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## Admissions process not need-blind on the margin

By Marty Hergert  
STAFF WRITER

The slowing of the economy has Colby fighting to stay within the financial aid budget, bringing a new factor into the admissions selection process. Toward the end of the applicant pool, after early decision and stronger candidates are chosen, admissions must consider the financial status of an applicant.

"We are not alone in doing this," said Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Parker Beverage. "Harvard, Yale, Brown, and many other schools pay attention to staying within the financial aid budget."

"In the first pass through the applications aid is not considered. Then we go back and decide on those students who are marginal for admissions anyway and don't require aid," said Lucia Smythe, director of financial aid.

Beverage said that in "the tail end of the process, after narrowing a large group down," admissions reviewed those applicants not requiring aid.

"It is in no way a science," he said. "We base admissions targets on experience and a fair amount of guesswork. We have been conservative in making decisions this year on financial aid in order to meet the restrictions of the trustees and the College."

"As it looks now, a higher percentage of applicants are to receive financial aid. Charges are rising with inflation and more students are asking for aid," said Beverage.

Said Smythe: "On the day we mailed out acceptance letters, 40 early decision students received grant aid, and 235 awards went out for non-early decision."

Since last year's financial aid budget went over by \$150,000, the College has been looking for ways to curb the debt.

"We have been forced to stay within the budget," said Beverage. "Students apply for aid after they get to Colby also. We can't keep over committing year after year."

Though no one can be sure of facts and figures until early May, when the students decide whether or not to matriculate, the make-up of the class will be similar to previous years.

"We're looking for a target of 470-475 students with another 15-20 transfer sophomores or juniors. It will be about 50 percent male and 50 percent female, with about 25 international students," said Beverage.

"We have admitted a smaller percentage of the applicant pool. We took a little bit of a chance, but it is a strong pool and we felt really confident," said Beverage.

It has been a special year in the admissions process. The shifting world of politics and the economic difficulties of 1991 and 1992 have affected the pool of applicants and the decision process.

Changing politics in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union have made the West, and the possibility of education, more visible to international applicants.

"We are seeing a trend upward. There is broader visibility for Colby both inside and outside this country," said Beverage.

"The international student component is greater now than in all of my seven years at Colby," he said. "Eastern Europe is looking at the possibility of a Western education. We've had many applicants from Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Latvia."



Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Parker Beverage. *file photo*

Colby's wider international exposure stems from extensive travel by admissions officers and wider circulation of data by college guides, said Beverage. For the class of 1996, Colby has already admitted one Estonian, two Yugoslavians, and a candidate from Saudi Arabia. □

## Spring finally comes to Colby



photo by Amy KL Borrell

As temperatures rose into the sixties on Tuesday, many students took advantage of the warm weather. Here, Melissa Crawley '94 (left) and Yvonne VanVeenendaal '92, play a game of badminton.

## Recycling saves money

By David Holtzman  
STAFF WRITER

In December, Keith Stockford, grounds and moving supervisor, described the recycling efforts in the residence halls as "poor." Since then, he and Physical Plant employees have begun emptying the bins every day rather than periodically.

As a result, Colby is now saving more money from recycling due to efforts by Buildings and Grounds workers to upgrade the recycling program, according to Stockford.

"It's tons better now," said Jenny Alfond '92, who started the recycling program at Colby two years ago. "It's unbelievable compared to when we started it."

"The company that picks up the recyclables here has noticed the positive change," said Stockford. "Things have improved drastically."

Previously, large amounts of recyclable paper were being contaminated by food or drinks. A single food product spilled in a recycling bin can ruin a whole container of high-quality paper, according to Stockford. That problem has decreased with more frequent collection.

Stockford said he has explained the program "quite thoroughly" to custodians and is awarding prizes for those who have the greatest success collecting cans and paper. "For a lot of them it's a matter of pride," he said.

The biggest problems continue to occur on the weekends, Alfond said, when partying students dump or spill alcohol on white paper and newsprint. She said people now seem to be making more of an effort to avoid that situation.

She and Stockford also arranged to post colorful signs around campus which detail what can and cannot be recycled. The signs

make it clear that food and recyclables do not mix.

Alfond was pleased with other environmental projects the College has worked on, including the Colby mugs, which were "a bigger success than I'd ever hoped for," she said.

"Something we need to target now is conservation," she said.

"Things have improved drastically,"

-Keith Stockford, Grounds and Moving Supervisor

## Baffled by Colby's committee system?

Check out our chart of committee hierarchy on page 5. Learn who has the final authority to override Stu-A and Presidents' Council.

Find out how many students sit on Committees of the College--permanent, standing committees that come back year after year.

Pick a committee that interests you and contact Stu-A or the Dean of Students Office about an appointment for next year.

Make your voice heard. Get involved. Join a committee!

Stockford said students need to know enough about recycling that it becomes routine for them. There are also financial incentives to the whole college and to Waterville. He said the city spends \$58,000 yearly to dump trash. Colby now recycles 25 percent of its trash and will increase that amount next year when magazines become part of the program.

"We're a throwaway society, but I'm doing my best to change that," said Stockford.

"I'm pleased [the recycling project] is permanent and established," said John Terborgh '94, an active member of the Environmental Council. "It's still frustrating, though, to see non-recyclables get mixed with things that can be reused, because the money [saved from] recycling is not peanuts."

This weekend the Environmental Council is sponsoring a number of Earth Day activities, including "Carry Your Own Trash" and a race to raise money for the Council. Ben & Jerry's will supply ice cream for the runners. □

# News and Features

## News Briefs

### Student hospitalized after jumping to Leonard window

A male student was hospitalized with a fractured skull and concussion after jumping from a concrete bench to a Leonard first floor window last weekend, according to John Frechette, director of Safety and Security.

The student is not a Leonard resident, but he was attempting to get into the locked building.

He was hospitalized at Mid-Maine Medical Center following the accident. "He's now apparently getting better," said Frechette. (L.P.)

### Students still quiet over holiday weekend

It was "a very quiet weekend" with only eleven party forms submitted to Safety and Security, according to John Frechette, director of Safety and Security. Frechette attributes the sharp decline in parties to the fact that many students went home last weekend for Easter and Passover.

The only reported damage on campus was to windows in Piper and the construction trailer at the Lovejoy site. The Piper window was broken by a snowball.

The construction trailer window was broken by a metal cover for an outdoor light at the Student Center. The vandal apparently ripped it off the light at the Student Center and threw the cover through the window of the trailer. (L.P.)

### Open House Week welcomes class of '96

This year's Open House Week, in which accepted members of the Class of '96 visit Colby, is "going very well," said David Unruh '91, assistant to the dean of admissions and coordinator of Open House Week.

About 300 students visited on Monday and over 100 visited on Tuesday. Monday's group was bigger than

those in previous years, said Unruh. Special tours and information sessions will continue through this week.

"We try to plan Open House Week during school vacations in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine," said Unruh.

The Day Host Program, which allows Colby students to host perspective students during the day but not overnight, also has been successful in its first year, said Unruh.

"It's very similar to the Overnight Host Program, except it's just for the day," said Unruh. "It's easier for someone to make a three or four hour commitment to host a student." (L.P.)

### Candlelight walk Sunday night to honor sexual assault survivors

A candlelight walk from Roberts Union to Lorimer Chapel in honor of survivors of sexual assault will take place on Sunday, April 26 at 8:00 p.m.

The walk will be followed by a discussion and refreshments in the Chapel lobby. Joyce McPhetres, associate dean of students, will speak at the beginning of the discussion, said Jenn Davis '94, a coordinator of the event.

The walk falls two days after the "Take Back the Night" march in Augusta on Friday and in the middle of the "Women's Week and Half".

Davis, Allison Guth '94, and Meg Wren '93, coordinated the event on their own after they got the idea from the Rape Crisis Assistance Center, said Davis.

The date for the event was misprinted in the mailings for Sexual Assault Awareness week. (L.P.)

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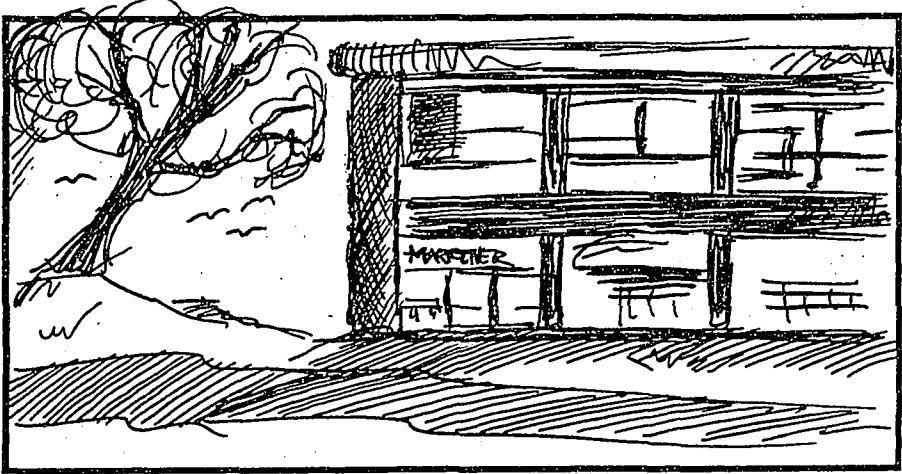
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## Marriner to be substance-free hall



By Laura Pavlenko  
NEWS EDITOR

Despite changing the substance-free residence hall from Sturtevant to a larger hall, Marriner, for next year, the hall still may not be able to accommodate every student interested in living in a substance-free environment, said Paul Johnston, associate dean of students.

"I liked the way it worked out this year," said Taryn Hanson '95, a Sturtevant resident who will live in Marriner next year. "Having seen enough of the other buildings on the weekends, I wouldn't want to live like that."

