

Opinions

Make Black History Month last more than 30 days

BY NICHOL ALEXANDER
Contributing Writer

Black History Month has so far been extremely beneficial to our community in helping us to recognize the issues and successes of the Black community.

We have lectures and movies. We have discussion groups. We have art exhibits. We have musical performances. Issues that we don't deal with every day are brought to our attention, and we grow from the educational experience.

Black History Month at Colby is, however, far from being complete. Black History Month is just that, a

month. An article in last week's issue of the *Echo* stated that "Black History Month at Colby is not restricted to the 28 days of February. Instead it spills over into the middle of March..." Exactly my point. Black History Month should do more than spill over into the middle of March, it should permeate our lives.

In light of Black History Month, the Colby community should reinvigorate the debate over the multicultural house. With the disappointing postponement of the decision, the issue appears stifled or at least to have lost its immediacy. Instead of spending the next few months in passive wonderment at what the eventual decision will be,

let us elevate the issue.

Let us take it one step further and make it clear to the Colby administration and the Commission that this is not an issue which will go away quietly. Here lies before us, as students and as members of a community, a chance to revolutionize the way our school works. Let us not allow the multicultural house to drown in passivity and mediocrity.

Having and recognizing Black History Month is better than nothing, but it is not the final step. We as a community will forever be restricted to discussions of abstract movies and impersonal issues unless we make an effort to change the demographics of our school. □

GOP's bad solution better than none

BY MARC FAIRBROTHER
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Isn't America great? Not only do we have a liberal democracy (well, technically a democratic republic) and capitalism, but we've got New York City and Hollywood as well. We've got Pennsylvania Avenue and Sunset Boulevard. We've got the Waterville Opera House and the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. We've got PBS and HBO, home videos and the Internet.

And if we get really bored with watching or reading about an old football hero on murder trial, we can always rank on our elected officials in government.

Why is it that we make a conscious effort at the polls to send a good candidate to Washington, D.C. or the State House, and then as soon as they get there, we criticize them for being corrupt, out of touch or just unrealistic?

A good example of this is the Republicans' "Contract With America." Last fall Americans went to the polls and made a choice, and that choice resulted in a major overhaul of Congress and government in general. Were we really surprised to learn that the Republicans had a plan and were actually going to attempt to implement it?

The Republicans have set an agenda, and they are on the course of instituting it. They have begun to address some critical problems that have plagued our nation for

decades. The point now is not who made the mistakes in the first place or why they did, but rather how we can right them. The "Contract With America" presents solutions — some good, some bad, but they are solutions.

Perhaps targeting college students on financial aid is not one of the better solutions. Maybe it is not even a good solution, but it is a solution. As the Republicans are well aware, no matter what is on the chopping block, there is always a special interest group out there who is all too willing to educate the lawmakers on what an unwise choice it would be to cut their program.

Ever think of yourself as being a member of a special interest group? Well, welcome to Colby, kid.

If we really consider ourselves to be truly informed and educated, then we should realize that this country has serious problems which must be addressed now. And yes, some of the solutions are not easy to take, but maybe we should just bite the bullet now and look to the future. As a financial aid recipient myself, I do not look forward to the prospect of having to potentially accumulate more debt than I already have because of a GOP cut, but I do recognize that maybe it has to be done.

So, the next time you are thinking about attacking Congress — or Newt Gingrich personally — for attempting to address some urgent issues, think first. Who is really benefiting from them? □

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policy. The "military-industrial complex" is a number of large, extremely profitable corporations that make their money by selling expensive weapons to the Pentagon. The business of winning defense contracts is among the most profitable in the land.

One quick example: when Newt Gingrich urges a renewed military buildup, he has more on his mind than saving America's children from ruthless Slavic invaders. Lockheed,

among the largest defense contractors, is headquartered in Gingrich's district in Georgia, employing thousands of his constituents. Lockheed gave \$10,000 to fund Gingrich's video lecture series, as well as \$5,000 to his campaign in the 2 weeks before the election alone.

It is no surprise that Gingrich ardently supports Lockheed's bid for \$72 billion to build a new line of fighter planes, even though the General Accounting Office concluded

in 1994 that the Air Force does not need a new line of planes and will not for at least 20 years.

Andrew's opponent, and our new Senator, Olympia Snowe, is, in the prevailing political climate, middle of the road. She is pro-choice, is not a rabid homophobe and voted for the Family and Medical Leave Act.

But she voted against the Brady Bill, and against the closing of Loring. Score one for the gun lobby and the defense contractors. □

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eat what they want, when they want and they should not have to worry about justifying or explaining their diets to anyone.

