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College denies fudging guidebook numbers

BY HANNAH BEECH
Managing Editor

Colby appeared among a list of colleges implicated for misrepresenting and inflating academic statistics reported to college guidebooks, according to an article published by the *Wall Street Journal* last week.

The April 5 article charged that through a "numbers massage" and an "inadvertent error," Colby's rankings in the *U.S. News and World Report's* college guidebook rose significantly in the fall of 1992. Attributing information to former Director of Communications Edward Hershey, who left Colby last year for a position at Cornell University, the *Journal* reported that after Colby mistakenly reported that 80 percent of its first-years were in the top ten percent of their high school class, as opposed to the correct 60 percent, college offi-

cials responded by huddling "at a meeting that could only be described as a strategy session on how to cheat on the survey."

But in a conversation with the *Echo*, Hershey said his comments were deliberately taken out of context. In a letter to the editor to the Cornell student newspaper, Hershey criticized the *U.S. News* survey and used the example of an unnamed school, later identified as Colby, to prove his point.

"I waxed poetic and exaggerated a little to make the point, precisely because the school was not named," said Hershey, "if I had known that the *Wall Street Journal* would have made the connection between my letter and Colby, I would never have written the letter."

"The *Wall Street Journal* article was a direct misrepresentation of Ed Hershey's literary license," said President William Cotter. "It's just unfair, and a real cheap shot."

Cotter said he immediately disseminated

information refuting the article's claims. "We faxed and sent letters to people intimately involved with the college, ranging from the Board of Trustees to the Parents' Committee, but much of the damage was already done," said Cotter. He has also sent a letter to the editor to the *Wall Street Journal*, although it has not yet been published.

Cotter's letter to the editor alleged that Hershey's comments had been taken out of context and accentuated one mistake out of a survey that was otherwise correct. "I told [the *Wall Street Journal* reporter] Colby had never cheated on the numbers," said Hershey in a conversation with Dean of the College Earl Smith, according to the letter.

Cotter said he noticed the incorrect figure as soon as he skimmed the *U.S. News* guide, and says he regrets not having sent out any information about the incorrect class-rank figures after Colby's rise in the *U.S. News*

rankings. "We probably should have mentioned this to the community, and I wish things were done differently," he said.

"Frankly I think we felt sandbagged by the unfair competition," said Hershey. "We certainly didn't put out press releases saying we shouldn't have been 15th."

Although Cotter labeled the mistake an unfortunate typographical error, he said the mistake highlights other problems with lack of accountability and fairness that characterize many guidebooks.

Cotter named the competition between those schools that require SAT scores and those that do not as an example of unfair competition. Bates and Bowdoin Colleges' SAT figures are significantly higher than Colby's because they do not require SAT scores, and consequently those applicants who report their scores tend to have done very well. *see GUIDEBOOK on page 5*

Security conducts improper searches Students allege college violated policy by searching closets

BY ELIZABETH HERBERT
Editor-in-Chief

In the course of routine Safety and Security room inspections over spring break, contraband drug-related items were confiscated without a member of the dean's office present, a violation of college policy.

And although Safety and Security officers allege the items were in "plain sight" — which gives the college the right to seize contraband items — students maintain that closets and drawers were searched, which would be another infringement of college policy.

According to the Student Handbook, full room searches, which include closets and drawers, can be done only with a warrant by "civil authorities" (Waterville police) or

signed consent of the student.

Director of Safety and Security John Frechette says that while they broke the rule by taking items while not having two people present (one security officer as well as a member of Dean of Student's Office, as college policy states), the contraband items removed by Safety and Security officers were in plain sight.

"The staff doesn't open drawers, doesn't open dressers," said Frechette. "In the almost six years I've been here, we've never done a full room search."

Officers began making routine inspections of the rooms as soon as students left for break, said Frechette. They must "secure the building," which includes making sure lights are off, windows are closed, and doors are locked, said Frechette.

If the officers had not confiscated anything — in plain sight or not — then there would not have been a problem, according to Dean of the College Earl Smith.

But since items were confiscated without the mandatory two people present, the search was illegal.

"We did them wrong this time," acknowledged Frechette.

No disciplinary action will be taken against students who had contraband items taken from their rooms, since the search was invalid. Items confiscated — mostly drug-related items such as bong — are in the possession of the Waterville police, who did not tag the items. The items cannot be recovered, according to Smith.

Smith said he does not know whether the items were in plain sight

or not.

"The officers claim the stuff was in plain sight, the students claim it wasn't," said Smith. "And there is no way to determine who is telling the truth." Having two people on searches usually eliminates the situation of one person's word against another, said Smith, which is part of the reason it is college policy.

Many students maintain that confiscated contraband items were not in plain sight, and were in closets and drawers.

"They came into my room, went into my closet and took a hooka I had in my closet," said one sophomore female who lives in Woodman. "I feel like I have been violated. I consider my closet private."

A first-year Foss resident said he had a bong taken from his closet while

on break.

"If it had been taken out of plain view, I wouldn't have had a problem with it," he said. But since he maintains it was in his closet, with the door closed, it was a "violation of privacy."

"[Safety and Security officers] have been really overstepping their bounds in many, many instances," said Bill Withington '95, a Woodman resident who said he knew of people who had items taken from drawers and closets.

"Everything that was confiscated was in plain sight," said Frechette.

"As far as I'm concerned, it was stolen," said the first-year, who wrote letters to the deans to complain. "And what else did they go through when they were there?"

Smith acknowledged the searches *see SEARCH on page 5*

Center unanimously passed

BY ALISON BORNSTEIN
News Editor

Colby will soon boast a new addition — a multicultural center, but not a multicultural house. The trustees voted unanimously in favor of a multicultural center at an April 8 meeting, on the recommendation of the Trustee Commission on Multicultural and Special Interest Housing.

This marks over a year of investigations about the possibilities of building a house or a center on campus to provide a welcoming, multicultural environment for all students. Students of Color United for Change, a large group of students formed last year, petitioned the college to provide a place where students could live "comfortably," outside of what they feel is often a hostile environment at Colby toward students of color.

The Trustee Commission could not come to any sort of consensus on building a house, according to Dean of the College Earl Smith and Student Association Vice-President Josh Woodfork '97, which was among the reasons for deciding not to build a multicultural house.

"I think housing would have been a viable option, but *see CENTER on page 5*

Trustees raise half million for center

Board Chair Larry Pugh '96 announced Saturday that trustees themselves had already donated more than \$500,000 toward the \$1 million center. Equally surprising was President Bill Cotter's announcement that Pugh and his wife, Jean, made a gift of \$250,000. The new space, to carry the Pugh name, will be a two-floor wing on the north (Lovejoy-Chapel) side of the student center, integrated into the existing center. The addition will provide a dozen new offices, a large meeting area, a lounge and a kitchen for Colby's various organizations concerning issues of race, religion, culture, sexuality, nationality and heritage. The close association of these groups in a central "hub" will hopefully encourage greater interaction and cooperation in supporting diversity throughout the campus. (A.B.)

Ryan and Goudreau to lead new Stu-A cabinet

BY ELIZABETH HERBERT
Editor-in-Chief

Next year's Student Association (Stu-A) president and vice-president are Tom Ryan '96 and Tina Goudreau '98, who ran uncontested for the positions. Perhaps due to a flurry of write-in candidates as election time drew near, the team garnered only 54 percent of the vote.

Brian Golden '97, with 57 percent of the vote, became the new Stu-A treasurer. Golden ran against Dan Peltz '97 in the only contested race among the Stu-A

executive board.

Alexander Chin '96 became next year's social chair, with 92 percent of the vote, and Jennifer Rose '98 will be cultural chair, with 77 percent of the vote. Both candidates ran uncontested.

Run-off elections were held yesterday to determine the president and vice president of Johnson Commons, the class officers for the Class of '96, and the president and vice president of the Class of '97. Run-off election results were not available at press time. □

See student government election results on page 5.

News briefs

Fulbright scholars named

Delia Welsh '95 was awarded a Fulbright research grant to study privatization in Morocco for nine months after graduation. "I really am interested in studying an aspect of economic reform and how it affects business relationships and social change," said Welsh. She joins Emberly Nesbitt '95, who was awarded a Fulbright teaching award to teach in France. (H.B.)

Trustees approve tuition rise

The cost of getting a Colby education isn't cheap: \$26,640, to be exact, as of next year. The 4.8 percent jump is called "the lowest rate of increase in two decades," according to the faculty newsletter FYI. Tuition will be \$20,070; board, \$2,730; room, \$2,920; and the general fee, \$920. (E.H.)

Dining services lends a hand

Colby's food service, Sodexho, will provide \$300,000 over the next three years to the Greater Boston Food Bank's "Kitchen Works," according to Colby's faculty and staff newsletter FYI. \$150,000 of the donation will be in cash. The money will help provide emergency feeding programs with food resources. Additionally, the program trains low-income and unemployed individuals for careers in the food service industry.

The Greater Boston Food Bank is New England's largest non-profit food clearinghouse with over 800 agencies that help feed 227,000 people each month. Across the country, one out of every ten people receives food from a food bank. (K.C.)

Colby applications increase

The latest numbers from the Admissions Office are in, and they reflect a positive change in the number of students applying to Colby. Dean of Admissions Parker Beverage reported that applications for admissions have increased 42 percent in the past two years. There was a 23 percent increase for the Class of 1999 since last year. Only 38 percent of applicants this year were admitted, the lowest percentage ever, according to the faculty newsletter FYI. A record year of Early Decision applicants — which yielded 210 new students — left only 300 spaces for 4000 applicants.

Average verbal scores of the admitted students is 600; math, 650. One hundred and seventy-nine students of color were admitted, and the school is hoping that at least 50 will choose Colby. (E.H.)

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Terrell recounts chapel protest

BY ALISON BORNSTEIN
News Editor

In the spring of 1970, as college students across America went on strike to protest the Vietnam War, 17 students of color at Colby College organized and occupied Lorimer Chapel in their own protest.

Charles Terrell, now an associate dean of student affairs at Boston University, was the leader of that group protesting the conditions and treatment of African-American students on campus, and he was also the founder of Colby's Student Organization for Black and Hispanic Unity (SOBHU), which at the time was just an organization for Black Unity.

Terrell returned to Colby on April 9, providing the community with a speech titled "A Metaphor For Change." His speech contained four areas for discussion, including growing up in Washington, D.C. and choosing Colby, the chapel takeover, the current Trustee Commission on Multicultural and Special Interest Housing and Colby today.

"I did not just want to come back to Colby," said Terrell. "I wanted to come back in a way that said the community had something to gain."

Terrell began by discussing his childhood. In 1966, D.C. was a small, southern town — not the cosmopolitan world capital that it is now. It was "broke," but there was not the great sense of poverty, despair and drug-trade as there is today, he said.

"My town was 100 percent black," said Terrell. "I grew up in a black world — everything was black. The members of the honors society were black, both the basketball players and the cheerleaders were black. In 12 years of education, the only place I ever saw white people was on television."

When Terrell began looking at colleges, he was thinking about places such as Georgetown University and predominantly African-American Howard University, both located in Washington. "I wanted to stay close to home so I wouldn't have to abandon my mom," said Terrell. However, a mentor told him that he had to go away to school to learn that "the world is not black."

Terrell wished to go away to school in Maine because he had a "romantic vision of the rocky coast and the sea." His college counselor suggested Colby. "I knew nothing about Colby, but it was in Maine, and I had to go to school in Maine. I was only concerned if Colby was good enough for me. I was never concerned if I was good enough for Colby."

