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## Pepe pleads not guilty May join class at commencement

BY LAURA PAVLENKO  
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John Pepe '94 pleaded not guilty in January to an aggravated manslaughter charge in the death of New Jersey woman, Lori A. McKinney.

A New Jersey trial date still has not been set for Pepe, who is on a non-prejudicial leave of absence from Colby, according to John Doran, spokesperson for the Ocean County prosecutor's office.

Pepe, who attended the University of Scranton in Scranton, Penn. last semester, is enrolled at a different institution this spring, according to Earl Smith, dean of the College. Under the agreement between Pepe and Colby College, Pepe is allowed to transfer credits earned at other schools toward a Colby diploma.

If Pepe completes the equivalent of Colby's academic requirements by late May, he will be allowed to participate in commencement exercises at Colby, Smith said. "I don't know if he would choose to do that."

"I believe [Pepe] is on track" to graduate in May, said Smith. He said Pepe will not be allowed to participate in Senior Week activities.

Pepe received more attention from the local New Jersey press last month when the McKinney's family was ordered by Superior Court Judge Peter

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## Presidents' Council tables ACE alcohol delivery form proposal

BY JONATHAN CANNON  
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Presidents' Council tabled a proposal last night which would ensure that only students 21 years and older receive alcohol deliveries in their rooms. The Alcohol and the Campus Environment (ACE) committee had recommended the proposal.

The proposal calls for an official form, provided for the delivery person by the College, to accompany each delivery. The delivering party will record a student's driver's license and Colby student identification numbers on this sheet, as well as the amount of alcohol being delivered. The vendor would then turn this document over to Safety and Security on a weekly basis. The form would also alert the purchaser of the legal implications of serving alcohol to minors.

The Presidents' Council wants to hold a forum to discuss the proposal with the ACE committee due to overwhelming student disapproval of certain aspects of the plan.

"It's really a fair proposal," said Student Association (Stu-A) President Marinel Mateo '94. "It's not that different" from current procedures, she said. "The policy is the same if you order a keg. We don't see why students shouldn't fill out a form if you get alcohol delivered to your room."

According to Colby's own Alcohol Policy

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Stu-A President**

stated in the Student Handbook, which mirrors Maine state law, "Persons must be at least 21 years old to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages legally in the state of Maine."

However, "there was widespread concern at various levels about what was going on [in regards to alcohol deliveries on campus]," said Kerill O'Neill, assistant professor of classics and ACE co-chair. "It's really a clever compromise worked out by ACE. It's something everyone on the committee seemed happy with."

O'Neill said that the committee discovered that many 21 year-old students did not realize that they were liable when purchasing alcohol for minors in the same manner as they are when signing a party form.

"There was a real sentiment for putting a warning on the form, in an effort to warn [21 year-olds] about their responsibility," said O'Neill.

"It's really a privilege to have this service," said Dean of Students Janice A. Kassman. "We want to make sure it's handled in a responsible manner."

"Our research found that other schools in Maine don't have this [delivery] phenomena," said Kassman. "So we reached a compromise. It serves two purposes — to police vendors, and to alert 21 year-olds to their responsibility. Students really need to think about handing alcohol over to minors."

"It's not our intention to keep the forms," said Kassman. "They don't go into a student's permanent file. There will be no attempt to do anything with the forms to take action against students."

"The forms themselves will be filed away. The forms just make sure all of the vendors are playing by the rules," said John Frechette, director of Safety and Security.

"If [the College] wants us to fill out forms, we have to fill out forms," said "Joka" Joe Karter, owner of Joka's Discount Beverage. "We make sure our guys understand that we're on private property, and we have to do what they say. It's like going into someone's house." Karter likes the proposal because it relieves his drivers of the responsibility of looking for fake identification.

"Originally, we intended [the new policy] to be passed last semester and instituted at the beginning of this semester," said Mateo, "but I felt we needed more time to discuss it." Mateo vetoed the proposal at the final council meeting of the fall semester. □

## Where were you when the lights went out? Scientists in the dark for 12 hours

BY LAURA PAVLENKO  
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Parts of campus were without electrical power and heat for nearly twelve hours Tuesday after a 4,000 volt cable outside Keyes failed due to cold weather.

The main part of campus, including the Student Center, Miller Library and Lovejoy were without power for approximately two hours beginning around 9:30 a.m., according to Gordon Cheeseman, associated director of Physical Plant. Some parts of the science complex went without power until 9 p.m., he said.

Of immediate concern to scientists in Arey and Keyes were freezers and aquariums that house valuable experimental tissues and life forms. One critical freezer that is maintained at -80°C was wired to a generator soon after the power failure, according to David Firmage, Clara C. Piper professor on environmental studies and chair of the biology department.

The -80°C freezer is one of the department's "critical ones," Firmage said. "It warmed to -45°C before we managed to get it cool-

ing again, but there was no damage." The freezer warmed in part because the extension cord running from an outside generator into the building was not big enough to handle the electricity necessary to maintain the extremely low temperature, said Firmage.

After Physical Plant restored power to the critical areas of the science complex, Cheeseman rented an additional generator to restore electricity to the classrooms in the science complex. "Physical Plant was wonderful [in attending to the science complex's needs]," said Firmage.

The power failure stemmed from the only electrical line under the road between Keyes and Bixler, according to Cheeseman. He speculates that frost from Tuesday's cold weather seeped into the cable. Physical Plant has temporarily fixed the problem using an overhead cable stretching from a main electrical switch outside of Bixler to Keyes.

Cheeseman said it is impossible to permanently repair the power line without digging up the road, a difficult prospect under the current weather conditions. Cheeseman

said that Physical Plant may have to wait until Spring Break to make the repairs, a time when the science complex is not in heavy demand.

Many members of the Colby community experienced only cold as part of the black out Tuesday.

Cheeseman said it was necessary to shut off the heat from "Bixler all the way to the President's house" because pumps, controls and thermostats do not run without electricity.

Roberts Union, the athletic complex and the steam plant were not affected by the failure.

Cheeseman said the College is discussing improvements to prevent further problems in the electrical system. "We're discussing new projects so we won't be vulnerable to these problems in the future," he said.

"This has happened before," said Firmage. "We need something different than what we have now." Firmage suggests commonly wiring critical circuits within the science complex so that if there is another power failure, a generator can be easily connected without running extension cords throughout the building. □

## Jewish week tackles campus ignorance

BY DAVID HOLTZMAN  
Features Editor

Baring the name Jewish Awareness Week, a series of speakers, films and musical events this month will address the importance of Jewish culture at Colby and in the world.

This is the first time such a concerted effort has been made by Colby students to bring Jewish issues before the College, according to its main organizers, Scott Kadish '94 and Matt Medwick '95. Their intent, they stress, is twofold: to encourage Jewish students to be more open about their religion and to inform non-Jews about a vibrant and complicated identity.

"It's not just a religion," said Medwick, who is president of Hillel, Colby's Jewish group. "It's a culture. It's a whole lot of things. I think Hillel would have fewer members if it was primarily a religious organization."

The Hillel organization has sprung to life this year because of a small group of students who saw a campus that is reputed to be 12 percent Jewish and wondered why

there was nothing for Jews comparable to Black History or Hispanic Months.

The 12 percent figure cannot be confirmed, Medwick said, because Colby does not ask questions about religion on applications.

"It's not as obvious [that someone is Jewish]," he said. "You can't tell by looking at our skin color. You know certain students are, but you wouldn't expect it. It's only obvious at Chanukah [celebrated instead of Christmas] when Jewish students have to respond to 'Merry Christmas.'"

Kadish, who proposed the idea of a Jewish week after attending a gathering of Jewish students at Bowdoin in October, said history as well as recent events makes it vital that people understand what it means to be Jewish.

"We forget that the Holocaust was only 50 years ago," he said. A recent speech lambasting Jews by a member of the Nation of Islam at a New Jersey college, Kadish said, "shows that anti-Semitism hasn't gone."

Kadish described Colby as

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## News briefs

### Candidates receive tenure

At the January Trustees meeting in Boston, all five eligible candidates were granted tenure by the Board. The newly tenured professors are as follows: David Bourgaize in chemistry, Cedric Bryant in English, Tony Corrado in government, Fernando Gouvea in math and computer science, and Joylynn Wing in English and performing arts. The Echo will run a series of short profiles of the tenured professors in the coming weeks.

#### Tony Corrado

Since the January tenure decision, Professor of Government Tony Corrado has begun research on the reunion of the Beatles, an event he considers "the most important cultural event in the next five years." In addition to Beatlemania, Corrado spends time researching and consulting in his field of government, collecting antiquarian books, cross country skiing and golfing. And to add to his repertoire of boundless knowledge, Corrado is becoming a foremost scholar on martial arts films.



Corrado said he has worked on the past four presidential elections and helped to manage the Democratic Convention in 1992. He also served as a consultant to political candidates in the U.S. and Canada. He is currently working for the National Department of Education and the Center for Civics to bring national standards in civic government education by 2000.

In addition to classes taught in the Government department, Corrado has also taught Introduction to American Studies and an American Studies Senior Seminar on the Depression Era in America.

#### Cedric Bryant

Professor of English and American Studies Cedric Gael Bryant came to Colby because he said he became hopelessly hooked on the New England Mystique in graduate school. Bryant did his undergraduate and graduate work in San Diego, California.



"I think I read too much Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost, and I wanted to see a real life birch tree," said Bryant.

Professor Bryant said that he doesn't really feel that he is talented enough to have any hobbies, but that he loves clothes.

"Clothes allow you to step in and out of a persona and match moods," said Bryant. While at Colby, you might see Bryant in tweed jackets and cords, but at home he is known for his "parachute" or "clown" pants.

Bryant said that one of the most common misconceptions about him is that he is intimidating.

"It used to bug me when people called me intimidating because it is such a weighty word," said Bryant. "It implies that I manipulate and exploit people. To be intimidated is to be intellectually paralyzing. I realize now that a lot of these people meant that I am challenging." Bryant can see where he can be a little intimidating, but his wife Gail doesn't. "I fear I am doomed to be characterized as intimidating, and that makes sense to everyone but Gail."

"People always assume I am too serious to have a sense of humor," said Bryant. Perhaps, said Bryant, these critics have never seen him kick back on his porch, or dance up and down the aisles of an empty theater. (W.G.)

### Senior pledge wants your money

The senior pledge is starting soon, and all students about to graduate should expect to be asked for their donations. A letter will go out to all seniors on Feb. 14.

"This is our first solicitation," said Chair of the Senior Pledge Committee Stephanie Goff '94. The first senior pledge table will be set up in the Student Center between Feb. 21-25. The second table will be in place between April 4-8.

"The pledge is spread out over five years," said Goff. "It goes to the annual fund, which supports faculty salaries, financial aid, and education programs."

This year's motto is "Together We Soar: Senior Pledge '94." (J.C.)

### Police log

On Jan. 3, a Benton man reported a theft from his truck parked near Colby's Athletic complex. The man reported that a CD player valued at \$135 and 90 CDs valued at \$117 were stolen from his vehicle.

John Field '94, of Rye, N.Y., was charged with O.U.I. on Jan. 4. Field was assessed a \$350 fine and sentenced to 3 days in jail and a 90-day license suspension. (K.M.)

## Feb fresh pleased with trips abroad

BY KRISTIN FRENCH  
Staff Writer

Over 30 new first year students arrived on campus in January, coming back from a semester in Cuernavaca, Mexico; Dijon, France; or London, England. Their general reaction to the programs was very positive, and most said they did not mind the sudden transition to Colby.

Ten first years participated in the Cuernavaca program, eight went to Dijon, and 20 participated in London, according to Jon Weiss, director of Academic Affairs and Off-Campus Study. All three locations also accept upperclass students.

Students who participated in the Cuernavaca and Dijon programs said they found them to be very challenging. During this intensive semester of language study, students lived with host families and went on various excursions. A semester in one of these programs fulfills Colby's language requirement, Weiss said.

"I think that a lot of the problems that we have had in the past [on the London program] have been solved," said Weiss.

One of the problems in previous years for London students was the living arrangement for first-years, said Weiss. Students lived in apartments, where they felt they weren't able to meet enough people and

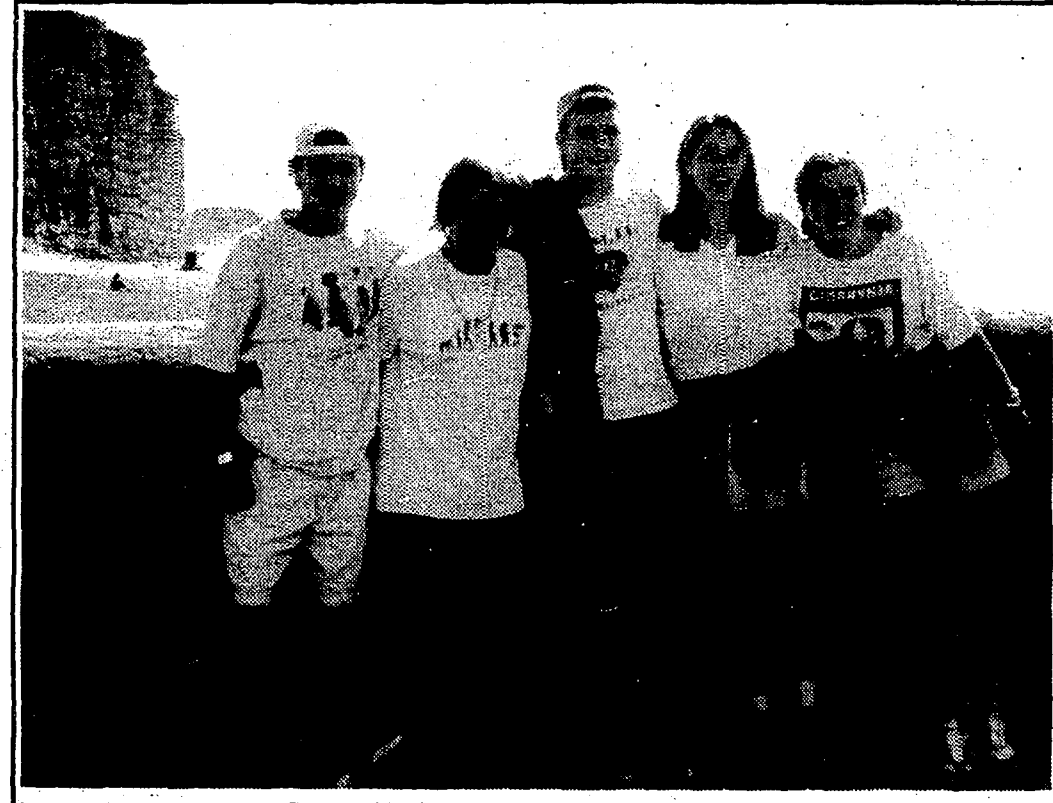


photo courtesy J. Weiss

(l-r) Justin Belliveau '97, Margot Higgins '97, Seth Blumenthal '97, Denise Mailloux '97, and Megan Flynn '97 in England.

found there was not enough to do when classes weren't in session.