Twenty-three of the 43 beds in Marriner have already been taken by upperclassmen, leaving 15 for incoming first-years next year, said Johnston. Last year, 23 incoming first-years requested a substance-free residence hall. "If that happens again, we're not going to be able to get them in [Marriner]," said Johnston.

Johnston said that it was too late in the room-draw process to move the substance-free hall to a bigger building. If too many incoming first-year students request the substance-free hall, they will be placed on a waiting list.

Earlier this spring, Johnston considered making both Sturtevant and Marriner substance-free, but there wasn't enough interest. But as it got closer to room draw, "all of these people came out of the woods," said Johnston.

Johnston said the people who signed up for the substance-free hall had both good and bad room draw numbers, meaning some didn't sign up only to avoid poor housing elsewhere. "They knew if they had good or bad numbers when they

signed up," said Johnston. "But they still all have to adhere to the lifestyle."

This year, there was confusion over the philosophy of the substance-free hall. "There was a paradox as to what the mission really was," said Johnston. Some residents were in favor of a completely substance-free lifestyle, while others wanted the hall to be a substance-free zone, he said.

"I think it's going to be up to individual choice next year," said Johnston.

Johnston's original plan for having two substance-free halls was to have one hall as a substance-free "zone" and the other for people with completely substance-free lifestyles.

Approximately 50 percent of current Sturtevant residents will return to the substance-free hall next year in Marriner, according to Johnston.

Robyn Kervick '95, a Sturtevant resident, is not living in Marriner next year. "I liked being [in Sturtevant]. It was nice not to deal with obnoxiously drunk people," she said. "But it got boring after a while."

"People automatically threw this stereotype on you because you live in Sturtevant," said Kervick.

Still, Kervick said living in a substance-free hall her first year was a good experience. "I wanted to meet people who didn't drink for their only fun," she said. "Now that I've made some friends, it won't matter where I am. If I had been on Frat Row, I would have had a harder time adjusting."

Johnston said his ultimate goal is to have one substance-free hall in each Commons. "If people want this kind of housing, we'll have to provide it." □

# Off the Hill

By Kathryn Cosgrove  
STAFF WRITER

## Wellesley College Wellesley, MA

### The Wellesley News

Hillary Rodham Clinton's selection as commencement speaker for the Class of 1992 has stirred controversy on the Wellesley campus. Seniors are not only questioning the selection, but also the selection process.

"Due to scheduling conflicts" all twenty candidates who were selected by the class to speak declined. The committee, needing a speaker on short notice, recommended Clinton because she was a 1969 graduate of the College and had spoken at Wellesley before. She accepted the invitation and has been scheduled for commencement.

Seniors are upset because they were not consulted in the final selection process and feel that since Clinton has spoken at Wellesley before, it will diminish the importance of her speech. There are also petitions circling to "keep this special event from being treated as a publicity bonus for a campaign we may or may not support," according to seniors Tammye King and Yumiko Shinoda.

## Dartmouth College Hanover, NH

### The Dartmouth Review

The Hanover police and Safety and Security at Dartmouth College have responded to three separate reports of sexual assault on campus. The first report was filed on March 1. At approximately 5:00 a.m., an unknown male assailant entered the room of a sleeping female. The intruder allegedly overpowered the woman with a knife and restrained her with duct tape. The assailant has not yet been identified.

On March 6, a Dartmouth student reported that she had been sexually assaulted in January by an acquaintance while at a fraternity party.

The third case was reported on March 16. The alleged incident occurred between a woman and a male Dartmouth student, also in January. As in the previous incident, the woman knew her assailant.

## St. Mary's College St. Mary's City, MD

### The Point News

Reginald O. Savage, an African-American assistant professor of philosophy, claims he was denied a five-year contract in 1990 based on race and age discrimination.

The Faculty Senate's evaluation of the allegation concluded that "no violations of procedure during the 1990 retention evaluation of Professor Savage have been established."

Savage feels that the Senate was biased and could not judge the case fairly because four of its officers are division heads and officers of the College. □

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## Sexual Perversity attracts many voyeurs



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Ingrid Kristan '94, and Scott Wood '92, heat up the Cellar Theatre with last Friday's presentation of "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" by David Mamet. Put on by the One Night Stand Players (also including Dana Mackin '92, and Scott Callan '92), the show was an enormous success.

## Stu-A and the president's office present:

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## Professor Whalen to leave Colby

By Amy Keim  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Assistant Professor of Biology Maureen Whalen, one of only four women in the Science Division at Colby, plans to leave the College at the end of this semester.

Whalen's husband, a marine biologist specializing in Phycology (the study of algae), has been unable to find employment in Maine, prompting the couple to look elsewhere.

"His field of study is so narrow—when we came to Maine we thought he could find a job," said Whalen. "But we live too far from the coast for him to commute, and there isn't much need for a Phycologist here."

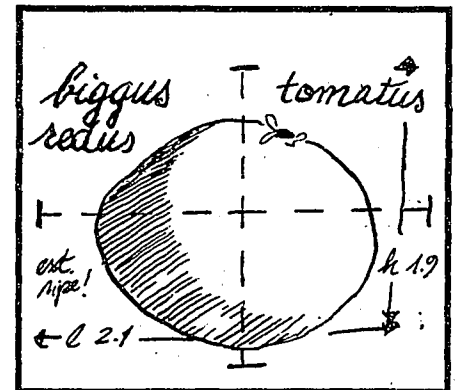
She and her husband, Richard Moe, plan to move to California's Bay area, where Moe has found employment.

Whalen has taught Introductory Biology and Molecular Biology since 1990 and Biology of Women during the '91 and '92 January terms. In addition, she researches the molecular genetics of tomato disease resistance, for which she received a NSF grant last year.

"I think she's wonderful," said Reena Chandra '93, a Biology major who took Biology of Women last January. "I wish there were more women in the Biology department."

When Whalen initiated the popular Biology of Women course, she hoped to make students "better health consumers. As women, we have to deal with our biology so often, yet, in general, we are very ignorant."

In the class, Whalen brought in many female speakers, such as midwives, representatives from Waterville Family Planning and Colby's Health Center. "These women, as experts in their fields,



were great role-models for the students," she said.

"Maureen organized a wonderful course," said Dr. Susan Cochran of the Health Center. "She was receptive, enthusiastic, and she didn't have a 'holier than thou' attitude. Her approach was one of sharing, instead of telling."

"She's been a nice addition to the department," said Dr. David Firmage, chair of the Biology department. "I'm understanding, but unhappy" of her leaving, added Firmage.

Firmage said Jean Haley, currently a professor of biology at Simmons College in Boston, MA., has been hired to replace Whalen, and will teach a class for non-majors in the fall. He said she might teach Biology of Women, but will not be required to.

"I don't think any of our male counterparts are likely to pick [Biology of Women] up for the fall," said Firmage. "It's not a necessary course for a Biology major. Few [colleges] offer it."

Although Whalen enjoyed her research and teaching the other biology courses, she will miss Biology of Women the most. "It was the highlight of my year to teach that class," she said.

Whalen has arranged for the use of a lab at the University of California at Berkeley to continue her research, and has no immediate plans to continue teaching. □



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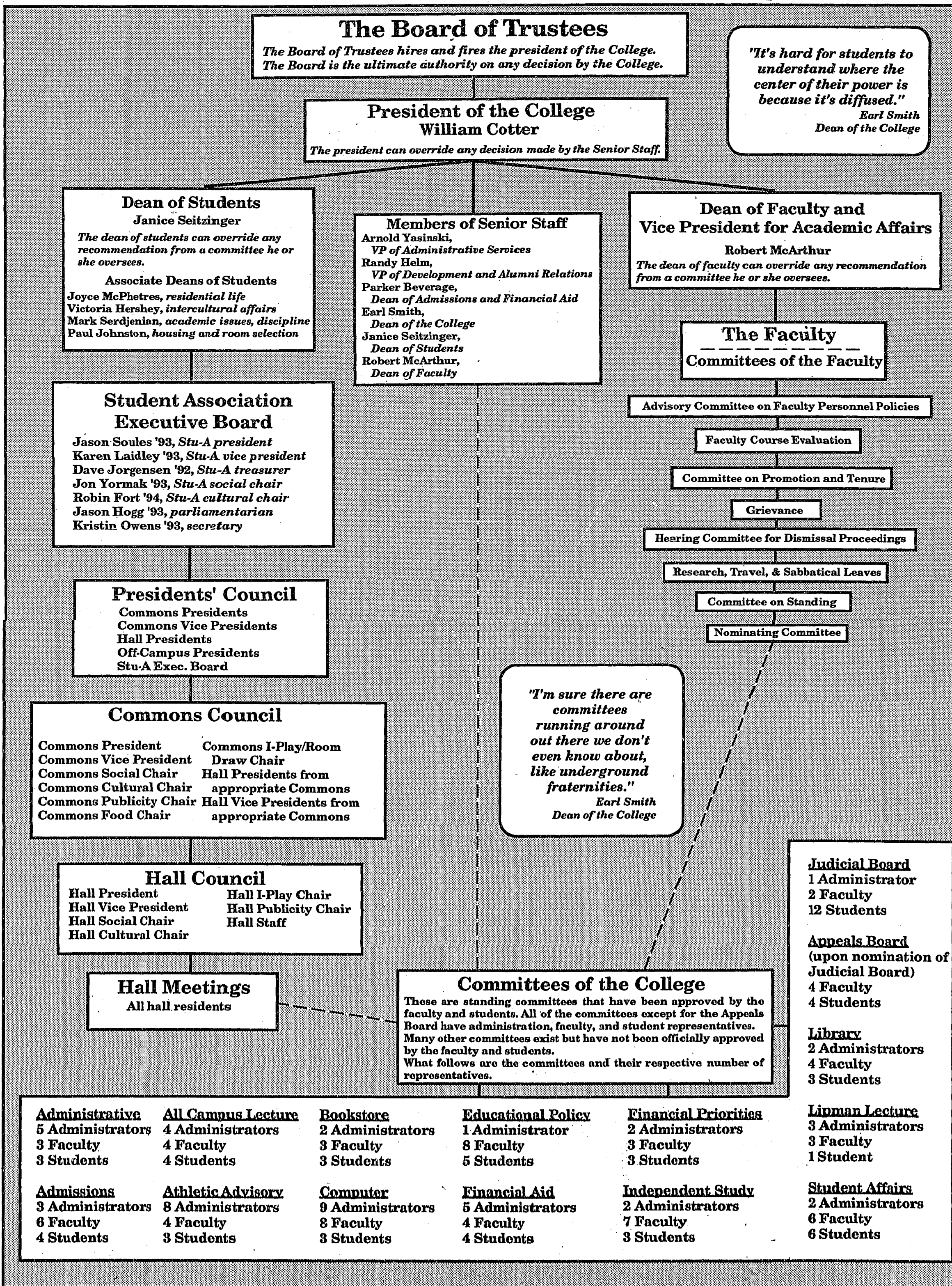


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# The Colby College committee system

With all the fuss about the distribution of power at Colby, the Echo put together a guide on campus hierarchy.