Terrell was accepted to Colby and granted a \$3,000 scholarship covering the full price of tuition.

"I left home in the summer of 1966, and I never thought about the cultural, the academic and the weather transitions I'd have to make," said Terrell. Life at Colby was "difficult" for minority students, and out of the 15-20 black students who entered Colby his freshman year, only two, including Terrell, graduated.

Minority students who could not afford the full price of tuition had to work and maintain a higher grade point average than full-paying students in order to remain at Colby. Terrell not only maintained high grades, but he was also a member of two fraternities, vice president of his freshman class and president of both his sophomore and his junior class. "After several years at Colby, I



Echo photo by Amy Rzeznikiewicz

Charles Terrell '70 in his first appearance in Lorimer Chapel since the takeover 25 years ago.

learned that Colby was not on the coast, Maine was too cold and it was just like many other places," said Terrell. "I often felt discriminated against, lonely and isolated, but I also knew that I was getting a top-notch education, making good friends and partying a lot."

During Terrell's course at Colby, the civil rights movement was making great advancements. "Black became beautiful," said Terrell. "I know because I was there."

The Takeover

The Chapel takeover occurred in 1970. At the time, Terrell was a senior living off-campus, and he was "out of the loop of what was going on, on Mayflower Hill."

He became aware of what was happening with black students on campus, however, when he attended the first meeting of SOBHU (then SOBU). He was elected president and reluctantly accepted.

At the time, students were protesting and rioting across the nation, black needs and concerns were not considered a priority and Colby was in the midst of a constitutional convention, which included 19 proposals concerning black rights, according to Terrell.

SOBHU came together and asked the administration for five things: a first-year class of at least 50 black students, a black social group, a single standard of academic achievement regardless of financial status, a black studies program and a ten percent black freshman class by 1974.

The administration proved to be unresponsive, and 17 students, later dubbed "the chapel 17," organized the takeover on their own. Faculty help was neither openly requested nor offered, said Terrell.

"I always felt good about what [the chapel 17] did, and 25 years later, I feel even better," said Terrell.

Terrell characterized the takeover as "very peaceful." Many students left within an hour of being asked to leave, when a warrant was served a week into the takeover. The chapel 17 chose the chapel as the location of the protest because its occupation was considered to be the least disruptive

to everyday life.

The takeover was a "cult of personality" — there was Motown blasting, students uniting and rumors of the Maine National Guard coming to Colby, according to Terrell. However, many of the rumors faded quickly, and it was "difficult" for students to return to everyday college life.

Aside from the takeover, Terrell also spoke about the multicultural center that is to be built at Colby. "I am against the center because it is segregational."

"I am approaching this center with a lot of questions," said Terrell. "Why do we need a center in such a small community? Why can't we solve these problems instead of creating an alternative response? If we can't have respectful housing at Colby, where will you ever be able to make it work?"

As for Colby today, it is very different than it was 25 years ago, according to Terrell.

"Women's issues are now a big issue, homosexuals are not afraid to come out, Colby has COOT and multiculturalism has expanded," said Terrell. "However, the autumns are still wonderful, the springs are still amazing and the winters are still brutal."

"I have always been a lover of history," said Terrell, "and it is not much use to look at the past without relating it to the future."

In changing Colby's perspective on multiculturalism, the chapel 17 used no weapons, damaged no property, delayed no activities, neither dismissed nor ostracized any students, challenged the administration and the faculty "wonderfully" and made Colby face the issue of discrimination, according to Terrell.

"We were able to abolish the unequal standard of academic excellence for financial aid students," said Terrell. "We were the ones responsible for change in the midst of conflict."

"It's taken Colby a number of years to catch up with its students, but I understand that now," said Terrell. "We need to update our other traditions too, because those who are willing to do it are those that will save the nation." □

And justice for all: Colby's student judicial board

BY E. M. DUGGAN
Features Editor

In the wake of Ezra Fowler's expulsion, many students have taken a new interest in the workings of Colby's Judicial Board (J-Board). Due to the confidential nature of J-Board, students who have not been directly involved in a case heard before the board may find that they know virtually nothing about it.

The purpose of the Judicial Board, as stated in the Colby Student Handbook, is "to hold original jurisdiction in matters calling for possible disciplinary action against any student except in matters of academic dishonesty and other academic offenses ... The purpose of the Board shall be to hear all cases brought before it, to render in those judgment in those cases, and to make recommendations for sanctions, when appropriate, to the Dean of Students."

"The purpose of the Board is to have students dealing with a student, instead of having one dean making a decision on that student's career," said Rebecca Apollon, '95, J-Board's chief justice. The Board is comprised of four members of the sophomore, junior and senior classes, each class having two female and two male representatives. One senior or junior is also selected to be the vice-chief justice.

Although most cases that come to J-Board are dealt with in an open hearing, occasionally hearings are closed to the public or a Dean's Hear-

ing is called (for the sake of privacy in more personal cases).

"Hearings are generally open," said Apollon. "The way they become closed is if someone involved in the case, either the student being charged or the student bringing the charges up in the case, requests a closed hearing."

Colby is usually the plaintiff in J-Board cases, according to Apollon, and Safety and Security will bring charges against a student to the Dean's office. At that point, Apollon says she meets with Dean Serdjenian, who acts as the J-Board facilitator. Together they decide if the charges warrant a hearing, or if they can be dealt with automatically with retributions already established.

One question often raised about J-Board hearings is the ability to receive an unbiased trial at a school as small as Colby. While justices may know or know of the students who come before them, they are selected for their apparent ability to separate their personal prejudices from the cases. If a justice does feel that he or she is too close to a case to remain unbiased, the justice is encouraged to step down from that particular hearing.

"It's a fairly small campus," said Serdjenian. "Just because a student knows someone doesn't mean they have to step down ... In my experience, the members of J-Board have taken their responsibilities very seriously."

"You can't expect people to step down every other week because they

can't be impartial," said Apollon. "That's why they're there."

"The issue of fairness is something that gets brought up a lot," said Apollon, "because it is a small college and everyone here knows that once something happens, word gets around. In terms of that, we chose justices from the freshman class who we think have the ability [to disregard rumors]. We're dealing with what we heard the night of the hearing, and we make our decision strictly based on that."

"In deliberation we ask ourselves if we're basing our decision on the right things ... It's really done as fairly as possible," Apollon continued. "Justices have been very good in the past about knowing when they can't separate themselves from a case and stepping down. You learn that if you can't [separate yourself] you're compromising the student's right to a fair trial."

At the beginning of each J-Board hearing, the student begins by entering a plea. Then, according to the Student Handbook, the case is introduced by reviewing any evidence and hearing witnesses and complainants. The complainants and witnesses can then be questioned by the defendant, members of J-Board or a representative from the Dean's office.

The defendant then presents any witnesses, who can be questioned along with the defendant by the complainants, J-Board and representatives from the Dean's office. After the final

questions and presentations, summary statements are made and the Board hears motions regarding the proposed punishment, submitted by the complainants, the facilitator, or the defendant. The Board then deliberates in private.

If the defendant is found guilty, the Board submits a recommendation to Janice Kassman, dean of students. If Kassman accepts the recommendations, they are implemented immediately. If the recommendation is rejected, it goes back to J-Board for revision, not always to specifically fit Kassman's suggestions, and the defendant has a chance to write a letter in response to the rejection. If the new recommendation is rejected, the case goes to the Appeals Board, which is separate from J-Board. However, Apollon said only twice in her time on J-Board has Kassman rejected a recommendation from the Board.

"If the person has been found guilty and we're deciding what sanctions to give, it's done carefully," said Apollon. "We look at both the prior sanctions given for that type of offense, and we'll look at the handbook to see exactly what it says, since it's our constitution."

One problem J-Board confronts is that seemingly similar offenses may warrant very different sanctions. "Someone throwing a bottle out of a window one time may be different than someone throwing a bottle out of a window in another case," said Apollon.

For example, in a pamphlet available in the Dean's office that lists all J-Board decisions from 1984-1994, one bottle "thrown to ground outdoors" received a warning, while another bottle "thrown out of window onto ground" received permanent disciplinary probation (which keeps the student on disciplinary probation for the rest of their time at Colby) and a \$50 fine.

Apollon characterized most cases brought before J-Board as involving alcohol. Most suspensions stemmed from hearings on physical assault charges, as shown in the pamphlet on J-Board decisions. Recently, the most extreme J-Board decision has been the expulsion of Ezra Fowler, who was brought up on various charges, and whose case can not be discussed for legal and privacy reasons.

"We try to be consistent, but for the sake of the student we like to look at each case individually, so the student doesn't suffer just because of what happened to students before them," said Apollon. It is also difficult to find out the reasoning behind some decisions because of J-Board's pledge to never discuss the details of individual cases.

The remaining J-Board Justices are Robin Ottaway '95 (Vice-Chief Justice), Michael Cobb '95, Emily Fantasia '95, Simon Dalgleish '96, Tobin Scipione '96, Cristina Pacheco '96, Jon Paris '96, Kate Charbonnier '97, Anthony Rosenfeld '97, Sean Handler '97 and Amelie Gosine '97. □

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This Saturday

9:00-2:00 a.m.

Congratulations to all of those newly elected Class Officers, Commons Leaders and Stu-A Positions!
THANK YOU, TO THOSE WHO VOTED.

A very special thanks to Mr. Lawrence R. Pugh '56 for his gracious donation to the College for the expansion wing of the Student Center. The continuous support of the entire Board of Trustees throughout the work of the Trustee Commission has been greatly appreciated.

Off the Hill

BY E. M. DUGGAN
Features Editor

Yale University

New Haven, Connecticut

Yale University has decided to return a much disputed \$20 million gift it received in 1991, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The gift, given by Lee M. Bass, Class of 1979, was designated by Bass to be used for the establishment of a program in Western civilization. Yale President Richard C. Levin said the specifications of the gift conflicted with "fundamental university principles." Earlier this year, Bass had requested that Yale ask his approval before hiring professors for the new program. University officials also had problems adding such a great sum of money to one department when so many others are facing budget cuts. The Bass family has donated \$85 million to Yale since 1990.

Stanford University

Stanford, California

The California Superior Court will have the last word on Stanford's speech code, which forbids offensive, harassing speech. The Court deemed such a policy unconstitutional, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. A 1992 California law grants students at private colleges the same First Amendment rights as their peers at public schools. Stanford's policy banned "face-to-face epithets denigrating a person's race, religion or sex." The Superior Court ruling said Stanford could not place speech restrictions on some subjects and not others.

Trinity College

Hartford, Connecticut

Three Trinity students are prime suspects in the stabbing of two non-students at a party last month, according to the *Trinity Tripod*. The fight ensued after the two non-students who were working the door at an off campus party "got involved in a verbal exchange with a group of students who were invited to the party." Police have three suspects whose names have not been released, and charges could range from first to third degree assault.

Pres. Council discusses environmental audit

BY DAVID PALMIERI
Staff Writer

At the March 22 meeting of Presidents' Council, changes in Computer Services, an Environmental Council audit, chem-free programming, the Academic Affairs Committee and a Peer Mentor program were discussed.

•Computer Services

Due to the expansion of Computer Services, the department has been renamed Information Technology Services. Ray Phillips, director of ITS, expressed that he would like to see more student participation in the Info. Tech. Committee. Also, there are plans to upgrade the computers in the library cluster and the Mudd Lab this summer, and eventually to make class registration possible over the Internet.

