. Last fall I polled my beginning Math 111 class for a description of mathematics. Only two from a class of 28 came even remotely close to an accurate description. Most thought it was the study of numbers, which is analogous to saying that literature is the study of words. (Actually, it is

worse, since literature depends on words but lots of mathematical ideas have nothing to do with numbers.)

Come on, Regina, surely you came to a liberal arts college (as opposed to a narrowly-focused vocational school) to tread new territory and be intellectually stretched. To study the "liberal arts" in other words. Sample widely, with an open mind. Sure, you might not like everything you try, who does? But until you try it, how can you ever know? And this is the main driving force behind the distribution requirements.

Keith Devlin
Carter Professor of
Mathematics and
Chair of Department

ever the outcome, the protestors were simply acting on their responsibility as students at Colby to participate. □

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meeting and many other concerns will be heard in the May meeting. But President Cotter made the most important proposal on Saturday morning.

He suggested that since EPC decisions must pass through the faculty for approval, decisions of Student Affairs should go through Presidents' Council, instead of being reported directly to the deans. Well, chalk one up for the prez because this is perhaps one the most sensible proposals to date. It would epitomize the theory of student government by giving the power of review to students. Whether you realize it or not, the Student Affairs Committee is probably one of the most important committees on this campus. Giving student power to this committee would be a giant step in the right direction.

But it can't end there. The May meeting is going to be very important and McPhetres' statement about making changes between now and then is more important. If McPhetres, or other deans, try to inflict changes without our input, it will undermine all that we worked for on Friday. Last night's forum will have been a smoke screen, and all the proposals about increasing student involvement on committees will be useless. Try to make changes and a bigger rally in May will follow—I guarantee it.

I am not a big "activist" fan. I do not like marches, picket signs, blow horns, and three word cheers. But on Friday, I, along with 250 other students, felt so frustrated that I picked up that blow horn and I embraced the activist's role. But I am still concerned that more has to be done. When people have power, especially administrators, it is very difficult to get them to relinquish it. I will most likely be gone before any big changes are made, but I am still anxiously awaiting the day. □

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Council for approval. Soules said many students hold a negative attitude toward hall presidents for not accomplishing what students want, and to some extent they are right to feel that way.

"But some responsibility does fall on the rest of the students," he said. "Every individual should want to get involved."

"A lot of negative feeling comes from students when another policy change is made," said Laidley. "Instead of just watching the College make policy, students should work to influence each other's attitudes. That would allow change to happen without all the resentment."

What is beyond dispute is that student and administrative leaders will have this at the forefront of their agenda for the remainder of the semester.

"We've always accepted our role as just recommending, not making, laws," said Laidley. "Now we're tackling the issue." □

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students in the administrative process. In addition, that process must be changed so that the student voice will have more power in affecting decisions. To sit back and ignore the responsibility of the students would be devastating for future generations at Colby.

We are members of this community as much as we would be members of a country club. To say that since life is so good here that we don't need to challenge the system is foolish. The protest was not against the trustees or the administration. It was against the structure of the system that administers Colby. It will be up to the three groups to decide if the student voice is given more power. What-



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 Cider Day	6 NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME POPCORN PRETZELS SOFT REFILLS	7 Opening Day RED SOX V6. YANKEES 	8 TEA DELIRIA COMEDienne 9:00 PM	9 D.J. DANCE PARTY 9-11 P	10	11 INVITATIONAL GAME: TOURNAMENT POOL FOOD 9:00- PING PONG
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for an incident last weekend in which a Colby student was held at gunpoint behind Roberts Row by a campus intruder. "This was an incident where students knew best," he said.

Janice Seitzinger, dean of students, responded with examples of how lighting has been improved by trimming trees behind Hillside, fixing broken timers, and replacing lights removed for the Lovejoy construction. Seitzinger said she submitted a list of additional requests to Physical Plant. "Our list of needs is in," she said. "Now we're waiting for budget approval."

Chris Ward '92, a Judicial Board justice, offered to apply some of J-Board's \$11,000 in fine money to the lighting problem. "Obviously there is a budget problem," said Ward. Seitzinger, Ward and Jason Soules '93, Stu-A president, promised to fast track an agreement on lighting.

One student felt the money should come from the College. "[Outdoor lighting] should be a top priority issue of the administration," he said.

