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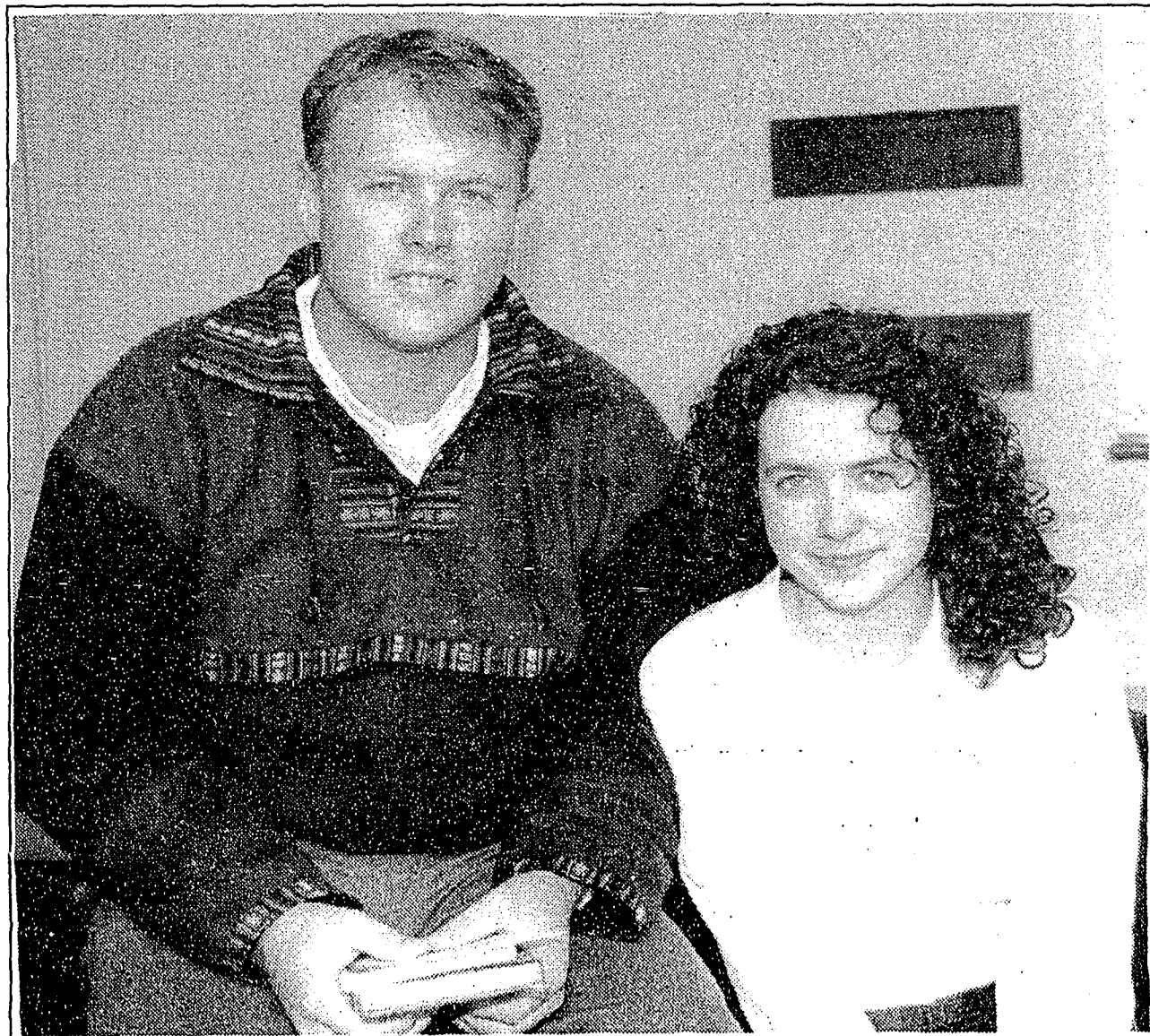
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## SPECIAL STU-A ELECTION ISSUE

### Student Association president and vice-president

#### Tom Ryan '96 and Tina Goudreau '98



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**Tom Ryan '96,**  
candidate for Student  
Association president

**Tina Goudreau '98,**  
candidate for Student  
Association vice-president

We are running for the positions of Student Association (Stu-A) president and vice-president. Our seriousness and dedication in deciding to run for these positions evolved over the past few months. In doing so, we've had the opportunity to step back and view ourselves and the community. By discussing the current issues on campus and the potential improvements of the college, we have discovered what can be done.

Tom began his Colby career in January of '92 and completed his freshman year in January of '93. At this point, he took a semester off to volunteer his time as a firefighter and EMT in suburban Maryland. This leave of absence postponed his graduation date from January '96 to May '96.