The obsession with thinness is an issue that is no longer strictly personal. Eating disorders

and prejudice against women who don't fit society's notion of beautiful permeate this campus. Colby has the tools and the skills to start breaking down unrealistic and detrimental beauty standards. People need

to support each other and act on the knowledge that it's O.K. to skip aerobics and have a bowl of ice cream once in a while. If harmful attitudes cannot be addressed by Colby students, then who will address them? □

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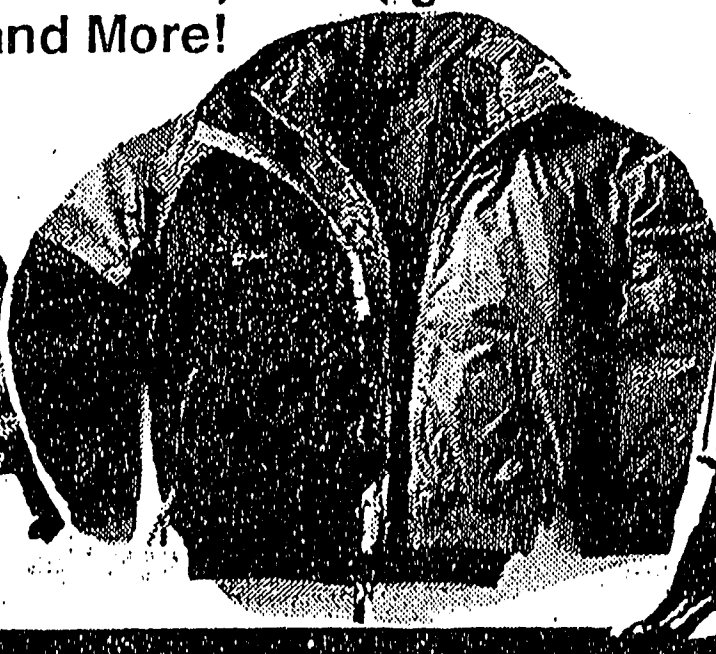
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Women's track runs to fourth-place finish in New Englands

BY BRIAN MILLER
Staff Writer

The women's track team pulled off a 4th place finish at the New England Division III Championship meet last Saturday at Bates College. Head Coach Deb Aitken said she was pleased with the overall performance, saying that she was "shooting for a top-five finish."

Williams College ran to victory with 109 points, Bowdoin College pulled off 2nd place with 93 points, and Brandeis University edged Colby out for 3rd place, 53 to 50. Wesleyan and Smith followed with 5th and 6th place finishes, respectively.

This meet saw outstanding performances by several of Colby's women, including Liz Fagan '97, Brooke Lorenzen '95 and the 4x800 meter relay team. Fagan qualified provisionally for Nationals and demolished her previous personal best time in the 5000 meter with a time of 18:17 — over 30 seconds faster than her former time of 18:53. While Gretchen Wagner of the Coast Guard Academy won the race with a time of 17:53, Fagan was neck and neck until Wagner cranked out a last-lap victory. In addition,

Lorenzen remained undefeated in the 20 lb. weight throw, her 45' 8 1/2" hurl was good enough for the victory.

The 4x800 meter relay team of Kelly Spooner '95, Fagan, Farrell Burns '98 and anchoring senior Lenia Ascenso set a new Division III record with their stellar time of 9:59:78. This comes as no surprise when the stats of the runners are

Aitken was pleased by the team's performance

considered: Fagan is qualified for Nationals in not only the 5000, but the 1500 as well; Burns is a promising first-year; and Ascenso was ranked 8th nationally in the 800 prior to this weekend. Ascenso's 2:17.9 finish in the 800 on Saturday was a mere second and a half from the winning time of 2:16.3.

The shot put saw two Colby women place as well. First-year Stephanie Andriole dropped in at 4th with a 35'10" throw, and Cindy Pomerleau '97 had an off day, compared with her previous throws, with a 6th place finish at 34'6".

"It was tough for Cindy," said

Aitken. "She was running back and forth between the pentathlon all day."

Pomerleau finished 6th in the pentathlon while Rachel Ehlers '96 placed 4th overall.

Pia Rice '98, Julie Lynch '97, Ehlers and Shannon Baker '98 set a personal record for themselves in the 4x200 meter relay, clocking a 4th place finish in 1:51.1. According to Aitken, it would have been significantly better had the Bowdoin team decided to follow the rules. One of the Bowdoin runners failed to move for Lynch after her handoff, bringing her to nearly a "dead stop." Bowdoin was disqualified from the race, but Colby's time was still damaged as a result of their error.

Furthermore, in the 1000m, Burns' personal best time of 3:09 could have been considerably higher, were it not for a similar incident, according to Aitken.

"I know she could have had a faster time had she not been boxed in by three other runners," said Aitken.