•Environmental Council Audit

The Environmental Council has been given approval to randomly select two dorms from each commons and survey the trash cans to determine how much of the trash is potentially recyclable. The trash will be sorted into paper, plastic, glass and aluminum, and the numbers will be used to determine how much of the waste could have been recycled. All measures will be taken to insure that no infringements will be made on students' personal privacy.

•Chem-free Programming

In February, Trustee Alida Camp challenged Colby students to come up with a name that would identify chem-free programming on campus. The new name, as voted on by Presidents' Council, will be C.A.F.E. (Colby Alcohol Free Environment).

•Academic Affairs Committee

The Scheduling Task Force is currently examining problems with the current college schedule, including changes in class and exam times by professors, and the Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The course withdrawal policy is being examined by the Academic Affairs Committee because faculty have criticized it as a source of grade inflation.

•Peer Mentor System

The institution of a Peer Mentor program is being considered as a supplement to the academic advisors for first-year students. If successful, student mentors could be effective advisors because they can answer first-years' questions on a social and academic level. The system is currently being reviewed and will be voted on at a later date. □

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9p.m. Rose Chapel



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Friday Memorial
12 noon - 2:45 p.m.
Lorimer Chapel
(Readings, Music,
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Communion
3:00 p.m.
Lorimer Chapel



°Audio -Visual Stations
of the Cross
9p.m.
Lorimer Chapel

°Catholic Easter
Sunday Mass
11:30a.m.
Lorimer Chapel

Student government election results

Winners in Monday's student government elections, in which 51 percent of the student body voted:

Student Association

President and Vice President: Tom Ryan '96 and Tina Goudreau '98 (54 percent)
Social Chair: Alexander B. Chin '96 (92 percent)
Cultural Chair: Jennifer Rose '98 (77 percent)
Treasurer: Brian Golden '97 (57 percent)

Chaplin Commons

President and Vice President: Patrick McBride '97 and Andrew Black '97
Averill: Brendan Kearney '98 (55 percent)
Grossman: Erika Ayers '98 (95 percent)
Perkins-Wilson: Jeff Oppenheimer '98 (75 percent)
Pierce: Chad Pimentel '98 (100 percent)
Treworgy: Kendra Ammann '98 (100 percent)
West Quad: Andrew Littell '98 (55 percent)

Johnson Commons

President and Vice President: RUN-OFF
Kim Parker '97 and Paul Conway '98
Chris Sullivan '97 and Steve Papagiotas '97
Drummond: Mark House '97 (97 percent)
East Quad: Kari Hoose '98 (61 percent)
Goddard-Hodgkins: Isa Dorros '98 (88 percent)
Johnson: Amy Rzeznikiewicz '97 (98 percent)
Piper: Merrit Duff '98 (67 percent)

Lovejoy Commons

President and Vice President: Holly Grochmal '98 and Anna Thompson '97 (53 percent)
Dana: Liz Shanely '98 (61 percent)

Heights: Adam Emerson Pearsall '98 (89 percent)
Leonard: no candidate
Marriner: no candidate
Sturtevant: Amy Lyons '98 (100 percent)
Taylor: Daniel Noyes '98 (100 percent)
Williams: Andy Weinstein '98 (92 percent)

Mary Low Commons

President and Vice President: Dagan Loisel '98 and Charles Costanzo '98 (95 percent)
Coburn: no candidate
Foss: Warren Moon '98 (91 percent)
Mary Low: Sarah Boulian '98 (87 percent)
Woodman: Tracey Lynch Finch '98 (90 percent)

Class of 1996

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Secretary: Allison Brown (85 percent)
Treasurer: Heather Golding (60 percent)

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there weren't the votes or the money," said Woodfork. It would have been a radical step for the campus, according to Woodfork, since there is no existing special interest housing.

"The center will not do the same thing as a house," said Smith. "However, many students feel that the center will be a safe and comfortable place to go."

The college is examining residential life in general, said Woodfork, to see if changes need to be made.

"I think the college came to a wise decision," said Woodfork.

At an earlier meeting, the Commission members agreed, without dissent, to recommend to the Board of Trustees "that the college enhance the use of the Student Center by the addition of appropriate new space that will create a hub and a common ground for activities aimed at promoting interaction and understanding in an increasingly diverse campus community."

The new space is planned to be integrated into the existing building, taking advantage of the "complementary support facilities" that exist there and providing additional room for various club offices as well as entertainment and presentation space for club joint use.

"A center has been envisioned to be a space that would provide meeting rooms for student organizations devoted to gender issues as well as racial, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity in one location where social and educational

programming can be provided for all students to enjoy," according to the Commission's proposal. "Student organizations are at the center of the diversity efforts and such a facility would provide a tangible commitment of the college to this goal."

Further, the Commission also found that the term "multicultural" can be misleading and often connotes too narrow a definition. The center, then, should be identified as "The Common Ground," expanding upon the concept of the Marson Common Ground Room that has been part of the Student Center for several years. The concept of common ground will promote greater understanding of not only cultural issues, but also the multitude of factors such as race, religion, nationality, heritage and gender that make each and every student unique, according to the proposal.

According to the proposal, President Cotter and other campus members of the Commission have met with student leaders of "relevant" campus organizations to discuss the concept of creating this new "common ground" space.

The Commission's report included comments by students expressing the view that having these clubs and organizations in close proximity would increase communication, cooperation and interaction of the various groups, thus improving understanding across the campus, according to the proposal.

According to the proposal, several students feel this new space would be a "place of comfort" where

there is respect for all, thus allowing members of these groups to reach out, enlighten and improve the entire community.

Some students in the report said a new hub should be considered as an important beginning, but only a part of the work that needs to be done to create a truly diverse and broadly embracing community. "Toward this goal, important steps need to be taken to coordinate student and academic programming to achieve the optimum interaction of ideas and activities," said the proposal.

According to the proposal, the initial planning for architectural design calls for the construction of a two-story addition on the northwest corner of the Student Center, thus creating entrances that would serve this new hub as well as the rest of the building.

While subject to revision, the initial program calls for 6,890 square feet on new space. The preliminary estimate of the cost of this new construction is \$1 million — \$845,000 in construction, which must come from new funding. \$500,000 has already been donated by the trustees.

According to the proposal, a group will need to be formed to include student representation from the various clubs and organizations to work with the architect, T. Scott Teas, in the development of building plans. A preliminary timetable calls for Teas to work with the planning group through April, 1995. Construction will begin in late October, and the completion date will be July, 1996. □

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were "improper" and said there was a meeting between deans and Safety and Security after the incident.

Students, many who did not have items taken from their rooms, expressed dismay over the incident.

"We don't really know what to do," said the sophomore female from Woodman. "I would like to do something. Somebody should be reprimanded for this."

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well, said Cotter.

"But there's no way of telling our constituents about the reason why Colby's SATs appear to be lower," said Cotter.

"There are many cases in which there are ambiguities in the guidebooks' questions or they are not fairly measuring the colleges," said Cotter. "If the guidebooks could decide on common questions to

ask, along with an auditing system, I think we'd all feel more secure."

"When the *Wall Street Journal* called, I thought that they could finally expose some of these turkeys who misreport numbers," said Hershey. "But instead they just ended up following what they thought was a story at Colby's expense." □

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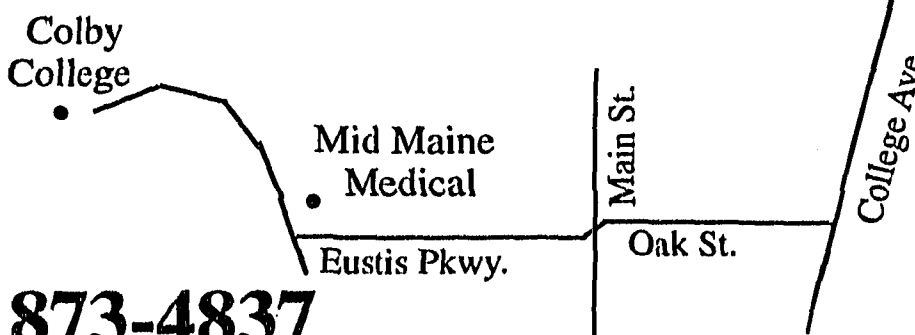
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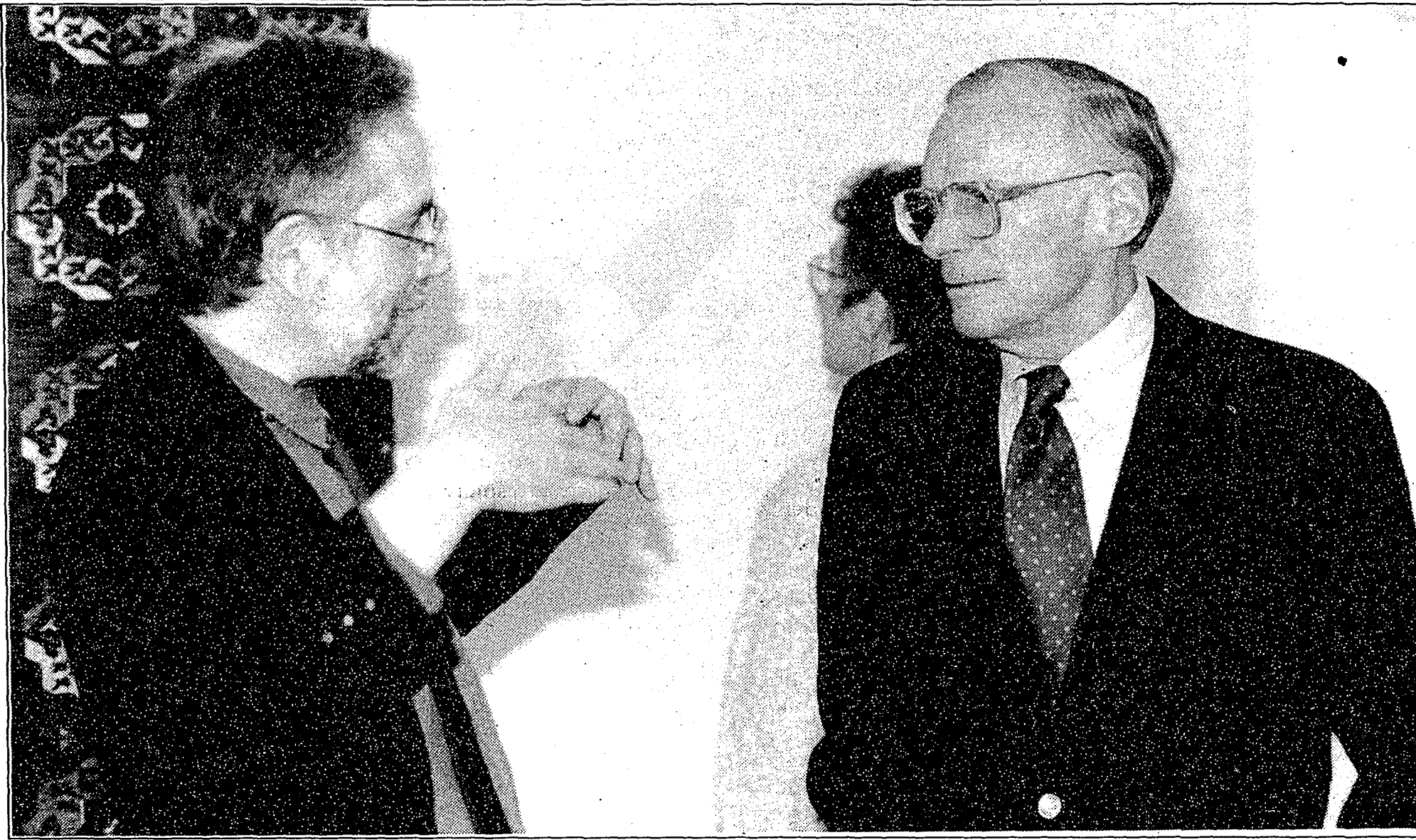
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Professor of Art Michael Marlais describes the rug weaving process to President Bill Cotter, right.