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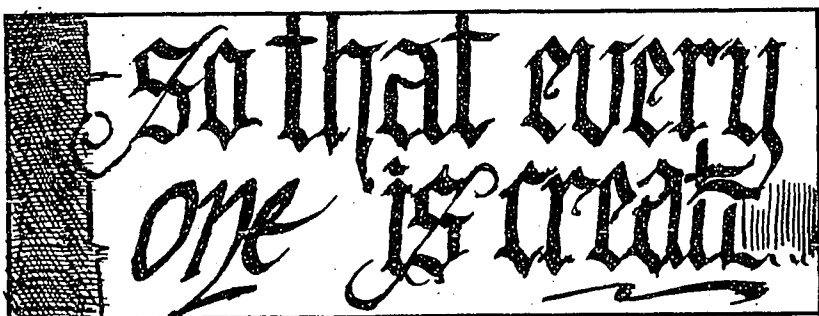
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## EDITORIALS

### P.C. may come and go, but...



...Some things will never disappear. The use of violence, ignorance, dissatisfaction, yes; but also curiosity, the quest for knowledge, and the pursuit of an egalitarian, utopian society.

In the beginning, we are thrust into this world. Most of us seem to survive the insurmountable obstacles that team within the modern world. Rarely unscathed, one must realize the fortune of Life.

So sing a song for yourself, as Walt Whitman would say. Take a minute to stare up at the stars. Talk to a cat. Begin an instrument. Cuddle a baby. Court that person that has been catching your eye. Write your parents a letter. Help make the world a "kinder, gentler" place to live.

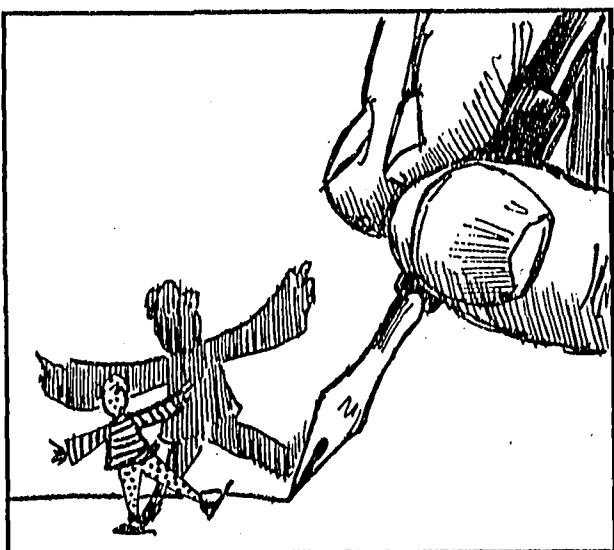


So embrace. Embrace your girl/boyfriend, your sexuality, your spirituality, your Deans (ulp!), and, most importantly, yourself.

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Now what are you going to do? You start with nothing, and you end with nothing. So, what have you lost? Nothing!

So go and conquer yourself, but always remember that cooler heads will always prevail, and that everything is relative.



# Letters

## Heed this warning

Spring is upon us. This means that the always satisfying and frustrating ordeal of room draw is imminent. As usual, some people will be happy with next year's room assignments, some will be upset, and some will live off campus. Or will they?

Almost 25% of the seniors wish to live in the greater Waterville area as opposed to on Mayflower Hill, but many will be denied that privilege. This is a much greater problem now than it has been in the past. Why?

It is my opinion that people want to live off-campus, not because they want the burden of cooking their own meals or paying rent, but because many are upset about the changes on campus. This is a serious problem.

A word of warning to the administration. This is a harbinger of worse to come. Next year maybe 40% of the seniors will want to live off the Hill. What will you do then? Administration, take heed to this warning.

Matt Lapides '94

## O'Rourke responds

I would like to clear my name. For those people who do not even know what I said at the forum, I will be the one to tell you. I started by saying: "I would like to ask a question, and make an observation, both of which will be short. First, why is Dean Seitzinger the only woman on senior staff?" And now for my observation, "Not all of us know the administrators before us, yet we assume that we can call Dean Seitzinger and Dean McPhetres by their first names. Why don't we feel comfortable calling Dean McArthur or President Cotter Bob or Bill?"

It was the first time that I have ever gotten up the nerve to speak out politically before a group of people. I simply wanted to see equal respect given to the women and the men. Perhaps I was mistaken, but the forum entitled me to voice my own opinion about pertinent issues. Respect is an important issue, one I will utilize in the real world.

I am thrilled that Joyce and Janice want to be called by their first names, as do I. I just think that everyone, no matter what rank, should find out how other people want to be addressed before we can assume what name to use.

And to people who know me, please feel free to call me Christy, O'Dork, Corky, or Dorky, because I like you. But please, don't ever call me a whiner—you wouldn't like me when I'm angry.

Christy Merrill O'Rourke '92

## Stop being martyrs

"Perhaps we shock people at times, anger them, make them think about things they don't want to think about. . . . But that, we feel, is our purpose."

This was the *Echo's* editorial defense of its joke issue. This also has been the paper's defense of every disheartening move it's made this year.

Editors, don't act self-righteous or sanctimonious. Don't pretend that you are martyring yourselves for our benefit.

There is a difference between controversy and bad taste; between intriguing headlines and sensationalism; between being critical and cynical.

What I see missing this year is depth, conviction, and an honest attempt to inform the student body. I'm tired of hearing about frustration; why can't the *Echo* make the effort to join the rest of the students in finding the roots of that frustration?

While the paper has its good points and you editors have pulled few decent aces from your sleeves, you've still lost much of the Colby community's respect.

Best of luck to the interviewing process for next year's staff. I hope the applicant pool offers the paper more diversity, experience, creativity, and enthusiasm.

Keith Dupuis '93

## She's a winner

Oh, John Mechem, was the entire purpose of the OPEN forum lost on you? (Were you there? Or were you guarding your door against vandals?)

First, let's look at your use of the word "whining." To whine, as Mr. Webster explains, is to "utter a high-pitched plaintive or distressed cry." Whining is merely an affectation of the delivery of one's comment. We don't think that senior Christy O'Rourke's comments belong in this category. Your letter was nothing but uneducated and chauvinistic comments implying that a woman who voices her concerns is whining.

Second, O'Rourke is anything but a whiner. She is our class speaker, captain of the squash team, and an out-going, well-respected member of the senior class. Her comments at the school forum were pointed observations at a time for such discussion. She simply made an observation about our administration, neither chiding nor reprimanding, just noticing. We should applaud Christy and hope the rest of the Colby community has the insight to contribute to our growing awareness as she has.

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P.S. We know where you live, and we hear Phyllis Schlafly is available for any upcoming semi-formals.

## Don't knock football

In the April 16 edition of the *Echo*, there are at least two references made to football players, either directly or indirectly, as a bunch of stupid, roughhousing jocks. Now, I'm sure that many people are making a mental list right now, ready to prove me wrong when I say that they are not. But isn't this really just one more example of elitism and inequality in a student body that is too small to contain it? In Jefferson Goethals' letter to the editor ("Was Higgins the Right Choice?") he questions Higgins' behavior not as an individual but as a football player, and we all know what type of people they are (wink, wink, nudge, nudge). I know I can't be the only person here who has taken sociology.

When we look at any group of people as an entity, we are stereotyping. Why is this not accepted when it is in reference to women, or African-Americans, or any other minority, but allowed and even perpetuated by the administration when we are talking about this group of men? (Dean McArthur, I mean you.)

In the interest of fairness and a less-disjointed campus, I think that we should all start judging each other on who we are, not what we look like or what sex we are, or even what sport we play.

Leslie Tane '93

## Congrats on BGLAD

I'd like to thank the Bridge and all of their supporters for putting together a wonderful Gay Pride Celebration this year at Colby. The activities were many and varied, informative and entertaining. I enjoyed the selected activities that I attended and was quite proud and pleased to see such interest in and support for Gay Pride Week from many members of the Colby student body. It almost began to feel commonplace to me to see Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual activities in the weekly bulletins. How wonderful.

I heard particularly from the Lesbi/Gay/Bi panelists as they were discussing being gay at Colby that their problems do not stem so much from a lack of acceptance by others on campus as from a lack of a gay community. I'd like to reiterate that need again and suggest to the College, when it is seeking to diversify its community along racial lines, that diversity via different sexual orientations can also create a broader, richer educational and social experience for everyone.