In all, Aitken was pleased by the team's performance and looks forward to the New England Division I Championship races next weekend, and the ECAC championships the weekend after that. □

ECAC MEN'S HOCKEY STANDINGS

(for games played through 2-20-95)

	W	L	T	PTS
1. Middlebury	13	1	1	27
2. UConn	9	1	5	23
3. Williams	10	3	2	22
4. Bowdoin	10	5	1	21
5. Babson	10	5	0	20
5. Salem St.	10	5	0	20
7. Colby	9	5	1	19
8. Hamilton	9	6	0	18
8. Holy Cross	9	6	0	18
10. St. Anselm	9	7	0	18

NCAA NEW ENGLAND DIVISION III MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

(for games played through 2-13-95)

1. UMass-Dartmouth (19-3)	6. Babson College (16-5)
2. Tufts University (17-3)	7. Colby-Sawyer (18-3)
3. Trinity College (17-2)	8. Salem State (17-5)
4. Colby College (18-3)	9. Amherst College (14-6)
5. Williams College (17-3)	10. W.P.I. (15-5)

ECAC WOMEN'S HOCKEY STANDINGS

(end of regular season)

	W	L	T	PTS
1. Brown	11	2	1	23
2. New Hampshire	11	2	1	23
3. Princeton	11	3	0	22
4. Providence	10	4	0	20
5. Northeastern	9	3	2	20
6. Dartmouth	8	4	2	18
7. Harvard	8	4	2	18
8. St. Lawrence	8	6	0	16
9. Colby	7	6	1	15
10. Cornell	5	9	0	10

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as players and leaders of this team," said Head Coach Dick Whitmore. "They've brought this program 84 wins in their respective careers and that is a tremendous accomplishment."

Gaudet, who is third on Colby's all-time list with 173 career three pointers, has been a starter since his freshman year and was an All-American Honorable Mention last year. He is once again a candidate for All-American honors this year.

Walsh has been exceptional this season from three-point territory, shooting 42 percent from behind the stripe to go along with his average of 14 points per game. Maines has been a steady contributor in backing Gaudet at the point with his up-tempo style of play and tremendous hustle.

"It has been a lot of fun playing for a team like this and for Coach Whitmore who has built this program and created a winning tradition here," said Gaudet.

"We've gotten tremendous support from the student body and the entire community and that has really made this team a great one to play for," said Walsh. "Sometimes I'll be walking downtown and a random person will recognize that I play Colby basketball. It is a special thing, and I am proud to be a part of it."

"The most important thing for me has been the camaraderie and the friendships that I have made," said Maines. "I am still friends with guys who were seniors when I was a freshman and that is what has made my career here so worthwhile." □

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Devastator of the week



Echo photo by Jennifer Merrick

Dan Larkin '95

The senior captain out of Portage, Michigan scored a hat trick on Saturday as the men's hockey team shellacked North Adams State, 7-3. Larkin totalled four goals and two assists for six points over the weekend as the Mules extended its winning streak to three games. In 22 games this season, Larkin has netted 14 goals and tallied eight assists for a total of 22 points. In his four-year career at Colby, the dependable forward has registered 34 goals and 27 assists for a total of 71 points.

THIS WEEK'S ALL-MULE SQUAD

Dan Lavergne '97 collected five assists for the men's hockey team in their two victories over the weekend, pushing his team-leading point total to 45. Lavergne has scored 21 goals and distributed 24 assists in 22 games this season.

David Stephens '96 dropped 18 points while grabbing a season-high 18 rebounds in Colby's 79-63 drubbing of UMass-Boston Thursday. The 6'6" center from Dover, Mass. is averaging 16.6 points and 10.1 rebounds per game.

Morgan Filler '97 was the top point scorer for the women's swim team at last week's New England Championships at Bowdoin. She placed sixth in the 100 fly and seventh in the 200 free, barely missing a trip to the Nationals to compete in those events.

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Dartmouth goalie came up big several times, according to Halldorson. Colby enjoyed a player advantage for much of the final frame, but they became tired and "the puck didn't bounce our way," said Halldorson. The Big Green managed to get an empty net goal to make the final score 6-3.

The Mules did manage to outshoot Dartmouth, whom they have never beaten, 26-20.

•St. Lawrence saga

After the loss to Dartmouth, the team's playoff hopes depended on their game against St. Lawrence, a team they have also never beaten. Halldorson made a couple of changes in the team's power play which resulted in two goals for the Mules. Barb Gordon '97 moved from the defensive position to a shooter's position, and Sittler slid her a pass which she ripped into the back of the net. Stacey Joslin '97 moved back to the defensive position left by Gordon, and she scored on a power play in the first period.

The game was tied at two after

the first period and deadlocked at three after two periods of play. With 10:10 remaining in the third period, St. Lawrence pulled ahead to stay on a goal resulting from a scramble in front of the Colby net.

Just like that, the Mules season had ended.

"We played our guts out in both games," said Halldorson. "It was definitely emotional because our season came to a screeching halt. We were counting on another week."

While the Mules failed to make the playoffs, they did manage to finish with a 12-7-1 record including a 7-6-1 mark in league play. They finished 9th in the league and the top eight teams go on to compete in the post season. The last time Colby made it to the playoffs was in 1988.

The team will graduate two players, both from the defensive position.