A bit of the Orient comes to Colby

BY ERIKA TROSETH
A & E Editor

Distinguish a Tabriz from a Hamadan. A Tekke chuval from a Baluch balischt.

Viewers of "City, Village and Encampment," should be able to. The exhibit, devoted to oriental carpets and woven artifacts, opened April 9 at the Colby Museum of Art. It is an introduction to a vast tradition of eastern weaving.

Professor of Art Michael Marlais is the exhibit's curator, even though he said he initially laughed at the suggestion that he might be the one to lead the project. His personal interest combined with aid from friends and fellow collaborators helped put the exhibit together. He received significant help from Jim French '83 who currently heads auctioning house Christie's carpet department in New York.

Marlais concedes there is a problem with the term "oriental"; for the western hemi-

sphere it often simply means "to the east," but he decided to use it in the exhibition for simplicity's sake. The carpets, rugs, saddle bags, camel trappings and tent decorations are from the near east: Turkey, Iran, the Caucasus, and Afghanistan. Their dates range from late 18th century to contemporary works. The exhibition is heavily supplemented with text, focusing on the contexts in which the carpets and other items were conceived, executed and utilized.

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Case of the missing lips

BY ERIKA TROSETH
A & E Editor

"Lips" is missing from the Mary Low Coffee House foyer.

Mike Thornton, faculty resident in Mary Low, hopes that someone will return the painting he purchased in 1978. The painting has hung outside the coffee house since last summer, and was stolen in February.

"It is the first painting I ever bought," said Thornton of the acrylic painting of heavily lipsticked lips. The artist was "strapped for cash at the time" and taught Thornton "my first lesson in art" which was that artists need to sell their art. It had won "either first or second prize" at the Pennsylvania State Senior Art Show in 1978.

The style of the painting was popular some time ago, and not so popular now, according to Thornton. He concedes it may fall under the category of "fads." "Interestingly enough, some people like it and some people hate it," said Thornton of "Lips." He certainly is among those who enjoy it. He has carried it around for years, even though it has spent its share of time in basements and garages. "My wife doesn't like it," he said.

Still, he is confident that "Lips" will return. "I'm convinced it will come back," said Thornton. The best situation he is hoping for is that whoever took it will "appreciate it and return it." Barring return, he hopes that the person/people involved will "appreciate it and keep it."

"The worst thing is if they don't like it and don't treat it with respect," said Thornton. □

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Visions in a Room, Voices Behind a Screen:
Women and Religion in China in the Late
16th Century
Lecture by Ann Waltner
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Phi Beta Kappa Lecture
Piranesi and Rossetti: Visual and Verbal Encounters
Robins and Smith Rooms, Roberts Union
April 13 at 7 p.m.

AM 378 Film Series
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April 13 at 7 p.m.

Visiting Writers Series
Edwin J. Kenney Memorial Reading featuring
Bill Roorbach
Robinson Room, Miller Library
April 13 at 8 p.m.

Bates

Bates College Orchestra
Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and Mozart's
Piano Concerto in A Major
Olin Arts Center Concert Hall
April 14 and 15 at 8 p.m.

Bowdoin

On Human Rights: Politics in Latin America
and the U.S.
Lecture by Yanira Corea, former organizer
for the Committee in Solidarity with the
People of El Salvador
Kresge Auditorium
April 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Earth Week poetry reading by Gary Lawless
Walker Art Building
April 18 at 3:30 p.m.

off this planet

Cellist Marc Moskovitz performs works by
Block, Popper, and Shostakovich
Room 101, Gibson Hall
April 18 at 4 p.m.

A Clearcut Wilderness: An Eco-Vision of
Maine Landscape Art
Lecture with Edgar Allen Beem
Beam Classroom
April 18 at 7:30 p.m.

films

Stu-A Film in Lovejoy 100
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Colby performers revisit childhood

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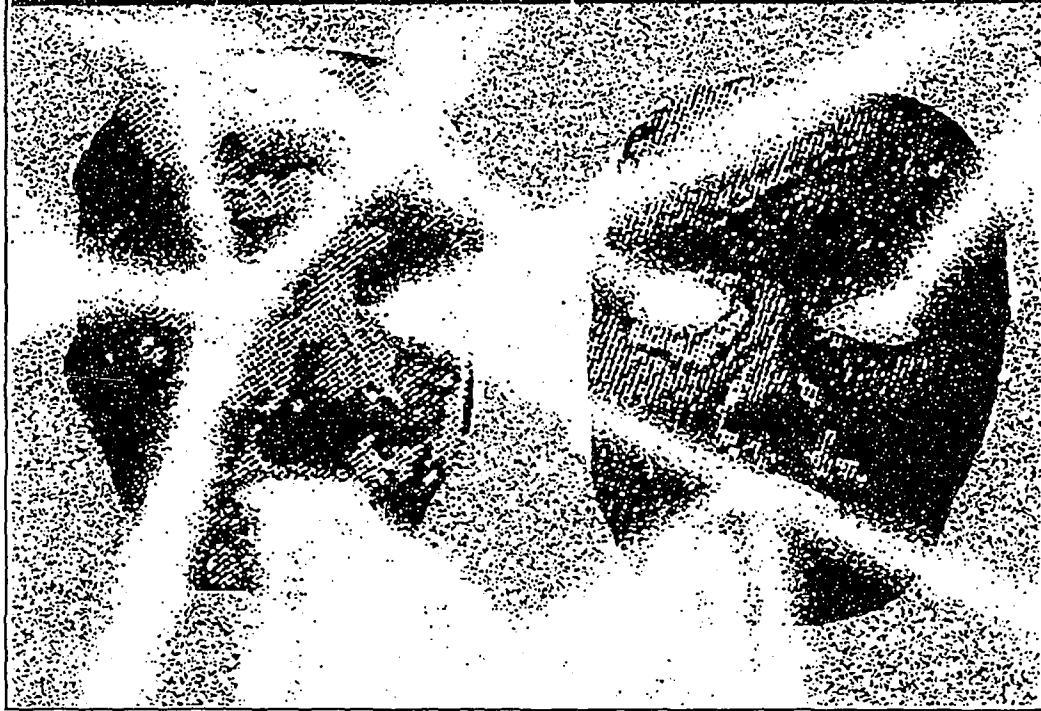


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Colby Performing Arts dips into masks of puppetry.

BY REBECCA HOOGS
Staff Writer

The Colby Performing Arts department is playing with masks and puppets and going to local schools. No, this is not an attempt to regain lost childhood, it's "What I'm Not," an original issue-oriented play designed for children.

Claire DeCosta, director of the program, is here at Colby from the Kaleidoscope Children's Theatre in Chicago. She and the Colby students, "decided to create a new play exploring racism. We first discusses what racism meant to each of us personally. We took our time with this step. It was quite powerful," said DeCosta.

The ensemble plans to take their show to approximately 20 local schools in the Waterville and Augusta areas. They have already performed several times.

The power of this piece seems to have been initially very effective in reaching young students.

"We've had four very exciting performances," said Decosta.

The play is attempting to break down the negative labels such as "bully, stupid, nerd, fatso, and ugly." It encourages children to change their "own response to the labeling."

However, not just children can benefit from this play. People of all ages are encouraged to look at the way they judge people and label themselves.

"What I'm Not" will be performed on the Colby campus on April 19 in the Page Commons room. There will be two showings, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.. It is free and open to the public. All are invited and encouraged to attend. □

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conceived, executed and utilized.

Marlais noted some of the differences between nomadic and city carpets. Nomadic rugs and bags are "for personal use ... and the designs are almost invariably geometric and abstract designs." The nomadic artifacts are made almost exclusively by women. "The same person will spin, gather, design, and weave" these carpets. The only time a second hand is involved is when a woman may get someone else to dye the wool. City rugs are made to sell, although Marlais stresses that this should not diminish their nature as works of art. An artist usually creates the design and draws it out on paper, while expert weavers weave the carpet in a large workshop devoted solely to producing woven goods. Men are the overwhelming majority of artists as far as city designing and weaving is concerned. The designs in city carpets are "virtually curvilinear and floral."

Two lectures will be given in conjunction with the exhibit. On April 20, Walter Denny, Professor of Islamic Art at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, will deliver a lecture focusing on weaving in city, village, and nomadic contexts. Henry Glassie, Professor of Ethnology at the same university, will focus on Turkish village weaving during his May 4 lecture. □

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EDITORIALS

Don't limit our horizons

As many Colby sophomores prepare to spend their next semester or two abroad, some are finding unexpected challenges in the Office of Off Campus Study.

While the office exists to help students plan for their overseas education, individual needs and preferences are often overlooked by the greatly under-staffed office. Instead of receiving personal counseling encouraging exploration of educational options, students are often urged to apply to a single, Colby-approved program, which may or may not fit their needs.

Those who wish to further their education abroad, yet outside the traditional Colby structure, face a very difficult task. Finding information about suitable programs, getting applications, and winning approval from the college are all daunting tasks for which very little guidance and even less encouragement are available.

While financial considerations may be a factor in the push to enroll students in Colby programs, the fundamental problem with the Office of Off Campus Study is its inability to consider student desires and interests.

The addition of several qualified counselors capable of concentrating on individual needs would greatly enhance the office and many students' years abroad. Even additional staff will not help, however, if they are trained to simply promote Colby programs. Off Campus Study must begin to show a genuine concern for students and work to meet their needs.

Until it is able to provide more personal attention, however, Off Campus Study must be more willing to let students explore educational options on their own, rather than simply herding students into three or four large, generic programs. Expanding educational horizons is what the year abroad is all about, but by its inability to meet individual needs, Off Campus Study is only limiting these horizons.

Practice what you preach

All Colby students living on campus are required to follow the rules of the Residence Hall Contract. Violations result in the issuing of a variety of disciplinary sanctions ranging from fines to J-Board appearances. This contract governs all of residential life, and it clearly outlines all college regulations and procedures. In the introduction, it states, "a cooperative effort by Colby and its student residents is required to provide this proper living environment and assure each resident that his/her individual rights will be respected."

During the week of spring vacation, college personnel clearly and flagrantly violated the rules governing room inspections. Section nine of the hall contract states that room inspections must be conducted by, "at least two authorized college employees." Safety and Security admitted conducting some searches with only one officer. It is also important to note that, under student pressure, the Dean of Students Office has decided to throw out all evidence obtained in the room searches. However, many student questions remain unanswered.

Several students have alleged that during the course of their room inspections, their closets and dresser drawers were opened and searched. However, officials from Safety and Security and the Dean of Students Office have officially stated that all articles seized were in plain sight. Unfortunately for all involved, all reports filed by Safety and Security have been destroyed.

This issue has come to a convenient and quiet close. However, it is very disturbing that, while the college violated student rights, there has been no official explanation or apology. If the Residence Hall Contract is to be effective, both parties must accept the penalties for violating it.