This year all London first years lived in one dormitory, the International Student House, which sponsored its own excursions for them. In this way, the Colby group could meet more people and travel with them.

Another problem was scheduling classes, according to Weiss. In past years there has been a conflict between the Colby schedule and the university where students took classes. This time, the London pro-

gram was divided into two separate programs—one for upperclassmen and one for first years. The first years' courses are taught by resident directors who are part of the Colby program, eliminating the problem of conflicts with the university classes, according to Weiss.

First years seemed positive about the programs that they had been on.

"It was a totally new and unbelievable experience. It was really incredible," said Diana Dresser '97, who went on the Cuernavaca program. *see FEB FRESH on page 6*

## Board of Trustees meets in Boston

BY LINCOLN FARR  
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees made tenure and appointment decisions during its annual winter meeting in Boston on the third weekend in January.

The Board granted tenure to all five eligible candidates: David Bourgaize in chemistry, Cedric Bryant in English, Tony Corrado in government, Fernando Gouvea in math and computer science, and Joylynn Wing in English and performing arts. Each of the candidates received the recommendations of President William Cotter and the Educational Policy Committee.

President Cotter announced that the College has received funding for two new endowed chairs from Trustees John R. Zacany '71 and Robert Diamond '74. The endowments, which will include funds for research, are for \$1.1 million. These

are the 14th and 15th endowed chairs the College has received since 1990.

Three members of the English department were appointed to named chairs. Pat Brancaccio, who joined the faculty in 1963, was appointed Dana Professor of English. John Sweney, who has been teaching at Colby since 1967, was appointed Class of 1940 Distinguished Teaching Professor of Humanities, and Charles Bassett, who became a professor at the College in 1969, was appointed the Lee Family Professor of American Studies and English.

The Trustees also made plans to spend the new funds from the largest bequest in the history of the college, a \$5.1 million gift from the estate of the late Edith Jette. The bequest will primarily benefit the Art department, according to the faculty F.Y.I. newsletter. On Jan. 15 the Trustees decided to spend \$1.1 million for the Jette Professorship of Art, \$250,000 for the Edward H.

Turner Art Exhibition Fund, \$125,000 for the Jette Art Restoration Fund and the rest to support the Art Museum and the Art Department. Jette has donated more than \$10 million to Colby.

The Trustees also approved \$38,000 to install ten emergency call boxes to be located around campus. The devices will be installed in the spring. Colby will be the last NESAC college to have the boxes, according to F.Y.I.

The Trustees also voted in favor of a measure which will prohibit alumni and parent organizations from meeting at facilities that discriminate on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, nationality or ethnic origin.

Vice President Randy Helm reported to the Board that cash gifts to school have reached \$10 million with the giving year only half over. This

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# Ten years gone: the Colby Greek system

## Controversial frats abolished

BY C. SWAN  
Staff Writer

One decade has passed since the elimination of fraternities at Colby. Many students today may not be aware of the events leading up to the Trustees' decision to abolish the Greek system on campus.

Due to several problems with the fraternities, like low membership, poor academic standing, inadequate maintenance of the houses, improper sanitation, and alcohol abuse, the Board of Trustees drafted a set of Fraternity Guidelines which went into effect in June, 1981.

As early as September, 1982 the fraternities were making *Echo* headlines. First, Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) was involved in three fires in the period of a week. This led Dean of Students Janice Kassman (Seitzinger) to warn all of the fraternities about the safety conditions of their houses. One week later, Alpha Tau Omicron (ATO) was given a warning for serving alcohol to minors at a rush party. ATO became the first fraternity to be penalized for violating the revised Fraternity Guidelines involving alcohol.

In early October, four fraternities, ATO, Zeta Psi, Delta Upsilon, and DKE, were fined for lighting fireworks. Earlier in the year, two Lambda Chi Alpha brothers had been fined for possession of fireworks. David Kerrigan '82, president of Lambda Chi Alpha, said that the incident was simply "showing support for your frat."

During Homecoming Weekend, several events occurred which brought more bad press to the fraternities. A fight broke out between brothers of Tau Delta Phi and Lambda Chi Alpha. Also, windows in both the DKE house and the ATO house were broken. DKE was also placed on probation for tampering with fire safety equipment.

As a result of these incidents, the Board of Trustees requested a status report on the fraternities to be filed at the January Trustees meeting. The report judged the effectiveness of the revised guidelines. It also evaluated membership, finances, sanitation, house maintenance, safety, hazing practices, alcohol consumption, public service, and academic standing of each fraternity. Because of these problems and a lack of on-campus housing, the Trustees stated that the best way

to accommodate the most people would be to eliminate one of the fraternities.

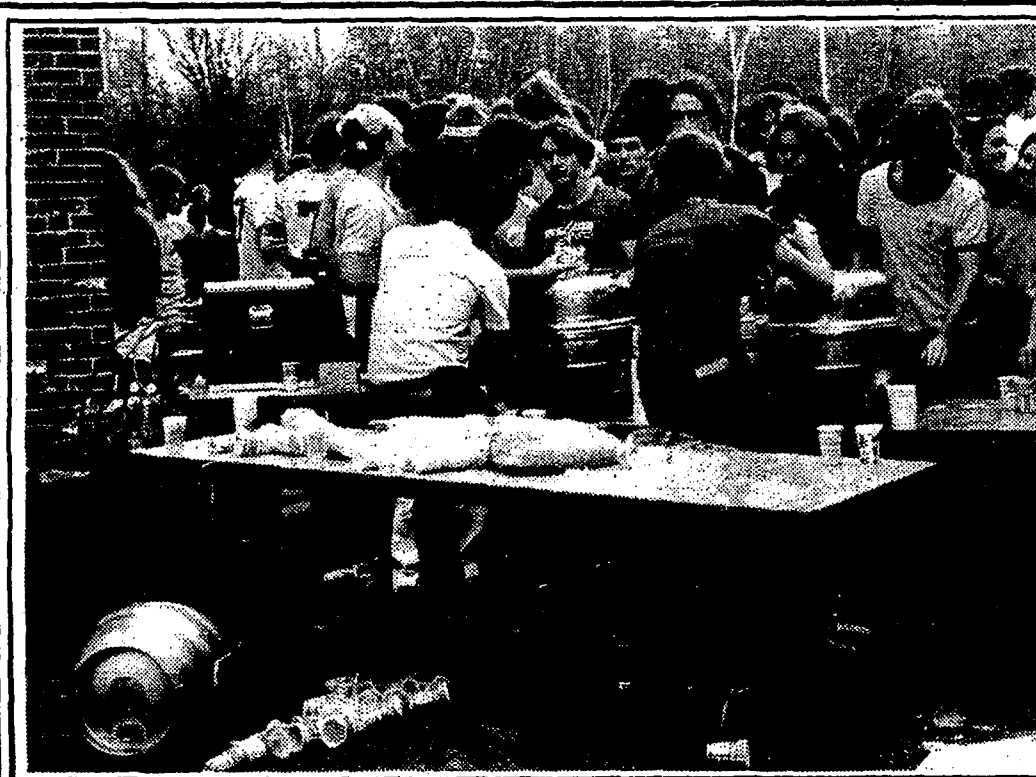
Roger Bowen, a faculty member and former Delta Tau Delta brother, urged the College to abolish the fraternities in an opinions letter in the Nov. 4, 1982 issue of the *Echo*. He cited the fraternities' location as privileged, allowing them a monopoly of the social life. "Frats are by their very nature other-destructive" and they subject non-fraternity members to racism, sexism, and "cultural imperialism," he wrote.

Another student wrote that fraternities not only advocated sexism and exclusion, but also promoted vandalism of the campus and the abuse of women. Fraternity brothers allegedly taunted prospective students on tours, and the frat houses were poorly maintained, said Director of Admissions Douglas MacArthur. The problem was so severe that tour guides were told to avoid frat row altogether.

In November 1982 the College began cracking down on illicit fraternity activity. H. Ridgely Bullock '55, chairman of the Board of Trustees, headed a committee to review the fraternities' mediocre response to the 1981 guidelines. The committee amended the guidelines, which included confining initiations to one weekend per fraternity, so that students could not come to classes unprepared and attribute it to "Hell Week." Furthermore, Kassman (Seitzinger) required that pledge lists be filed with the dean of students office and that initiation activities be approved in writing. Activities could not interfere with the rest of the campus, take place outside of the house, or involve animals or self-inflicted injuries.

In December, DKE was fined \$650 for tampering with fire safety equipment again and was placed on probation for the rest of the academic year. By March, 1983, both DKE and Kappa Delta Rho had been closed as a result of "a steady stream of aggravation," said Dean of the College Earl Smith. This aggravation included disciplinary problems, poor academic performance, inadequate house maintenance, and insufficient alumni support.

Furthermore, Kappa Delta Rho had a debt of \$272,000, which was more than ten times the debt of any other fraternity. In that same week, Lambda Chi Alpha was put on pro-



*Many current Colby students think of an active social life with wild parties and long keg lines as a typical part of the former fraternity system.*

bation for holding a pledge session on Thursday night.

At the April 1983 Trustees meeting, the trustees voted to permanently close Kappa Delta Rho, and to put DKE on probation for an indefinite period of time.

Faculty members felt that the

school needed a "strong residential environment that serves the education objectives and social needs of the entire college community," according to the *Echo*. Fraternities did not fit into what they viewed as the well-being of the college. At the see *FRATS* on page 12

## Alumni split over fraternity decision

BY KIM MARSHALL  
Contributing Writer

Ten years ago when the Colby administration handed down its decision to abolish the Greek system at Colby, life changed drastically on campus. Many students were left dissatisfied and bitter, but others were relieved. Recently, in telephone interviews, several Colby alumni described their experiences with fraternities.

Tom Murphy '79 was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity, which he said was comprised mainly of basketball players at the time. He joined the fraternity his sophomore year, although he said he felt no pressure to do so.

He regards his decision today as a positive one. On a personal level, Murphy made many close friends which still play an important role in his life, and he said he feels the fraternity was beneficial to those who were not members.

Annual fraternity activities included holding fund raisers to benefit mentally disabled children, and basketball clinics for local youths.

"I think it offered a lot to Colby, [and] I think it offered a lot to the community," said Murphy.

Murphy said he resents the January 1984 decision to eliminate his and all other Colby fraternities. However, he said he objected more strongly to the process which led to the verdict than to the end result. He said the majority of students at Colby in 1984 were actually in favor of retaining the fraternity system, and the administration did not consider student opinion enough.

Murphy suggested that President William Cotter, who arrived at Colby in 1980, pursued a personal anti-fraternity agenda until he was successful in eliminating the fraternities. In doing so, Cotter "ignored the opinions of the alumni [and] ... the students," according to Murphy.

While there might have been some problems with fraternity behavior at the time, said Murphy, a more reasonable solution would have been to discipline those involved, rather than punishing all. He believes that the system was sacrificed because of a few bad seeds, and, although he said he is not exactly bitter these days, he clearly still has some hard feelings. Murphy just made his first financial contribution to Colby in honor of his fifteenth year reunion, but he said it is the last he'll be sending, at least as long as Cotter is still at Colby's helm.

In Murphy's opinion, a liberal arts school should stand for choices and opportunities.

"You're supposed to be expanding the options of the students, not restricting them," he said. The decision to eliminate fraternities was "contrary to the philosophy of Colby."

On the other side of the issue is Lisa Hallee '81, a former *Echo* editor who said some of the fraternity activity that went on during her senior year was "just shocking."

One example was the practice adopted by some members of rating women as they walked to Rob- see *ALUMNI* on page 11.

## Survey shows frats still active at Colby

BY WHITNEY GLOCKNER  
News Editor

Underground fraternities do exist at Colby, according to 88 percent of students responding to a recent *Echo* fraternity survey. Only four students said they felt there were no underground fraternities.

Ten years after the Trustees abolished fraternities at Colby, 50 of the 53 men who responded to the survey said that they were sure that fraternities operated at Colby.

Only 60 percent of the men responding said Colby made the right decision when it banned the Greek system, but 97 percent of women felt it was the right choice.

"Colby has suffered since the abolition. The Commons' System

sucks and has never replaced the Greek system," said one senior male.

"Colby is such a small school already that I think they would only divide it more," said a senior woman.

Other women expressed the sentiment that fraternities have no place in a liberal arts institution and that they promote misogyny.

Fifty-three of the 84 total respondents felt that there were organizations on campus which foster a fraternity mentality. Some groups mentioned by both men and women were some men's and women's athletic teams and off campus houses.

"Like most sports teams anywhere, teams encourage intimate friendship unlike any other student organization," said one sophomore

woman. "This time and loyalty commitment is often mistaken for a fraternity or sorority."

Over half of the people surveyed felt that the residence halls on Roberts Row still maintained a fraternity-like atmosphere in comparison to the rest of campus housing.

Students were mixed in opinion on the Commons System and the social life at Colby now.

"The Student Center is without a doubt a step in the right direction," said a senior man, "but the Commons System is pathetic and will never work."

Other students felt very strongly that the Student Center was a "poor excuse" for a replacement to the fraternity party scene.

"Colby is in need of a massive

overhaul in terms of its social life," said a senior woman. "I would suggest the administration hire a new individual to work with or replace the current staff."

"I definitely think the [Student Center and the Commons Systems] promote unity and the residents of their respective residence halls instead of exclusivity to a certain one sexed group," said one student.

Most students cited the absence of fraternities as a positive and important point in their decision to come to Colby.