Tom has been involved in various activities throughout his years at Colby. He helped develop the Rape Aggression Defense Systems (RADS), a women's self-defense course now offered at Colby. He has been a member of the College Affairs Committee and the Appellate division of J-Board. Off-campus he has recently started a mentor relationship with a Winslow elementary student.

Tina, a first-year student, does not feel intimidated in taking on this job and has in the past shown her willingness and capability of getting involved. She is the cultural chair for her dorm, a position which led to

her involvement in the Cultural Affairs Committee. As the leader of this group, she has been able to work with current Stu-A leaders. It is through these opportunities that Tina has become interested in student government.

As a team, we have decided to list those issues we believe are most pressing. We feel that the development of the multicultural center is very important. We would like to implement a student advisory program for first-year students. I-Play, a dysfunctional program, should be revamped by the placement of a dedicated I-Play chair in Stu-A. We believe that the current use of the Moosenet is not used to its full potential: the channel should offer world and campus news as well as student programming.

Among other issues, we have discussed the improvements of residential life, such as the remodeling of dorms, the affect of the alcohol policy on campus life, the Tuesday/Thursday schedule, and the Spotlight Lecture (establishing themes and attracting controversial, big-name speakers), Colby spirit and the defining of responsibilities of dorm presidents and chairs.

It is our hope that if elected, we will represent the needs of the student body and effectively voice the opinions of this community.

## Candidates for 1995-1996 Student Association treasurer

#### Brian Golden '97



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**Brian Golden '97,** candidate for Student  
Association treasurer

Working as the treasurer of the Student Association means more than just dollars, cents and spreadsheets. Clearly, to be effective, the person must have a full understanding of how to finance programs. However, the treasurer must also work hard toward finding the best value possible with the available

resources. I am running for Stu-A treasurer because I feel comfortable in my ability to handle this task.

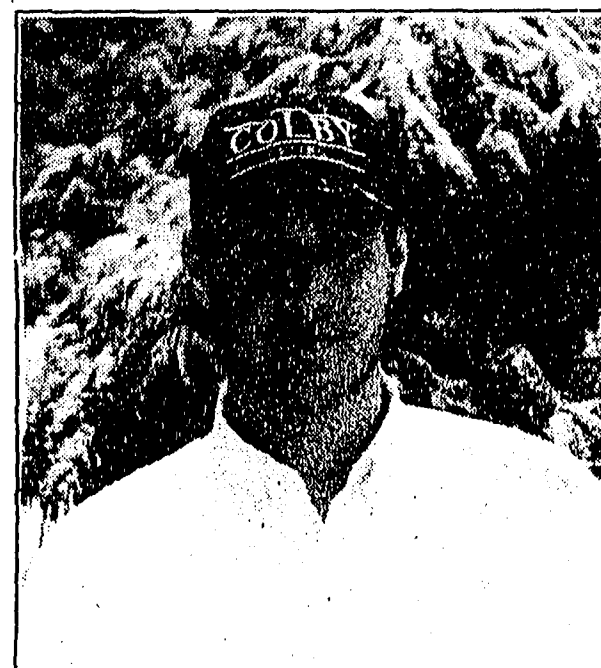
I am currently the Mary Low Commons president. In this position, I have been responsible for a variety of events ranging from *Skalaween* to *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. This experience in programming has taught me everything from how to find an inexpensive movie projector to what I should expect to pay for catering when a band comes to Colby. My commons is in the process of preparing for *Foss Arts*, and I am directly involved with the planning of this full scale production on a tight budget. I know the line between necessary expenditures and frivolous spending, and can budget accordingly.

I am one of three students serving on the Financial Priorities Committee, and in this position I have come to understand the budgeting of college funds. The Stu-A treasurer serves as co-chair of this committee, so if elected, I would already be prepared to handle the responsibilities of the job. I understand what resources can be tapped and how the college might be able to financially assist student programs or projects.

As a commons president, I am a Stu-A cabinet member, and have been involved with the planning of various major events. The cabinet has been responsible for *The Samples*, *Toad the Wet Sprocket* and the *Otis Day and the Knights* concerts. From being involved with these events, as well as all-campus dances, Spa events and Student Center parties, I understand the costs related with large events and have seen what proper budgeting can provide.

I am running for Stu-A treasurer because I feel that I have the experience to budget projects and events in order to achieve the greatest success possible. Thank you for your consideration and good luck to all of the other candidates.

#### Dan Peltz '97



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**Dan Peltz '97,** candidate for  
Student Association treasurer

My past political leadership experiences include being hall president of the Heights, and being on both the Administrative Affairs Committee and the Chem-free Activities Committee.

If elected, I will keep close tabs on Stu-A fees to assure they are not misused. I will also work with the numerous club leaders to make sure they have the funding necessary to make next year's programming and activities the best yet. Most importantly, I will be an active voice at Stu-A meetings to ensure that the concerns of students, and not just the concerns of student leaders, are addressed.