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Letters

Homosexuality and Colby:
a painful combination

I've always felt uncomfortable as a gay person at Colby. However, the blatant disrespect and the virulent hatred against gays that I've recently noticed have completely outdone other forms of homophobia that I've been subjected to at Colby. Jon Bardzik '95 and Holly Kozlowski '98 recently posted signs all over campus signaling the beginning of Gay Pride Week. The signs were posted on Sunday night. Many, if not most, had been ripped down by 9 a.m. Monday. Some signs were taken off for legitimate reasons, as signs are not allowed on glass doors, etc. However, it is the removal of properly posted signs which I find outrageous. The Spa management removed signs from the tables because they were too "graphic" — these were returned to The Bridge by Director of Student Activities Ben Jorgensen, who said he agreed with such an evaluation.

Is the image of same sex love so obscene that it necessitates such disrespect? How do I, as a gay man, feel when I open up a magazine advertising the latest perfume with explicit images of naked heterosexuality? Or when I turn on the radio to hear another song about some guy praising the love-making of a woman? Or when I see heterosexual couples on television (and in various places on

the Colby campus) diligently engaged in gestures involving thrusting tongues and saliva? The examples of explicit heterosexual sex are rampant on Colby bulletin boards (e.g. the recent publicity of the Birge lecture, and many ads for Spring Break vacations). Do I have the privilege of dubbing these images obscene? Of course not, because I am the one living on the margins, the anomaly — the faggot. My identity is constantly refuted and misrepresented by the overpowering heterosexist paradigm.

For a student body who can handle Semi-Naked Parties, the "Treworgy Orgy," the "public sex" on display on the dance floor of student center parties, and the sexual imagery which permeates ordinary living, I do not think that the "graphic" content of the Bridge posters, which showed nothing more than people embracing or kissing, serves as a functional excuse for hatred of gays. No matter what excuse one could formulate (whether it be one of "decency," or in some cases on campus, a matter of religious precept) to justify or mask their intolerance, the explanation remains an excuse. Unfortunately, many people begin to believe their excuses and fail to see what lies beyond the justification. This is what scares me about Colby.

How can gay people possibly feel comfortable on this campus after this reaction from the community? Furthermore, the administration, when confronted, merely placates us with much lip service, highlighting the new multicultural center as a part of the solution (as the Bridge will have an office in it and since the center will be milked for all it is worth in admissions pamphlets) and a token acknowledgment of the removal of posters. While many people will acknowledge that indeed gay people are not tolerated and that our campus is homophobic, this abstract understanding does not go far enough.

There are people on this campus feeling isolated and torn within themselves, many of whom are dealing with sexual orientation issues. People remain bolted in their closets which can sometimes be the cruelest place on earth. As for the ones who do come out, they must constantly justify and defend their existence. Being gay is difficult in itself, but being gay at Colby is downright torturous. I am at a loss to explain what could realistically be done to help gay people at Colby. Perhaps I'm just beginning to lose hope for Colby. Given the recent incidents, maybe my feelings are understandable.

Zahid Choudhary '97

Senior class officer replies

I would like to apologize to any seniors who felt that the Senior Class Party held on March 18 was in any way exclusive or elitist. As alluded to in the letter to the Echo written by Scott Galson and Coby Reinhardt, it was a mistake in advertising. It is difficult to plan an outside event due to the volatile Maine weather. We would never intentionally plan a party in which we "deigned to invite only our friends" as the editorial suggested. Again, I apologize to anyone who didn't see the posted signs and to those who did not approve of the spontaneity of the party.

However, this letter came at a very frustrating time. The Senior Class Officers have been devoting a lot of time and effort not only to events for the Senior Class, but also to the yearbook, awards and finding a com-

mencement speaker. It is not fair to slander us for one mistake in the midst of a lot of hard work and many successful events. Why is it that Colby students only enjoy complaining? It was gratifying to read that the Senior Spa Night was a success, but I found it rather sad that it could only be mentioned at the end of a negative article about one less successful event.

Regarding the complaint, I find it rather unconvincing. When parties are planned well in advance, people generally do not decide to sign up until the last possible day and often the hour before the event. This causes extra, unappreciated work and difficulties for the event planners. Getting information to everyone at Colby is extremely difficult. Students tend to disregard mail, breeze by signs and ignore Moose prints. Also, most of the

events which were well advertised — i.e. Portland Night and the Senior Bonfire — had less attendance than the recent Senior Class Party. Were the people really upset that they didn't know about this event or was it just an opportunity to take advantage of one mistake in advertising?

The letter and editorial in the March 23 issue of the Echo added to some of the frustration involved with being a student leader at Colby. It is difficult to reach everyone and when you do, it is even harder to find enthusiasm. I think people should recognize and appreciate the difficulties involved with advertising and all other aspects of student government before jumping to conclusions and merely complaining.

Carrie Farber '95
Senior Class President

Multicultural center won't cut it

I'm sorry to have read in the March 9 Echo that Dean Earl Smith considers the multicultural house a "dead issue." I feel certain that the issue remains very much alive among those who wanted such a house in the first place.

When Smith says that there isn't enough sentiment to make a multicultural house work, we can see a clear failure to communicate. A year ago, Students of Color United for Change demanded a new kind of living space that would allow people to feel comfortable at home. There were Black and Latino students who told the college that they would transfer rather than live as they did at Colby, and that they would warn prospective about the situation.

Yet the college has the gall to call multicultural housing a dead issue?

Colby's problem is essentially one of idiots. There are a lot of them living in the dorms and they are ruining the college experience for the non-idiots. By creating alcohol-free and noise-free halls, the college addressed some of the problems.

Students of Color United for Change's call for idiot-free housing is not racially separatist. It is in fact inclusive in that it would allow people who understand the meaning of racial, cultural, and sexual diversity to live together under one roof. This is a necessary first step toward educating the whole community.

Presently, many Colby students live where they do by force. They are forced to coexist with people that they cannot comfortably live with. Why the college thinks that this is an intelligent answer escapes me. But per-

haps it fears the potential power that might develop from putting so many progressive thinkers together for extended periods of time.

This so-called multicultural center is not at all an acceptable alternative. It may be, as Josh Woodfork said, one piece of a much larger puzzle. But it does not address the issue of students' comfort. It doesn't matter how good one's education is if one has to dread going home at night. One's living space is personal, not something to be shared with an enemy!

Does the college exist to serve intelligent individuals, or do idiots rule? I hope those who are dissatisfied with the current state of campus living will bring the multicultural house back to the "agenda." There can be no exaggeration of this issue's importance.

David Holtzman '94

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Opinions

Running on empty Stu-A reaches new lows

BY MARC FAIRBROTHER
Staff Writer

Intriguing. Truly intriguing. This is perhaps one of the better ways to describe the Student Association election situation this year. Last week's *Echo* was an election edition. It filled a mere eight pages, of which 50 percent or more was advertising. How many candidates are there this year, and furthermore, can you name more than three off the top of your head?

This isn't a trick question. It's reality.

Campaign advertisements have been reduced to Marvin the Martian and top ten lists by a candidate team that is running unopposed. There is only one official candidate team for Stu-A president and vice-president, yet, that team has resorted to Warner Brothers cartoons and David Letterman take-offs to get itself elected. This says a lot about both the candidates and the electorate.

First, one must consider whether or not the candidates truly are deserving of the positions if they resort to such campaign tactics. But even more than that, we should ask ourselves why they feel compelled to do so. Why is it that candidates feel they can only reach us through juvenile humor and mindless campaign literature? The answer lies in both student government and us, the electorate.

Current Stu-A Vice President Josh Woodfork had a point. There are just too many student government positions to fill. Student government is simply too big and could most likely accomplish just as much if it were streamlined. But the bigger problem lies not in student government itself, but in those who elect its members.

Are we, the students, apathetic? Woodfork doesn't seem to think so, but I disagree. Not only are we apathetic, but we're pathetic as well. When the opportunity arises to get involved in our student government, we simply let it pass and wait for somebody else to run for office.

When we realize that there's only one candidate (if that) for an office, some of us begin a write-in campaign. These campaigns proclaim that the candidates are tired of the status quo or that they're running because the people need a choice when they get to the ballot. Where were these people when the nomination papers were due? If they were truly serious about running, they probably could have devoted enough time and energy into completing a nomination form and submitting it before the cut off date.

And we, the electorate, just sit back and let this go on, making our way nonchalantly to the ballot box and just checking off some random name that we think we might have heard of, but we're not really sure. We don't really care who's running and who's not; in fact, most of us probably don't even know. This is apathy.

Why do we do this? Why don't we run? Why do we let candidates captivate us only with pathetic catch phrases and sad campaign posters? Why don't we even bother to know the names of the limited number of candidates running so we can check them off on the ballot? Apathy, that's why.

Some of us are bothered by student government in general. There are many who feel that Stu-A's only role is to plan keggers in the Student Center. Call it a Semi-Naked dance, call it a Toga Party, but either way it's essentially the same kind of activity every time. This image of Stu-A is dangerous, even if it does have merit. "Why should I vote for Stu-A president when all he or she is going to do is plan yet another beerfest?" Whether or not this is true, many people believe it and Stu-A must work to dispel this image.

But this addresses only a small percentage of the student population. The rest have no excuse — nor do these people — for being so apathetic. We all must address the problem of campus apathy now, before we go out into society and carry it with us. It may be student government today, but tomorrow it's the US government. □



Seeking palm trees, piña coladas, and prostitutes

BY RACHEL KONDON
Opinions Editor

Fading tans, beaded bracelets and braided locks prove that spring break wasn't just a figment of our imaginations. While not all of us headed south for break, many of us spent a week in a tropical paradise.

Towels on hot sandy beaches were welcome substitutes for even the most comfortable spots in Miller Library. For us, palm-treed terrain and aquamarine oceans were wonderful havens of rest and calm; for us, they meant coconut drinks, horseback riding, parasailing and exotic people.

For others, though, these are places of demeaning work and hardship. In areas we consider luxury resorts, native people struggle daily to survive. These people depend on us, our tourism and our business, to keep their economies going. Most of us don't associate our vacation dollars with issues of international

business and interdependence. In fact, even our own Congressmen seem to forget just how interconnected this world really is.

However, our smallest actions, down to the very products we buy, influence international markets and create the global community. While the phrase "international exchange" conjures thoughts of colorful woven bags from Kenya, beautiful turquoise jewelry from Mexico and cars from Japan, it disguises a cruel slave trade and human exploitation. Many believe that buying from developing nations and utilizing their services means helping native populations.

However, our economic impact often does more harm than good.

Despite popular conception, slavery and indentured servitude are not institutions of a distant and repudiated past. Throughout the world today, millions of girls and women are involuntarily trapped into prostitution.

Seemingly benign agricultural development policies conceived by

businesses in the United States, Germany and Japan, among others, upset agrarian societies and channel thousands of women into prostitution. How? These policies disrupt local communities, exploit natural resources in the name of higher production and profit and leave native people with little choice but to leave their homes. In increasing numbers, women abandon small rural villages resigned to sell their bodies in big-city brothels.

Once these women arrive in places like New Delhi and Bangkok, tourists from the US, Japan and European nations guarantee a carnal market for their services. Leaving worries at home, young Americans go to "vacation spots" to indulge in the exciting world of easy come, easy go sex.

Notorious for its complicity in Bangkok's thrilling, exotic nightlife, the Thai government works in conjunction with Western businesses to promote a booming sex industry. *SUNSHINE on page 10*

Students on the Street

What was your first concert? Would you pay to see it again at Colby?



Eugene Buono '97
"The Who, 25th anniversary. I'd pay to see them again, but aren't they dead?"



Lauren Graham '97
"New Kids On The Block. Nope, wouldn't go again."



Nicole Youell '95
"Gizzard. And since then my life hasn't been the same. They're at Colby, and I'd definitely go see them again."