Other issues raised at the forum dealt with campus housing, the Health Center, daycare for children of Colby employees, the meal plan, campus speakers, academic credit, and the gender-neutral statement.

Bill Higgins '92, Stu-A president elect for 1992-93, took an aggressive stance with administrators, quizzing them on various issues like dogheads and office accessibility.

Ben Beatie '92, a forum organizer, closed the forum. "We have moved to new ground," he said. "Colby students are not apathetic."

Members of the panel were Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations Randy Helm, Administrative Vice President Arnold Yasinski, Assistant Dean of Students Joyce McPhetres, Stu-A Vice President Karen Laidley '93, McArthur, Cotter, Seitzinger, Smith, and Soules. □

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trying to get more involvement not only on committees but also at campus wide activities. "I'm trying to schedule more lectures and performances that will be attractive to Colby students," she said.

"The performers and lecturers we are scheduling are not only different but also appealing," said Laidley. "We need increased student participation and attendance at these events."

All of the officers feel that if the students are more informed of campus activities they will be more willing to participate. Scott Parker '93, Stu-A social chair '92-'93, is planning on starting a weekly newsletter that will list all the campus events, not just Stu-A events.

"I want students to see all their options for activities and be more excited about on-campus events. With more interaction between Stu-A and the student body, I hope students will realize all the different choices they have on this cam-

pus," said Parker.

Parker and Laidley are planning on working more closely to provide events that are both cultural and social. An upcoming performance that Laidley hopes will attract many students is Bill Miller's April 29th appearance. Miller, a Native American, plays the acoustic guitar and sings songs about his life on the reservation.

In order to present more appealing events, "we need a more effective Student Activities board. It is important for hall presidents to appoint cultural and social chairs that are willing to do the work. It's important that they encourage and oversee activities on the dorm and campus levels," said Parker.

Parker has already begun work on a list of over forty events, including a highly probable James Taylor concert. He hopes to distribute this list to students. "I want their positive and negative feedback on all my ideas. That's the only way Stu-A events will be successful."

All the officers want students to be more aware of Stu-A's activities and to be more open with their opinions. Higgins and Rimas are hoping to have a weekly report in the Echo, in which they would discuss all their plans and what they have and hope to accomplish.

Suggestions and reactions from the students will be the greatest factor in all Stu-A decisions next year. "Improved communication and student involvement will mark next year's Student Association as a success," said Higgins. □