"I feel that Colby is a better place without the outdated institution of fraternities, and I came to Colby specifically because it did not have them," said a sophomore woman. □



## Tolbert on Black History Month

Stu-A Cultural Chair says month is important, but not everything

BY DAVID HOLTZMAN  
Features Editor

As Black History Month got underway last week, Student Association Cultural Chair Kebba Tolbert '94 talked about minorities at Colby and his efforts to attract well-known African-Americans to speak here.

"I've been trying to make it last the whole year, not just a month," said Tolbert. "One of the reasons I ran for Stu-A was to focus on black thinkers and entertainers that would appeal to the whole school."

He said the month-long celebration grew out of Black History Week, an idea that was popular at colleges nationwide in the 1960s. The result is a busy schedule of speakers every February, but Tolbert also helped bring film director Spike Lee, Harvard professor Cornel West and rapper Chuck D to campus last semester.

"It's been a diverse program," said Tolbert, who is one of four minorities on the Stu-A executive board. "Chuck D and Bernice King [who will speak on March 3] come from totally different backgrounds, but they're both intellectuals. If there were no blacks on the Stu-A board,

they'd still get black performers, but there wouldn't be the kind of black intellectuals we've gotten."

To convince quality performers and lecturers to come to Colby requires more money than Stu-A has, Tolbert said.

To fund Cornel West's travel costs and appearance, he and other seniors working for Stu-A got money from the Office of Intercultural Affairs and the African-American Studies department. WMHB helped pay for Chuck D's speaking fee.

An impressive array of events to educate the community about minorities doesn't necessarily change Colby's image, he said.

"I'm trying to get my brother to go here," said Tolbert, who is from the Bronx in New York. "He says, 'look at how few [blacks] there are.' There are 33 blacks and 33 Hispanics here now, more in the Class of 1995 than in 1994. So we've gone from poor to less poor."

He said he doesn't like hearing that black students are here because of affirmative action. He said the school could raise the number of blacks enrolled to 50, though they might need more help from the fi-

nancial aid office.

"These students aren't doing poorly here, no more so than whites. As long as you have basic intelligence, you can make it at Colby. But they're not digging at the bottom of the barrel to bring blacks here."

Tolbert is also president of the Society for Black and Hispanic Unity (SOBHU), which he sees as "a support group to let people get together and talk like we do at home. It's not just for blacks and Hispanics, but white students don't need that kind of support."

The group is not averse to working with other student-run clubs, he said, but he added he is pessimistic that the Colby attitude is "four years and you're out, and do your own thing."

Black History Month is a month-long opportunity to enlighten students about blacks' past and present in America.

Tolbert said he hopes his work in planning all the events will pay dividends.

"For some people, it will turn on the light," he said. "For others, it'll be a novelty and they won't take anything away from it. I'll take pride in knowing about those it reaches. □

## Moving out can be a drag

BY DAVID HOLTZMAN  
Features Editor

Bad roommates, too much marijuana smoke and too many noisy neighbors have been the causes of frenzied activity the last two weeks among students making moves to new parts of campus.

This is an annual ritual, according to Dean of Housing Paul Johnston. Many students want to move before Jan. Plan, but have to wait for their new home to be vacated by the previous tenants. Most of the 397 students choosing to relocate were scrambling to do it, therefore, at the start of February, according to Johnston.

"The pattern is governed by how many people leave for the semester," said Johnston. "At the end of fall term 225 people left Colby. Their rooms are filled by people coming back, or those who want singles."

Only 27 freshmen sought to switch rooms between semesters, he said. He said this was not necessarily an indication that they were satisfied. Those that do request a change are "truly suffering."

Moving is no easy decision for anyone, considering that one must move all one's belongings, frequently from one end of campus to the other. But the benefits of escaping a hellish environment outweigh the pain of the move, according to some.

"We were tired of it," said Kristen Zier '94, who moved with Megan Harris '94 from Foss to Averill, accepting a smaller room. They had been in Foss all of their first year and wound up there again because of a bad lottery pick.

"I've enjoyed living there," said Harris about Foss. "It's quieter and the bathrooms are cleaner. [But] the parties are on this side of campus, because of Frat Row being right there. This side has a more open atmosphere." She added that Foss was far from much of the campus.

Kim Schock '96, who moved

from temporary housing in a Dana lounge to Champlin, said she and her roommate moved despite having "the best room in the dorm." She said Dana made a good dorm for freshmen, but she and her roommate couldn't take the constant noise and drunkenness.

"Most people would move from the less desired part of campus, which is Foss, Woodman, and Dana, to the Johnston and Chaplin side," said Johnston.

Zier and Harris said the process of moving was confused by conflicting signals sent from the Dean of Housing's office.

"[Johnston] told us before Christmas we weren't moving, after he'd given us a list of rooms," said Harris. "He'd been giving us false hopes." They found out in mid-Janu-

ary that they would be able to move. "I thought it was fair, just confusing."

Schock said a room below theirs had been overbooked in early January, leading her roommate, Emily Gilbert '96, and her, to rush their escape to Champlin. Two freshmen were anxious to claim Schock's room before she had a chance to move out.

"They told us, 'We're sleeping in our cars,'" said Schock.

Johnston decides which students get priority in choosing a room at the middle of the year in reverse order of the previous spring's lottery.

Thus, with a poor choice last spring, Zier and Harris presumably would have been atop Johnston's list this time around. □

## JEWISH WEEK, continued from page 1

"very accepting. I wouldn't say it's ignorant." But there is a certain stigma that goes with being Jewish, he said, and there are persistent stereotypes.

Among the events Kadish and Medwick have arranged is a presentation by Matt Belson '93, who will discuss his senior thesis, "Jewish Students at Colby," on Feb. 24 in the Coffeehouse.

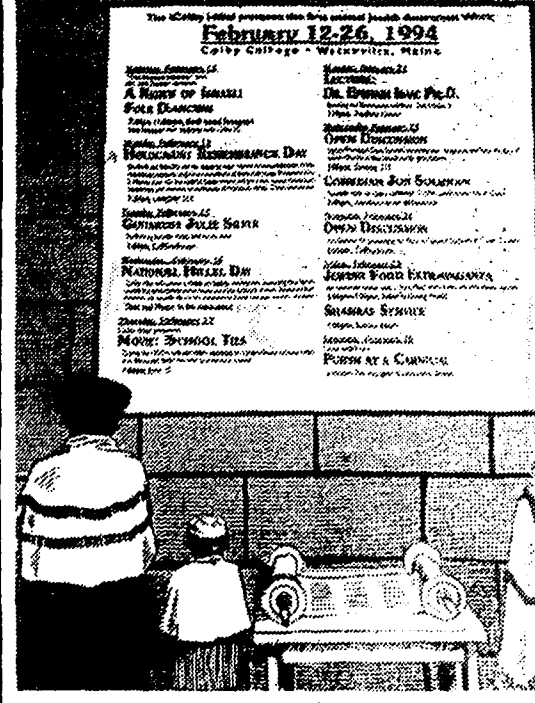
Not all of Jewish Awareness Week will center on Jewish issues. On Feb. 14, National Hillel Day, a video will be shown on the ongoing atrocities being com-

mitted in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Hillel is hoping to find someone to speak on that issue.

"It's a great opportunity to discuss Bosnia," said Nicole Dannenberg '96, Hillel's treasurer. "It's not a Jewish issue, but something we can relate to because of past experiences."

Similar in scope is the speech by Dr. Ephraim Isaac, Ph.D., a former Harvard professor born in Ethiopia, who will talk about African-American and Jewish relations on Feb. 21. This event is being co-sponsored by the Society of Black and Hispanic Unity

## Jewish Awareness Week



Echo photo by Jen Atwood

Jewish week poster

(SOBHU).

"So many clubs work independently of each other," said Victoria Hershey, dean of intercultural affairs. "I could certainly see SOBHU and Hillel doing some activities together."

Medwick added that the Isaac speech, and having the Jewish events within Black History Month, "will work to build a bridge between us."

The first of the planned events will be Israeli folk dancing at the Beth Israel Synagogue on Upper Main Street this Saturday. □



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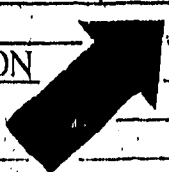
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## Rustic Overtones play at the Spa



Echo photo by Lauren Vitano  
The Rustic Overtones played in the Spa last week as part of the semester-long Wednesday night band line-up.

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gram. "We were told that we were the best behaved group that Colby has ever had. We went out on the weekends, but we weren't obscene about it."

Colby has had problems in the past with excessive partying on the Cuernavaca program, said Weiss. "This year students [in Cuernavaca]

did well," he said.

One of the most common problems of first-years who arrive in January is adjusting to the campus, when the newcomers who arrived in August have already established themselves.

"I think that the Dean of Students office does a very good job of helping [first-years] in making the transition, but my perception is that it is hard to adjust," said Weiss.

First-years, however, said that adjusting was not that difficult after

this year's programs.

"It was a great transition but unrealistic of what Colby is like. My other friends had to wait a little while to adjust, but I had no problems adjusting," said Graham Macmillan '97, who studied in Dijon last semester.

"Coming in January helps a lot because not a lot is going on and it is easier to adjust. It wasn't as rough a transition as I thought it would be," said former Colby in London student Justin Belliveau '97. □

## Mayor rejects black candidate

New Waterville mayor Tom Brazier is facing criticism over his decision not to recommend the City continue to look into a black candidate for police chief.

Dean of the College Earl Smith served on the committee that recommended the city pursue the candidate.

In his meetings with the committee, the candidate "revealed that there were complaints that had been filed against him," Smith said, but "in the view of the committee the charges were not sufficient to disqualify [him]."

"Do you think Waterville is conditioned to accept...someone [from] that far away with that kind of back-

ground?" Brazier told the *Central Maine Morning Sentinel* on Feb. 3. Brazier then said, "I'm sure I said a black man from that far away," said the *Sentinel*.

"The statement [Brazier] made in the newspaper is basically a racist statement," said Waterville Councilwoman Lena Plaistead. Plaistead is encouraging people to write the mayor with their opinions on his comment, as well as copy the letter to their councilperson.

Smith said he has no interest in continuing to serve on the committee since the mayor basically ignored its advice. He said he is "concerned" about the mayor's comments in the *Sentinel*. (J.L.)

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J. Giovine not to stare at Pepe during the January proceedings.

According to a report in the *Asbury Park Press*, Pepe met members of McKinney's family in a courthouse hallway on Jan. 4. The McKinney family admitted that they were staring at Pepe. Sheriff's officers separated the two families, who were later addressed by Giovine, according to the report.

"I realize the loss of a young woman was involved here, but decorum will be followed," Giovine told Thomas Emanuel, McKinney's stepfather. "If there isn't compliance with regards to law and order, I will have you barred from the courthouse."

Emanuel and other members of McKinney's family were also confronted by Assistant Prosecutor

William P. Cunningham, who "were heard speaking to one another in raised voices," according to the *Asbury Park Press*.

"We were staring at him," Emanuel said later. "I'm not going to stand here and be scolded by the prosecutor."

Since the January proceedings, Pepe applied for a Pre-Trial Intervention program (PTI), according to Doran.

"[PTI] is a probationary program, upon completion of which charges are dropped," said Doran. He said that PTI is for first-time offenders involved in "minor offenses, not homicide."

Pepe's application was denied by both the Pre-Trial Intervention officer and by Doran on behalf of the state of New Jersey. □

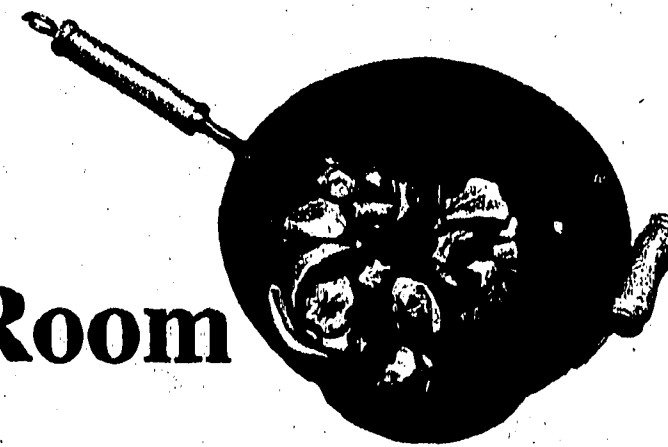
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Colby Art Museum Exhibition  
Sekino of the Rooftops & Portraits  
An exhibit of Japanese color woodblock prints  
10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Women's Studies Colloquium  
"Civil War Nursing, Civil War Nurse: Rebecca Usher of Maine"  
Elizabeth Leonard, History Department  
Whitney Room, Roberts Union  
4:30 p.m.

Senior Class Dinner  
Page Commons Room  
5-7 p.m.

### Friday

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An exhibit of Japanese color woodblock prints  
10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Science and Technology Studies Lecture  
"Charles Lindberg as an Environmentalist"  
Leonard Reich, Administrative Sciences  
Lovejoy 215  
4 p.m.

### Saturday

Colby Art Museum Exhibition  
Sekino of the Rooftops & Portraits  
An exhibit of Japanese color woodblock prints  
10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Music at Colby Series  
Cheryl Tschanz, piano  
Lorimer Chapel  
8 p.m.

### Sunday

A Lecture with Barbara Reynolds,  
U.S.A. Today Inquiry Page Editor  
"African-Americans and the Media"  
Page Commons Room, Student Center  
8 p.m.

## OFF CAMPUS:

### Thursday

Bowdoin College:  
Bowdoin Department of Art and the Museum of Art presents  
"Bowdoin Creates: Four Years of Student Art"  
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Walker Art Building  
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### Friday

Bates College:  
The Bates College Orchestra  
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## EDITORIALS

### An ACE in the hole

An ACE in the hole. Many questions have risen regarding the new policy proposed by the Alcohol in the Campus Environment (ACE) committee. Why is it necessary to record Colby ID numbers? Will the recording of ID numbers really cut down on underage drinking? What are they really going to do with the ID numbers recorded?

This new form will be effective in ensuring every delivery is met by a genuine 21 year-old and informing 21 year-olds of the consequences of serving alcohol to minors (fines, jail time, or both). But if the ACE committee and the administration hope this new policy will drastically reduce underage drinking on campus, they will be disappointed.