## Election Edition

### Candidate for 1995-1996 Stu-A social chair

Alexander Chin '96



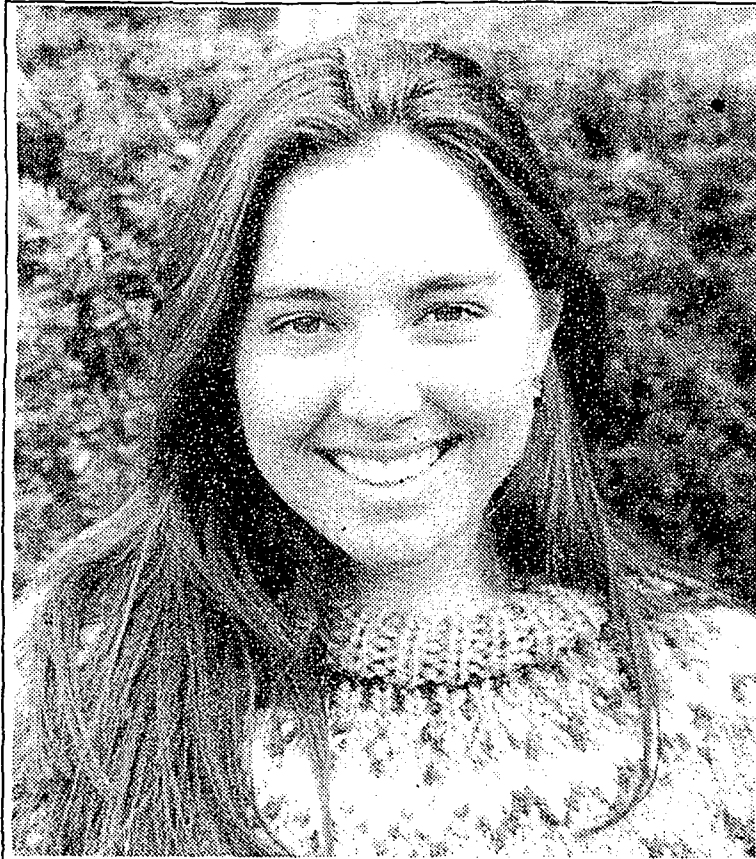
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Alexander B. Chin '96, candidate for the Student Association social chair.

As a candidate for the position of Stu-A social chair, I look forward to the opportunity to be a campus leader. One goal I hope to achieve is to unite the campus through a variety of social events. I hope to build on the positive aspects and events put forth by past social chairs, while making changes in the evident problems that exist now.

One of the problems that I believe the social chair can attempt to solve is the lack of school spirit and support for events on campus. I would like to see the student body get as excited for all the events (social, athletic, Spotlight lectures, etc.) on this campus as much as they do for the Bowdoin-Colby hockey games. The students on this campus have lost faith in most Stu-A events and I believe that I can bring the faith back. And remember, I brought you Otis.

My qualifications include positions as the social chair of Piper in 1992-93, social chair of Johnson Commons in 1993-94, Johnson Commons vice-president in 1994-95 and on the Student Allocations Committee in 1994-95. I was also a winter COOT leader in 1995, a member of the varsity football team from 1992-95 and a member of the men's junior varsity lacrosse team from 1993-95.



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Jennifer Rose '98, candidate for the Student Association cultural chair.

### Candidate for Student Association cultural chair

Jennifer Rose '98

I am currently the cultural chair for Grossman, which has been lots of fun and very productive. However, next year, as Student Association cultural chair, I would like to spread my ideas and bring interesting cultural activities to the entire Colby community, in the hopes of creating an environment where diversity can flourish.

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## Election Edition

# Stu-A presidential race goes uncontested

BY ELIZABETH HERBERT  
Editor-in-Chief

For the first time in recent history, the race for Student Association (Stu-A) president and vice-president is going uncontested. The only contested race this year among the executive board, in fact, is for treasurer. And while Stu-A cultural and social chairs are also running uncontested, this is not unusual, according to Director of Student Activities Ben Jorgensen.

Some are puzzled, however, at why the president and vice-president's race would go uncontested. In the past, up to four teams have run.

"We are upset that it is so uncon-

tested," said Josh Eckel, assistant director of Student Activities. "It is kind of disheartening that more students aren't interested in running."

Eckel noted that it is not a reflection on the quality of the candidates running, however.

"If there is one ticket, and those people [are dedicated], those are the people we want to work with," said Eckel.

Eckel said he did not know why so many of the races were uncontested, and said that current Stu-A Vice-President Josh Woodfork '97, as overseer for next year's advertising campaign, had attempted to psyche people up to run.

"And I guess there was no one that excited," said Eckel. "It seemed

like it used to be a popular thing."

He is not sure whether this year is a "down year" or part of a trend, said Eckel.