Lesson #1: Using your head

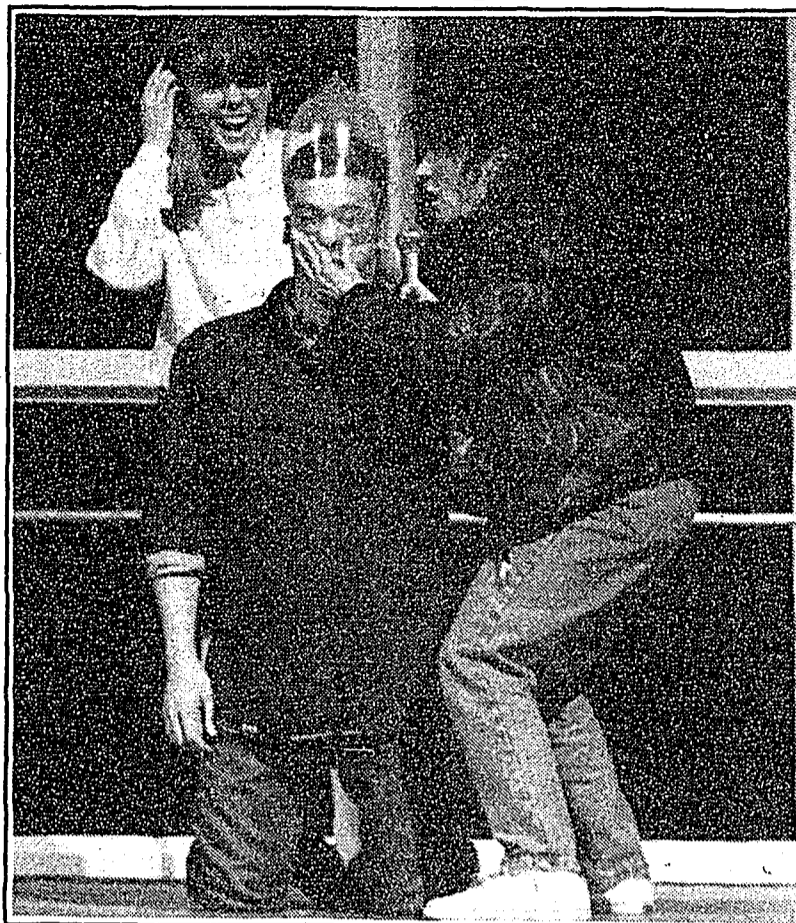






photo by Katherine Bordwell
Comedienne Suzi Landolphi (right) brought "Hot, Sexy, and Safer" to the Student Center last Thursday night to discuss safer sex practices with students. Here, she uses the head of Coby Reinhardt '95 (center) to demonstrate the elasticity of a condom.

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Sports

Strong start for Lady harriers

By Elliott Barry
STAFF WRITER

The women's track team returned from its spring training trip to San Diego primed for its first invitational meet of the season. The Lady Harriers traveled to Fitchburg State to compete against Fitchburg, Bryant College, Eastern Connecticut, University of Southern Maine and Salem State. The events were not scored, but Colby dominated the competition.

"If the meet had been scored we would have been well in front of the rest of the competition," said coach Debbie Aitken. "We had people place in almost every event."

The Colby women throwers, who competed in a meet at Bowdoin a week ago, were in good shape to perform well at Fitchburg. Brooke Lorenzen '95, paced the Mules with a number of good performances. Lorenzen threw the hammer over 120' for the second time in three meets and also tossed the discus for 85' 10", earning first place in that event. In her first season of throwing Lorenzen has shown she will be a standout in these events for the next four years.

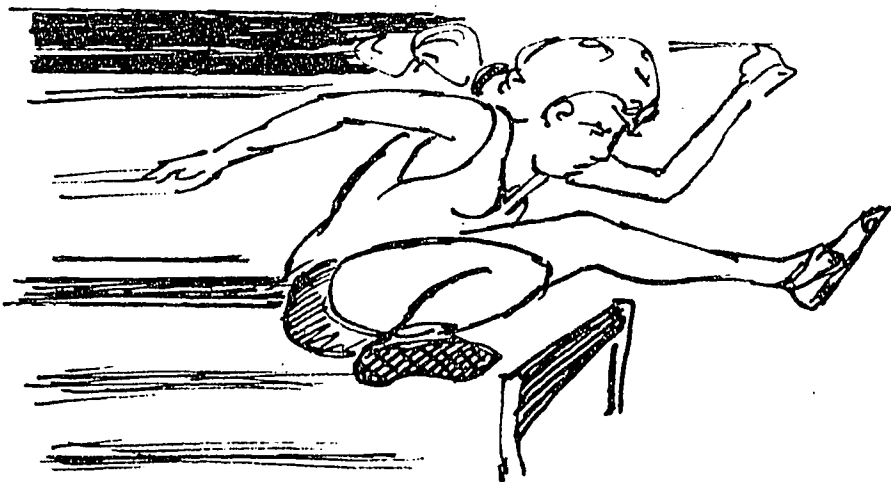
Colby also dominated the jumping events. Amy Young '93,

led the field with strong efforts in the long and triple jumps. Young was joined by Janet Powers '94, and Patricia Lee '95. Lee won the high jump with a jump of 5' 1", and Powers combined with Young to take the long jump.

Helping Colby dominate in the other events were Karen Russo '95, Lenia Ascenso '95, Jen Curtis '93, and standout Michelle Severance '94. Severance qualified for the nationals in the 5,000-meter event with a time of 17:34.04. Russo won the 100-meter hurdles in her first time competing in the event. Curtis finished well in the 100-meter race and ran on the 4x100 meter relay. Aitken's top recruit Ascenso, who has been sidelined with a knee injury for the whole year, debuted with a strong performance in the 500-meter.

The women's track team will now begin preparation for its next meet, a battle against Tufts and Bowdoin. These two schools could be the strongest in New England and they will show Colby where it stands comparatively.

"I do not think we will be able to beat either of these teams, but if we can score with them the outdoor team will be ensured a better performance than the indoor season," said Aitken. □



DEVASTATOR of the week



This week's Devastator is Colby baseball tri-captain Jim Dionizio '92. Jim, a third baseman, is currently one of the top hitters in NESCAC, batting over .500. Way to smack the pea around the yard, Jimbo !!!