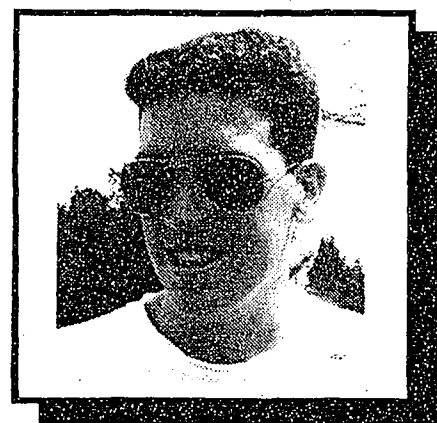
Thanks again to the Bridge for sharing your inspired, creative and outrageous selves during the two weeks of celebration and pride.

Best wishes!  
Paula Aboud



# Opinions

## S.O.S. Do you think Stu-A should have an article in the *Echo* every week?



**Matt Davie '92**  
"Yes, I think they should because a lot of people are clueless on what goes on at Colby."

**Heather Perry '93**

"Yeah, definitely, because I for one don't know what's going on and it makes it hard to vote for someone to run for Stu-A every year when I don't know what's happening and what needs to be changed."



**Hilda Westervelt '92**  
"I think so, definitely, because the student body never seems to know what they're doing, at least I don't."

**Meredith DiMenna '95**  
"No because if they had to write something every week after a while they'd be just filling up space."



**Skip Harris '93**  
"Only if they handle it responsibly."

photo by Amy KL Borrell

## Playing the PC horse

By Michael Kolp  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I'd like to address the ever-present issue of inclusive language (I am sick of the term gender-neutral which only addresses one form of oppression). I may be playing a dead horse, but like anyone else, I would like to express my views.

First I'd like to examine the notion of political correctness. Personally, I can't say these two words together without laughing. For me, PC is a fast food term coined by a fast food culture, and should be discarded like a Happy Meal. I'm not worried about using offensive language; I am worried about using language that perpetuates the oppression of groups such as non-whites, homosexuals, bisexuals, and women (who may also belong to the previous categories). This oppression is a direct result of an ingrained patriarchy that pervades our culture. Oppressive language is just one manifestation of the role that this patriarchy plays in our society.

Folks who assert that inclusive language is a plot to remove their right to free speech and, in effect, brainwash them, should consider what the neo-conservative patriarchy of this country has done to them (I don't wish to make any generalizations about the folks who are anti-inclusive language, but I inevitably will). So, maybe some of you are saying: What has the patriarchy done to me?

Well, I would suggest that, in essence, you have been brainwashed. Brainwashed into a negative reaction to any idea that attempts to chip away at the established patriarchy and dislodge you from your lofty position of privilege. Brainwashed to view change or difference as a threat. Brainwashed into believing that democracy exists in this country. If you have trouble with the last statement, ask an urban, lower class, black, lesbian, feminist what she thinks of democracy in the United States (or if you have an aversion to any facet of this woman's identity you can ask me).

Anyway, to get back on track, why not be brainwashed? There's every reason to be brainwashed. It preserves your status and more importantly, your security. By conforming to the patriarchy, security is achieved. After all, security is what we are all after, isn't it? And heck, if it's at the expense of someone else, that's too bad.

I think we are seeing some excellent examples of the brainwashing I have described above on our campus. Let's take a look at the letter submitted by John Mechem entitled

"Women Too Sensitive." I will begin by saying I am ashamed that sentiments such as those expressed by Mechem exist in this community. The women Mechem refers to clearly had reasons for putting forth their views. By devaluing these views, Mechem is attempting to remove the voice of these women.

This is just what our old friend Patriarchy would have ordered. Concerns voiced by oppressed groups should be glossed over and discounted so that individuals of these groups will feel worthless and eventually be silenced by their loss of self-esteem. This is an ancient tactic. Mechem, why not just go out and beat the shit out of some woman and tell her she deserved it? John Mechem: I am intrigued by your ignorance (I hope it's ignorance). I don't know who you are, but come talk to me. I am interested.

If there is anyone out there who feels that language cannot be used as a tool of oppression, stand up and voice a convincing argument. If you believe that language can be used as a tool of oppression, but don't think inclusive language should be used, step back and reevaluate your stance on racism, sexism, etc. Folks, let's be realistic, the various -isms in this world (and on this campus) will not go away without effort. Compromises will have to be made. Those in their seats of security will have to give up some of their privileges in order to achieve steps towards reducing oppression. If you truly believe in equality, you should be willing to alter your language in an attempt to achieve that equality. Perhaps that is the question: Do we truly believe in equality? You fill in the answer.

So where is all this leading? The EPC has decided to delay the approval of an inclusive language statement until next fall. This delay does not stop the individual from making a conscious choice to take a step towards alleviating oppression and beginning to chip away at the edifice of patriarchy. If you truly believe in equality among all people, why not demonstrate it in your daily life through your use of language. Please think about this. I leave you with a quote from Steven Biko. Interpret it as you wish.

We regard our living together not as an unfortunate mishap warranting endless competition among us but as a deliberate act of God to make us a community of brothers and sisters jointly involved in the quest for a composite answer to the varied problems of life. □

## There's more to it than just a name

By Jessica Medoff  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

*We can sit in our corners mute forever while our sisters and our selves are wasted, while our children are distorted and destroyed, while our earth is poisoned; we can sit in our safe corners mute as bottles, and we will still be no less afraid.*

-Audre Lorde

In his letter to the *Echo* last week, John Mechem accused women of being "too sensitive." His "disgust" was precipitated by an "out of line" question by Christy O'Rourke at the open forum and the reaction concerning vandalism of the Women's Studies bulletin board. In reading Mechem's letter I concluded that his argument rested on the sole assumption that these incidents were unfounded and "irrational," or rather, "hysterical."

O'Rourke asked Deans McPhetres and Seitzinger why they are referred to as Joyce and Janice, whereas Dean McArthur and Dean Smith are not referred to as Bob and Earl. Whether Joyce and Janice prefer to be called by their first names is not the issue. What is important are the conversational politics involved. It is a fact that language affects the way we perceive people and things. Consequently, I don't think it is a coincidence that Dean McPhetres and Dean Seitzinger are referred to as Joyce and Janice.

Unfortunately, I don't think the vandal-

ism of the Women's Studies board was construed by many women as a personal attack. I believe the consensus was that, yes, this was a random act. But if the vandalism had persisted and had been more directed, there would have been a distinction from the vandalism of the Crew board or of the dorm boards. Crew coxswains have not been historically oppressed. Neither have crew rowers as a group been the victims of rape and sexual abuse. Sexism persists in our society and it is ignorant to think otherwise.

Mechem suggests in his letter that women should stop "whining" about "certain" events. But who defines what complaints are legitimate? If we take Mechem's argument further we might conclude that we should all just accept life the way it is—not try to "stir up trouble." That would be great if we all had the comfort of equality. Despite what American idealism and tradition suggests, not everyone has the same opportunities in life. But there is hope.

Consciousness raising, questioning authority, and speaking out are all means to a better end. Once the differences between people are realized, difference becomes non-threatening. Only then will women, people of color, and gays and lesbians, to name a few "non-majority" groups, feel comfortable and stop "whining." I think it is intellectually arrogant of John Mechem to insist upon the preclusion of important discussion which may catalyze positive change. □

## One step forward, one step back

By Keith Dupuis  
ODDS OR EVENS?

It's getting close to the end of the year, and I can't help but feel introspective. A lot of people around me feel the same way. In May, people will be heading off in their own directions. Some of those directions won't wind back towards Colby. My problem, though, is that I know too many seniors.

These are people who have become a part of my everyday life. I've known a solid group of them since my first days at Colby, when I knew nothing about everything. These people, these friends, have been my teachers, my conscience, my companions, my counselors—hell, one of them is even my barber! They've all helped me be my best, and lent a hand when I fell to my worst.

Then there are a few seniors I've really only known for a year. I feel cheated that I've come to admire them so much, only to see them head off into the Real World in such a short time. You probably know what I mean.

My Government and English majors never prepared me for something like this. The

parting of friends was never covered in a survey course. I'm not sure how to act with an emotional hang-up that has to be resolved, one way or the other, in the space of a few weeks.

So I've been trying to sort out my thoughts. I think the closest I've come to a realization is recalling the words of an intelligent language professor. She told me recently that you can't just put effort and energy into the things you like. Sometimes the things you hate are what's best for you.

On a practical level, for instance, I've stopped buying late-night WHOP specials because they're not healthy for me. On an abstract level, leaving Colby is something I'll need to do to take a step forward.

Life is a series of forward steps, and graduating from college is one of the biggest of all. A friend and I recently talked about how, up until graduation, our whole life was planned. From mother's milk to a Colby degree, society nudged us through a pre-ordained educational system. It's like we've been on some wildly safe ride, but now the ride is almost over.

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## Refusing to "suck it up"

My only regret in hearing Christy O'Rourke's comment at the open forum, to which you, John Mechem, refer more than once, was that I did not say it myself. I resent your assumption that the genitalia which I have in common with O'Rourke and all women puts me in an inescapable category with these people. Yet as the hair on the back of my neck rose, I began to look again at your generalization: "Women too sensitive." "Sensitive" is defined by the MacLab dictionary as "highly responsive," "easily hurt emotionally," and "delicately aware of the attitudes and feeling of others."

If I were to be put in a group, I would want to be included with the sensitive people, despite your derogatory tone. I would want to be included with the people who think about intolerance and hatred that exists in this small community. I would want to be included with those who are easily hurt emotionally, for those are usually the ones who resist hurting others. I would want to be considered delicately aware of the attitudes and feelings of others, for these are the people who refrain from bulldozing the editorials page and instead address their colleagues and administrators with respect. So, John, if you fear individualism so much that you must put me in a group in order to understand me and address me, thank you for including me in this particular group.