Jorgensen noted that the race for

**"I don't believe that students are apathetic. I think we have too many positions."**

**—Josh Woodfork '97**

senior class president was "highly contested" and hypothesized that the seniors who might have run for president or vice-president instead ran for senior class president.

It could also be an issue of dedication, added Jorgensen.

"I guess people don't have the time to put into it... or they're happy with the way things are now," said Jorgensen.

Woodfork said there might be a "gap in leadership" — juniors who go away in the spring have a more difficult time running and campaigning, and therefore might decide not to run.

"I don't believe that students are apathetic," said Woodfork. "I think we have too many positions." He said that between the Stu-A executive board, Presidents' Council, Commons' Council, Judicial Board, class officers and other residence hall positions, there are almost too

many for students to fill. The system is not as effective as it could be, according to Woodfork.

Woodfork did say that having an uncontested race for the presidency and vice-presidency "irritates" him.

"Do people think things are perfect? No!," said Woodfork.

Not having a contested race is unfair to those currently running, said Woodfork, because having a race makes the candidates eventually elected more credible, and they can be content with the knowledge that "theirs was the campaign of choice."

"It's everyone's dream not to have to campaign, but in reality it's a nightmare," said Woodfork. □

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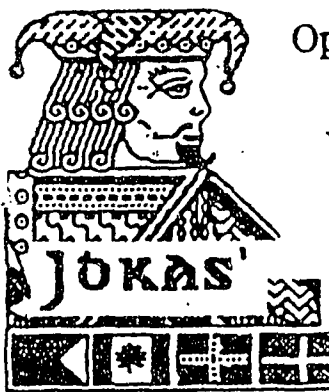
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## EDITORIAL

### Where are all the candidates?

Traditionally, this space is used to endorse one of the teams running for Student Association (Stu-A) president and vice-president. However, the only contested race this year in the Stu-A executive board is treasurer. Not in recent memory have there been so many uncontested races for such important posts.

At this point, whether we decide to endorse the only team running, Tom Ryan '96 and Tina Goudreau '98, is irrelevant. While we do feel that Tom and Tina have a lot of the drive necessary to become dedicated and effective leaders, the more concerning issue is the lack of interest in these positions. It takes away choices from the students, who, in a sense, must be content with who is running.

We applaud Tom and Tina, and the rest of the candidates, for having the gumption and dedication to get their applications in on time. Our disappointment lies with the rest of the student body. Why so few students would run for such important positions is puzzling. Don't we come to Colby to gain leadership experience necessary later in life? Isn't this a prime opportunity? Are students afraid of the time commitment? Or do they just not care?

Bryan Raffetto '95 and Josh Woodfork '97, the current Stu-A president and vice-president, will be leaving hard shoes to fill. The amount of work they have done would be daunting for even the most dedicated. It is hard to believe, however, that only a few people out of nearly 1,800 are willing to undertake the task. Does no one else have ideas? Perhaps it is just easier to talk about changes than to actually pursue them.

Usually, Commons' leaders run for posts on the Stu-A executive board, a natural progression on the student government ladder. This year, only one Commons' leader is running. It might be worth examining why these leaders do not want to further serve in student government. Much talk lately has centered around changing the structure of the student government, and it could be concluded that there is dissatisfaction with the way it works now. But why not attempt to change it?

Perhaps students think that student government at Colby is no longer useful. This line of thinking is apathetic, and in its own way, dangerous. Many of the issues that concern students the most are channeled through student government. Slow as it may be, it is one of the only sure processes for change on campus.