Men's track dominates Fitchburg Invitational

By Michelle Severance
STAFF WRITER

The men's track team showed its strength at the Fitchburg Invitational track meet last weekend, taking first or second in nearly every event.

The highlight of the meet was the finals of the 100 meter dash, the field of which was made up entirely of Colby sprinters. Thomas Smith, Colby's sprint coach, won the event with a time of 11:44 seconds.

"It was just like practice," said Len Baker '93, who came in second in the event. Baker's time of 11:45 qualified him for the New England Division III championships in May. Baker also had a strong showing in the anchor leg of the 4x100 relay. Head coach Jim Wescott summed

up Baker's day by saying "He looked super." Colby won the 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400 relays.

In the distance events Abe Rogers '95, won the 10,000 meters and then went on to place 3rd in the 5,000-meters later in the day. It is very unusual for a runner to double in the two longest events in a meet, much more unusual for him to place well in both races. But Wescott said Roger's "was game for it."

Barrett Smith '93, followed Rogers to a second place finish in the 10,000. Hurdler Matt Martel '95, finished third in his first collegiate 110-hurdle race. Middle distance runner Jason Bologna '94, ran to a second place finish in the 1500. Bologna had a strong lead most of the race but was out kicked in the final lap by a Keene State runner.

A weak field in the throwing

events lowered the level of competition. Said Chris Richards '93, "We didn't do well for ourselves but we came first or second in every event." Joe Tamburini '92, placed first in the hammer with a throw of 139 ft. 4 inches.

Mark Porter '95, garnered athlete of the week honors in the field events for placing second in the discus in his first collegiate meet. The throwers were also hampered by strong winds during the meet.

"The only way conditions could have been worse for the javelin was if it had rained," said Richards, who placed second in the javelin.

"Over all, it was a nice low key meet for us to start the season with," said Wescott. The team had a chance to place well and get momentum going for the meet against Bowdoin and Tufts this weekend. □

Scoreboard

Baseball

Clark 7, Colby 6
Colby 13, Clark 9

4/11 Doubleheader at UMass., Boston 1:00
4/15 vs. Bowdoin 3:00

Softball

4/9 Doubleheader at U. New England 3:00
4/11 Doubleheader vs. U. Southern Maine 12:00

Men's Tennis

Babson 5, Colby 4
Colby 0, Bowdoin 0

4/11 vs. Conn College 2:00

Men's Track

4/11 vs. Bowdoin at Tufts 11:00

Women's Track

4/11 vs. Bowdoin at Tufts 11:00

Men's Lacrosse

Middlebury 18, Colby 6
Colby 12, Montclair State 11 (OT)

4/11 vs. Conn. College 2:00

Women's Lacrosse

4/10 vs. Trinity 3:00
4/11 vs. Conn. College 2:00
4/14 at Bowdoin 4:00

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Sports

Men's tennis edged by Babson

By Hal Paul
STAFF WRITER

Colby's men's tennis begins its 1992 season with high expectations and a roster replete with depth and talent. Having lost their top-seeded singles player to graduation, the Mules have solidified their overall play and are hoping to better last year's 6-3 record.

If the team's spring break trip to Hilton Head, SC, is any indication of its potential, it's well on its way to reaching this goal. However, if the course of this year's season is to be judged by last weekend's match against Babson College, bettering that record is not a signed, sealed, and delivered prospect.

"We have a deep team this year, we are tighter as a unit than we were last year, and we are able to play well together," said Phil Aberbach '92, who plays fifth singles for the Mules. "Entering the season, our goal was to win all seven of our matches, and though we've lost to Babson, we are still capable of reaching a higher plateau."

The White Mules played eight matches over a six day period in Hilton Head and recorded an impressive 6-2 record. They split a two match competition with Div. I Youngstown State and lost to Div. II West Georgia State. Their remaining five wins came at the expense of Div. II and III teams. Team members did not expect to play eight matches over the week but welcomed the opportunity to re-

fine their games.

Against Babson, the team looked both to avenge a three year drought it has suffered against the school and start its official season off on the right foot. After completing singles matches, the White Mules had to sweep all three doubles matches to capture victory, and nearly did.