George Hamilton '95
"Motley Crue, Girls, Girls, Girls summer of '87. Oh God yeah, I'd go see them again."



Scott Monteith '97
"Huey Lewis and The News — wouldn't pay to see it here at Colby."

Echo photos by Jennifer Merrick

Opinions

Damaging our dorms and our checking accounts

BY DAN MACCARONE
Staff Writer

A couple of weeks ago I woke up on a Saturday morning (actually, it was 4 p.m.) and decided that it was as good a time as any to head down to the bathroom, take a shower and prepare for the long night of partying that lay ahead.

So I jumped out of bed and grabbed a towel, looking forward to the hot, steamy shower spraying down on me. However, as I began to trod down the hall, I noticed several wonderful shards of glass sprayed all over the floor.

"What's this?" I asked myself.

Upon closer inspection, I realized that these prickly pieces were none other than pieces of a window that had been smashed by some student. This student, caught in a drunken stupor, crazily thought that it would be a hoot to smash one of the windows on the door to my hall into itty-bitty pieces so that everyone walking down the hall barefoot could become infected by some strange, undiscovered disease transmitted only through the sharp remnants of a Foss window.

Luckily, I suffered no injuries because I saw the glass first, but what about others on my hall? They could have been seriously hurt if they had been barefoot.

Later on that same day, I was calmly walking back to my dorm, when I happily noticed that some-

one, with an obvious respect for his room, had thoughtfully thrown his closet door out the window, so that some unsuspecting passer-by could look at it and say to himself, "Gosh, a closet door, I've been thinking that I should get rid of mine too." Maybe some prospective family touring the school even ran into the carefully chucked door.

The mother may have said to her son or daughter: "I'm so glad that you're not applying to any of those rowdy schools, where they throw furniture around and drink a lot. Look, they even have yard sales. This is the place for you."

After hurrying past the door, in order to escape the bombardment of file cabinet that was sure to come out of the window next, I walked up to the door of Foss and noticed that yet another window had been broken, presumably by a nice chap who was in the mood to increase his dorm damage. What a nice boy. I'm sure his mother is so proud. I hope so at least, that way she will pay the dorm damage bill when it comes in the mail, instead of shoving it off on him. Why should he have to pay for what he's done, right?

I know that in a few weeks, once I've finished the stress of all my exams, that I will jump for joy at explaining to my parents why they just received a bill for approximately \$20. I'm sure they'll understand that they have to pay for the damage that other people caused in my dorm. I know that my parents love shelling out

money for things they shouldn't have to.

Of course, this whole concept of dorm damage could be prevented all together if people didn't have to have a dorm fire extinguisher in their room or if people realized that breaking a dorm window or stealing all of the faucets does not really help anybody. I think it's possible to enjoy oneself without pulling all of the stuffing out of a lounge's couch, only to use it as confetti at the nearest Beer Die party.

For those of you still unclear on exactly how you may or may not cause dorm damage, here are some things that may help you: if you decide one Friday night that you and your friends should get completely obliterated and then grab your beer bottles, only to start smashing them against the newly painted walls of your dorm, causing great gaps where there once was sheet rock, then you are damaging your dorm.

Or, if for some reason you are walking through the halls and think that still life painting of a bowl of fruit would look good right next to your poster of Brad Pitt and you proceed to rip the painting off the wall, you are creating dorm damage.

Do you see how it works? If something is stolen or broken in your dorm, then the dorm damage bill goes up. The logic is pretty simple.

So, when you party this weekend or try to relieve some stress after studying, try to remember not to demolish a dorm. □

Chipping away at the glass ceiling

BY CALEB MASON
Staff Writer

Gender equity and inequity can take many forms. In Portland, as of this writing, the proceedings in Rebecca Gerber's discrimination suit are in their final days; by the time this *Echo* comes out, the trial should be over and we will see whether a jury finds her allegation (that she was treated unfairly because of her sex), persuasive. In Providence, meanwhile, a federal court has found Brown University to be in violation of the NCAA's Title IX provisions concerning gender equity in athletics. Brown, the court found, provided more athletic opportunities for men than for women. The university must now rectify the situation, or face punitive NCAA sanctions.

Conversely, this week's *Sports Illustrated* presented die-hard NCAA pool-players with a shocker: Connecticut women's star Jennifer Riczotti graced the cover, with UCLA, the men's champion, relegated to a corner. It was the first time in memory that a women's team overshadowed a men's team in the sporting world's journal of record. The honor seems well earned: after all, Connecticut was by far the most dominant college team the game has seen in years. Even local hero Cindy Blodgett and her Black Bears were helpless against the Huskie onslaught.

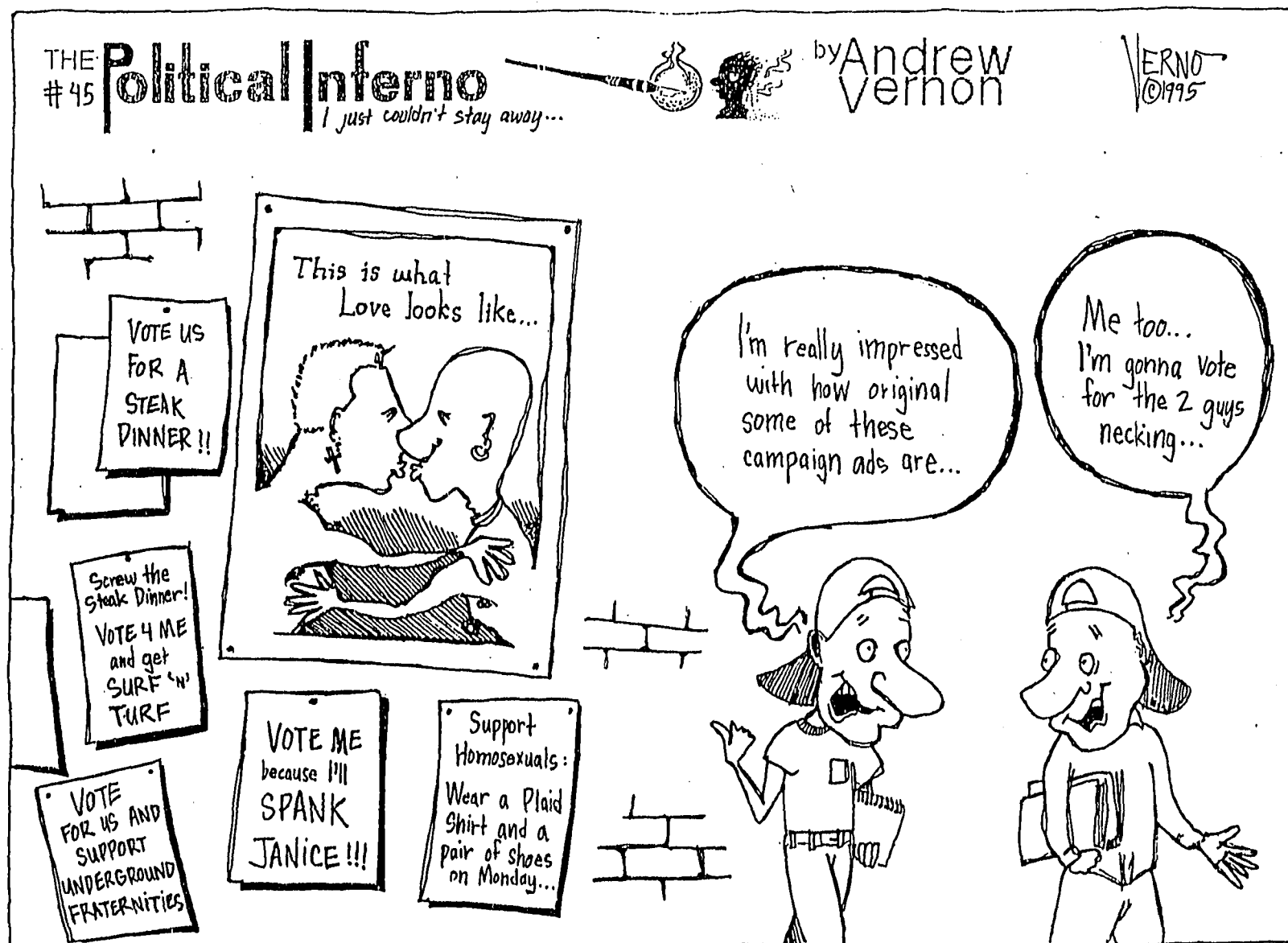
Against this backdrop we should remember the work of Colby's Task Force on Gender Equity in Athletics. The Task Force was put together last year because President Cotter, Dean of Faculty Bob MacArthur, and a number of coaches, students and faculty decided that it was time for Colby to evaluate the equality of its sports programs. It was a fairly novel idea. Indeed, since few other schools had undertaken similar studies, the Task Force had to develop some of its own protocols. Among these was a survey distributed to all athletes to ascertain what their feelings were about gender issues in Colby athletics.

The results of the survey, when

compared with various "hard data," like budgets and so forth, were sometimes surprising. For instance, in many areas, what the Task Force's final report euphemistically called "perceptions of inequality" were rampant, even though on paper all the necessary equalizing measures had been taken. The Task Force recognized, rightly, that beyond a certain point, issues of students' feelings were outside its purview. Nevertheless, it took those steps possible to address the atmosphere of gender relations in athletics, as well as the technicalities.

With regard to these technicalities, as far as compliance with Title IX goes, Colby is doing fairly well. But what was especially laudable about the Task Force, and the reason I bring it up now, is that its investigations demonstrated a real concern for the spirit of gender equity, not just the letter of the NCAA regulations. It's worth remembering that legal strictures like Title IX exist to promote and foster genuine, not grudging, equity. The *Sports Illustrated* cover is a fine reminder of what is meant by "the spirit of the law."

The spirit of the law is what we should keep in mind as we reflect on the outcome of the Rebecca Gerber case. The jury will rule on the letter of the law. Ultimately, it will decide whether or not certain specific prejudicial acts took place. What it won't address is the struggle of a young female academic trying to break into the male-dominated world of academia. This struggle is played out daily in nearly all professions and is neither obviated nor vindicated, expanded or expunged, by a single court case. It will remain in the periphery of the social dialogue on gender, relegated to the back pages, like generations of women's college basketball champions. It's a hopeful sign, though, when every now and then the surface tension of marginalization is cracked. Whether Gerber floats or sinks back under, we're reminded that this surface tension, though malleable, stingy and quick to close ranks when prodded, can occasionally be broken. □



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try. Profit-seeking businesses in the US help officials like those in Thailand by promoting this tourism in their home countries. Together, Third World nations and world powers keep the sex industry vigorous.

Maybe you just went to the Caribbean or Florida for break. Whether it was visible or not, organized prostitution thrives even there. Few of us premeditated buying prostitutes, but the thoughts we associate with exotic places: warm beaches and steamy sex, are not completely healthy. Unbeknownst to most vacation-seekers, signs and advertisements depicting beautiful, seductive women do lure us to tourist traps. Directly or indirectly, subliminal messages feed into the sexual exploitation and abuse of women at home and abroad. Each year, thou-

sands of uneducated women in the Caribbean, Asia and Africa are economically coerced into prostitution. There is evidence of increased prostitution in the United States, Russia and Eastern Europe. This is, ironically, at a time when women are supposed to be gaining equality and respect.