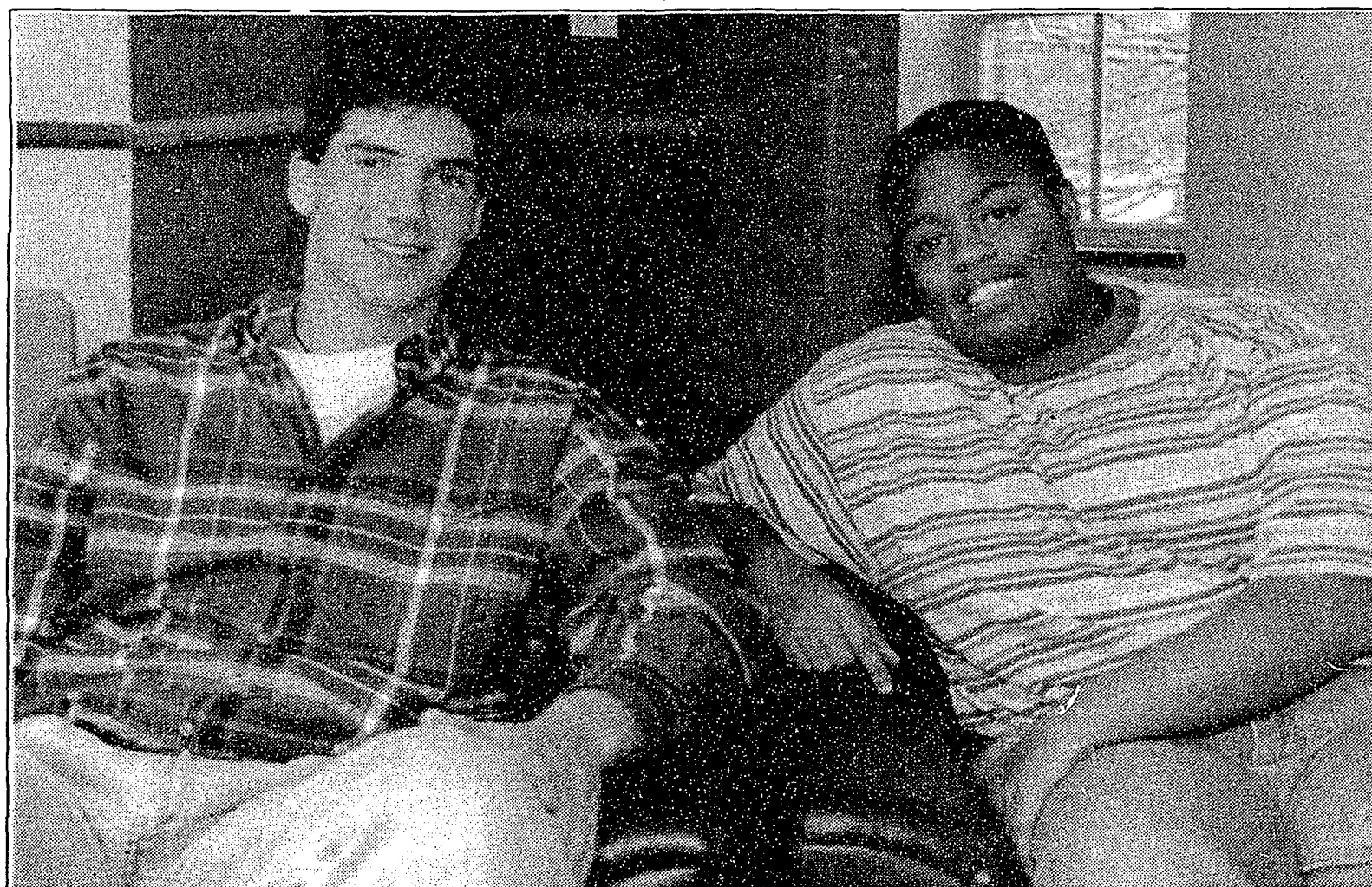
Although the race for president and vice-president is uncontested, the candidates running, while somewhat inexperienced, have proven they have the drive and initiative to follow an idea through. The long-needed self-defense course for women at Colby, RADS, was instituted largely on Tom Ryan's initiative. The situation is an example of ideal follow-through and leadership needed in the position of Stu-A president.

Tom, in addition to having a sense of student and campus-wide needs, (both evident in helping to institute RADS), is aware of the amount of work the president must do. He is both friend and roommate of the current president, and often attends Presidents' Council meetings. Hence, he is familiar with the way Colby's student government operates. Although Tina is young and somewhat inexperienced, it should be remembered that Josh Woodfork was also a first-year when he ran, and he has done an exceptional job.

Despite the fact that there are few choices to make this year when voting, students should make every effort to cast their votes in the Student Center on April 10.

## Candidates for Johnson Commons president and vice-president

Kim Parker '97 and Paul Conway '98



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Paul Conway '98, candidate for Johnson Commons vice-president

Kim Parker '97, candidate for Johnson Commons president

We realize it's time for a serious change in our student government. We enter the election for Johnson Commons president and vice-president with high hopes and goals in an attempt to restore the trust of Johnson Commons residents.

We want more entertainment options for every dorm, including Ping-Pong tables, mounted dorm VCR's and microwaves. As Commons leaders, we also want to experiment with such ventures as WWF weekends, perhaps helping

bring back Otis Day, and enticing a variety of entertainers crossing the spectrum of blues, pop, alternative, rap and hip-hop to visit campus. We realize the need for more mainstream chem-free programming, and hope to erase the stigma attached with being chem-free and recognize it as an acceptable lifestyle. Also, we hope for widely-publicized monthly Commons meals such as brunches, lunches and dinners to encourage healthy dialogue between Commons leaders, hall presi-

dents and residents.

As candidates for Johnson Commons president and vice-president, we want to put the fun back into an education. We sincerely desire to make a change, to let your voice be heard, to allow you a more active role in student government. However, we cannot undertake this task without your vote, for we realize that change can come from many, but only when the many combine to form that which is invincible — the power of one. Join us...