"We really made a name for ourselves this year," said Halldorson. "Hopefully it's the start of things to come in the future." □

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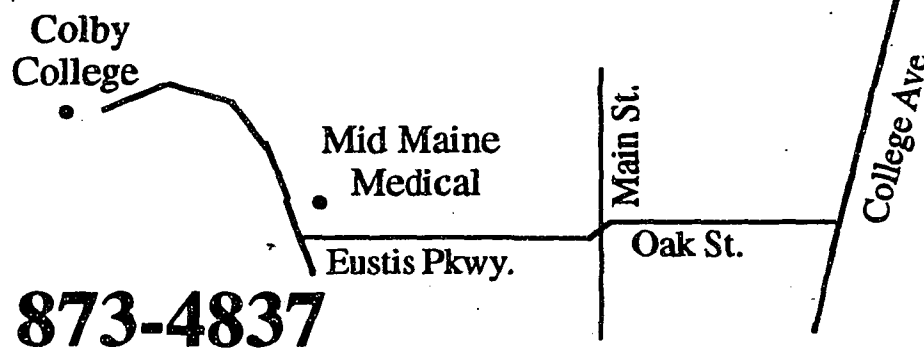
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Ski teams look toward EISA championships

BY JENNIFER ATWOOD
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Last weekend the nordic and alpine ski teams traveled to the Williams College Carnival in Massachusetts for a successful showing. Both teams are now looking forward to the EISA Championships, which will be held at Middlebury College on Feb. 24 and 25.

Illness and injury hurt the nordic team at the Dartmouth Carnival on Feb. 10-11. The team spent the next week recuperating in preparation for the Williams Carnival, according to Head Nordic Coach Jefferson Goethals. Unfortunately, this resulted in fairly flat performances, said Goethals. The team placed ninth overall, behind Bates (7th) and St. Lawrence (8th). Goethals says he feels that a 7th-place rating is not possible, but Bowdoin and Johnson State will be the team's closest competitors at the EISA Championships.

Skiers Dan Madru '97 and Heather Bend '97 provided crucial performances this weekend. The good health of both skiers allowed them to train over the past week. Although this weekend's results were not the best of the season, Goethals said he is mostly concerned with keeping the team healthy for the EISA Championships next week.

First-year sensation Jen Lane competed in the last of the qualifying races for the Junior Olympics in Fairbanks, Alaska this weekend. Lane missed a spot on the team by only one-third of a percentage point. Though she has another chance to make the team next year, Goethals said he believes that Lane will definitely be a contender for the NCAAAs during her junior and senior years.

Overall, the outlook for the nordic team is bright, especially if top skiers Darrell Sofield '95 and Lane put in strong performances next weekend and are supported by Bend and Madru.

In addition to the Williams College Carnival this weekend, the alpine team also raced at Middlebury on Sunday to make up a race against Johnson State that was canceled earlier this season. At Williams, the men's team placed 8th out of 15 schools, falling behind Bates, but beating Harvard and Bowdoin. The three scorers in giant slalom were first-years Kevin O'Brien, Ken Rachie and Jason Myler. Bill Bradley '95, O'Brien and captain Ross Piper '95 placed in the slalom for Colby. At the slalom race at Middlebury on Sunday, Rachie, Bradley and Piper put in another strong scoring performance.

The women's team finished just

behind Harvard for an 8th place finish as well. In the giant slalom on Friday, Deb Shea '98, Jenna Klein '97 and Jackie Bates '98 put in top performances.

Shea, however, was injured and was unable to compete in the slalom on Saturday and will be out for the remainder of the season. Klein and Bates were joined by first-year Abby Lambert as finishers in the slalom on Saturday. At Middlebury, captain Lindsay Cochran '97, Kristen Wilson '97 and Bates all placed for Colby.

Head Alpine Coach Mark Godomsky said he is pleased with this weekend's results. The team has been pretty consistent all year, according to Godomsky, and the first-year skiers are getting better every weekend as they adjust to college level competition.

The team is looking for another 8th place finish at the EISAs at Middlebury this weekend, which would be a solid placement considering that the program is still growing.

The Colby alpine team has been improving over the past three years, said Godomsky, and he said it is getting closer to the perennially top-ranked teams from Dartmouth, University of Vermont and University of New Hampshire. □

New Englands tough for swimmers

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Sports Editor

After three days of grueling competition at Bowdoin College, the women's swim team returned to campus last Sunday night after earning 17th place out of 26 Division III schools competing in the New England Championships. Williams College won the meet, followed by Middlebury, Bowdoin and Amherst College.

"I wasn't happy with where we finished. I definitely wanted to finish higher than that," said Head Coach Sheila Cain. "We swam well, but we had several swimmers who were ill. I was impressed with the job they did."

A small group of nine individuals competed for Colby, which included one diver, Julie Rentz '95. The rest, all swimmers, were made up of three sophomores and five first-years. Only two of Colby's competitors, Morgan Filler '97 and Kerri Duffell '97, had been to New Englands before.

"It's a very competitive meet," said Cain. "I think we'll get stronger."

Filler was the top point scorer for the Mules, placing in four individual events and three relays. She was 6th in the 100 fly, 11th in the 200 fly, 7th in the 200 free and 12th in the 1650 free. Filler barely missed qualifying for Nationals in both the 100 fly and the 200 free.

Another bright spot for Colby was the performance of Alice Wong '98. She scored in the 50, 100

and 200 breaststroke, swimming her personal best times in all three events.

"She definitely swam as well as she has in her life," said Cain. "There is no doubt in my mind that she'll break the school records next year."