Both the second doubles team of George Markel '92, and Jim "Money" Conrad '92, and the third doubles team of Jon Yormak '93, and Matt McGowan '94, won their matches, but the team's top-ranked doubles tandem of Ed Ramirez '93, and Mark Longsjø '92, was unable to put their opponents away and were defeated 6-4, 2-6, 3-6. The Mules found themselves on the short end of a 5-4 score.

"We started slowly in our doubles match against Babson, picked up steam, won the first set, then faltered," said Ramirez. "Although we wanted to go undefeated this year, there is still a lot we can accomplish."

"It was a slight disappointment to lose against Babson," said Yormak, who with McGowan remains undefeated in doubles play to date with an 8-0 record. "We believe this is the year, and that we might be the best tennis team to come along at Colby in a while."

Certainly, the Mules will have the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities and convince their fans that they are capable of great things as they host both Bowdoin and Connecticut College this week. □

Weather delays softball opener

By Tyler Duvall
STAFF WRITER

After two weeks of weather watching and five postponed games, the varsity softball team will finally begin its season this week with contests against St. Joseph's, University of New England, and Southern Maine.

"It's been really difficult to assess our players," said coach Laura Halldorson. "We've only been able to practice twice outdoors and haven't played any games." The Mules' games against Wheaton, Gordon, Tufts, and Husson were all rained out.

Colby will field one of its youngest teams ever with eleven first-year students suiting up every game. Only three players will be returning from last year's 5-16 squad, including new captains Sherri Bossie '92, and Karen Whitcomb '94, as well as Kris Owens '93. Bossie and Whitcomb will play second base and shortstop, respectively, and are expected to carry most of the hitting burden.

"Sherri and Karen are an excellent combination up the middle," said Halldorson. "Sherri played short last year, but this year we think she can do a fine job at second

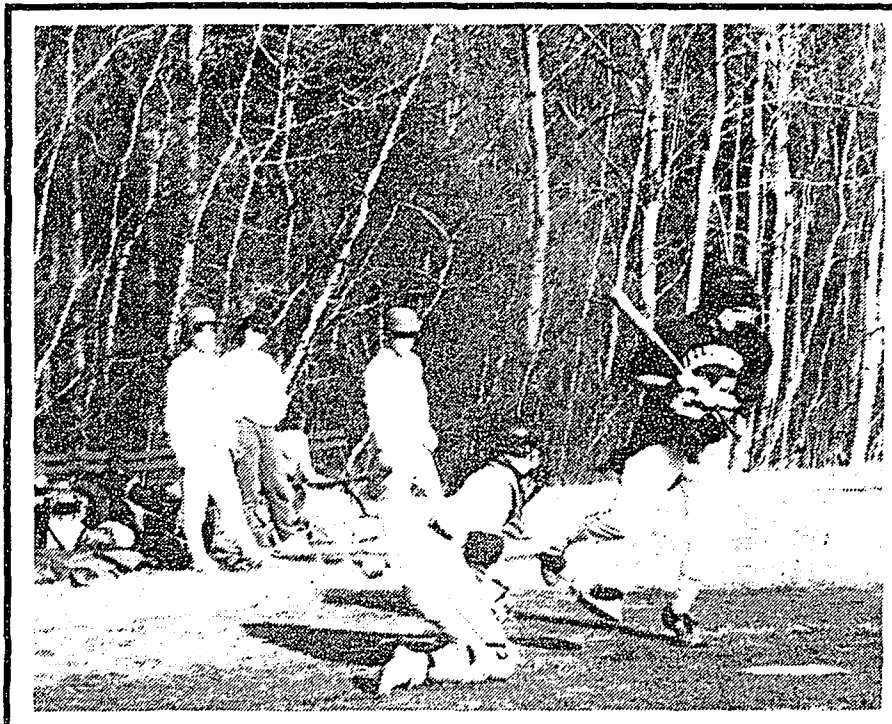


photo by Yuhgo Yamaguchi

Women's softball begins season unsure of its potential.

base."

Owens will be expected to lead the team's young pitching staff, as well as contribute at the plate. Jane Lundy '95, a talented rookie from the west coast, is the team's number two pitcher.

At catcher, Rebecca Apollon '95, and Sandra Jewers '95, will be battling for the starting position after both of last year's catchers left for

this semester. Also expected to play a great deal are infielder Kerry Knudsen '95, and all-purpose player Alison Lutz '95.