## Chris Sullivan '97 and Steven Papagiotas '97



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Steven Papagiotas '97, candidate for Johnson Commons vice-president

Chris Sullivan '97, candidate for Johnson Commons president

Together, we have been involved in a wide variety of campus activities such as Student Health On Campus (SHOC), SHOC Improv, Colby Friends, the Colby Emergency Response Team, the Health Care Advisory Committee, the Trustees' Committee, Ultimate Frisbee and admissions volunteers.

Chris has served as vice-president of Champlin and SHOC this year. He has also helped organize

Colby Friends as assistant director. Steve currently coordinates the Overnight Host Program for the Admissions Office and has, in the past, served on Dana's Hall Council.

We feel that if elected, we can work well with the other elected officers to make your student government a great success next year. By working with other leaders and commons officers, we plan on

sponsoring new and innovative events, as well as maintaining the already successful events that have taken place over the past few years. We want to increase the amount of communication between the Commons' leaders and the Commons. In general, we feel we have the maturity, dedication, experience and desire to run Johnson Commons with the interests of all in mind.

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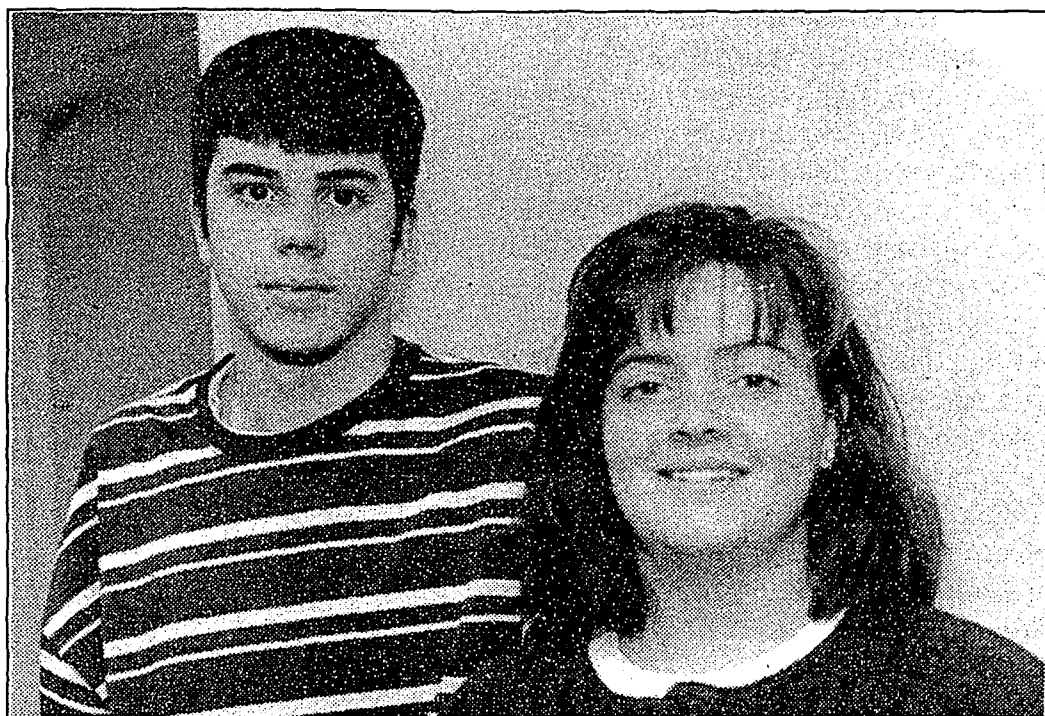


## Election Edition

### Candidates for Lovejoy Commons president and vice-president Corley Hughes '98 and Mike Pearl '98

We are running for president and vice-president of Lovejoy Commons. We have chosen to run for these positions because we feel that Lovejoy Commons lacks a certain sense of unity that the other commons on campus possess. Lovejoy is the largest Commons at Colby, therefore it has the most resources and the ability to plan and carry out events. Looking at campus-wide activities it is evident that Lovejoy Commons has not contributed equally to the social and cultural character of Colby. When examining the problems within the Commons we came up with a number of ways in which to improve the status quo. As Commons' leaders we will not only plan activities, but we will provide continuity and help to establish a sense of unity within Lovejoy Commons.

In order to promote these goals we will first institute office hours. This will provide a forum to share ideas and express concerns as well as create a focal point. This will aid in tying Hillside, the Heights, and Dana together to form one, Lovejoy Commons. Furthermore, we will work more closely with the presi-



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**Mike Pearl '98, candidate for Lovejoy Commons vice-president**

dents of the dorms to assess their eclectic needs. This will ensure that we are meeting the needs of the dorms individually as well as collectively. By opening doors and lines of communication we will be able to achieve a broader base for more creative activities.