Believe it or not, almost everything we do today has repercussions all over the world. Internationally organized prostitution depends on a combination of First World economic development policies, Third World poverty and worldwide patriarchal norms that permit male sexual prerogatives. This doesn't mean that we can't spend next spring break in the Bahamas, but the effects of our attitudes and behavior are worth considering. □

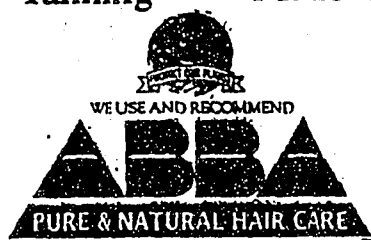
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Stu-A leaves tyranny unchecked

For the first time in a long time at Colby, Stu-A had the chance to do something important. Over spring break, the school, in violation of its own policy (see the Colby Student Handbook, page 72), confiscated items from students' rooms. Security went through drawers, closets, and who knows what else. (Are you missing anything? Underwear, money, toothpaste?) Probably you did not have anything taken (we didn't, either), but should we just stand by idly? Stu-A will most likely pass one of their famous resolutions (remember the alcohol policy?) and denounce the actions of the school. The school will satisfy us with their deep regret.

Last year, when swastikas were turning up around campus, the school rallied as if the Nazis were marching up Mayflower Hill. However, when fascism rears its ugly face in reality, not symbols, not much is said. The school condones a policy that limits student privacy rights to that of inmates in a prison, and nobody does anything. Stu-A will condemn the action and then probably revert back to discussing whether you can get

AIDS from vomit (See the *Echo* article on the new vomit policy—it's there!). Something is very wrong here.

While the swastikas were an embarrassment to the school, this injustice is a disgrace. Swastikas are just symbols; they do not search rooms. The actions by the school are outright violations of freedoms guaranteed by the United States Constitution and a signed contract. Colby relies heavily on the money we pay for room and board which is why they make it so difficult to live off-campus. Students sign the hall contract in the good faith that the college will uphold its side of the bargain. It has not!

If Stu-A represents the future of leadership in this country, we are in much trouble. What could be done? Instead of presenting a resolution, drop a signed note to Dean of Students Janice Kassman (Lovejoy 110) expressing "displeasure" with the violation of the hall contract. Seniors should withhold their pledges. Tour guides should inform prospective of the school's general disregard for basic rights. Classes could be boycotted with the support of the faculty (they might be going through your offices too!). The

media would be on campus tomorrow and a resolution would soon follow; either discipline the people who conducted these illegal searches or pay for lost property with all the money collected from fines. Remember, Stu-A is paid with our money. This is no joke. Tyranny left unchecked is a disgrace to all, especially at a college with the rich tradition of preserving and advancing human rights that Colby has. (Who was that Lovejoy guy anyway?) If they are nothing more than figureheads, why are we wasting our money?

Stu-A is not an effective voice for the students. If people want to gather and pass resolutions they can do it on their own time if that is how they want to pad their resumes. Do not accept money for work not done. Solution: eliminate Stu-A. Make the Social Chair the "President" and give him the extra money. Let people run for positions like "Party Cleaner Upper," since that is their real job. Put that on the old resume instead.

Charles Bowen '96
Erin McCarthy '96
J.M. Picher '96

Reexamining the Republican revolution

After scanning the Colby *Echo's* op-ed pages in recent weeks, I felt compelled to write my old college newspaper in response to the unyielding criticism of the Republican revolution taking place in Washington, D.C. and throughout the nation.

On March 16, Matt McGinness wrote a piece entitled "The politics of compassion" which told the compelling story of a man named Kenny who is mentally challenged and works at McDonalds in Boston's Quincy Market.

McGinness charged that: "...the political leadership of Massachusetts and then the nation do not necessarily have the same affection for him (Kenny) that his friends in the market do. It is calling for cutting the heart out of the federal food stamp program, cutting federal aid to students pursuing higher education and leaving in the lurch many of those who do not have the means to care for themselves."

That is pretty powerful rhetoric. I don't know who Kenny is, but

McGinness probably doesn't know that people who are mentally challenged are benefiting from the policies that Governor Bill Weld has implemented in Massachusetts.

Before Weld took office in 1991, many people like Kenny were forced to live in antiquated state institutions that inhumanely warehoused people as many as 12 to a room. Weld has closed nine of these institutions with a net operating savings of over \$60 million dollars and a projected capital savings of \$140 million. He has taken these savings and reinvested it in smaller, more clinically appropriate group homes and work programs that people like Kenny are benefiting from.

The real problem is that many of the Colby *Echo's* op-ed writers have fallen victim to the scare tactics that the federal bureaucrats and Democrats are engaging in. Remember, they are the ones who have the most to lose when power is returned back to the states.

Block granting programs like welfare, food stamps, and school lunches and sending them back to the states is the most efficient and productive way to deliver these social services. It is arrogant of federal bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. to think that they know what is better for the people of Massachusetts or Maine than their local legislators or governors who live and work with them every day. It is ludicrous to think that Governors Weld and Angus King would let children and people who can't care for themselves starve in the streets.

Echo op-ed writers should take a close look at how the Republican Congress is trying to change America by shaking up the status quo in D.C. Don't buy into the fear mongering from the bureaucrats in Washington about the devolution of power back to the states. They don't want to lose their jobs or their "right" to regulate our lives.

John Brockelman '92

Enriching Colby through music

Recent events indicate the growing possibility that a multicultural center will be built adjacent to the Student Center. Deciding how the space in the center will be used is extremely important and should be handled carefully so that the center can achieve its greatest potential. The Musicians Alliance is a new club dedicated to supporting student musicians outside of the Music Department. We would like to offer some input concerning the planning of the multicultural center.

Music is an integral part of most, if not all, cultures. We sincerely believe that the proposed multicultural center will be incomplete if music is not incorporated. This need for music coincides with a lack of appropriate rehearsal space for student musicians. Practice space in Bixler is barely sufficient for the music department itself. Thus many student groups practice in a room in the basement of Lorimer Chapel.

The room in the Chapel is not

suitable for the rehearsal of a musical group. The floor and walls of the room are made of brick, cement and plywood. Pipes infest the walls and ceiling, jutting out several feet into the room. Currently, there is little open space. Nine drum sets and numerous amplifiers fill the room. The lighting is insufficient and the acoustical properties of the room are potentially harmful to the hearing of students using the room. In addition, the reverberations created in the Chapel are so great that they can easily be heard in other parts of the building. This, coupled with the fact that the chapel is not intended for student rehearsal, does not permit students to practice in the basement when another event is being held upstairs.

The Musicians Alliance consists of numerous Colby students who practice a wide range of musical styles, particularly those that are not offered by the music department. Currently, the club's main goal is to provide suit-

able rehearsal space for students. We hope that the center would include such a space for students to pursue their musical interests. This would be a tremendous asset to Colby and to the center itself.

Diversity extends far beyond the racial categories that exist only on paper. Colby can increase cultural diversity on campus by supporting a variety of extracurricular activities. The inclusion of a suitable student practice room in the multicultural center will greatly enhance the quality of student music and will therefore add to the diversity of student life. In addition, Colby will serve as a pioneer in supporting student musicians. Few colleges of similar caliber have made such an effort in support of their students.

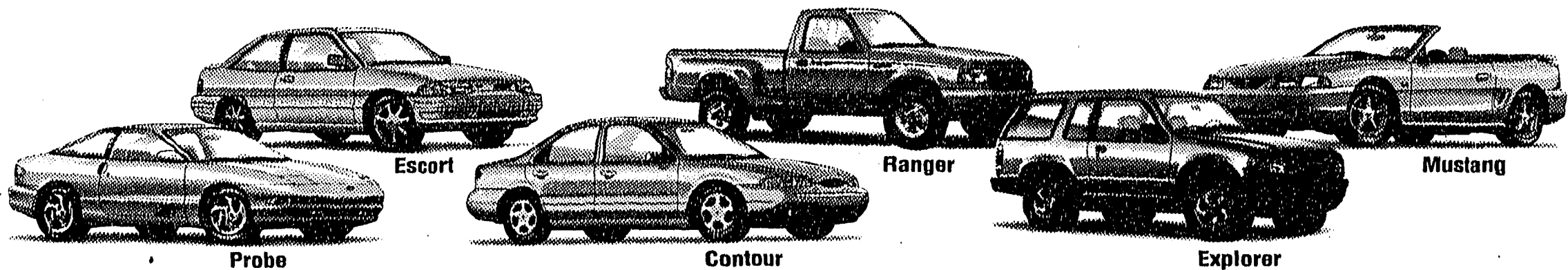
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Women's tennis 5-0 at Hilton Head

BY LARRY BENESH
Staff Writer

A young women's tennis team dominated the competition during their journey to Hilton Head over spring break, posting an impressive record of 5-0. The Mules defeated North Hennepin (9-0), West Georgia (9-0), Middlebury (7-2), Franklin (9-0), and Taylor (8-1), bringing their total record for the season to 11-4.

The wins over Middlebury and Taylor were especially notable. Middlebury was ranked no. 20 in

the nation in Division III, and Taylor is heading for team nationals in the NAIA conference.

"We are a really young team, and we can expect great things in the years to come."
-Coach John Illig

The Mules played exceptionally well in the doubles matches.

"We didn't lose a single set in 15 matches of doubles," said Head

Coach John Illig.

Colby also played strong in singles competition. Four players went undefeated throughout the week. First-year standout Jessie Anderson won all her matches in the no. two slot. Rachel Kleinman '96, Courtney Marum '96 and Sonia Totten '98 also left without suffering a loss.

"We are a really young team, and we can expect great things in the years to come," said Illig.

This weekend the Mules travel to Middlebury and will face competition from ten schools. □

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After practicing outdoors just six times prior to the Amherst game, the Mules hope to continue getting used to the Maine turf/tundra as they prepare for the remaining eight regular season games. In addition to becoming more accustomed to the bounce and roll of the ball, Colby will welcome the return of three of their top seven midfielders, all of who were sidelined during the Amherst game with injuries.

Yet the Mules need not let themselves drop too deep into the mid-

season doldrums. To lift their spirits they need to look back just two short weeks ago, when they faced Middlebury at Loomis Chaffee School in Connecticut. The Panthers, a traditionally strong team, according to Zazzaro, rallied from a three-goal deficit late in the final period to send the game into overtime. Colby won the game on their first possession during the extra session, sending the Middlebury home with a 10-9 defeat, their first loss ever to the Mules.

The win helped set the tone for the spring trip as Colby won three of its next five games in Colorado.

"I thought it was a very productive trip," said Zazzaro, "we certainly gave Colby a lot of decent exposure in a different part of the country."

Today the Mules travel to square off against a powerful Plymouth State squad that is averaging 15 goals per game. On Saturday Colby visits Trinity. The Bantams defeated Amherst by eleven goals earlier this year. □

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Mules have several weekends with four games, so any number of people could be on the mound.

"Hachey and Carr will definitely pitch in a lot of games, because they've done well," said Dexter.

Offensively, Gregg Forger and Russell are off to a red hot start.

Forger is hitting .429 with seven doubles, two homers and 11 RBIs. Russell has been producing well in the clean up spot with a .378 average, four homers and 16 RBIs.

Early on, the Mules have shown that they can play with some of the best teams in the country and expect-

tations for the future are high. Yesterday's game against Bowdoin kicked off a long homestand, which will give the Mules home field advantage for six of their next seven games.

"We've got a homestand coming up, and we want to win five of those games," said Dexter. □

Start of season a rough ride for softball

BY MIKE GALLANT
Contributing Writer

The women's softball team is off to a tough start this season after facing some strong competition early on. The team went 2-6 over spring break against what Head Coach Beth Staples said were very strong teams. On Monday, the losses continued to pile up when the women dropped two in a doubleheader at Bowdoin College.