"This team definitely has a lot of potential because of our youth," said Halldorson. "Hitting should be one of our strengths, but it is still hard to say yet. We have more speed than in the past, but our defense is a question mark." □

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Madness and mayhem

March Madness. A time when young scholars paint their faces and howl for their team like their pinky toe was just cut off. A time for behind-the-back passes, no-look passes, alley-oops, beat-the-buzzer buckets, cheers, jeers, smears, steals, deals, upsets, setups, rim-rockers, dunks, plunks (oh no, that's Colby). In short, basketball at its best. I've compiled a few observations on what may very well be the most dramatic event in all of college athletics (outside of the CBB of course).

Pros:

- It made an otherwise boring spring break into a week of remote-control flicking, nacho dipping, and couch potatoing. (Boring—because Colby schedules vacation when no other college in the nation is off, so none of my friends are around the neighborhood. I heard that next year Christmas vacation is the last week of October.)
- Six words: study break, study break, study break
- It is always amusing to watch Dan Rather talk sports.
- You can't beat college hoops on prime-time T.V., even when it carries on 'till one in the morning. Hey mom, just let me stay up to watch the last two minutes of the game, pleeeeeease!!!
- Shaquille O'Neal... only three 'nuff said.
- UMass, 95% of the Colby student population's home team, reaches the sweet sixteen.

Cons:

- **Personal Vendetta:** UTEP and New Mexico State killed my chances of winning the pool I was in. Who knew they were going to do so well. Well, I guess if you did, you're richer than I am.
- I can never get enough beer, car, Old Spice, and Reebok Blacktop commercials. (I got game).
- The scene: 2:07 left in the UMass - Syracuse game; UMass up by a pair; CBS cuts the screen so Jim Nantz can show off his Michael Jordan tie and tell us that UCLA is beating the shi... um, doodie out of Louisville with all of next week left to play in regulation.
- Watching college basketball without Vitale is like going to a Student Center party without beer, it is still fun, but it's just not the same.

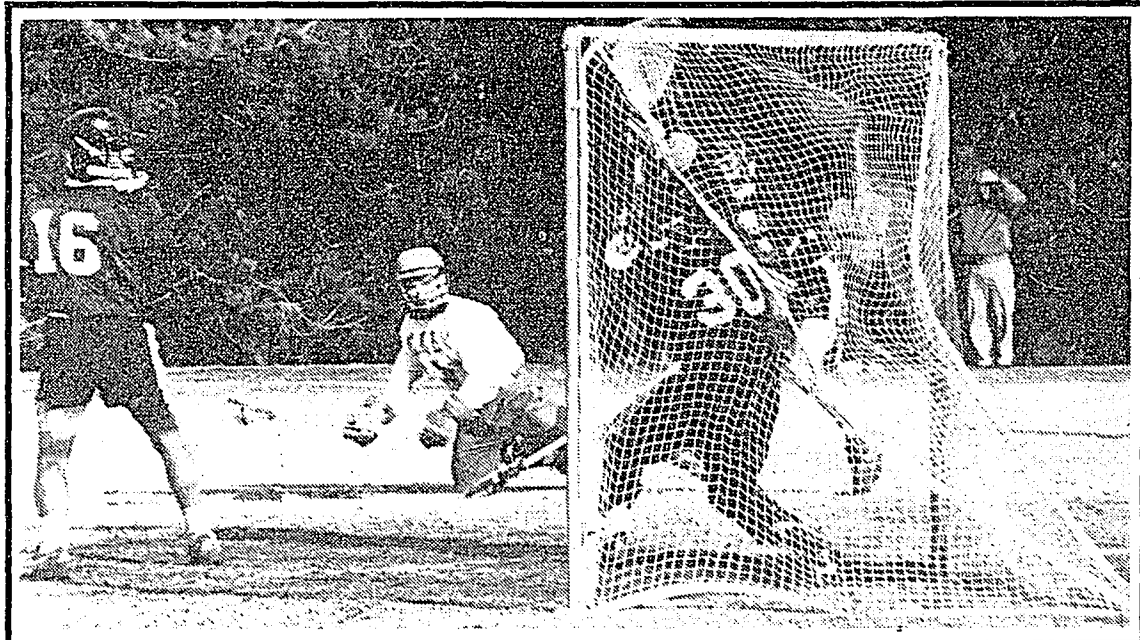
Overtime:

- Would someone from the administration please tell Billy Packer that Michigan's five starting freshmen are actually first-year students; and uh, Billy, don't make that mistake again.... O.K.?
- Duke, the team you love to hate with the coach you love to respect, won again. This year's MVP does not go to Christian Laettner or Bobby Hurley. It doesn't even go to a player. Without Coach K they wouldn't be where they are today. Hey coach, this Bud's for you, even though you probably wouldn't drink it.
- Madness, huh? Well if so, will someone please check Laettner into Bellevue, because that last second shot against Kentucky was sick, just sick. □

SPORTS

THE COLBY ECHO

Every game a battle for men's lacrosse team



Bill Bush '94, scores during Colby's 14-13 win over Bowdoin yesterday. photo by Yuhgo Yamaguchi

By Chris Davenport
STAFF WRITER

The Colby men's lacrosse team began its '92 season on a Greyhound bus. Travelling can be tough on a team, especially during spring break, and things went from bad to worse as first the Manhattanville game scheduled for March 22 was cancelled due to bad weather, and then the much-anticipated Fairfield and Trinity confrontations were postponed to later in the year.

"There was a lot of waiting around for nothing," said captain Greg Mahoney '92. "It's tough to travel down and only play two games."

Colby 9 split at Clark

By T.J. Winick
SPORTS EDITOR

The Colby baseball team (3-6) was in Worcester, MA, last Saturday for a double-header against Clark University. The White Mules split, dropping the first game 7-6 and winning the second 13-9.

Southpaw Dave McCarthy '93, the ace of Colby's pitching staff, got the call in game one. McCarthy (5 strikeouts, 8 walks-2 intentional) went the distance and had the Mules ahead 6-1 in the fourth inning. Clark mounted a comeback, however, and scored two runs in the fifth and three in the sixth. And in the bottom of the seventh and final inning, with the bases loaded, a wild pitch scored Clark's winning run.

"We played well in the beginning," said rookie head coach Tom Dexter. "Clark just put together a scrappy comeback. It was a tough loss."

Left fielder Mitch Rogers '92, had a three-run homer for Colby, while tri-captain third baseman Jim Dionizio '92, had 2 singles in the losing cause.

Michael Frasier '95, got the nod in game two and pitched 4 1/3 innings. Colby got behind 4-1 early, and Mike Keller '95, replaced Frasier on the mound. Keller got the win, as Colby went on the offensive, scoring 12 runs, seven in the top of the sixth.

"[The team] showed a lot of character by coming back strong in the second game," said Dexter. "Although we scored a lot of runs, our pitching really won it for us."

"Our young pitching staff is gaining experience and improving all the time," said

"A wake-up call" is how captains Mahoney and Andy Benson '92, summed up the eventual opening game loss to Middlebury on March 25. Middlebury is consistently at the top of the ECAC ladder and it looks as if this year will be no exception. It was clear from the onset that Middlebury had the advantage because of Colby's lack of outdoor play due to the weather, and the Mules lost a tough game 18-6. "If we had beaten Middlebury that would have been an upset," said coach Charlie Corey.

The Mules faced Montclair State the next night and were able to redeem themselves with a climactic 12-11 overtime win in the pouring rain. A four-goal deficit comeback

tri-captain John Brockelman '92.

Leading the assault was Mike McElaney '95, who had 4 RBIs on 4-4 with a single, two doubles and a triple. First baseman Brockelman had a single, double, and triple for 2 RBIs, and shortstop Kevin Darling '93, had a two-run triple in the top of the sixth.

The team had been coming off a tough trip to Florida over spring break, in which it went 2-5. The highlight of the trip came in the finale against Augsburg (MN). Colby won the game 15-6, racking up 18 hits in the process.

"We made alot of progress [in Florida]," said Dexter. "We were able to straighten out our defense, and we executed better throughout the trip."

"We have an experienced infield," said Brockelman. "We've been playing good, tight defense, and have been cutting down on errors."

Colby's hitting was superb throughout the trip, as the team came back with an overall batting average of over .300. Dionizio, meanwhile, has been on fire at the plate, hitting .579 going into the Clark games, in which he went 2-4.