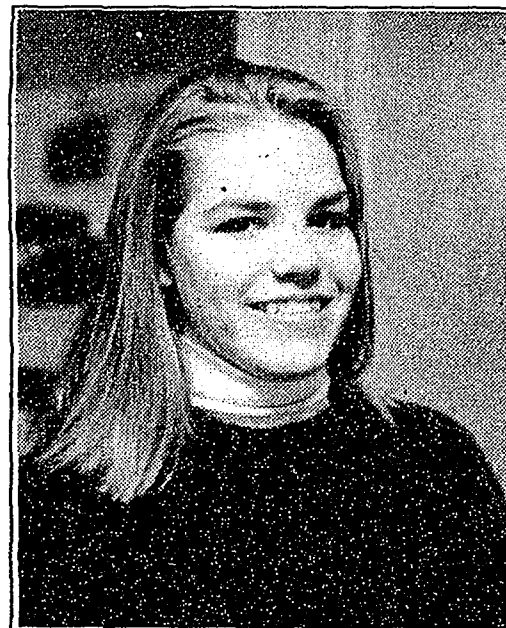
We know that we can accomplish these goals because we both

**Corley Hughes '98, candidate for Lovejoy Commons president**

held leadership positions throughout high school and have continued to take an active role here at Colby. We have enjoyed our first year here, but we intend to make next year even better.

Vote Corley Hughes and Mike Pearl for Lovejoy Commons president and vice-president on April 10. Thank you.

### Holly Grochmal '98 and Anna Thompson '97



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**Holly Grochmal '98, candidate for Lovejoy Commons president**

As candidates for Lovejoy Commons president and vice-president, we have many goals which we hope to accomplish. As the Commons representatives we would like to schedule more events which would involve all of the members of Lovejoy Commons. Some of our ideas for Commons' events include concerts on the Dana lawn, a spring festival, an increase in the number of cultural events, and monthly study breaks.

We hope that through such events we will be able to build unity within the Commons and organize events which everyone will enjoy and participate in. If elected, we are willing to work to the best of our ability to utilize your comments and suggestions in order to improve Lovejoy Commons.

In the past, we have both been involved in student government and continue to actively participate in campus events. Our experience and enthusiasm have been crucial in our decision to seek election. It is with this enthusiasm that we will organize the planning of events and represent the Commons.

We promise to be open to new ideas and to continue to serve in the best interest in the Colby community. We are both dedicated to Colby and hope the members of Lovejoy Commons will feel confident in our leadership abilities and support our candidacy.



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**Anna Thompson '97, candidate for Lovejoy Commons vice-president**

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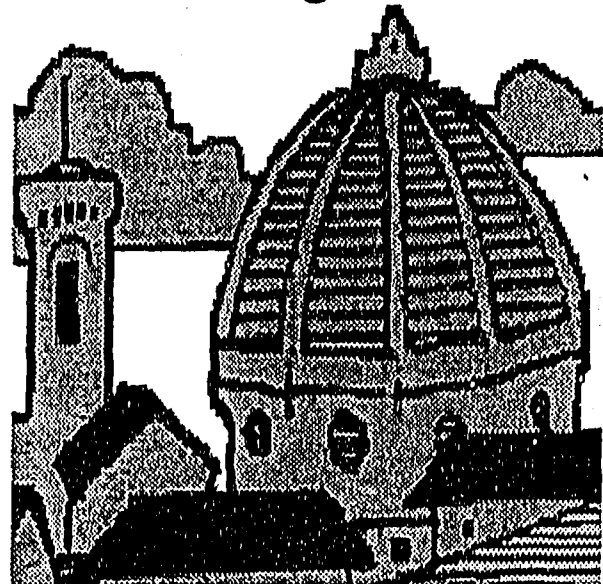
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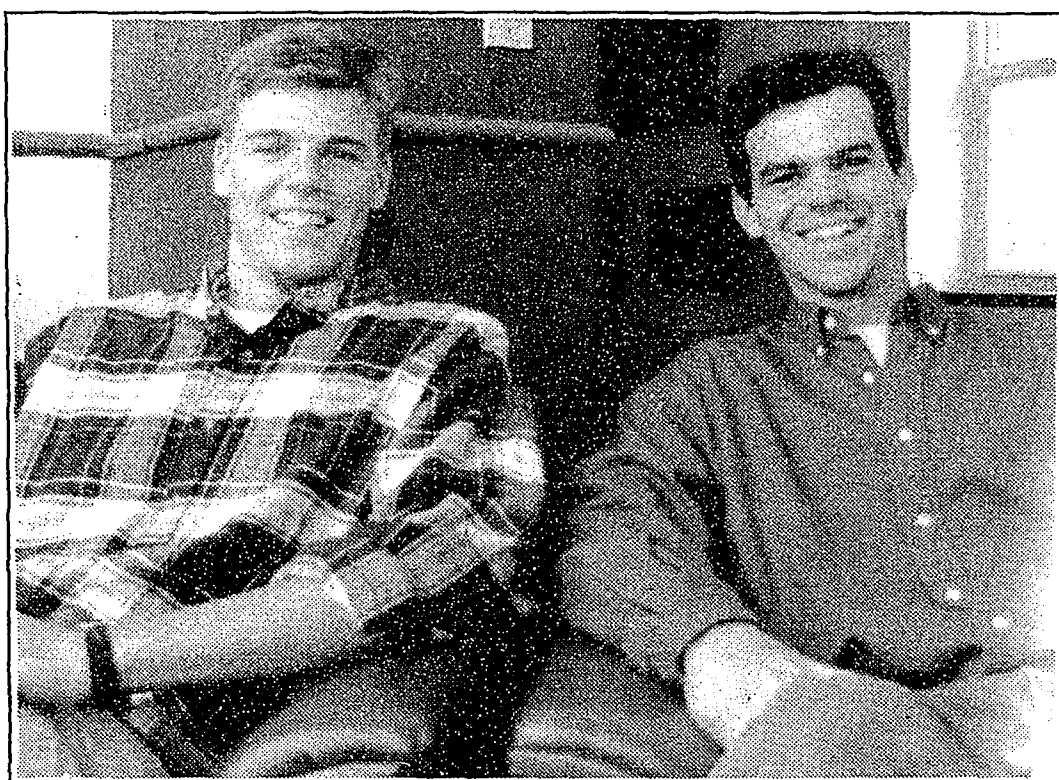
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## Election Edition