Recording the Colby ID numbers of students receiving alcohol deliveries is a deliciously clever way of deterring 21 year-olds from serving to minors. When one takes down information about you that could potentially be used against you, the feeling of suspicion, perhaps paranoia, is natural. Trusting the Administration with the knowledge of how frequently and possibly how much alcohol you purchase is a scary thing.

The ACE committee hopes that after reading and signing the form, the 21 year-old will understand the consequences of serving alcohol to minors and will not serve to them, fearing the consequences if he/she should get caught doing so. However, the ACE committee is naive if it believes the plan will reduce underage drinking.

The best thing the ACE committee can hope for is after reading and signing the form at the point of delivery, the 21 year-old will use a little more discretion regarding which minors to serve to if he/she still wants to take the risk of serving to minors. Instead of buying beer for the guy who put his fist through two window panes the weekend before and ended up in the Health Center with blood alcohol poisoning, the person will buy for the next door neighbors who want to catch a buzz before heading over to the Student Center dance. If this scenario is a common occurrence after the new policy is instated, the ACE committee's plan should be considered a success.

The ACE committee proposal will significantly reduce neither underage drinking on campus nor the number of large alcohol deliveries to our campus. But if the new policy makes 21 year-olds more selective about who they buy alcohol for, buy an ACE committee member a beer (if you're of age, of course).

### We've fallen and we can't get up

You know the scene. It's 9:25 a.m. You're rushing from Dana to Lovejoy for your 9:30, and you're torn. Should you try to cross the Heights Hill Road, risking getting mauled by a car when you slip on the ice, or try to trek over Mt. Student Center—that huge pile of snow that fell off the roof of the Student Center in the middle of the path next to the Fishbowl? It's a toss up.

Most of us have somewhat mastered the art of ice walking. Ice walking requires one to take smaller steps, concentrating on keeping the center of one's weight exactly over the center of each foot. Disregarding this technique will prompt a slip ending in a convulsive save, an embarrassing wipe-out, or a painful injury.

Physical Plant has put up signs warning us to be careful and the snow and ice, but these are not sufficient. While some of the wipe outs we witness and experience ourselves may look funny, the fact is that the ice is dangerous. We realize that the weather this winter has been especially harsh, but the amount of ice around campus has pushed the acceptable limit. Scattering sand on top of the ice each day is not a solution. We're still slipping and sliding. It's time to consider an alternative like straight salt or attacking that nasty substance with an ice pick.

Until then, wear shoes with good traction and watch your step!

## A New Year's Resolution for Colby

It is astonishing to us that as courts across the country continue to find speech codes unconstitutional, Colby continues ignoring the courts' rulings by expanding its own speech code. Numerous campuses, including the universities of Michigan and Wisconsin, have been forced by courts to abandon their speech and harassment regulations. Moreover, some colleges, like Tufts University, University of Pennsylvania, and even that prep school, Bowdoin College, have voluntarily rescinded speech codes after concluding they were ineffectual, divisive or illegal.

However well-intentioned,

speech codes of any kind have no place on college campuses where the free exchange of ideas is a critical component of higher education. As former Yale President Benno Schmidt has said, "Offensive speech cannot be suppressed under open-ended standards without letting loose an engine of censorship that cannot be controlled." Many courts have agreed and in one situation, ordered school administrators to sit through "First Amendment sensitivity training." We agree. In fact, that should be the first order of business for Colby administrators upon their return for second semester.

What may be most disturbing about Colby's attempt to expand its speech code, is that it runs diametrically opposed to the reasons we attended Colby. We went to Colby because we knew it would prepare us for the real world. Unfortunately,

the speech codes do nothing to prepare students for what they will encounter when they leave Mayflower Hill.

Having worked in New York and Washington, D.C. since we graduated, it is clear to us that if you cannot survive in the comfortable and isolated confines of Mayflower Hill without a speech code to protect you, you are in a lot of trouble when you enter the real world. In fact, it seems to us that the Colby Administration is attempting to shelter its students from the realities of life: free speech is everywhere, learn how to deal with it.

We hope that the new year brings a new sensibility to Colby's administration and it will abolish its pernicious and illegal speech code.

Erik Dodds Potholm '91  
Matthew P. Dumas '91

## Opinions

### Where is the new and not-so-improved alcohol policy leading?

BY JONATHAN KAYE  
Staff Writer

Invariably, there exist certain traits indigenous to a college campus and college students. Perhaps more than any other, Colby students' desire to consume alcohol pervades this campus. Clearly it is no coincidence that Colby's most beloved pastime is drinking. Its secluded location and sub-zero winters all but nominate it to be the activity of choice of every weekend—and for some every day.

Surely there are other social options. CSNAP is making a concerted effort to ensure that fun, chem-free activities are available as viable alternatives to the drinking scene here at Colby. Moreover, chem-free residence halls are becoming increasingly prevalent. The condemnation of drinking by many coaches and athletes, especially during the seasons of their respective sport, further decreases its preeminence as

the sole on-campus amusement.

The fact does remain, however, that drinking is the dominant weekend activity, and the one in which most students participate. Pre-dance parties, at which alcohol is served to all in attendance, are often better attended than the dances themselves, where the distribution of alcohol is more closely monitored. There is no indication that drinking is losing its popularity at Colby, or anywhere for that matter. Thus, the assumption that Colby students will take any measure to obtain and imbibe alcohol is an accurate one.

As most students have been made aware, a change in Colby's alcohol policy is imminent. More specifically, the rules governing alcohol delivery to campus have been modified. The College now stipulates that the delivering merchant must request a 21-year-old Maine state identification, in addition to a Colby ID, before any alcohol changes hands. Further, the

student's Colby ID number will be recorded, and added to a list of all students receiving alcohol deliveries. This list will be presented to the administration each month, and will be kept on file for future reference.

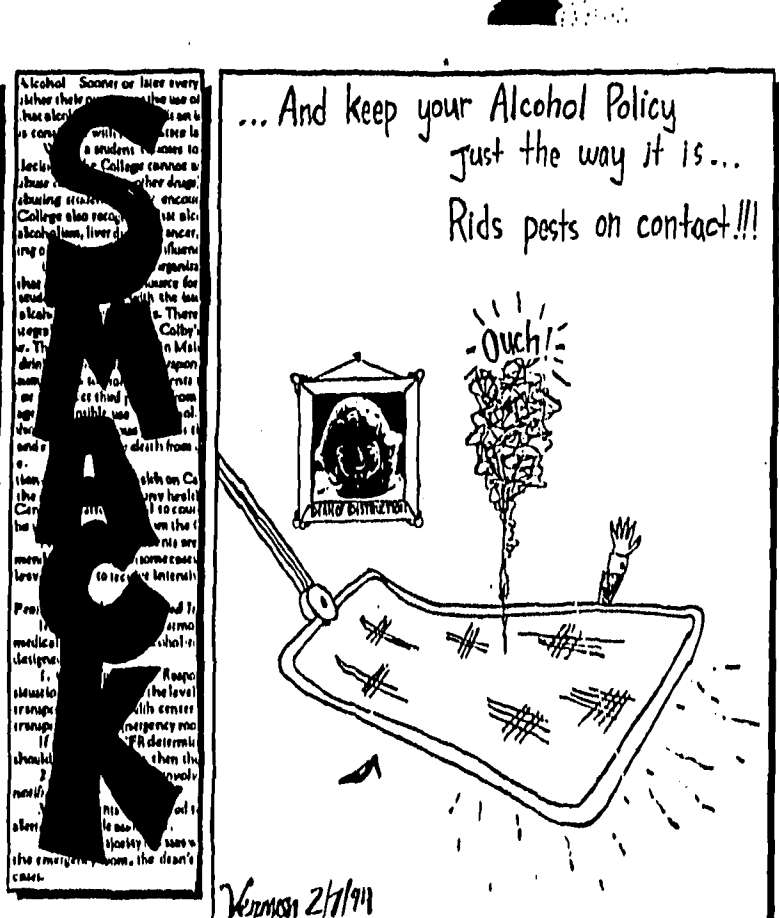
Does the administration have a right to keep a record of alcohol deliveries? A 21 year old has the legal right to order as much alcohol as he or she desires, without it being kept on file for the purpose of future accusations.

Although this new policy has many inherent flaws, perhaps the most sobering of them is the notion that it is simply one step in a progression of many toward a dry campus. The unchangeable reality is that Colby students are going to drink, whether they are 21 years old or not. The changeable aspects of this reality, however, are how and where they are going to do so. Will they have to resort to driving into town

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## Political Inferno

Better get a body bag...



by Andrew Vernon



# Opinions

## Bursting out of the bubble

BY ELIZABETH HERBERT  
Opinions Editor

In case you haven't heard, an investor wants to build a dome over downtown Waterville.

It's no joke. Everybody in town is talking about the possibility of building a clear dome that would cover the concourse and run all the way to Winslow. No one seems to know if it is just a stunt or if town officials are actually considering it. The benefits, I gather, would be the elimination of the need for snow removal and that shoppers would be free to roam in a type of open-air market.

An interesting thought. I've heard that the proposed dome would not come as far as Mayflower Hill and therefore wouldn't protect Colby. Do we really need one, though? A lot of people think that we already live under a glass bubble at Colby. Certainly there are people who complain about it.

It's ironic that Waterville is considering enclosing itself in a dome when Colby students are attempting to break out of theirs. For, certainly, not many of us live in the "real world" here at Colby. Many would protest that everybody here deals with stress and difficulties...but over what? I overheard someone at registration who thought it was the end of the world to have an 8:30 a.m. class. Other people complain when they have to forgo a party to finish a paper on a Saturday night. We've all heard the complaints that Colby students live in an ivory tower.

Some people in the Colby community, however, don't have the full protection of this glass bubble. Women on campus still have to look over their shoulder when they go out late at night. They have to be careful of where they go and how much they drink — because this bubble doesn't protect women from the reality of rape.

This bubble protects the Colby students — a group of four drunk men — who, last week, were shouting "pussy" and "whore" at me and

another female who walked by. The College administration has rules against this, but the fact that the other men in the group were laughing at their uninhibited companion points out that this was an acceptable thing for him to do.

Other parts of the bubble are beginning to burst, as well. A former Colby music professor who was denied tenure is suing Colby for sex discrimination. The Tenure Committee created an uproar two years ago when it denied tenure to Pamela Blake, one of the most well-liked professors in the government department. The recent Dean of Faculty search was extended with no comment by President Cotter, but the steady stream of people in and out of his office suggests that there was also something about the limited pool of candidates that upset a lot of people in the Colby community.

There are some valuable uses of the "bubble" that surrounds Colby students. It provides a relatively safe, calm place where students can focus on learning and meeting people without fear. Most seniors will tell you that they are anxious about leaving the protected Colby community. The protection is valuable to a certain point, and four years in an environment such as ours is not going to skew our view of the "real world."

Reading the *Boston Globe* over breakfast may offer us a look at the atrocious reality in many people's lives. How many of us really think about what we read? We're reading about real people when we look at the article about more bloodshed in Bosnia, yet it is all too easy to intellectualize about the events we do not experience.

It's also too easy to condemn the enclosed world we live in. Just because what's happening in the often cruel "outside world" is real, it doesn't mean that what we live in isn't also real. And no one should have to live in a world with fear and cruelty just to experience it. I'm glad that I don't have to deal with pov-

see *BUBBLE* on page 10

BY LEE AWBREY  
Contributing Writer

After three and one half years of silence I have finally decided to write an article for the *Echo*. What shall my first topic be? Capitalism? Classism? I kind of wanted to start out with something a bit more tame. I look down and the answer comes to me: menstruation.

There are 365 days of the year, 52 weeks. About one week out of every month your average college-age woman dedicates to menstruation. This means approximately 84 days, or about 25% of the year a woman is dealing with cramps, bloodstains, polite exits to the bathroom, wings, cardboard inserts, Advil, etc. While the corporate world has made a killing profiteering feminine hygiene

products it would appear that academia has been left behind.

Women, ask yourselves, how welcome is our blood at Colby? To this day many of us hide our tampons or pads up a sleeve or in a pocket as we creep to the toilet. If we are discovered, we may blush, slightly embarrassed, and go on our way. We go day to day and try not to let "it" be too much of a nuisance. We talk about it amongst ourselves, yet rarely in front of men, and never in public. Why is it that some bathrooms only sell tampons, and others only pads? Or that the majority offer no relief at all?

This is not another "I pay such and such amount a year to go here, and I want free tampons and Advil in every room" article. It is an inquiry into the symbolic significance

of our silence, our underrepresented flow. Just as race advantages are hidden to those who fit the category "white majority" and class issues are not apparent to those who have never had to confront poverty, women's everyday experiences in what is still (yes, still) a male dominated culture are often overlooked.

Unlike most of my female friends, I had the advantage of growing up in a "woman-friendly" environment. My father was a sensitive intellectual, my mother signed his paychecks, and my sister and I ran the barbecue. I felt I could do anything, just like the boys. All things change, however, and as I got to college, I began to see limits.

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## Living with Fear: It's time to speak up and condemn rape

BY CATE CZERNICKI  
Staff Writer

As I begin my last semester here at Colby I can't help but look back at some of the most important things that have been brought to my attention these past four years. Recalling my first year here, it is the life lessons that made the greatest impression. An unfortunate, but necessary part of college (even at isolated Colby) is dealing with the cruelties of life. It wasn't until college that my eyes were truly opened to perhaps the cruelest threat to a woman's life — rape.

When I discussed this week's topic with students I met with disapproval by some who thought that an opinions article about rape didn't belong in the school newspaper. My only reaction is that rape doesn't belong in our society — but it does exist. It is the very silence about rape that serves as a perpetuation of the violence. Until a problem is addressed, it will grow, and become accepted, as in the case of rape.

Women know about rape. We live in fear of it. We are told since we are young that because we are female, we are the targets of male

sexuality. The messages may not always be so clear, so overt, but we get the point. The whistles we receive, the stares and catcalls from strangers, all remind us of that threat.

In her *Rape: The Politics of Consciousness*, Susan Griffin speaks of woman's inherent fear. "I have never been free of the fear of rape. From a very early age I, like most women, have thought of rape as part of my natural environment."

Why this constant fear? Because rapists are not held accountable for their actions, and rape is not understood as a violent crime that humiliates women and robs them of something very personal. A woman could come forth and say that she was mugged or robbed and most would sympathize with her. The police would help. A woman is not afforded such privilege as communal understanding when the crime is rape. She is silenced and her words are not granted validity.