Several relays also placed and earned points for Colby. In the 200 medley, Becky Golden '98, Kirk Schuler '98, Amy Rzeznikiewicz '97 and Wong placed 17th. Kim Olson '98, Kirsten Staaterman '98, Schuler and Filler also gained a 17th place finish in the 800 free relay.

In the 400 medley relay, Wong, Filler, Rzeznikiewicz and Duffell placed 18th while Olson, Schuler, Filler and Rzeznikiewicz were 28th in the 400 free. Golden, Staaterman, Rzeznikiewicz and Olson made up the 200 free relay that placed 24th.

It was a lot of swimming for one weekend, according to Cain. In the morning, the swimmers would go through a series of heats in their respective events, and the top 32 would qualify for the final competition that evening.

The men will begin their competition tomorrow at Bowdoin at 10 a.m. According to Cain, most of the top swimmers for the men are healthy.

Geoff Herrick '98 has a "legitimate shot" at qualifying for Nationals in the 100 fly, according to Cain. Other individual qualifiers for Colby include Eric Gordon '96, Abe Rogers '95, Coby Reinhardt '95 and Pete Bowden '98. □

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Offsides

Division I athletes humans, not robots

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Sports Editor

Recently, I had the pleasure of reading an interesting and uplifting article in *Sports Illustrated*. Entitled "Diary of a Student Athlete," it went through a week in the life of Kansas guard Jacques Vaughn, who manages to perform exceptionally well both on the basketball court and in the classroom.

After I finished the article, my mind was filled with warm, fuzzy thoughts. Here's a guy who not only plays a great game of basketball, but is no slacker in calculus class either, maintaining a 3.78 GPA. He is the example that all athletes should follow. Things in Division I athletics are great, I thought to myself. Everything is just swell here in la-la land.

Vaughn is clearly a member of a distinct minority when it comes to Division I student athletes. About the only time the kid has to himself is when he escapes to take a shower in the morning, and even that depends on if a classmate is waiting for him, pen and toothbrush in hand, anticipating an autograph from his famous neighbor.

Straight out of *Terminator*, the guy's like a machine.

Of course, the majority of Division I athletes aren't like Vaughn, and they probably don't get too many smiley faces on their exams. Earlier this year, there was a big scandal surrounding the UMass basketball team and their sub-par GPAs.

Yeah, and your point is? So the Hell what?

Not everybody can be expected to have the determination and discipline that Vaughn displays.

Only so much can be expected of these kids. How many times do you think a fan has thought to him/herself after a game, "Gee, I hope they don't get home too late. Those guys have class tomorrow."

The more likely opinion

would be, "That (expletive) better spend some more time working on his (expletive) free throws. He cost us the (expletive) game."

These athletes are only human. Millions of people flock to their televisions to see some good college basketball on Tuesday nights. Many schools rely on the tremendous amounts of revenue they receive from TV deals, apparel and alumni support. The teams are expected to win. The kids are there to help the team to win.

They are athletes first, students if they want to be.

I don't think the athletes should receive money or other such special privileges for playing; they knew what they were getting into when they decided to go to school. If they think it's unfair, they can quit.

At the same time, these players should not be expected to ace exam after exam like Vaughn does. There are only so many hours in a day, and most of those hours are taken up practicing, traveling, training, etc.

Most Division I athletes do receive one thing for their amazing talents in their respective sports: scholarships. They get the opportunity to get an education in exchange for their contributions to the school in their sport. Great. So, what they actually get is an education they really don't have time to take advantage of.

For a select few, college is a means of getting seen and rated by NBA or NFL scouts. The cream of the crop can then go on and take home millions in their sport, making their so-called education trivial. For most, however, when graduation comes, the basketball stops bouncing, and the fans turn their attention from the star of yesteryear to the freshman phenom who is scoring 20 points a game.

Simply put, in Division I sports, free throws will always be more important than tomorrow's history exam. □

Men's track 9th in New England

BY LARRY BENESH
Staff Writer

The Colby men's indoor track team finished 9th out of 26 teams at last weekend's New England Division III track championships, which took place at MIT.

The Mules were the 3rd best team from NESCAC, topped only by Williams and Tufts, who placed 1st and 3rd respectively.

"To finish 9th amongst that group was a pretty good finish," said Head Coach Jim Wescott.

The Mules did exceptionally well in the pentathlon, the event in which athletes compete in the 55m high hurdles, long jump, shot put, high

jump and the 1000m run. Jared Stewart '98 placed 3rd and Matt O'Connell '96 placed 4th.

Other strong performances came in the middle distance running events. Zach Nightingale '95 placed 4th in the 400m. His time of 50.52 seconds was a personal best.

Steve Suomi '97 took 6th place in the 500m.

"Steve's time was 1:08.74, and he has run a 1:08 flat, but he still did pretty good," said Wescott.

Last year the Mules placed 8th overall, but they were hurt by juniors studying abroad and by the absence of Lawaun Curry '97.

"Last year Lawaun won the 55m, so obviously we missed him," said Wescott.