### Candidates for Chaplin Commons president and vice-president

**Patrick J. McBride '97 and Andrew A. Black '97**



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**Andrew A. Black '97,**  
candidate for Chaplin Commons vice-president

We would like to express just how excited we are at the prospect of being Chaplin Commons president and vice-president for the 1995-96 school year. We have put a lot of thought into our decision to run and assure Chaplin residents that we will make next year a great one.

Our main objective as we approach the upcoming year is to create a wholesome and fun atmosphere for Chaplin Commons residents and to break the day-to-day norms of Colby social life. We have a lot of great ideas and lots of energy we are willing to devote to this cause. First off, we have some great ideas for social functions in the works, including some good bands who have already expressed interest at performing at Colby, a greater variety of theme parties, some outdoor events including a dorm Olympics and greater expansion of chem-free programming. We are hoping to expand the game show nights in the Spa that Chaplin Commons started

**Patrick J. McBride '97,**  
candidate for Chaplin Commons president

this year and pay better attention to the needs and desires of those who choose to be chem-free.

We are not entering these positions without some experience and student government background. Patrick, an American Studies major, is currently hall president of Grossman and a member of the Colby baseball team. Andrew, an economics major and member of the White Mule basketball team, has yet to participate in student government here at Colby, but was president of his senior class at Westminster Academy and served as vice-president of Westminster's Student Activity Committee. Being an economics major will come in handy in the financial aspect of managing the Commons' budget.

Let us reiterate our excitement at the opportunity to serve next year's residents of Chaplin Commons. We have plenty of great ideas and hope that we can serve the campus well.

### Candidates for Mary Low Commons Dagan Loisel '98 and Charles Costanzo '98

If elected, we plan to promote an active social agenda for Mary Low Commons. This includes the traditional two gigantic extravaganzas, Skalloween and Foss Arts. In addition to upholding the fine tradition of these events, we will also work to promote new events based on student input and what the commons can afford. We hope that the dorms and their presidents will assume an active role in creating and promoting ideas that the Loisel-Costanzo ticket can work to carry out.

Dagan was vice-president of both the Student Council and the National Honor Society at Old Orchard Beach High School. He was also selected to participate in the Maine Boy's State and R.Y.L.A. programs. Charles was class president and served on the Student Judiciary Board at Germantown Academy in Pennsylvania. He is also currently the vice-president of Coburn where he is active within the Mary Low Commons Council.



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**Dagan Loisel '98,**  
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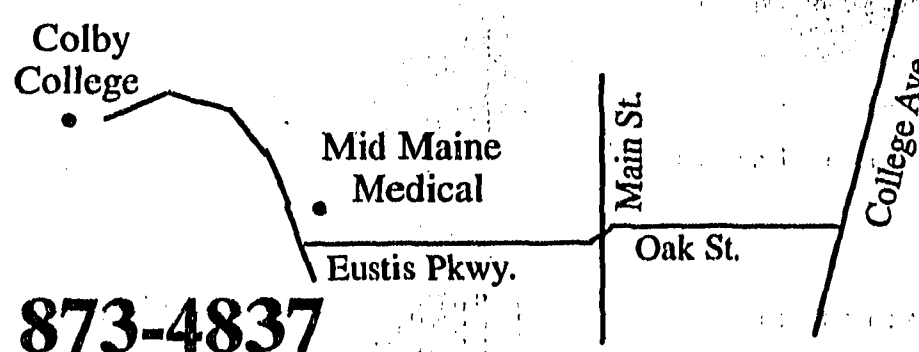
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