I, like most women on campus, know rape survivors. We also know rapists. We sit in classrooms with them, silenced by our fear and our anger. We live in residence halls with them, eat in dining halls with them, and attend parties with them.

The backlash against feminism calls women "man-haters" and "bitter hags".

Women are expected to go about happily in an unhealthy environment where they must placate the perpetrators. Until the truth is recognized, women are asked to swallow their pride and ignore their pain. This facade only breeds mistrust and animosity.

It wasn't until Colby that the reality of rape was made known to me. Survivors were no longer women mentioned on television or gossiped about around town.

The survivors are my friends and classmates. The reality of rape here at Colby has not been a fun lesson to learn, but it is a vital lesson. However, even though Colby educates students about rape, like in first-year orientation for example, it is considered a crime of the outside world, something that Colby can protect you from for at least four years. A nice thought, but an impossible one.

Administrators, professors, staff, students and parents alike, should be aware that rape exists—in the outside world and at Colby. Unless we begin to address the reality we all become victims of rape. □

## Students on the Street

How do you keep from slipping on the snow and ice on campus?



Reed Kelly '94

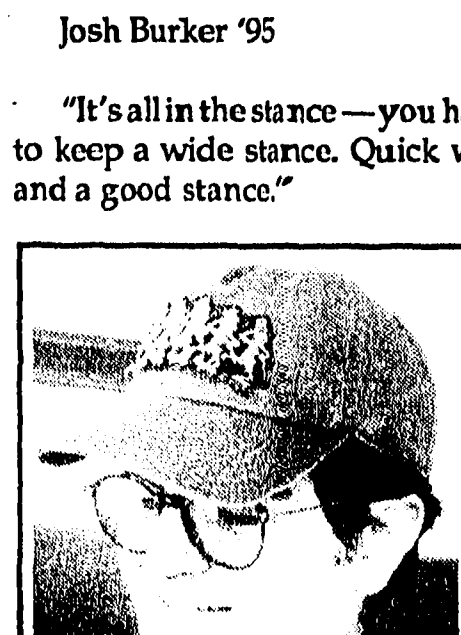
"You just hold your hands out for balance. It's really very easy. I grew up in Maine and don't fall on ice. Maybe it's genetic."

Brian Schwegler '95  
"To be honest with you, I walk behind someone, and when I see them slip and fall I know where to avoid. I look for the crowds laughing at them."



Nancy Zierman '96

"I don't worry about it too much. If I fall I laugh at myself. I fell outside of Dana two days ago and told everybody I knew."



Josh Burker '95

"It's all in the stance—you have to keep a wide stance. Quick wits and a good stance."



Jon Pataki '97

"When someone takes a digger, I avoid where they walk."

Echo photos by Lauren Vitano



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My closest male friends delyed into Jack Kerouac and Henry Miller, forcing me to acknowledge that even my most sacred world of literature abused my body and rejected my mind. While my male friends learned how to play beer die, I had to wait hours for a table, and then limit my drinking for fear of what I might "ask for". And as I watched

male liberties of unhindered travel, roughness, forwardness and thought, I began to hate being female. Fortunately, that too changed.

What does this have to do with menstruation, you ask? When I lost trust in ideas because their origins were male I lost a part of myself, and have been looking for it ever since. Gender neutral language of-

fers little to me. Separationist theories don't apply to what I'm looking for either. Blood does. Blood is a reality, one that almost every woman has experienced at one point in her life.

There may not be any universal traits to the term "woman" other than the physical nature that it implies. If that is the source of my losses, then I say let us look there.

Let us look at hips, breasts, and blood. Today's subject is blood. It can't be harnessed or objectified quite as easily as its counterparts.

Social etiquette in elite society tells us to not mention certain things, for it is crude and unpleasant.

I say it is wrong that in many states a woman can buy a candy bar on food stamps, but not feminine hygiene products.

I say I am tired of scurrying around pretending my body doesn't secrete blood while I watch men shift their private parts with pride. I say that menstruation is drastically understated in our daily lives. It is overlooked, ignored, denied, and hidden. I say love your blood, sisters, and love your sisters' blood, brothers—it is the source of all of our lives. □

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themselves and using false identification to purchase alcohol? Surely the administration is aware of the dangers that this poses.

Does the administration want the students to consume alcohol on or off campus? The dangers of alcohol being consumed on campus could never amount to the dangers posed to it being consumed off campus, in a bar, for example. Aside from the legal ramifications associated with underage drinking, students driving to drinking establishments in town is something with which no one, particularly the administration, would want to deal.

If Colby were located in a city, fewer objections to a progression toward a dry campus would exist. On a campus located in a city, drinking could take place off campus in a safer manner because public transportation would eliminate many of the inherent dangers posed by driving while intoxicated. However, the fact remains that Colby is located in Waterville, Maine, and no jitney that the College could ever purchase would have a seating capacity large enough for all of the students that would flock to bars. □

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erty, with hunger, with the fear of gunfire, when I walk outside.

I do have to be aware, though, that I am lucky. It's not a perfect world and we have to find a way to deal with these problems, not feel guilty about them or the fact that we don't personally experience them. The more aware we become, the more the bubble breaks — along with the need for the bubble in the first place. □

**TRUSTEES, continued from page 2**

total already eclipsed, by 22 percent, last year's record breaking total of \$8.2 million.

The Trustees also accepted the recommendation for 1994-95 sabbaticals for Christian Bowditch, Lyn Brown, Murray Campbell, Charles Conover, Michael Donihue, Paul Doss, Ken Ganza, Jill Gordon, Paul Greenwood, Bill Klein, Sheila McCarthy, Betty Sasaki, Steve Saunders, David Simon, Sonia Simon, Mark Tappan, Priscilla Doel, Fernando Gouvea, Frances Parker, Peter Harris, John Sweney, James Thurston, and Tina Wentzel.

Parker Beverage, Dean of Admissions, told the board that applications for the Class of '98 are up by 13 percent from last year.

Finally, the Board welcomed two new members, Jane Whipple Coddington '55 of Murray Hill, New Jersey, and Robert Diamond, Jr., '74, of New York City. □

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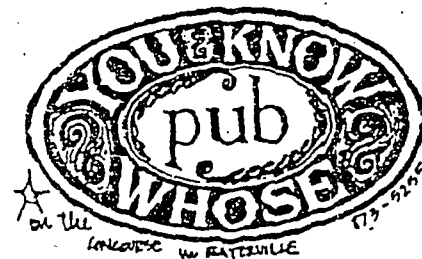
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erts via Fraternity Row, she said. Fraternity members would issue numbers from one to 10, based on each woman's appearance, according to Hallee. She said she and many other Colby females found the practice extremely offensive.

The fraternity system divided the campus by sex, said Hallee. Although many of the men she knew who belonged to fraternities were "very nice guys by themselves," the group environment seemed to alter their behavior in a way that was hostile to women, she said. Many of the men believed that "they could treat women however they wanted," said Hallee.

It was hard to escape the fraternities, especially if one wanted to participate in the campus social life, since fraternities threw the majority

of parties, according to Hallee.

Students bought Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) cards, which enabled them to go to all of the IFC parties, and Hallee said she was no exception. She also said she felt that the College should have been striving for a system which would unite men and women, rather than separate them.

Women could join the sorority system, Hallee said, but it the facilities were not equivalent to those of the fraternities. For the men, who resided in their fraternity houses, fraternities were a way of life, she said. However, there were no sorority houses, only meeting rooms in Runnals Theater, so for women sororities were more like extra-curricular clubs, said Hallee.

To Hallee, Colby's fraternity sys-

tem basically meant discrimination for women in all respects. She said she felt the College had to "take a position." The elimination of fraternities several years after her graduation was therefore a step that Hallee welcomed, although her support of this action earned her the resentment of a number of males in her class, she said. She feels that this is based on a lack of awareness of the problems fraternities caused for those outside of the system.

"What was good for you and your friends wasn't necessarily good for me and my friends," said Hallee.

Joe Bergera '86 is former Phi Delta who was a sophomore when the abolishment verdict was handed down. While he enjoyed his time as a fraternity member (although he refers to the Phi Deltas as a "non-

fraternity" and said it was "more like a social club"), he was not terribly upset by the decision to eliminate fraternities.

The campus had become polarized, he recalls, with about five percent of students adamantly opposed to the fraternity system, and 35 percent in favor of retaining fraternities.

The other 60 percent "didn't really care," according to Bergera. Bergera agrees with Murphy's statement that the student majority was in favor of keeping the fraternities, at least according to a student survey.

Bergera said he thinks student opinion was considered in the decision to eliminate fraternities. Those opposed to fraternities simply "launched a good campaign," and

the fraternities themselves then basically sealed their own fates, he said.

Bergera said he would like people to move beyond the whole issue.

"I think that there are some problems with student life on campus, and I think that it's a mistake to blame those problems on the existence or non-existence of a fraternity system," he said. Problems with campus social life are results of failures on both the parts of the students and the administration, said Bergera, and he feels that instead of blaming, people should look for solutions. Non-fraternity solutions, that is.

"I think some people sort of confused being in college with being in a fraternity," he said. □

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APRIL 29- DEAN BEVERAGE



## Comin' at 'ya!



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

Cary Charlebois outraces a UNH defender for the puck. UNH put a hurting on the Mules, 5-0, in a recent game.

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to place in every event, allowing it to win its meets. The men are especially deep in two events: the 55m and 200m sprints.

Senior co-captain Kebba Tolbert, a top sprinter in the past, has hesitantly given way to Curry. Curry is undefeated in the 55m and broke the school record, which has been held since 1970. He equaled his time the next two weeks and broke his own record at the States, qualifying him for the Division III Nationals held in Wisconsin on March 11-12. His arrival has started a friendly rivalry between he and Tolbert.

Tolbert is stronger than Curry in the 200m, which he proved by breaking the school indoor record in the event over January. Each runs the other's strong event as well as his own, creating "a great friendship and rivalry that pushes both of them," according to Wescott. The two have placed first and second in the 55m at every meet and 1-2 in the 200 at the State meet.

The men end their regular season with a dual meet this weekend at Bowdoin. After that they will begin to prepare for the New England's and the ECACs.

The women have yet to compete in their State meet. They are currently preparing for their meet, which will take place this weekend at Bates. The women's team is led by senior All-American Michelle Severance, who has qualified for

Nationals in everything from 800-5000m. The team has great depth, with 20 of 35 team members qualifying for New England's and 15 qualifying for the ECACs.

The team has great relays, in which they are unbeaten against Division III opponents. Coach Debbie Aitken expects each relay to score at the New England's, held in two weeks.

The return of Jennifer Hartshorn '94, an All-American who was in Chile last semester, adds depth to the middle distances. She has yet to compete this season, but should be ready for the State meet this weekend.

The addition of 14 first year athletes has added much needed depth.

Shannon Tracey '97 has had a great season thus far. Aitken believes she has the potential to qualify for Nationals in the 55m hurdles.

Another first year who has progressed faster than expected is Kara Patterson. Patterson, who was mainly a sprinter in high school, has been running middle distances. She is within one second of provisionally qualifying for nationals.

Both teams have a promising finale to their season, continuing the excellence of Colby cross-country runners this fall, who were the first Colby team to venture to the Nationals. At their current paces, the indoor track teams may surpass all expectations. □

## FRATS, continued from page 3

October 12, 1983 faculty meeting, they voted 76 to 26 in favor of eliminating the Greek system.

In retaliation, the students independently voted whether or not to eliminate fraternities. According to the poll, 77 percent of the student body supported the fraternities.

In January 1984, Bullock and President William Cotter announced that Colby would abolish its sororities and fraternities, replac-

ing them with a commons system. The College appointed 39 students to the Residential Commons Advisory Board (RCAB), to help bring the Trustees' plan for residential commons into existence.

The proposal had been accepted unanimously by the Trustees and the Trustee Commission on Campus Life, which included four students.

However, the majority of the stu-

## BASKETBALL, continued from page 15

Entering their Feb. 1 meeting with CBB rival Bowdoin, Colby received its no. 1 status in New England, only to have it revoked after an upset loss to the Polar Bears. The loss was the first to Bowdoin in twelve straight meetings dating back to 1987. The team played 500 ball on its most recent road trip, dropping their first game to Wesleyan and defeating Clark University.

After the hiccup in their outstanding play last week, the team's record stands at 16-3.

Despite the recent slide, Colby still appears in good shape for an NCAA tournament bid.

"No question the opportunity is there for us," said Head Coach Dick Whitmore, referring to a possible NCAA bid. "We must continue to play well. We have to be able to play well defensively the rest of the

way."

"I have to be pleased with the way the team played in the month of January," said Whitmore. "We had the opportunity to make a statement and we did so. We had ten different people making solid contributions for the team, which showed our depth."

"In Hamilton and Union, we

**"I have to be pleased with the way the team played in the month of January."  
-Dick Whitmore, Head Coach**

were provided a real test and we proved we were a competitive team," said Whitmore. "We showed real unification and we received contributions from different people each game."

In the Union game, Co-captains Glen McCrum '94 and Gary

Bergeron '94 played well, while two underclassmen, Dave Stephens '96 and Matt Gaudet '95, carried the team to victory over Hamilton.

The team will continue to feature an attack that relies more on the strength of the team than one superstar player.

Gaudet (15.6 ppg), Stephens (9.5 rpg, 61 blocks), and McCrum (64.1% from behind the three-point arc) will lead the team into its next game, a rematch with Wheaton College.

Colby defeated Wheaton earlier in the season in triple overtime to capture the Colby Invitational Tournament Championship. The rematch at Wheaton should prove to be as exciting.

After the game at Wheaton, Colby will travel

to Conn. College for a game before their last three games with U. Mass.-Boston, Bates, and Bowdoin.

If Colby can win their remaining games, the NCAA tournament officials will have a difficult time ignoring the team when invitations are handed out. □

## Devastator of the Week



Echo photo by Cina Wertheim

**There is an awful lot of hype in sports today about two sport athletes, but few of them can top the efforts of Conrad Saam last week. Saam, a sophomore on the men's indoor track team, impressed during last weekend's State meet. Not only was he able to take the gold in his natural event, the pole vault, he also placed first in the long jump. Reports are not in as to whether the long jump is just a 'hobby' for the leaper, but to achieve excellence at the highest level in two events makes Saam Devastator material. □**

## SWIMMING, continued from page 15

tenths of a second.