In refusing to accept what you call the "real world," in fighting intolerance, in questioning assumptions, in advocating change, in insisting that we create a "real world" out of our dreams, we, whose voices you keep hearing, are not whining. We are hollering, shouting, yelling. I join the shouting because I refuse to follow your advice. I refuse to "suck it up," and in doing this I am preparing myself for "reality." If every one of us who is angry refuses to "suck it up," watch out, John, because the reality you claim to know so well will change.

So, I'll be seeing you in the "real world," John. I can hardly wait.

Elizabeth Rogers '93

## Misunderstood

Last week the *Echo* contained an article entitled "Minorities students address racism at Colby." I, Kendra A. King '94, was one of the students interviewed for this article. To my surprise, and the dismay of others, the article portrayed me, an African-American, sophomore, government

major at Colby College, as a bitter and unhappy camper in the Colby community. Anyone who knows me, knows that I am not anything like the article insinuates. I am an individual who strongly believes in change through communication. I am not plagued with the "victim" mentality nor am I unhappy with my decision to come to Colby College, as the article suggests.

On the contrary, I am very unhappy as well as disturbed by the flood of chaos and confusion the article spewed on the Colby College community. It is one issue to have one's words paraphrased to fit the overall theme and/or goal of journalism. However, to have one's words grossly edited and altered to "fit" the underlying mission of the *Echo*, which in my opinion is to do nothing more than over-simplify sensitive issues and create controversy, is insulting and disrespectful.

Colby College is no different than any other predominantly white college or university in America that is trying to incorporate gender-neutral language, political correctness, and diversity into its homogeneous population. Therefore, the article, a poorly written, one-sided plethora of misinformation, should not have been put to print until the writer had a better understanding of the people interviewed and the seriousness of the problem discussed. Had it not been for Colby's commitment to recycling, I would sentence the article to death by flame until every minority and majority student, faculty, and staff no longer feels insulted by bad journalism.

In the future I hope the *Echo* will not misconstrue the honesty and integrity of those they interview.

Personally, the article has been a lesson learned. As a good friend once told me, "When you lie down with dogs, you get up with fleas."

Kendra A. King '94

## Not laughing

Freedom of the seas: "The doctrine that ships of any nation may travel through international waters unhampered" Freedom... the capacity to exercise choice, ... to be free of restraints and oppression, to be free to say what you choose to say.

Between the Colby Yodel and *Colby Echo*, April 9, 1992, the newspaper's editors have certainly exercised their freedom; and they have enjoyed the privilege of doing it in a country and on a campus where those who feel aggrieved, maligned and insulted allowed them to travel through international and intercultural waters, unhampered and without responsibility in the name of free press.

The press in America can be a powerfully and powerful enemy. It has informed our people, our communities, nations, in such a way that change in our country and the world has been affected by the information generated through the American press.

Here at Colby, the *Echo* is read by the community and all of its members, students, faculty, and staff. Our community papers can make us laugh, get angry, get involved, encounter new ideas, get cynical, get informed, get depressed and form whole opinions of a people, place or thing. That is a lot of power; the thing that some students here are saying they lack, even thought the *Colby Echo* banner in-

cludes the line, "published by the students of Colby College."

The *Colby Echo*'s April Fool joke, the Yodel, made some of us in the community aware of how unprepared some writers/editors are to be responsible for commenting on their environment and those in it, seriously or in jest, and for taking on the responsible use of the power called "freedom of the press," whether writing to the left, to the right or boringly in the middle. Exercising power of the press takes work and risk, getting out to do the research, actually taking in some facts and doing nose to nose interviews, doing some hard critical thinking and analysis even before forming a seething editorial, a political cartoon or satire, of any political bent.

To publish a newspaper and say that no harm was intended, is to say that you didn't know that the gun was loaded. To toss "Freedom" around because you have so much, is to have a food fight in a place where people are starving, to burn down your house before those, including you, who say they are seeking shelter. Yes, you have the right and the freedom to do it. Yes, you have the power of freedom and you can choose to squander it on long lists of four letter words, and tell anyone in the community that you will call them whatever you like in public, including the community's newspaper, because you will not be "politically correct" in a political system that has given you the right to a "free press" and "freedom of speech."

Victoria Hershey  
Associate Dean of  
Student Intercultural Affairs

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The bad thing is that there's an enormous amount of uncertainty involved. But the good thing? For most of us, graduation marks the first time we're going to be in control of our own destiny. The options, previously neatly arranged, are going to fly off in an infinite number of directions.

In part, because of that exhilarating idea, I can start to resolve my feelings about letting these people, these friends, go. But I'm still afraid. Afraid that their faces, in my mind's eye, will get a little blurry; that their names will be harder to recall; that their voices will get a bit dimmer.

But maybe I'm using the wrong perspective? My attitude is that they won't be a part of my life anymore. That's wrong. My life is more than what I can reach out and touch or see. Life is the memory as well as the dream, the past as well as the future. I define "My Life" not just by what I do or shall do, but also by what I did. So, logically, anyone who is a part of my past is a part of me. Corny, yes, but it makes a little sense.

Still, at the same time, all of you who are about to head out on safari are going to take a part of Colby with you. A part of my Colby, at least.

Enjoy the final stretch until graduation, seniors. And keep this in mind....

It's not an End. It's not a Beginning. It's only a moment in that enormous Inbetween. □

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## MOVIES

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

### HOYTS 873-1300

Sleepwalkers: 3:40, 7:30 and 9:50pm  
 Beethoven: 1:35, 3:35, 7:20 and 9:20pm  
 Fern Gulley: 12:50, 3:10 and 6pm  
 White Men Can't Jump: 1:30, 3:50, 7 and 9:40pm  
 The Cutting Edge: 7:40 and 10pm  
 The Babe: 1:20, 3:45, 7:10 and 9:35pm  
 Beauty and the Beast: 1pm only  
 Newsies: 6:45 and 9:15pm  
 Basic Instinct: 1:10pm only

### Railroad Square Cinema 873-6526

Hearts of Darkness: Friday thru Monday at 9:25; Saturday & Sunday at 2:40; Tuesday thru Thursday at 6:45.  
 Naked Lunch: Friday thru Monday at 7pm; Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm; Tuesday at 9:30pm. (See review!)  
 Kafka: Thursday only at 9pm.  
 Creature From the Black Lagoon in 3-D: Showing daily at 1pm until Sunday.  
 Life on a String: Thursday only at 6:45pm.

## CONCERTS/PLAYS/EVENTS:

### COLBY COLLEGE:

April 24: CSNAP Presents Folk Artist Night with Ellis Paul and Vance Gilbert at 8pm in the Mary Low Coffeehouse. Bring your Colby Recycles mugs for some good non-alcoholic beverages and your ears for some fine tunes.

April 25: Music at Colby Concert Series: Colby Collegium Musicum "Musica España" at 8pm in Lorimer Chapel.

April 26: Music in the Park concert at the Shell or Given Auditorium in case of rain; at 2pm. Student art is on exhibit at the Colby Art Museum during regular hours from April 24-May 4.

### BOWDOIN COLLEGE:

At the Walker Museum of Art: Landscape With White Egret: The Resurrection of A Japanese Scroll until April 26, Holocaust: The Presence of the Past through May 31, and Visions of Women through June 21. Museum Hours: Tuesdays-Saturdays 10am-5pm; Sundays 2-5pm. Closed Mondays and holidays.

## LECTURES:

• April 23: "A Lesbian In The Pulpit," a film about Sally Boyle, an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada and Erin Shoomaker, executive director of an AIDS foundation. At 6:30pm in the AV Room.

• April 23: Science-Technology Studies Lecture with Leo Marx, Keenan Professor Emeritus of American Civilization at MIT: "The Environment and Two Cultures." At 7pm in Lovejoy 215.

• April 23: Southworth Lecture with Artist Richard Haas: "The Illusion of the American City" at 7pm in Given Auditorium.

• April 24: Science-Technology Studies Lecture with Norman F. Ramsey, Higgins Professor of Physics at Harvard University: "Contribution of Science to Causing and Curing Pollution." At 3:15pm in Lovejoy 215.

• April 27: Film: Phaedra at 7:30pm in Lovejoy 100.

• April 29: Truffaut Film Festival: The Woman Next Door (with English subtitles). At 7pm in Lovejoy 100.

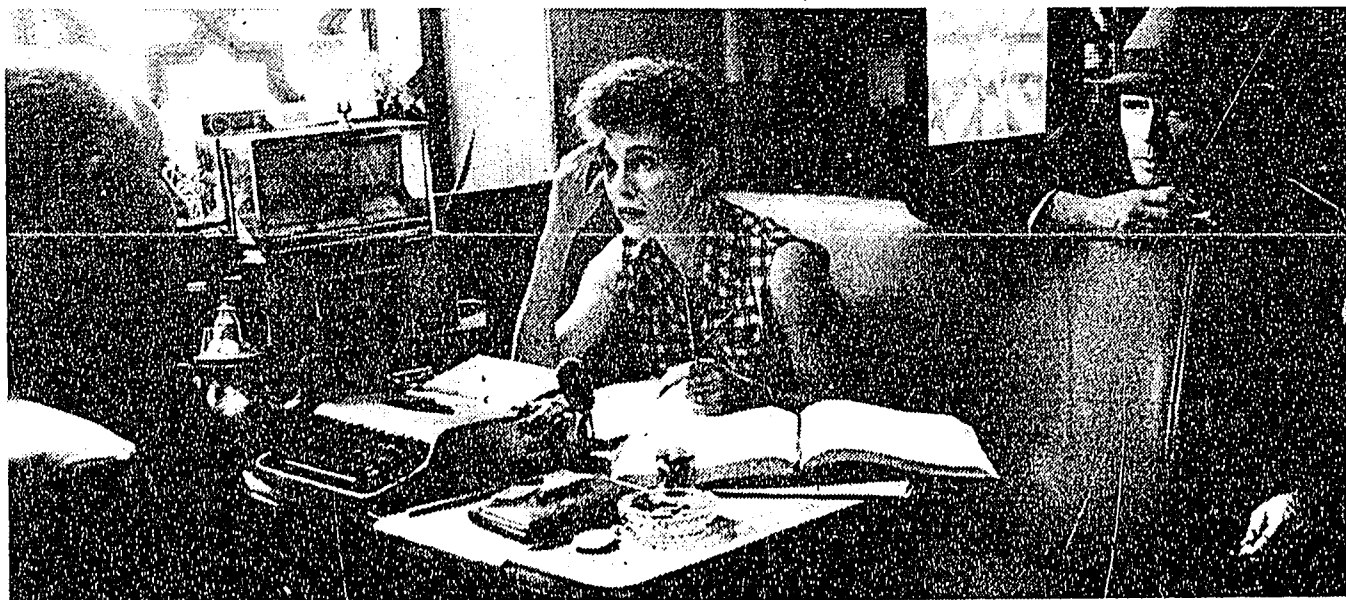
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Don't take Life too seriously. It's not permanent.