This weekend the Mules will compete in the New England Indoor Track Championships at Boston University, which includes athletes from Division I and II as well as Division III schools. Five Colby athletes have qualified to compete there.

Justin Wasielewski '95 will compete in the 1000m run. Dave Palmieri '97 and Don Saucier '96 will both run in the high hurdles. Nightingale will race in the 400m and Suomi will run the 500m.

"Zach has a chance to qualify for nationals," said Wescott. "Everyone will be looking for personal bests since B.U. has a banked track, which makes it very fast." □

This week's key games

FRIDAY FEB. 24

Men's Hockey vs. Babson 7:00*

Men's Indoor Track @ New England Championships at BU (Feb. 24-25)

Women's Indoor Track @ Open New England at URI (Feb. 24-25)

Men's Squash @ NISRA Team Nationals at Yale (Feb. 24-26)

Skiing @ EISA Championships at Middlebury (Feb. 24-25)

Men's Swimming @ New England Championships at Bowdoin (Feb. 24-26)

SATURDAY FEB. 25

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Women's Basketball vs. Bates 2:00

Men's Hockey vs. Holy Cross 4:00

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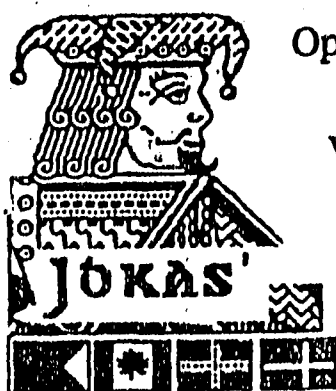
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Women's squash 12th in nation

BY EMILY GREENSTEIN
Staff Writer

Every year women's squash teams from across the country compete on the 21 courts of Yale University's athletic facilities for the Howe Cup championship. Tournament competition proved to be tough for the Mules, yet they still managed to gain a ranking of 12th in the nation for the season.

The 1st through 6th ranked teams of the tournament were grouped together in the A flight, and the 7th through 12th ranked teams, which included Colby, competed in the Howe Cup's B flight. The five matches played did not prove successful for Colby, but the team played well under the challenge.

"We were matched up against some great teams including two Ivy Leagues and squash power Franklin and Marshall," said Head Coach John Illig. "As the underdogs in every match, we weren't under any pressure and just had a great time."

The 5th match against Bowdoin was a close game, with the Polar Bears squeaking by with a 5-4 win over Colby. Considering Colby's loss of 7-2 to Bowdoin in the beginning of the season, Illig said he felt the Mules were right back on track in that particular match.

Colby swept Bowdoin's 1st through 3rd players and gained a victory over the 8th ranked player as well. Sonia Totten '98 was victorious in three of her five matches in her first ever Howe Cup.

"We had a lot to take away from the tournament," said Illig. "We got to play against some of the top competition in the country, and it was certainly a pleasure to play at Yale."

The women's individual nationals will take place March 4-6, and team members Kate LaVigne '95, Totten and Ellen Derrick '96 have guaranteed spots for the event. Sarah Molly '97 will most likely join her teammates as a contender.

The men's squash team also played two matches last weekend. While the Mules were upset by Bowdoin, they came back with a crushing 9-0 victory against Connecticut College. The men will compete in the NISRA Team Nationals at Yale this coming weekend. □

Women's hoops gains split on road trip

BY LUCAS PENNEY
Contributing Writer

This past weekend the Colby women's basketball team ventured south to Massachusetts to play against Elms College and Williams College.

Its first matchup on Friday night showcased the Mules against their former assistant basketball coach, Adrienne Shibles. That night Coach Shibles would have wanted to be with her former team as Colby handed Elms a loss, winning 53-49.

The first half saw Colby come out cold, and at the end of the first 20 minutes the Mules went into the locker room down by ten. Fortunately for Colby they had Emily Larson '98 and Grace Perry '96 on the blocks as they led a strong Colby charge in the second half. The combination of Larson (21 points) and Perry (14 points) proved unbeatable as their rebounding and defensive prowess stymied the Elms offense.

"As a team we struggled and got ourselves in a hole at half-time," said starting point guard Lynn Kenoyer '97. "But we had big individual contributions that helped us battle back. It was nice to see us turn around a game. That's something we've been lacking in the past."

Saturday night Colby visited NESCAC foe Williams College and found themselves up against a very

physical team, which wore the Mules down for a 86-45 loss.

"Some of their post players were almost double the size of ours and we struggled to keep up," said captain Sandra Jewers '95. "They face-cut us all night and got too many easy shots."

Colby struggled from the floor as poor outside shooting plagued the Mules during this contest.

"Poor outside shooting and a tremendous size difference were what hurt us that night," said Kenoyer.

While Colby made a series of strong runs at Williams, some offensive and defensive lulls by the Mules made it difficult to keep up.

As a team Colby had a difficult time against Williams, but first-year standout Maggie Drummond held her own and led Colby with 16 points. Drummond counteracted the laggard play of the Williams post players with quick moves to the basket.