On Wednesday Colby swam against the University of Maine, a Division I school that perennially dominates the Mules. Cain saw the women's meet with the Black Bears as "a challenge, but our best shot at winning."

On Saturday the teams will compete against Bates, which has always been a very strong team, especially for the women. Cain expects the men's team to do well against Bates. The men have been within five points of winning for the last three years and hope to break the hex in this season.

The women's New England Championship meet is Feb. 18-20 at Bowdoin. During the meet, 26 teams will participate. Williams is the early favorite.

The men's team will face 21 opposing teams, also at Bowdoin, the following weekend, Feb. 25-27. The toughest competitors to be faced will be Williams, Amherst, Tufts, and MIT. □

## SKIING, continued from page 14

transformed into an intense, "European atmosphere" at the NCAAs. The pressure is tremendous, as skiers from all over the country, even some of Olympic caliber, come to prove themselves to the world on national television, according to Lawson. It is this extreme intensity that Lawson feels would be bolstered by a hometown crowd cheering on our skiers. "I hope that the Colby community can come up and support us as much as their schedules allow," said Lawson. "I'd love to have faculty, staff...everybody up there to support our team. Hey, I'm psyched as heck!"

Although Colby has not reached the level of other predominant Division I schools, hosting the NCAA National Championship is a big step forward in being a competitive school, according to Lawson. □

dents, especially the former fraternity members, did not accept the decision gracefully. They complained the Commission on Campus Life did not accept their opinions.

Nevertheless, most of the committee members were former fraternity brothers who had similar loyalties.

The administration stressed that it was difficult for these former mem-

bers to eliminate the fraternities.

However, considering that the system did not encourage diversity or uniqueness, and that the individual frats had all experienced decreasing membership, low GPA's, and alcohol abuse, the Trustees believed that they were "no longer a training ground for leadership" and that the "negative aspects outweighed the positive ones," according to FYI. □



# Scoreboard

## Men's Basketball (16-3)

Colby 110 Oberlin 62  
Colby 107 Wheaton 104 (3OT)  
Colby 96 Suffolk 59  
Husson 87 Colby 58  
Colby 61 Tufts 52  
Colby 74 USouthern Maine 65  
Colby 91 Salem State 82  
Colby 92 Gordon 72  
Colby 95 Colby-Sawyer 71  
Colby 70 Union 66  
Colby 77 Hamilton 69  
Colby 78 Amherst 68  
Colby 134\* W. New England 84  
Colby 110 Bates 64  
Colby 65 Middlebury 63  
Colby 92 Norwich 63  
Bowdoin 71 Colby 68  
Wesleyan 88 Colby 63  
Colby 80 Clark 70  
\*Scoring record

Clark 76 Colby 67

## Women's Hockey (6-10-2)

Princeton 7 Colby 1  
Colby 2 Yale 2  
Colby 7 Cornell 5  
Colby 7 RIT 5  
B.C. 7 Colby 1  
Harvard 6 Colby 0  
Providence 8 Colby 2  
Brown 11 Colby 0  
B.C. 4 Colby 3  
Colby 8 Bowdoin 3  
Colby 3 Chelmsford 3  
Middlebury 5 Colby 3  
Colby 11 UVM 2  
Colby 7 Bowdoin 2  
Colby 6 R.P.I. 3  
UNH 5 Colby 0  
B.C. 6 Colby 5  
Bowdoin 3 Colby 2

Colby 6 Conn. College 1

## Men's Squash (3-9)

Navy 8 Colby 1  
Colby 5 Bard 4  
Colby 6 Fordham 3  
Stony Brook 9 Colby 0  
Vassar 9 Colby 0  
Colby 9 Ohio Wesleyan 0  
Bowdoin 7 Colby 2  
Conn. College 5 Colby 4  
MIT 9 Colby 0  
Tufts 6 Colby 3  
Bates 7 Colby 2  
Amherst 9 Colby 2

## Women's Squash (5-8)

Middlebury 9 Colby 0  
Bowdoin 8 Colby 1  
Conn. College 7 Colby 2  
Colby 8 Bates 1  
Tufts 7 Colby 2  
Wellesley 5 Colby 4  
Colby 5 Wellesley 4  
Williams 9 Colby 0  
Colby 9 Colgate 0  
Mt. Holyoke 6 Colby 3  
Colby 9 Williams 'B' 0  
Franklin & Marshall 7 Colby 2  
Colby 6 Hamilton 3

## Men's and Women's Swimming

Colby 162 Plymouth St. 126  
Middlebury 181 Colby 101  
Colby 116 Norwich 62  
Bowdoin 130 Colby 66

## Women's Basketball (7-8)

Williams 73 Colby 62  
Wesleyan 61 Colby 57  
Husson 71 Colby 54  
Tufts 75 Colby 70 (OT)  
USouthern Maine 63 Colby 42  
Salem State 64 Colby 58  
Colby 69 Plymouth State 67  
Colby 78 Union 65  
Colby 71 Hamilton 50  
Middlebury 80 Colby 59  
Colby 64 Colby-Sawyer 62  
Colby 71 Bates 48  
Colby 83 UMaine-Farmington 78 (OT)  
Colby 67 Wesleyan 46

## Men's Hockey (9-6-2)

Colby 4 Norwich 0  
Colby 7 Middlebury 1  
Colby 6 U. Southern Maine 1  
Bowdoin 5 Colby 2  
Colby 5 UMass-Amherst 3  
Plattsburgh 8 Colby 1  
UMass-Amherst 7 Colby 4  
AIC 5 Colby 2  
Colby 6 UConn. 6  
Colby 3 Salem State 3  
Colby 5 UMass-Boston 2  
Bowdoin 6 Colby 1  
Colby 5 New England College 3  
St. Anselm 5 Colby 4  
Colby 5 Trinity 2

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"To see those three guys play so well together makes me feel great because we could be seeing this for the next three years," said second year coach Borek. "That would be something."

Eidt, a right wing, and McGovern, a center, have also been keeping the scorekeeper busy with 16 and 11 points, respectively. They, like Lamia and Lavergne, are playing on the same line and living in the same room. It is this camaraderie and chemistry between the players that has made this freshman group a special one.

"You feel that at any time you can call up one of the other guys and go do something," said Eidt, who has shrugged off a neck injury early in the season to continue his excellence. "All of the talent in the world doesn't make a team great. Our friendship is an important part of our success as well."

"At first, there definitely was a little tension between all of us. We just wanted to show each other that we knew how to play the game," said McGovern. "It didn't take us long to realize that we were in this thing together."

The question is how long they will be together. With the visibility of the program increasing, Borek will continue to bring in the outstanding players year after year. Many of the current freshmen that are finding success right now may find their jobs lost in the upcoming years to more talented newcomers.

"Some guys who are freshmen right now may not be on the team in the future," said Lamia. "This is not to say they are bad players. But because [Borek] will continue to bring in the better players as the

program becomes more visible, some guys could drop off the team or not be the big contributors they are now."

Doak, a bruising defenseman who spends most of his time putting opposing players on their backs, said, "I'm sure Coach Borek will continue to bring in new guys who are just as good or better than us, but it is our own fight to keep our jobs. We are treated like hockey players, not freshmen. The best players will play, regardless of whether they are freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors. That's the way it should be."

Kennedy and Sprague have joined Doak among the freshmen defensive corps along with goalie Kruppa in what will hopefully be the future blockade against enemy offenses.

No matter what the future may hold for this talented corps, the present is treating them fine. The freshman are almost single-handedly responsible for the huge increase in scoring over last year's 6-17-1 team, and bask in the knowledge that they have improved the team to its current 9-7-2 record. The best thing about these freshman is next year they turn into sophomores. □

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victory and advanced to the finals of his first individual CBB tournament, facing Bates' no. 1 player.

"Jamie took the first game, but ran out of steam, narrowly losing 1-3," said Illig.

"Overall, I'm proud of my performance this weekend," said Cheston. "It was a tough match, and I'm looking forward to the Nationals at Yale."

Although Colby's team record is not the strongest in the league, with only three wins, youth seems to be their most powerful weapon. At the end of this season, the Mules will only lose one senior, the dynamic court master Matt McGowan. Illig is optimistic that his rather inexperienced squad has a promising future.

The Lady Mules have had a solid season. Although they lost juniors Holly Martin and Kate LaVigne to studies abroad, the women have racked up five wins and eight losses at the closing of Jan Plan. Ellen Derrick '96, the current no. 1 player, started her squash career quite late, as many of the other women have, but has learned the ropes quickly and leads a courageous team.

"Ellen is a fine and determined athlete," said Illig.

The women finished their Jan Plan with a 3-2 record at the Williams Tourney, with victories against Hamilton, the hosting Ephs 'B' team, and Colgate. This past weekend the women returned from the Mount Holyoke/Smith Invitational with a somewhat humbling record of 1-3. Illig will take his young squad to the nationals at Yale Feb. 18-20. □

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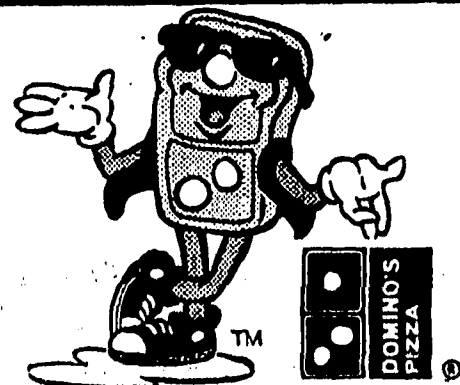
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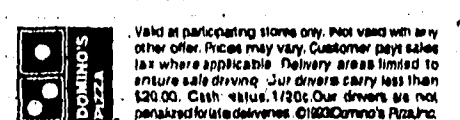
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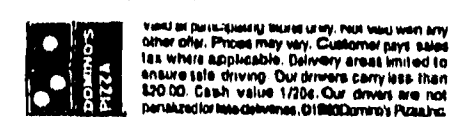


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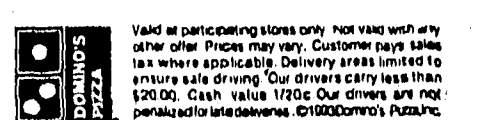
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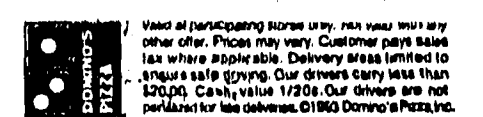
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# Colby squash makes strides in January

BY W. MATTHEW MUSZALA  
Contributing Writer

The Colby squash program for the 1993-1994 season is headed toward a respectable season. A quick glance at their records may not reflect success but both the men's and the women's teams, under the direction of head coach John Illig, have been competitive in their respective leagues.

The men came off a busy weekend at Bates, participating in the classic CBB 16 player tournament, with six players representing Colby. Christian Denckla '96 and captain Drew Snow '95, who enjoyed a semester off the Hill in England, both managed to advance to the second round with 3-0 and 3-1, respectively.

Sophomore Jamie Cheston,



Echo photo by Yuhgo Yamaguchi  
**Elizabeth "Id" Greene '94 swats the ball in her match against Bowdoin.**

Colby's number one player, cruised through the first two rounds and soon found himself against Bates'



Echo photo by Kirsten Eckard  
**Christian Denckla '96 strokes a backhand against his Bates opponent.**

no. 2 player, Jackson Marvel, in the semifinals. Cheston rallied to a 3-2 see **SQUASH** on page 13

## Hosting nationals a big step for Colby ski team

BY GALEN CARR  
Contributing Writer

At this season's halfway point, the Colby Ski Team has placed eighth in a fifteen team field in each three of their carnivals.

After competing in sub-zero temperatures at Sugarloaf, Lake Placid, and then again last weekend at Stowe, Alpine Coach Paul Lawson is "pretty pleased" with the team's overall performance heading into this weekend's competition at Dartmouth.

In only their second season of competition at the NCAA Division I level, Colby has placed ahead of Di-

vision II colleges on a consistent basis and come within striking distance of many Division I programs. The future looks very promising for the men's and women's alpine and nordic squads, and Lawson believes that his relatively young squad "could surprise some people out there."

As the season continues, all eyes will be focused on a select few individuals to see if they have what it takes to qualify for the Nationals, hosted this year by Colby at Sugarloaf. Only eighteen men and eighteen women are selected overall to compete in the season finale. Thus, the remaining meets at

Dartmouth, Williams and Middlebury loom large for those that are "on the fence" with the NCAAs in reach.

At present, Senior nordic Captain Brian Carlson and sophomore alpine Captain Kate Swenson are most likely to represent Colby in March, while a handful of others are still labeled as possibilities.

Beginning on March 9 and running through March 12, this year's NCAAs promise to be action-packed. Once the season ends, the friendly competitions of the Northeastern colleges and universities are

see **SKIING** on page 12

## Men's hockey keeps an eye on post-season

BY RYAN MAYHUGH  
Staff Writer

After posting a mediocre record of 3-4-2 during the month of January, the Colby mens hockey team rebounded last weekend to sweep both Trinity and Conn. College on the road, 5-2 and 6-1 respectively. It was the first road sweep for the Mules since the 1988-89 campaign.

"We finally got the momentum that we've been looking for," said head coach Scott Borek. "I was hoping for a better month in January, but seven out of nine games were on the road, which hurt us."

With an overall record of 9-6-2 and a league mark of 6-3-2, the last six games will be crucial for the Mules if they are to qualify for post season play. As of now, the team finds itself in a three way tie for seventh place, with Middlebury and AIC. The top three or four teams will advance to the NCAAs while the next eight compete for the ECAC title.

After playing nine of their last eleven games on the road, the Mules will return home for their next four contests. "We've put ourselves in a position to compete for the playoffs," said Borek. "If we keep up the momentum, we can move from a contender into a playoff spot."

The Mules will kick off their homestand against a superb Williams on Friday night. The Ephs feature the top goalie in the league and also field a strong defense and power

play, according to Borek.

"Our goal in February was to go 6-2, which would realistically put us in the playoffs," said Borek.

With the season winding down, and Colby looking for its first playoff berth since 1985, much of the Mules' success will fall on the shoulders of senior goaltender Alex Moody.

"Alex has played through some rough years here and he deserves the opportunity to take the team into the playoffs," said Borek.