## A surreal 'Lunch' treat



A scene from David Cronenberg's *Naked Lunch*.

Twentieth Century Fox photo

By Dawn Devine  
STAFF WRITER

"Exterminate all rational thought." —Bill Lee (Peter Weller) *Naked Lunch*

NYC, 1953. William Lee is a bug exterminator cum writer who runs out of bug powder in the middle of a job. His wife Joan is addicted to the stuff. "It's a literary high," she tells Bill. "It's a Kafka high: you feel like a bug."

There are a lot of bugs in David Cronenberg's adaptation of William S. Burroughs' book *Naked Lunch*—from household roaches to enormous centipedes and humanoid mugworms. The film is a surrealist trip through a writer's mind, a journey that includes hallucinations, homoeroticism, and murder. It is dark and humorous, a Dali-esque collage of grotesque talking typewriters and blackmeat addicts. It is disturbing and poetic, like a day in the life of David Lynch's America or Paul Bowles' distant lands.

"I suffer from sporadic hallucinations," Bill admits. He, too, takes a liking to the bug powder, an addiction that leads him to Dr. A. Benwar (Roy Scheider) for help. The dubious doctor instead turns Bill on to a drug called blackmeat derived from giant black aquatic Brazilian centipedes. If that's not bizarre enough, wilder things start happening in Bill's life.

A giant bug informs him that his wife is a spy, and later Bill accidentally shoots her. A strangely human and insect-like creature sitting at a bar gives Bill a ticket to the Interzone, a strange foreign land where his Clark Nova typewriter speaks to his psyche, an Arabic machine oozes sexuality, and beautiful, amorous homosexual men wear centipede pendants. "You're a marked man, Bill," Hans, the sickly drug dealer, tells him.

*Naked Lunch* is written and directed by Cronenberg (Burroughs approved the script). In *Interview* magazine, Cronenberg said: "You can take it this way: that Bill never leaves New York, and that Interzone is totally a state of

mind." Cronenberg goes on to say that "because you've been living Bill's written life, you've missed huge parts of his lived reality, which is quite different."

For instance, when we see Kiki, one of the Interzone boys, roll over naked in Bill's bed and embrace him, we are surprised because Bill has all along denied his bisexuality, and yet here he is comfortable with it. Again, which is the reality?

With a wild jazz score and saxophone by Ornette Coleman, shot in a predominance of primary colors and lights, and abstract opening credits reminiscent of Stuart Davis' art, *Naked Lunch* offers a full menu of bizarre realities and hallucinations. Peter Weller is appropriately Burroughs-esque, and Judy Davis, as both the addicted wife and an Interzone expatriate writer, is fascinating to watch. Julian Sands (*Room With a View*) makes an appearance as a wealthy Interzone man who attempts to seduce Bill and just might be one of the opposition's agents: a murderous centipede.

See Calendar above for times. □

## Allman Bros. back with a vengeance

By Matt Kales  
STAFF WRITER

Few bands can match the consistency of the Allman Brothers Band. Their endurance and sheer musical virtuosity have elevated the Brothers to an almost legendary status in the history of American popular music. With their skillful blend of traditional American musical styles such as blues, folk, country and rock 'n' roll, the Allmans have created a dynamic music machine that continues to ignore trends and produces honest musical efforts, rich with the experiences gathered in a career that spans four decades.

While many would argue the true strength of the Allman Brothers Band lies in its live performances, the Brothers also have released a multitude of inspired studio releases. The latest in this long line of studio recordings is an album released at the end of 1991, *Shades of Two Worlds*, which, despite failing to garner the critical acclaim or massive airplay afforded to 1990's *Seven Turns*, is indicative of the wealth of talent and diversity

the Brothers possess.

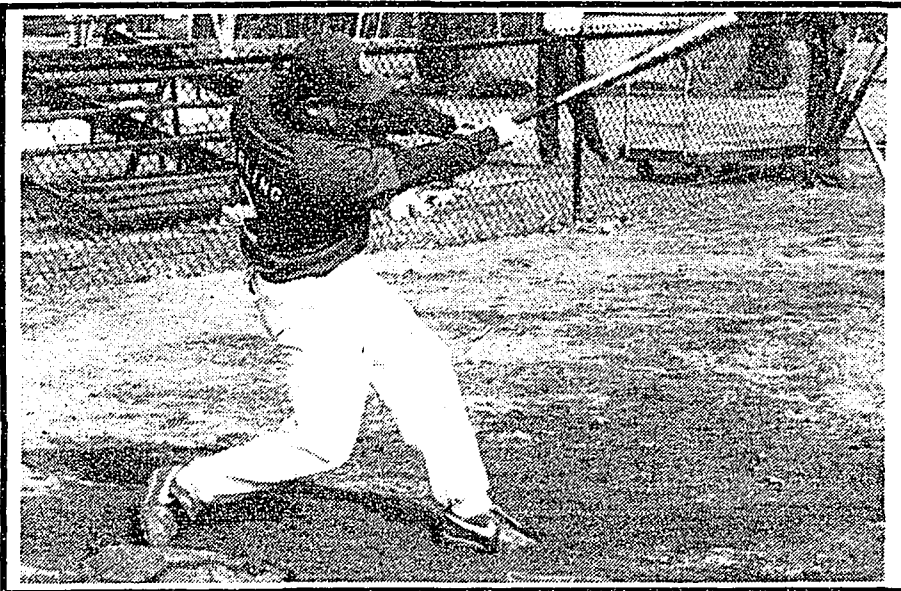
*Shades of Two Worlds* begins with a bang, launching immediately into "End of the Line," a full-tilt, radio-friendly stomp that highlights Gregg Allman's ruminating vocals. Another shining example of the Brothers' power is the album's third track, "Nobody Knows," a no-holds-barred jam in the classic Allman Brothers tradition. The track features the dueling guitars of Dicky Betts and Warren Haynes, with the latter unleashing a slide-guitar attack at crucial junctures throughout the song.



*Shades of Two Worlds* has several other remarkable moments, including the jazz-influenced instrumental "Kind of Bird," a tribute to the late, great jazzman Charlie Parker. The Allmans con-

clude *Shade of Two Worlds* by once more in the tribute vein, this time with a flawless rendition of "Come On In My Kitchen," a track originally recorded almost sixty years ago the King of the Delta Blues singers, Robert Johnson. This timeless blues number is a fitting finale to this stellar effort from one of the last of the great American rock 'n' roll groups. □

## Busy weekend in store for Colby Nine



Kevin Darlin '93, practices his swing.

photo by Cina Wertheim

By Greg Greco  
STAFF WRITER

The Colby baseball team played one of its most important games of the year last Thursday, defeating Bowdoin 12-7 and moving to within one win of securing the CBB title.

"The win against Bowdoin puts a lot of goals in range," said Coach Tom Dexter. "It brings us closer to the CBB title, and gives us a chance at our first winning season, and potentially a ECAC play-off berth."

The game, a make-up from Wednesday, was played at Bowdoin.

The White Mules maintained "home team" status, however, since the made-up game was to take place at Colby. Colby jumped out to 5-0 lead and increased it to 8-2 by the seventh inning, cruising to an easy 12-7 victory over the Polar Bears (8-7). The win put Colby's record at 5-7 overall and a 2-0 in CBB play.

A strong performance by pitcher Dave McCarthy '93, led the Mules. McCarthy gave up two runs and five hits in six innings, gaining his first victory of the season (1-3). Also on the mound for Colby were Jim Dionizio '92, Kevin Darlin '93, and Scott "Catfish" Kadish '94. The offense was lead by Mitch Rogers '93, who went 3-5 (including a home run), scored three runs, and drove in two RBIs.

Other significant contributions

included a 2-run homer by John Brockelman '92, a 3-5 hitting performance with an RBI for Darling, and a 2-4 hitting performance with an RBI for Dionizio.

Dionizio has set the pace for Colby this year with a .472 average. Rogers has also been very strong at the plate, hitting .415. Pitching has been led by Dave McCarthy.

"Dave's pitched well this year, better than his record (1-3). He gave us a strong performance against Southern Maine and the performance against Bowdoin," said Dexter.

Coming off Tuesday's home opener against Bates, the White Mules have a busy weekend, playing five games in three days. Colby plays St. Joseph's (4-10) at home on Friday (3:00), a doubleheader at home against Middlebury (7-4) on Saturday (12:00), and then goes to UMASS-Boston to play a doubleheader on Sunday.

Dexter stressed the importance of the home games.