It should be noted that the pitching staff has been plagued by injuries. Bill Hokanson '93, is out for the season with a broken jaw, and lefty Scott "Catfish" Kadish '94, has been on Injured Reserve with shoulder problems.

The Colby 9 will travel to Southern Maine this afternoon for a 3:00 game, and will be at UMass Boston this Saturday for a double-header (1:00 start).

"If we play the way we're capable of," said Dexter, "then we'll do okay. How our pitching comes along will be the key to our success." □

in the second half forced the extended play. Captain and goalie Bruce Fougere '92, saved a strong Montclair shot to keep the men alive, while captain Mahoney won the game with a brilliant sudden death overtime goal.

"Overall, it was a hard fought game. "Coming back showed a lot of heart," said Benson. "The younger players really came through big, and the win brought us together as a team."

The "younger players" had the pressure on their shoulders with the absence of ex-high school All-American Bill Bush '94, who pulled a hamstring early in the season. (Bush returned this week to help Colby defeat Bowdoin yesterday.) Fortunately, the rookies matured quickly. Jeff Harris '95, was able to put the ball in the net three times with three assists, and Brent McLean '95, had three goals and one assist.

"We did a real good job on the nitty-gritty aspects of the game like riding, clearing, and getting those ground balls," said Corey. "It was a good win for us."

On Saturday, April 4, the team boarded the bus once again, this time to travel to

Amherst. The White Mules walked away with a 10-7 victory, in what captain Benson called an "ugly win." Benson went on to add that the victory "was a learning experience. We are going to have to fight for every win."

The offense was led again by Harris and McLean, who compiled four goals and one goal, respectively. Veteran Warren Claytor '92, had two goals and one assist, and Mahoney added one to the scoreboard as well. Fougere had another impressive showing in the cage with 15 saves. Jim Burke '92, Andy Colligan '94, and Mike King '94, made up the always-impregnable Colby "wall" defense.

The Mules have a tough week coming up. Having defeated Bowdoin 14-13 yesterday, they will meet Connecticut College on Saturday. Bowdoin is expected to be in the finals of the ECAC tourney along with Middlebury, and lost only two players to graduation. Last year, however, Colby went into the ECAC play-offs an underdog against the Polar Bears and came out on top. The game will be played at home; fortunately for the Mules, the Greyhound will stay in the parking lot. □

Dunking for dollars

By Jonathan Walsh
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

In the spirit of good will and in the hopes that March Madness will continue further into April, a group of weekend warrior faculty members and selected Colby and Thomas College men's and women's basketball players will be competing at Wadsworth Gym at 7:00 tonight (WMHB, 90.5) to benefit the Mid-Maine Chapter of the American Red Cross.

As an expansion of the Colby faculty's NBA ("Noontime Basketball Association"), the main event will be a game between Colby and Thomas featuring administrators, faculty, staff and coaches from both schools.

At halftime Colby and Thomas players whose seasons didn't last long enough will have one more chance to show off their legendary talents during various Slam Dunk, Foul Shot and 3-Point competitions. To top off the night, Channel 5's own Tim Throckmorton will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Among the competitors are Colby's John Daileanes '92, and Chip Clark '94, in the three-point contest, and White Mule skyrisers Rob Carbone '93 (6'7") and Paul Butler '93 (6'6"), in the dunk contest. Butler, one of the slam-session front-runners, is confident in his levitating ability. "I'm planning to protest the movie 'White Men Can't Jump,' because I've obviously proved it wrong," he says.

The event is being billed as the First Annual American Red Cross Elm City Basketball Championship, and is another in the long line of fundraising events coordinated by the Colby and Thomas Waterville Area Youth Services groups (W.A.Y.S.).

According to Colby Red Cross chapter president Dave Leavy '92, the fundraising will work with a pledge system. All team members have had a certain amount pledged, to be matched by the actual team scores. "We wanted to do something fun because Red Cross has been [financially] strapped," said Leavy. "There have been so many disasters recently, like floods."

The fundraiser will serve in everyone's



photo by Brannon Lobdell

Rob Carbone '93, practices for tonight's contest.

best interest, as it is not only fun but important for all involved. "We definitely want to get more exposure for Red Cross and W.A.Y.S. and this is a good way to do it," said Leavy. "I think there will be a lot of interest because people will want to see Dean Earl Smith dress up as a cheerleader or [Dean of Students] Mark Serdjanian go to the hole." □