"While their post players were quite big, they weren't that aggressive, and I was able to take advantage of them," said Drummond.

Colby has had a rough time putting up wins this season, but their roster is filled with lots of young talent. This past Friday was an indication that if the Mules can keep unleashing that talent, there might be more opponents that end up like Elms College. □

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Elms	49

Colby	45
Williams	86

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points in the Mules' two victories.

"I think what was on a lot of people's minds was that if we lost we were all done," said Larkin. "Each game now is a playoff game for us; we're looking at it as if we win the next five games we'll have won the ECACs."

An extended win streak is exactly what the Mules have in mind as they enter the final weekend

with the season on the line. Babson and Holy Cross will be arriving in Waterville on Friday and Saturday, respectively, as they continue their quests for a postseason birth as well.

"Basically, it's like the first round of the playoffs this weekend," said Pompeo. "It's going to be an intense weekend, and I think we're ready for it." □

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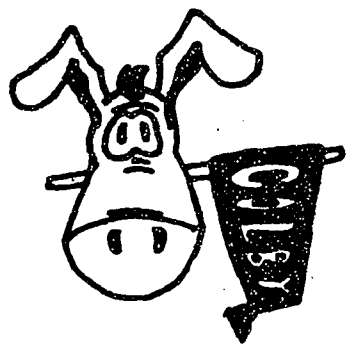
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February 23, 1995

ECAC denies women's hockey a playoff spot

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Sports Editor

The women's hockey team was on its way to one of the best seasons in its history.

Coming off of victories over powerhouses Northeastern and Harvard, the team had 15 points in the playoff race, three ahead of St. Lawrence. In a bizarre turn of events, which included several questionable decisions by the ECAC and a heartbreaking home loss to St. Lawrence, the Mules' hopes of post-season competition were dashed, and its season came to an abrupt halt this past weekend.

•ECAC blues

According to Head Coach Laura Halldorson, the ECAC sent her a fax late Thursday afternoon that reported that a game between Bowdoin and St. Lawrence was never played. Due to the fact that Bowdoin is entered in the league provisionally, it was up to them to schedule all of the team's games for this year. The lack of play with St. Lawrence was therefore judged a forfeit by the ECAC, and St. Lawrence came away the victor with two points.

This left Colby with only a one-point advantage over St. Lawrence. The Mules needed a win or a tie in one of its games over the weekend, against Dartmouth or St. Lawrence, to secure a playoff spot.

Halldorson and Athletic Director Dick Whitmore organized a for-



Barb Gordon '97 weaves through traffic in the game against St. Lawrence.

Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

mal protest to Joe Bertagna, the commissioner of ECAC hockey complaining of the Bowdoin-St. Lawrence decision and faxed it that evening.

The complaint stated that the timing of the decision was poor and that the ruling could have been made months in advance. In addition, it questioned why Bowdoin was given all the blame for the incident. It takes

two teams to schedule a game, and Bowdoin had made attempts to play the game earlier in the year, yet St. Lawrence dragged its feet, the complaint charged. Lastly, there was no communication between Bertagna or other ECAC officials and Colby before the decision was made.

Bowdoin also sent a formal protest of the decision to Bertagna, but on Friday both schools received a

fax saying the decision would remain standing.

"The timing of this decision was very bad," said Halldorson. "They had all season to do something about it. It's very sad for us. We were under the assumption that we were three points ahead [of St. Lawrence]."

According to Halldorson, who had a conversation with the coach

from Princeton, the ECAC had made a different decision earlier in the year concerning games that didn't take place. Bertagna had told the Princeton coach earlier in the year that if they didn't play their game against Bowdoin, the team would not be able to earn any points for a victory. As a result, Princeton specifically traveled up to Bowdoin for the game.

Halldorson said she questioned the seeming discrepancy between the two ECAC decisions.

"It's very strange," said Halldorson. "I think it was an underhanded thing to do, considering the situation. Mentally we would have been more prepared for the situation [if the decision had come earlier]."

•Dartmouth slides by

Less than 24 hours after the team learned of the decision, the Mules took the ice against Dartmouth at Alford Arena, realizing a win in either weekend game would be necessary to be assured a playoff berth. Late in the second period, Meaghan Sittler '98 scored to bring the Mules within a goal at 4-3. With a mere 2.9 seconds left in the period, however, Dartmouth sneaked one past Colby goalie Marie Polichronopoulos '97 to regain its two-goal advantage at 5-3.

"That was a killer, it gave them a huge boost," said Halldorson.

The Mules had several chances in the third period to score, but the

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Colby rolls over UMass-Boston

BY BEN RUSSELL
Staff Writer

The White Mule train continued to roll last week as the men's basketball team orchestrated another thrashing in a 79-63 win over UMass-Boston that stretched the Mules' current winning streak to 16 games.