"We want to establish a home tradition. One of our goals is to have a winning record at home. We would also like to see an enthusiastic crowd. I think we have an advantage over our opponents with that support."

"The team morale is high" said Dexter. With the CBB championship and its first winning season since 1987 within reach, there is good reason for this. □

## Scoreboard

### Baseball

Bates 7, Colby 1

4/24 vs. St. Joseph's  
3:00

4/25 vs. Middlebury 1:00  
(doubleheader)

4/26 at UMass, Boston  
TBA (doubleheader)  
4/29 vs. USM 3:00

### Softball

Colby 9, USM 5  
Bates 5, Colby 2

4/25-26 MAIAW  
Tournament at Bates

### Men's Tennis

4/24-26 NESCAC Tour-  
nament at Williams TBA  
4/29 at Brandeis 3:30

### Men's Track

4th place at Wesleyan

4/25 State of Maine In-  
vitational at Colby

### Women's Track

2nd place at Wesleyan

4/25 Aloha Relays at  
Bowdoin 11:00

### Men's Lacrosse

Colby 12, Fairfield Uni-  
versity 10  
Tufts 15, Colby 9

4/25 at Babson 2:00

4/29 at Merrimack 3:30

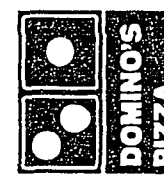
### Women's Lacrosse

Tufts 9, Colby 6

4/25 at Bridgewater State  
3:00

4/27 at Plymouth State  
3:30

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## DEVASTATOR of the week



This week's devastator is Kebba Tolbert '94, of the Men's Track team. Tolbert was the only member of both record-breaking 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relay teams. Way to move, Kebba!!!

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# Sports

## Women's lax plays well, comes up short

By Hal Paul  
STAFF WRITER

For a few hours last Saturday, Medford, Mass., looked a lot like Waterville, Maine, for members of Colby's women's lacrosse team. Its regularly scheduled home game was moved to Tufts' home field because of the poor playing conditions plaguing Mayflower Hill this season.

Against a Tufts team that has had the 'luxury' of playing and practicing regularly outside, the women (1-3) exhibited an impressive overall team effort, but could not maintain a 4-3 half time lead and lost 9-6. Unable to find a suitable equivalent to the Kennebec River in which to drown their sorrows, the women returned north and are readying themselves for a challenging remainder of their schedule.

"Our trend this year has been improvement," said coach Deb Pluck. "Against Tufts we showed the best overall team effort I've seen in the last 4 to 5 years. Had a Colby crowd seen us they'd have been impressed that we were able to play the way we did under such circumstances."

Colby's scoring was well-distributed. Two goals each by midfielders Jessica Matzkin '94, and Anne McManus '95, bolstered the Lady Mules' attack. Co-captain Liz Frado '92, and Allison Twomey '95, rounded out the scoring. Colby was outshot 20-19 in the game.

"It was a game of two closely



matched teams," said Pluck. "Unfortunately, we're behind other teams in terms of games played and it has hurt us."

"I have been impressed over the last couple of weeks by the play and the growth of the younger players," said co-captain K.K. Smith '92. Like Pluck, Smith commended Michelle Satterlee '94, on her first start at Colby. Frado cited sophomore goal tender J.J. Stokes' game against Tufts as "her best all year."

With postponed games now being inserted into the women's regular schedule over the next two weeks, the going gets tougher. Yesterday's away game against Bates is followed by a home game

tomorrow against Wellesley and an away game against Bridgewater State on Saturday.

"This week is certainly a determining week for us and our chances for a post-season spot," The Bowdoin game, scheduled for April 14, will be played May 1, and scheduling difficulties make the playing of a postponed Connecticut College game impossible.

"Maybe our game against Tufts is the turning point of the season and we will be more successful from here on out," said Smith. Continued determination and strong overall team effort will surely go a long way towards reaching that success. □

## Men's lax blown away in second half by Tufts

By Elliott Barry  
STAFF WRITER

The Mules traveled to Medford Massachusetts to play Tufts on Saturday, and after establishing a 7-6 half time lead the Mules went on to lose 15-9 in a disappointing second-half.

The turning point in the game came early in the second half. The Mules were clinging to an 8-7 lead and had the advantage. The Colby attackers converged on the Tufts net. The Mules thought they had come away with a goal, but it was called back because a player was in the crease. Tufts then swiftly turned what could have been a two-goal game into a tie when they drove and beat the Mules defense.

"The two-goal turnaround was definitely a point in the game where the momentum switched," said Colby coach Charlie Corey.

Tufts went on to dominate the second half, outscoring Colby 9-2. Due to the weather, Colby has only been able to practice outside six times this season. This fact was apparent in the second half as the team was unable to function as a cohesive unit, the largest gap being on the defensive end.

"We played poorly in a number of areas, but I think a big one was on team defense. Our players got beaten too many times in one-on-one situations," added Corey.

The Mules shared the wealth on the offensive side. Mike Stanton



photo by Cina Wertheim

Colby's men lacrosse players are diving into their spring season.

'93, Bill Bush '94, and Jeff Harris '95, all had two goals and an assist. Brent McLean '95, added a goal and two assists. Tufts attackers Alan Levy and Andrew Ojama each had hat tricks.

The Mules were coming off an impressive 12-10 victory on Tuesday over Fairfield University, which is moving up to Division I next year. Harris was again an offensive standout and Andy Vernon '95, and Andrew Colligan '94, held down the defense.

Bates, Babson, and Trinity all

loom darkly in the Mules future, as it becomes apparent that many teams have vastly improved, including Tufts.

"We are going to have some harder games this season compared to last," said Corey. "Many of the teams that we blew out last season are going to give us a better challenge. We are going to have to be very focused for the Bates game if we want to come away with a win."

The Mules play Bates at home on Wednesday for the second and final home game of the season. □

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### Colby hits the BIG TIME

Colby Skiing is going Division I. A first for Colby, but the last? No way.

Colby is going big time, that's for sure. But if we here on the summit of Mt. Mayflower are going to do things right, we're going to have to make a lot of changes. The Hangman's piece over there in the Opinions section was just scratching the surface. And Ed Hershey thought he was busy... And you thought the Lovejoy addition was major renovations...

If we're going to do things right, the College is going to have to change. After all, there's going to be NCAA rules to violate, payments to be made, and domes to be built. And, really, what kind of a mascot is the White Mule? We need something more intimidating, more big-school-like. Bulls, Broncos, Stallions—that's the ticket.

What's so crazy about a covered stadium? We'll call it the Enomodom, and build it on Serendipitous Stables on the three-mile loop. We'll be able to host some of those monster truck shows, Ice Capades, and maybe even a political convention. Boy, will those folks on 2nd floor Miller be psyched!

And the students thought we needed a bigger weight room last year. Notorious Las Vegas bookies will be hanging out at the Spa. Millions of dollars will be passing hands. Varsity jackets will be replaced by fur coats and gold jewelry. More Safety and Security officers? Definitely.

We must find the most corrupt coaches available. No goody-two shoes like the General or Coach K. No serious educators here. Jimmy Johnson, Jerry Tarkanian—they're our men. Big salaries, that's where it's at. Wonder if Coach Whit would be willing to take a pay cut?

A bigger press box, oh yeah. With heavyweights like John Madden, Keith Jackson, Tommy Heinsohn, Mike Francesa, and Lenny Elmore calling the shots, it's a must. Will there be room for regulars like the Levine brothers, Hershey, and Maisel—maybe not. Order more sandwiches, definitely more sandwiches.

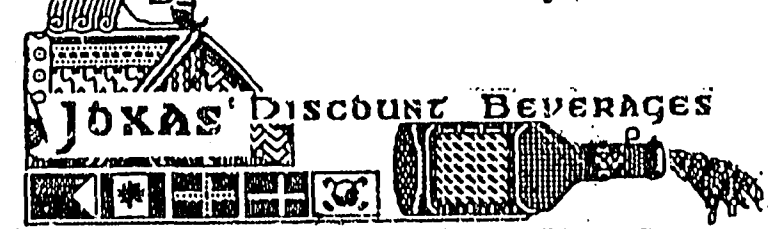
Presents, gifts. I mean, if these athletes are going to be here to play ball, ski, or play chess, they deserve a reward. No dinners at Silver Street, or drinks at You Know Who's with distinguished alumni. That would look bad, very bad. Must keep a respectable outward appearance. An all-expenses-paid weekend to a Sugarloaf condo or nice, Italian-made suit every now and then from Levine's. Nice and discreet, that's the way.

Forget Duke and Stanford, they're the exceptions to the rule. We're going Division I and we're gonna do it right. Besides, think how much more loot the school will rake in. Nike, New Balance, Thom McAnn, Adidas, Just Do it, There is no finish line, Instant Karma, to be settled in Waterville. Awesome, cool, hip.

Bigger trophy case, more tennis courts, longer seasons, more Macintoshes, less classes, more missed-meal, national tournaments, more student officers, Olympic-calibre athletes, more Spa bagels, and oxymoronic "student-athletes" going hardship. Boy, will Bates and Bowdoin be jealous. □

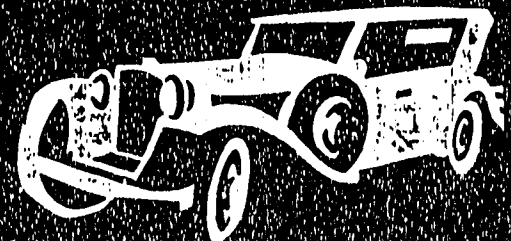


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## Ski team makes history, moves to Division I

By T.J. Winick  
SPORTS EDITOR

Colby's Men's and Women's Nordic and Alpine Skiing Team will become the first Division I athletic program in Colby's history. The move was confirmed at last week's meeting of the Colby Athletic Advisory Committee (AAC).