The defense, anchored by sophomore Stu Wales and junior Bill Driscoll, also played well this weekend, letting only 39 shots get through to Moody in the two games combined.

The offense will be called upon to come through against Williams, as they will be facing one of the premier defenses in the league. Two first years, Nick Lamia and Dan Lavergne, are leading the squad in points, but the offense is keyed by captains Brian Pompeo '95 and Keith Gleason '94.

"If we are going to take our play to the next level, it's the older guys who are going to get us there," said Borek.

In the Trinity and Conn. College games, Gleason accounted for six points and Pompeo added three.

After last year's poor record of 6-17-1, the possibility of earning a playoff berth is a big step for this up-and-coming program. "This year we needed to elevate our game so that future teams can have higher goals," said Borek. □



Echo photo by Yuhgo Yamaguchi  
**The Colby men's ice hockey team is pushing and shoving its way to a playoff berth.**

## Offsides

## Snow Crimes

BY JAC COYNE  
Sports Editor

I got pegged by a snowball the other day.

I was taking my morning constitutional, casually making my way between the fraternity houses, on my way to Roberts in hopes of picking up my daily newspapers. The weather was a nice reprieve from the arctic conditions of the days before, making the snow sticky under my tired sneakers. Suddenly, there was a quick jab around my kidneys — the unmistakable feeling of a hard packed snowball.

This was not one of those hastily put together balls that break up upon leaving the hand. This snowball had been loved. My assailant, who was no doubt lurking up by the Mudd building, did not just fire his projectile on a whim (or perhaps a fit of rage?). He had lurked around Perkins-Wilson, maybe on the fire escape, and waited for an unsuspecting sap to come along.

The round did not really hurt. I had on a jacket and a sweatshirt, cushioning the blow. It was more a humiliating strike, and as my attacker moved back into the shadows laughing at his kill, I was forced to look around futilely for the crook. A couple of co-eds strutted past, put their noses in the air, and laughed haughtily, for they witnessed the whole incident.

I was tempted to return the favor and deliver a snow blow to the back of their noggins, but I calmed my vengeful feelings. I decided to use the snotty little brats as my cover as I headed back in the other direction in pursuit of the assassin. If he was going to

attempt another volley, he would risk hitting the girls, and I was banking he wouldn't risk it. The co-eds chattered nervously among themselves, as they gave me the fisheye.

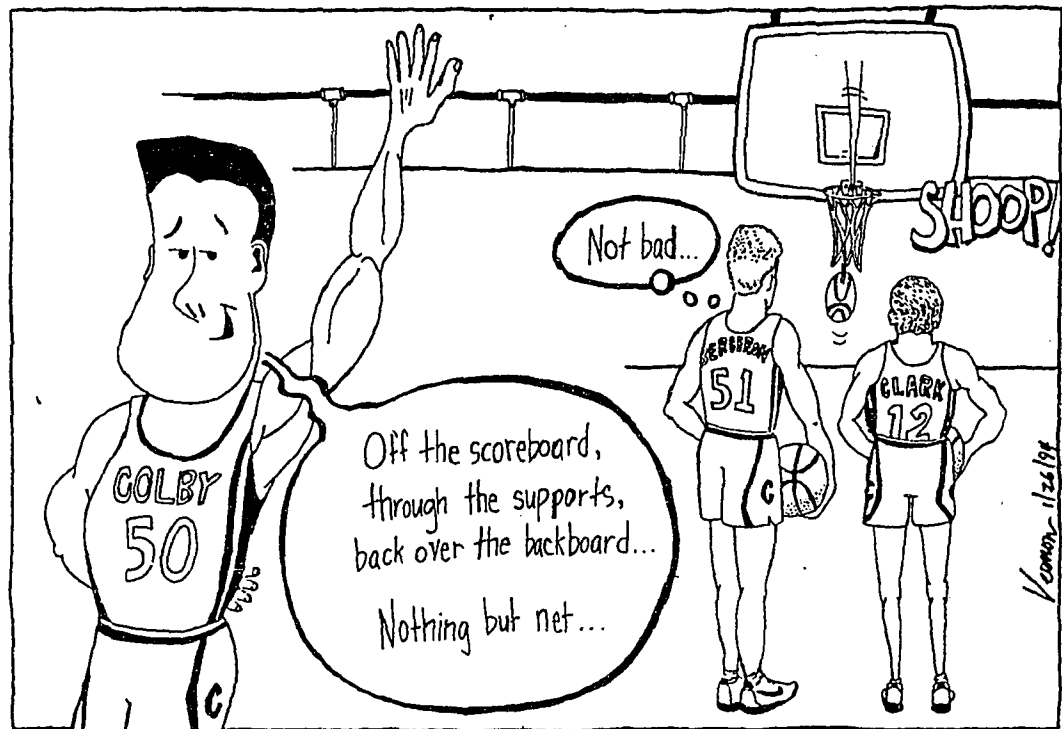
Giving up as the three of us reached the crotch in front of the library, I pulled a U-turn and headed back for my papers, extremely frustrated. I looked around the quad, searching like a paranoid for more snowballs that were not to come. The lady running the counter at the bookstore gave me peculiar look, eyeing the iceball in my hand as I asked for the *Globe* and *USA Today*. I blushed as the absurdity of it all dawned on me.

Angrily sitting down in my room after the non-eventful journey back, I realized the I was the victim of a war crime in the art of snowball fights. There should be a rule that states that the attacker must confront his victim after a sneak attack. It is only gentlemanly that if one attacks another with a type of snowball, he show himself to his intended victim in order that one can assess his or her attacker.

Stealthily bombing unsuspecting stiffes may be more fun, as one is able to watch the humiliation of the victim as they futilely attempt to identify their assailant. However, this practice is in fact a spineless act that shows the true character, or lack thereof, of the aggressor.

I implore those of you who participate in the ancient art of snow hurling to follow the rules that are inherent in the practice. To resort to guerrilla tactics is cowardly, and extremely infuriating for the victim. For myself, well... I don't know if I can put the trauma behind me. □





## Colby men's basketball leaps to national prominence

BY PJ MCBRIDE  
Asst. Sports Editor

The 1993-94 version of the Colby Men's Basketball team picked up right where it left off at the end of the first semester. The team, spearheaded by preseason All-American junior guard Matt Gaudet, rolled through January undefeated and entered the month of February ranked no. 1 in New England and no. 6 in the country among Division III men's teams.

Colby amassed a 9-0 record in the month of January, including a huge weekend sweep of Hamilton and Union College on the road in New York. Both teams entered play against Colby nationally ranked, only to fall to the White Mules.

Colby continued its romp, defeating a tough Amherst squad by the score of 78-68. The victory over Amherst vaulted Colby into a match-up with Western New England College, and the team responded by shattering the school scoring record with a convincing 134-84 victory. The previous high was 124, set two years ago against the University of Maine at Farmington.

Colby then rolled with three more victories over Bates, Middlebury, and Norwich. The Middlebury victory was a character builder for the White Mules, as the team headed into half-time down 41-25, but regrouped for a 65-63 victory.

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## Women hoopsters on right track towards post season

BY JOSH STEVENS  
Staff Writer

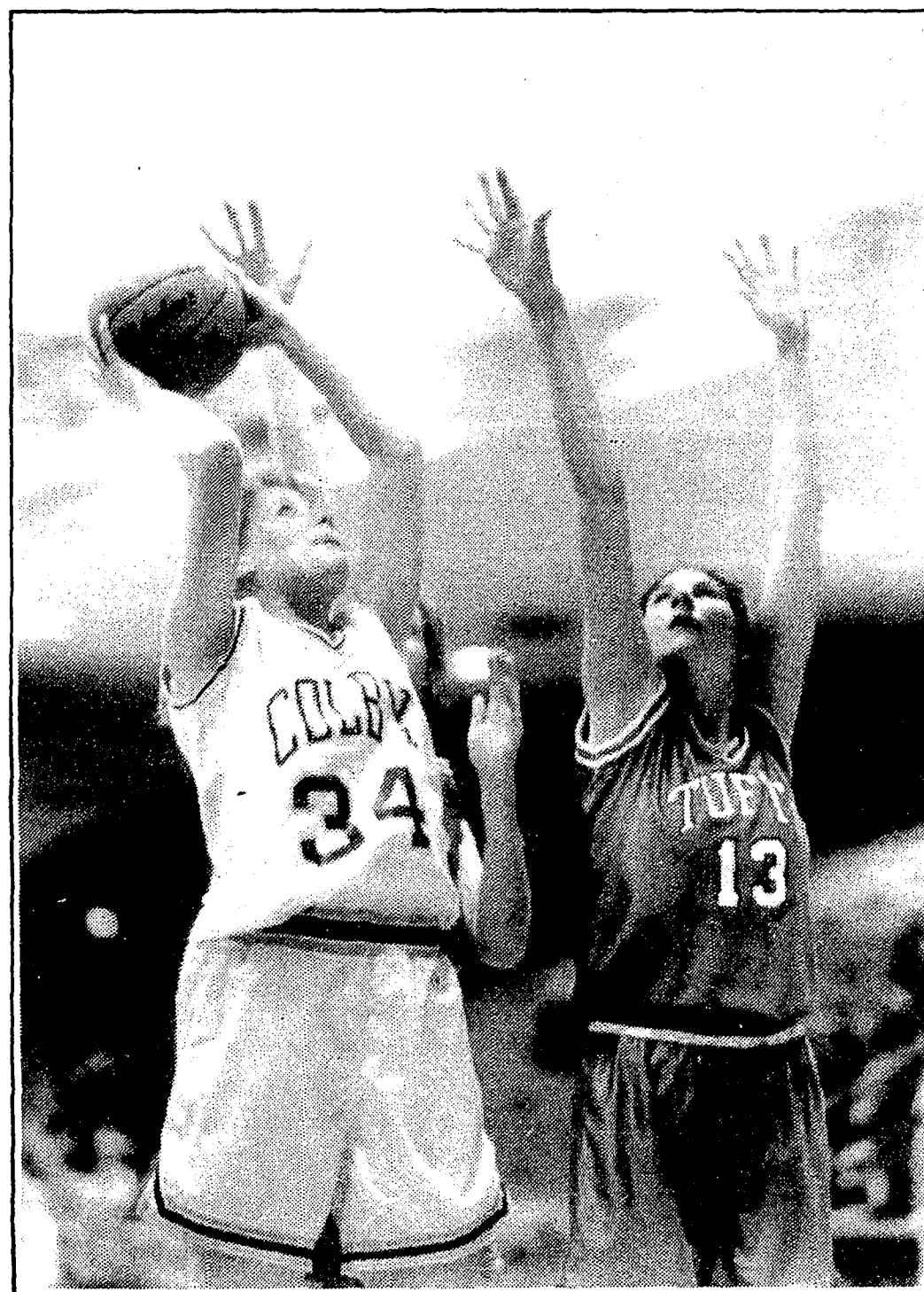
When the Colby women's basketball team dropped its sixth straight game to open the season, Coach Carol Anne Beach was not discouraged. Four of the losses had been by five points or less, and she knew her team just needed to "...win one to get over the hump."

That chance came Jan. 8 against Plymouth State, as first-year Amber Howard's 26 points spurred the White Mules to a 69-67 win. The Mules then proceeded to win six of their next eight.

Leading the charge has been Howard, a 5'6" guard from Stockton Springs, Maine who has led the team in scoring six times, breaking the 20 point level four times, along with seniors Betsy Maclean and Andrea Bowman. Bowman, a tri-captain, and Maclean provide the Mules with a strong presence on the glass and with much-needed inside scoring. At 6'0", both Bowman and Maclean possess a tasty jump hook that draws the ire of would-be defenders.

"We're a balanced team this year," said Coach Beach. "We can score from the inside and the outside."

With victories over Union, Hamilton, Colby-Sawyer, Bates, U-Maine Farmington and Wesleyan under their belt, the Mules are still in the hunt for a post-season berth in the ECAC tournament. With the Maclean, Bowman and Howard trio combining for 41 points a game, the Mules hope to continue to use their



Echo photo by Yuhgo Yamaguchi

Andrea Bowman works for the jump hook.

up-tempo offense and strong pressure defense to their advantage.

Beach notes the extra play from the bench as a key to the team's success. The new-found depth allows the team to play more aggres-

sive defense, providing Beach with the opportunity to rest her key players. A big weekend lies ahead for the White Mules, with a trying road trip to Wheaton and Connecticut Colleges. □

## Colby swimmers prepare to plunge into N.E. championships

BY SARA ROBINSON  
Staff Writer

Even though most of the water in Maine is frozen over, the swim team traveled to Brunswick to take on Bowdoin College in a meet. Colby continued its recent struggle against the Polar Bears as the women lost 66-130 and the men dropped the match 65-121.

All meets leading up to the New England championships are a way of training for the Colby swim team.

The team has had a tough schedule so far this year, particularly during January, according to Cain.

The two meets remaining before the New England, University of Maine and Bates, are the team's last chances to get as many qualifiers as possible and to get sufficient preparation for the big meet.

The men's team is down to only nine members. Four of their top swimmers were either out for January or for the entire season. Senior Jon Kaplan, co-captain of the men's

team, was away in Washington D.C. for Jan Plan. Four other members of the men's team, however, have qualified for the upcoming New England Championships.

The women's team has 21 members this season. One sophomore and four first years have already qualified for the New England. Four others are expected to qualify this weekend, including senior Captain Kamin McClelland, who missed qualifying last Saturday by just see SWIMMING on page 12

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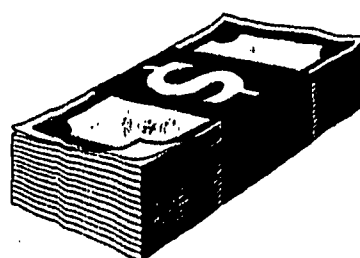
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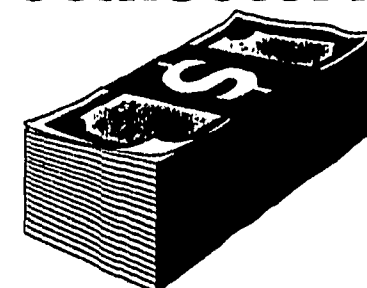
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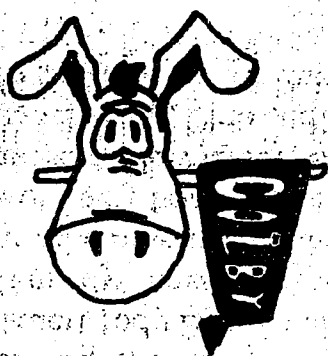
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# FINALLY!