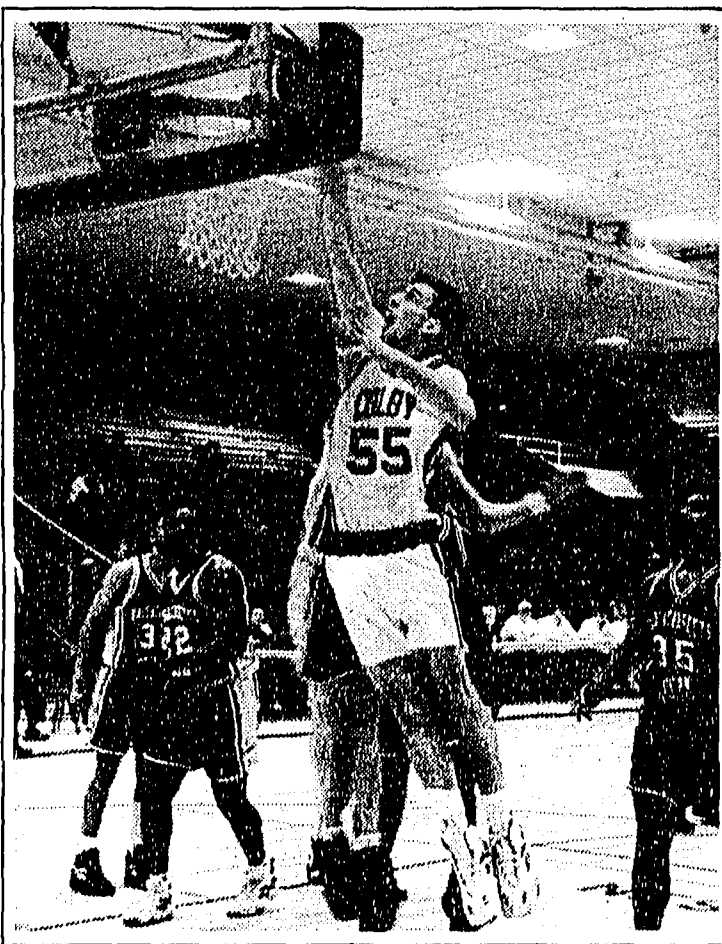
Colby's record stood at 19-3 heading into yesterday's game with Bates. On Saturday, the Mules will meet Bowdoin in the last game of the regular season as they anticipate a bid for the NCAA tournament in March.

Last Thursday's game versus UMass-Boston evolved into another blowout as Colby's starting five played with balance and efficiency, something they have done well during the present two-month win-

ning streak. The front court — Dave Stephens '96, who tossed in 18 points and grabbed a season-high 18 rebounds, Jason Jabar '96, who had a game-high 21 points, and Craig Murray '96, with four steals and three blocks — controlled the inside game and dominated in the post against UMass. The senior back court of Matt Gaudet and Greg Walsh each dropped 17 points to compliment the stellar play of the big men.

"They seem to have different teams every year," Walsh said of U-Mass Boston, "but we knew that they liked to play a zone defense. We worked on our offense against the zone in practice for most of the week, which definitely made a difference. I also thought that our big men did a good job defensively and on the boards."

Being only one victory away from the 20-win pla-



Echo photo by Jennifer Merrick

Craig Murray '96 tips one in for Colby.

teau for the eighth straight season before last night's battle with Bates, it was fitting that the seniors were honored before the game Wednesday. The three senior tri-captains, T.J. Maines, Walsh and Gaudet, have enjoyed a wealth of success in their four seasons on the hardwood atop Mayflower Hill. Maines, Gaudet and Walsh have led the Mules to an overall record of 84-14.

"It was a pleasure to coach them and see them grow" see **HOOPS** on page 11

Down to the wire

BY GALEN CARR
Asst. Sports Editor

Two regular season games remain for men's hockey. Five ECAC playoff spots are up for grabs. Six teams are in the running. Colby is one of them.

With a tidy three-game win streak under their belts, a 7th place league ranking and a 13-7-2 record overall, the Mules stand poised to crash the ECAC tournament party for the second consecutive year. With two victories this weekend versus Babson and Holy Cross, the Mules could conceivably capture the tournament's 4th seed, giving them home ice advantage for the playoffs until they face a higher seed.

On Friday, Colby traveled to Amherst for what was to be a battle between superpower and doormat of NESCAC hockey. Yet the unranked Lord Jeffs saw the scenario as more closely resembling that of David and Goliath. Regardless of the storyline, however, the Mules remained unfazed as they

jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the game's first five minutes, eventually securing a hard-fought 5-3 victory in what Amherst's head coach called "one of the best games we played all year." Colby's multi-talented offensive unit showed their versatility as five different players netted goals in the win.

"We got a little complacent, and they came back on us," said Head Coach Scott Borek. "We played pretty gritty, but overall I think we were a tired team."

On Saturday the Mules squared-off against North Adams State in what appeared to be an even more unevenly matched contest. Captain Dan Larkin '95 stole the show as he racked up a hat trick en route to a six-point weekend. Darren Blauert '97 scored twice as Jody Eidt '97 and Buff Shuttleworth '98 each added a goal apiece as the Mules cruised to a 7-3 triumph.

Sophomore sensation Dan Lavergne chalked up five assists over the weekend and captain Brian Pompeo '95 totalled four

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