"It's a great move by the team," said Chris Bither '93, one of next year's co-captains on the Alpine team. "It really means big things for the program."

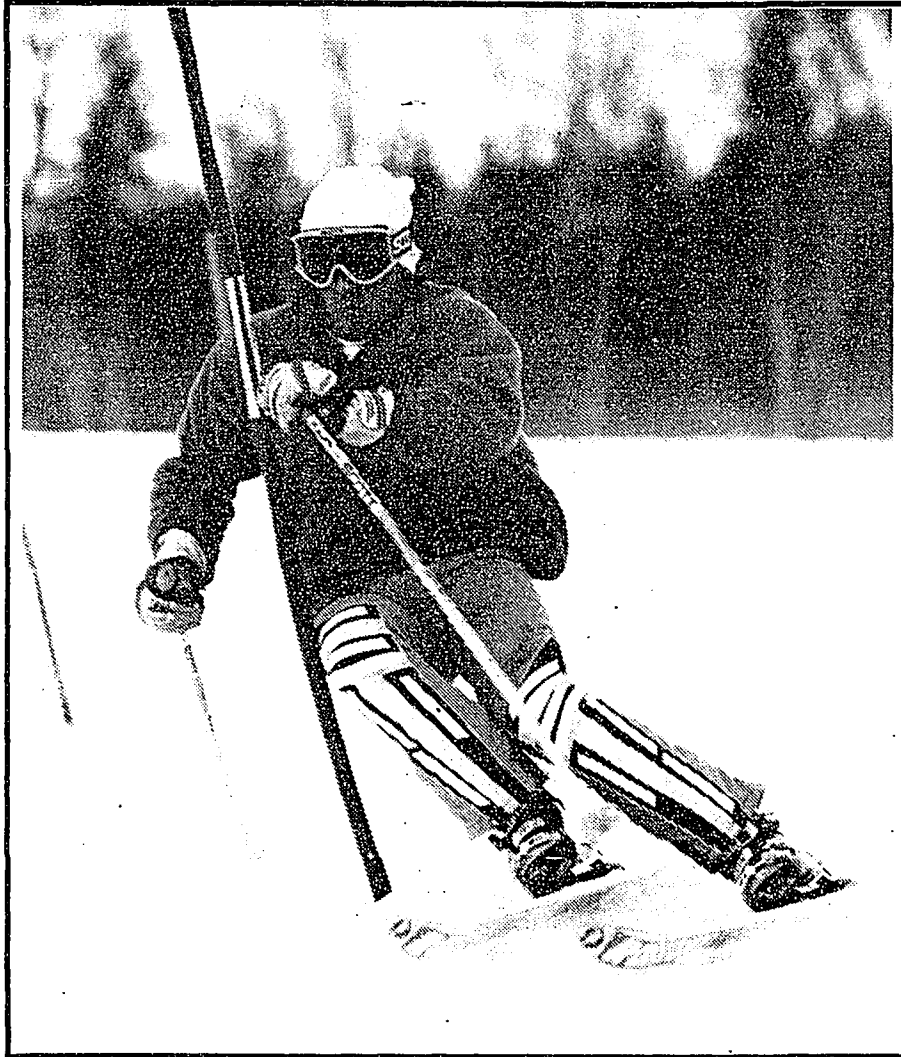
The ski team, which wrapped up its third straight Division II title this past winter, has been asked to join Division I the past two years but has refused. The 1990 and 1991 squads were intimidated by the intense Division I competition, and felt that Colby might not be able to compete at such a level. The 1992 team, however, had so such inhibitions.

"It's where the team belongs," said Jen Comstock '93, Alpine's other co-captain, "and it's a good time to make the move."

The invitation had been extended to Colby once again this year after the team "threepeated" in Division II. Team members discussed the move amongst themselves, and decided to speak with Director of Athletics Dick Whitmore, who's recommendation was necessary in order to petition the AAC for Division I status.

With Whitmore's backing, the AAC gave unanimous approval to the decision. There were some concerns, however. First, the AAC members wanted to make sure the team was unanimously in favor of the move.

The other concern was whether Colby would be able to support a



Next year's Alpine co-captain Chris Bither '93, on the slopes. *Public Affairs photo*

Division I program under the current budget crunch. The ski team is already the highest cost-per-student sport at Colby, and although the school does not provide the team with equipment, it does pay expenditures such as transportation and hotel costs.

Chair of the Government Department Sandy Maisel, who is also chair of the AAC, said the move would not have been possible had additional funding from Colby been necessary.

"The move to Division I does not imply additional funding [from

the school]," he said. "It will take some creative budgeting."

A letter is being sent to the athletes and their parents, explaining the move and the circumstances surrounding it. The AAC wanted to make clear that the present facilities and coaching staff would stay intact. "We wanted to be open and honest with what this does and does not mean," said Maisel.

"We're so excited about [the team's] success," he said. "We're going to try to do things to help them out." □

## Women's softball struggling

By Jonathan Walsh  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

After picking up its first win of the year against the University of Southern Maine (USM) on Monday, the White Mules were unable to pick up momentum the next day, losing to Bates 5-2.

Colby had beaten USM 9-5, thanks to offensive fireworks led by catcher Becca Apollon '95, who was 2-4 with two triples and three runs batted in. Apollon hit the team's first home run of the year against Bates, but the rest of the team was unable to keep stride. Coach Laura Halldorson cited this inability to share the offensive wealth as the team's biggest problem.

"We had timely hitting against USM, but we just couldn't get the clutch hits today," said Halldorson.

Colby did manage four hits in the first inning, but only one the rest of the game. Bates touched up Colby pitcher Kris Owens '93, for five runs in the game, but most of the damage was done by Owens herself, as she gave up four walks and three wild pitches.

Tuesday's loss was especially frustrating for the Mules because of how well they played the day before. Another win would have made Colby 2-4 with six games left. Instead, the Mules are now left to wonder whether they can string two wins together.

"We played very well [Monday], but we were flat [Tuesday]. We have to figure out how to play with consistency," said Halldorson. "We need better concentration and effort on everyone's part. We're a young and inexperienced team, and we keep learning things every day. But

we can't afford to forget what we've learned."

On Monday USM learned how hard it is for a team to win when it gives up nine runs. Both teams scored twice in the first, but Colby scored three times in the bottom of the fourth to take a 5-2 lead.

USM scored in the top of the fifth, but Colby answered in the bottom half when Sherrie Bossie '92, scored on a double by Josette Huntress '94.

With the score 6-3, USM knocked on Colby's door with two in the top of the sixth. The Mules made sure the door was shut when one of Apollon's two triples scored Sara Waldron '95, and Michele Kennedy '93. Apollon came in on a wild pitch to close the scoring at 9-5. Owens was able to shut down USM in the seventh for her and Colby's first win. □

## Men's track sets two records; women finish second

By Tyler Duvall  
STAFF WRITER

Gearing up for the final month of their seasons, the men's and women's track and field teams travelled to Wesleyan College last weekend. The women finished second out of four teams, while the men finished last, also in a field of four.

The men's team also sent two groups of runners to Boston College for the prestigious BC relays. Both relay teams succeeded in breaking long-standing Colby records.

"The relays were the highlight of the weekend as far as the team goes," said coach Jim Wescott.

Colby sent runners in the 4 X 100-meter relay and the 4 X 400 meter relay. The 100-meter relay team consisted of Christopher Fossella '95, Kebba Tolbert '94, Matt Morrissey '95, and Len Baker '93, while the 400-meter team was made up of Tolbert, John Dunbar '95, Zachary Nightingale '95, and Scott Nussbaum '92.

The 100-meter team won the entire meet, which consisted of several Division I schools including UMO and Boston College. The Mules ran their record-breaking time in 42.7 seconds, well ahead of the 1966 record of 43.3. The 400 relay squad ran their event in 3:24.5, almost two seconds ahead of the old record set in 1976.

The rest of the men's team lost to Bowdoin, Bates, and Wesleyan. In the field events, Chris Richards '93, took second place in the javelin with a throw of 167.4 meters. In the running portion of the meet, Ben Strong '94, won the steeplechase in a time of 10:04.4, while Mike Miller '95, won the 400-meter event in a time of 51.9 seconds.

The men will host the state meet against Bates, Bowdoin, and UMO next weekend. "We're really look-

ing forward to the state meet," said Wescott. "Maine is probably a little embarrassed that we beat them, and it will be interesting to see how well we fare against them again."

The women's team performed well with a second place finish behind a strong Bowdoin squad.

"We were missing a few of our top people because of the holiday, but I was still extremely pleased with our finish," said coach Deb Aitken.

The highlight of the afternoon was the performance of Patty Lee '95, who competed and placed in four events. "Patty really had a great meet considering she placed in events in which she normally does not compete," said Aitken.

In the high jump, Lee took second place with a jump of 5'. In the 1500, captain Polly Sheridan '92, finished second with a time of 5:16.2. Karen Russo '95, and captain Cristen Herlihy '93, placed second and third, respectively in the 100-meter individual hurdles. In the 400-meter, Lee placed third with a time of 64.5 seconds, while Kelly Spooner '95, finished fourth with a personal best of 64.9.

Other notables included the third place finish of captain Jen Curtis '93, in the 100-meters with a time of 13.3. In the discus, captain Brooke Lorenzon '95, threw a personal best 89 1/2 meters for third place. Lenia Ascenso '95, had been injured all year and returned last weekend to finish second in the 800-meter. In the 400-meter hurdles, Russo and Karen Nelson '93, both were clocked at 72.8 seconds for second and third place, respectively.

Colby travels to Bowdoin next weekend for the Bowdoin Relays against eight other schools.

"We are definitely a young team this year," said Aitken. "Hopefully next weekend we can place a little higher or closer to Bowdoin." □



Colby softball swings into spring. *file photo*