KATHY CHRISTY  
Staff Writer

The wait is over. After more than year, the fitness center in the new Alford Athletic Complex opened to the Colby community, students, faculty, and staff on Jan. 24. Although the athletic center seems to now be finished, there are still some small changes to be made.

"We will probably be working throughout the entire semester to take care of some minor details," said Colby Athletic Director Dick Whitmore. "Although there are still things to be taken care of, we are very pleased with the constructive results and the usage factors of the new athletic center."

The new fitness center, which is located off of the main lobby in the athletic center, contains many new machines and is also

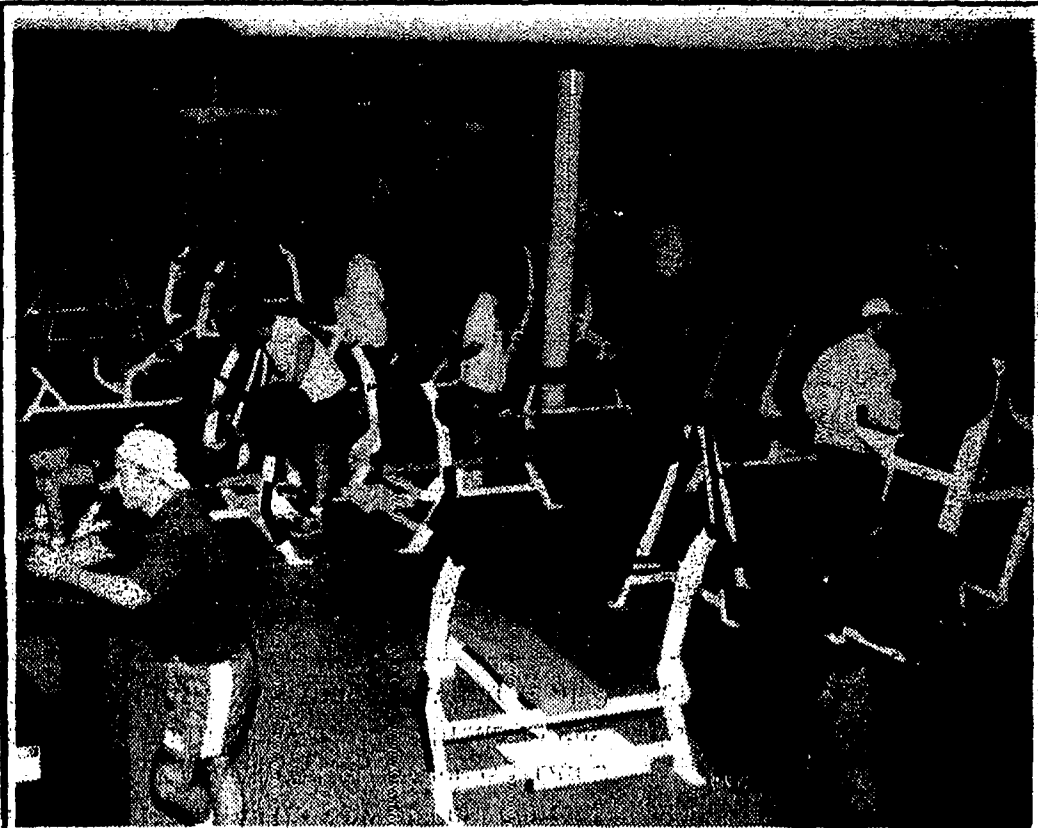
much bigger than the old fitness center. Included in this new machinery are treadmills, exercise bikes and eight stair climbing machines. Reaction to the new facility has been positive.

"The equipment in the new fitness center is amazing," noted Alexander Levantal '96.

"I saw the new center the first day that I came back from Michigan after Jan Plan and it really excited me," said Kelly Spooner '95. "All of the new machinery really motivates me to work out, and I love the fact that it now overlooks the indoor track."

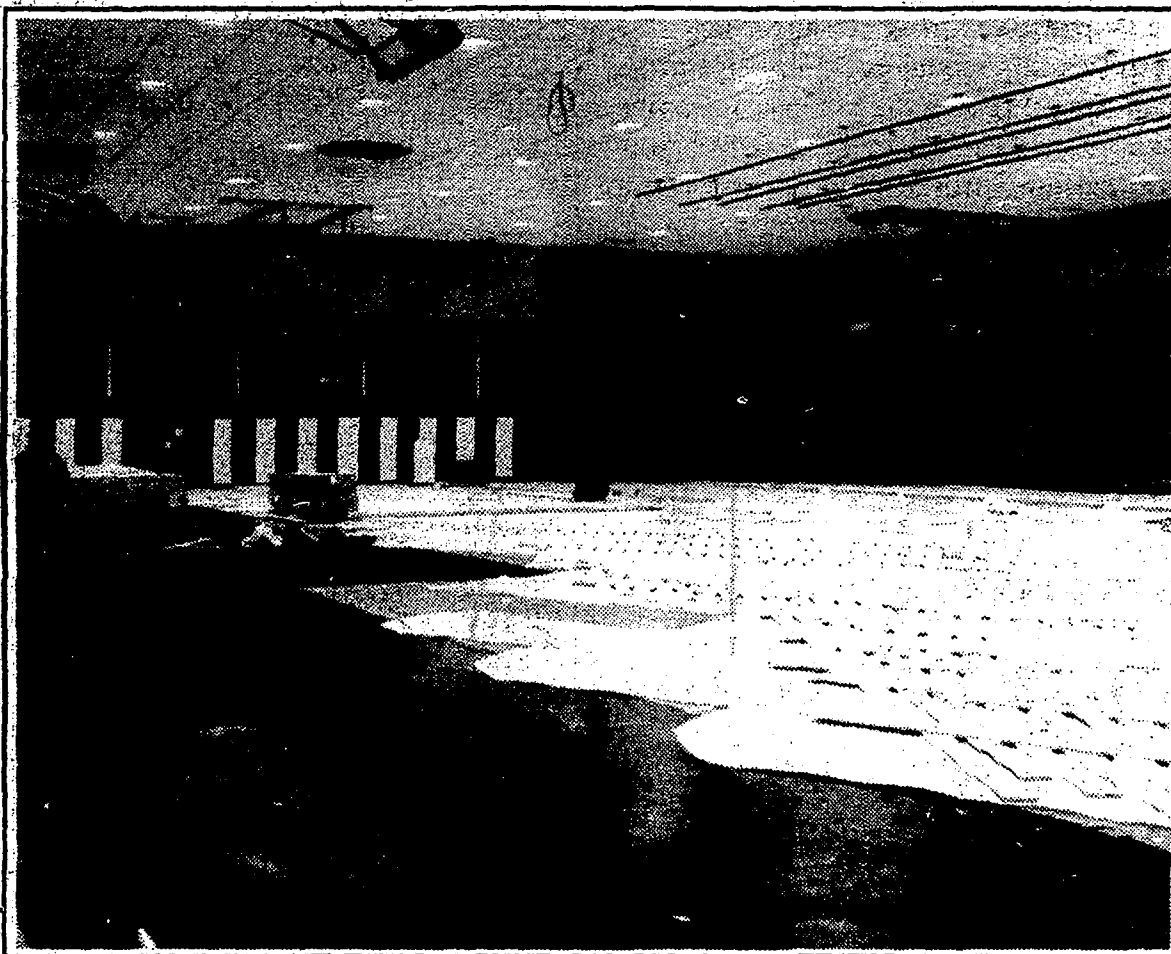
The athletic center is open Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday 7:00 a.m. to midnight, and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to midnight.

Admission restrictions will be tightened this week, making proper identification essential for admission into the facility. □



Left: the new fitness center has attracted huge crowds on a regular basis. Above: the Wadsworth gymnasium floor didn't look at all playable back in September. Right: the women's basketball team puts the completed floor through its paces at practice this week.

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## Youngbloods

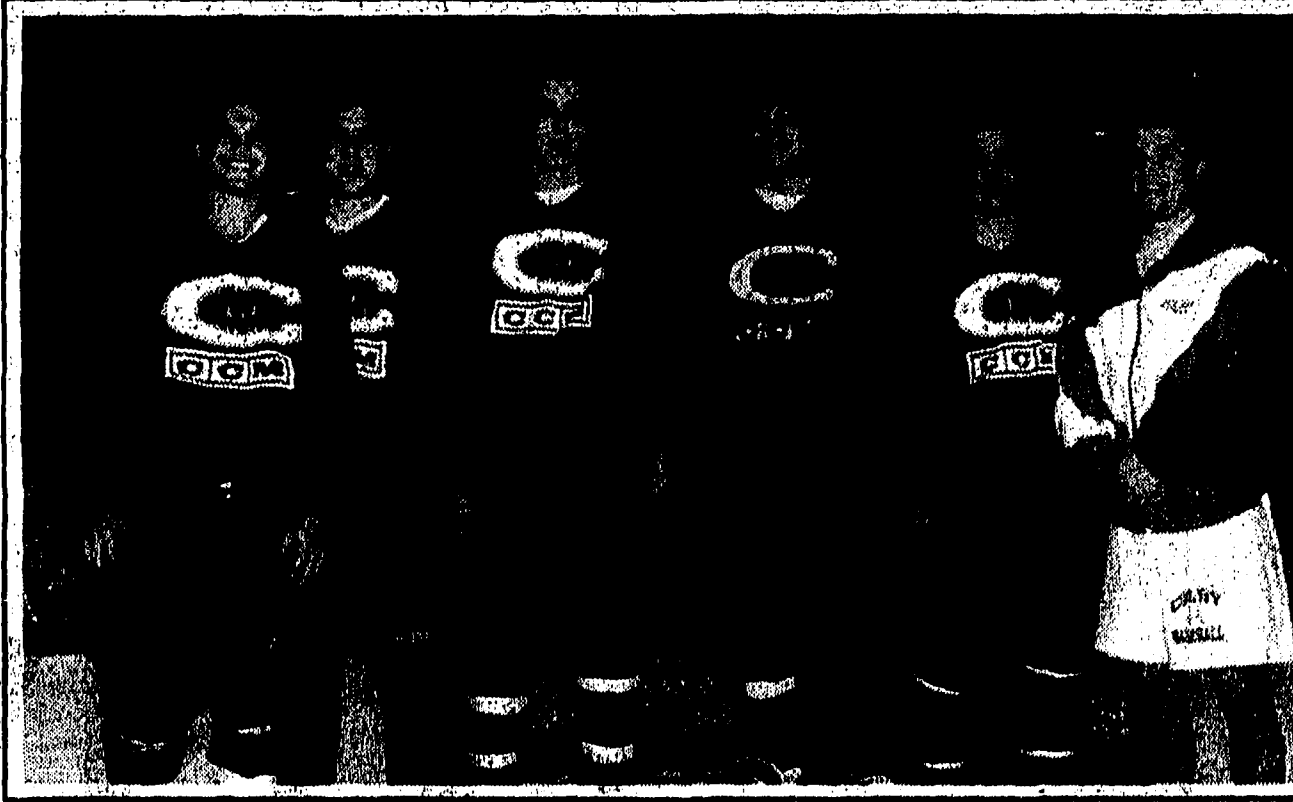
BY BEN RUSSELL  
Staff Writer

Fresh blood. Sometimes the best medicine for a floundering team is the arrival of fresh faces on the scene.

The University of Michigan basketball team had the "Fab Five", a collection of talented freshmen that took the school to the NCAA championship game two years ago. The University of Maine rode on the shoulders of freshman phenom Paul Karija to the NCAA championship of hockey in 1993. But the Colby men's hockey team has an even more astounding wealth of youngsters than the Michigan or Maine squads could ever imagine. Nine first-years have joined the White Mules this season, establishing themselves as the collective cornerstone of this team's very bright future.

Dan Lavergne, Nick Lamia, Bob Doak, Darren Blauert, Jody Eidi, Todd McGovern, George Kennedy, Steve Sprague and Andy Kruppa are the nine talents that represent the future of Colby hockey. They have come from Minnesota, New Jersey, Ontario, Missouri, Massachusetts, Ohio and New York to form an ice hockey unit of quickness, size, skill, and, of course, youth.

Lavergne, a product of Bellingham, Massachusetts, has proven to be one of the most



(L-r) Lamia, Eidi, Blauert, Doak, Lavergne, McGovern

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consistent performers of the group. At 5'8" and 160 pounds, Lavergne, a center, makes up for his lack of size with his cat-like quickness and amazing instincts.

"I think a lot of the players that Coach (Scott) Borek has recruited have the ability to play at the Division I level but have one minor flaw that kept the big schools from calling," said Lavergne. "My size has hindered me a little bit but I'm happy to be where I am. I want to be a part of this team down the road when it becomes a perennial contender for a national title."

Lavergne's size hasn't kept him from scor-

ing. He leads the team with twenty-two points this season.

Lamia, also an undersized player at 5'7" and 145 pounds, has followed closely behind his linemate and roommate Lavergne. His 21 points are second on the team only to Dan's 22, in what has become a killer one-two scoring punch.

Blauert, a right wing, has teamed with Lamia and Lavergne on the same line for the entire year. His 15 points on the season have nicely complimented the scoring heroics of Dan and Nick.

see FRESHMEN on page 13

## Indoor is on the right track

BY ANDREW GREENBERG  
Staff Writer

Not since 1969 has the men's indoor track team won a State meet. Last Friday the team ended the drought by winning the meet at Bates. The meet was indicative of the season's success for both the men's and the women's teams.

At the meet the men placed in all but one event, the 4 X 400, ironically one of the team's strongest events. If it was not for a dropped baton in the event, it was likely the men would have placed in all events at the meet.

"The team has really evolved as a team, people have been willing to compete in events that are not their strengths," said Head Coach Jim Wescott. One such instance has been the emergence of sophomore Conrad Saam. Saam, whose main event is the pole vault, also competed at States in the long jump, taking top honors in both events.

The addition of first year Lawaun Curry has added a top sprinter to a team whose strengths were the middle distances. His presence as a speedster made the Colby team a threat in any event, as demonstrated by his impressive showing at the meet. Colby is not deep in many events, but is talented enough see TRACK on page 12