The squad traveled to Florida for spring break. It was there that they played three games against Plymouth State, one against Mt. Senario, three against Hillsdale and one against Williams. The two victories came against Plymouth State and Mt. Senario. Pitchers Joan Giblin '98 and Robyn Maco '98 got the wins in those games on the mound for the Mules. According to Staples, the team had strong hitting, especially from third baseman Christina Downing '97 and co-captain Lynn Thompson '95.

On Monday the team started its northern swing with a doubleheader at Bowdoin. The Polar Bears, a strong team, took both games with scores of 11-6 and 7-6. Maco pitched the first game which, according to Staples, was fairly close following the first inning when Bowdoin scored eight early runs. A lot of defensive errors

opened the door for the Mules' opponents to take the game early.

Karen Ackley '96 was the starting pitcher the second game, which was much closer. The score went back and forth throughout the contest. A key moment came when the Mules had two players on base in the seventh inning and couldn't bring them home.

"We played them tight the whole way but just couldn't come through in clutch situations," said Staples.

Ann Mortenson '98 had stellar performances in both Bowdoin games as she hit two home runs and drove in six runs on the day. She also played well on defense, doubling as both a catcher and shortstop on the afternoon.

Another down side to the afternoon was the loss of Giblin. According to Staples, she will be out for at least two weeks with an elbow injury.

The Mules traveled to Lewiston to take on Bates yesterday, and will continue to compete on the road when they take on Wheaton in a doubleheader on Saturday. The team will not play a game on the Hill until April 22, when it goes against Gordon College in a doubleheader. The team was on the road again at Bates College on Wednesday and has a double header coming up on April 15 at Wheaton College. □

Devastators of the Week

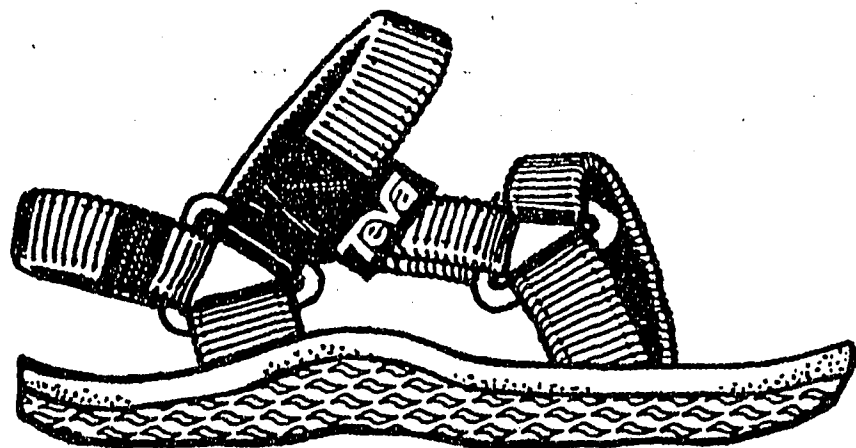


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Ben Russell '97 and Gregg Forger '97

Russell and Forger have wasted no time in the young season to put up impressive offensive numbers for the Mules and comprise a deadly four-five tandem in the lineup. Forger is hitting .429 with seven doubles, two homers and 11 RBIs while Russell has added four dingers and 16 RBIs in keeping a .378 average.

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Offsides

No more replacement players: blame it on Mike

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Sports Editor

Gatorade was right. Everyone does want to be like Mike.

After a year and a half away from the NBA, Jordan decided he would return to the game and grace the world with his ungodly presence once again.

Interest in basketball has skyrocketed since the return of His Airness, but I for one am not too happy about it. For one, I should note that I'm from Cleveland, and I'm a dedicated Cavs fan. So Jordan has the popularity of a child molester in my frame of mind.

His previous acts of destruction at the hands of the Cavs aside, he has robbed the sporting world of seeing one of the most potentially hilarious and pathetic displays in the history of this country: replacement baseball.

The casual observer might think that Jordan had nothing to do with termination of the major league baseball strike. With many people equating his return to the Second Coming, I tend to look closer. The baseball players saw that Mike was coming back, so they thought maybe they should, too.

In a sense, Jordan is the 18 year old college-bound young stallion and the baseball players play the role of the 12-year old girl that lives across the street, who does whatever her idol does.

"I'm going to play basketball again."

"OK, then we'll end the strike. You want to go out for some ice cream?"

So now the Bulls are contenders, the baseball players are preparing for the season, and the replacements are tossed back into reality.

The fans, whether they realize it or not, have been robbed of the opportunity to see some very in-

teresting baseball. Had the season began as scheduled, with the scrubs proudly taking the field, several interesting stories could have been told.

Shawn Bradley, the Philadelphia 76ers 7'6" center, was trying out for the San Diego Padres. Upset with his playing time and ridicule in the NBA, Bradley decided to try his luck with a bat and spikes. He put forth a noble effort, yet he only lasted a few games because he was forced to carry his airport-runway-sized strike zone along with him to the plate.

Tullio Nieman was also looking for a spot on the Red Sox roster as a replacement. A year

removed from the position as Director of Student Activities here at Colby, Nieman was a force at the plate, hitting the ball all over the field. Unfortunately,

his less than average speed led to his release. Apparently, he was getting thrown out at first on base hits to the wall in left field.

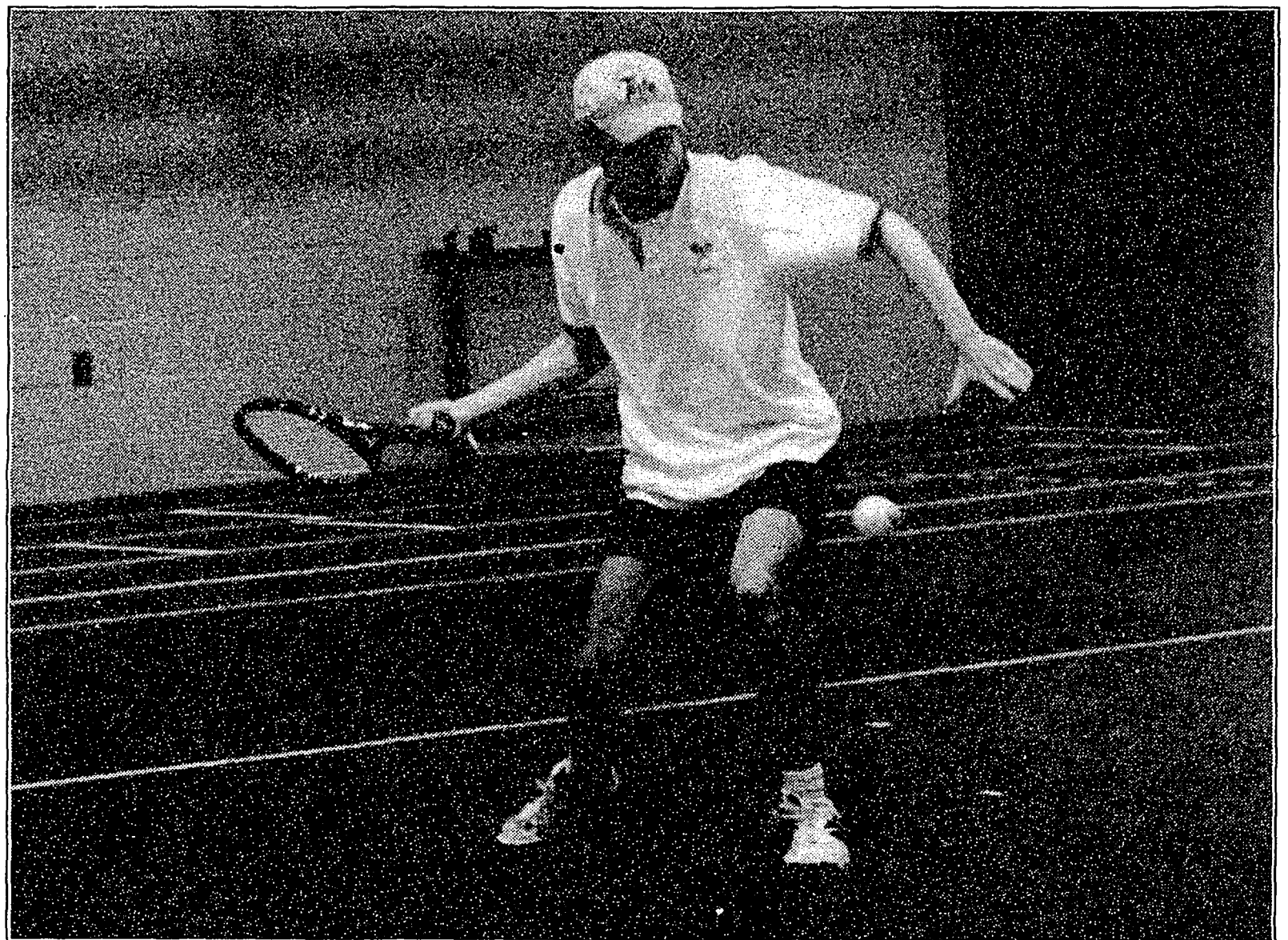
George Coleman III, the registrar here on the Hill, took a couple of weeks off to display his rare talents on the field for the Blue Jays. Coleman, while only average at the plate, amazed everyone with his ability at short stop to stab line drives with the points of his mustache.

Brian Bozworth, the former linebacker for the Seattle Seahawks, was ready to try his luck in baseball as well. Reportedly, he signed a big contract with the Mariners and came to camp with high hopes. Unfortunately he suffered a season-ending injury when a sunflower seed was painfully lodged under his fingernail.

All because of Jordan, we'll get to see good basketball and good baseball. But at the same time, we were robbed of unique, comical entertainment with the replacement of the replacement players.

Everyone could use a good laugh now and then, right? □

The baseball players saw that Mike was coming back, so they thought maybe they should too.



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

Colby's no. one Staunton Bowen '97 returns a shot against Colby-Sawyer during last Friday's match.

Men's tennis starts season with trip to South Carolina

BY EMILY GREENSTEIN
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team began its season with a trip to Hilton Head, South Carolina over spring break. The Mules played against several teams in the country and left with a crushing 8-1 victory over Franklin of Indiana, and a 6-3 win over North Hennipen of Michigan. Losses included those to DePauw University of Indiana, Middlebury College, and a close 5-4 defeat to SUNY-Oneonta.

Led by captain Dave Tedeschi '96, the Mules gave the competition at Hilton Head their best shot and left feeling good about the trip. Head Coach John Illig had the help of last year's captain Hung Bui '94 and Assistant Coach Jeff Fowler. With Colby's more manageable team size

of eight players as opposed to last year's 15, the trip went smoothly. During previous spring break trips, Colby shared the facilities with at least 50 other teams, leaving tightly restricted practice times.

"This year there were only eight other teams which made the trip much more relaxed and enjoyable. We got as much practice time as we needed, so it made everything a lot easier," said Illig.

The women's tennis team also journeyed to Hilton Head over break, playing very strongly and coming home with a 5-0 winning streak (see article pg. 13). This was the first time the men and women were together, and each team fed off the other's camaraderie.

Colby's no. one player Staunton Bowen '97 came out with a record of 2-3, winning his last two matches.

At the tournament, he was invited to play at an exhibition at Palmetto Dunes. Other players taking part in the exhibition match included the no. one members of Howard University and Middlebury. The match was played under the lights in front of a large crowd and proved an exciting and profitable experience for Bowen.

On Friday, Colby challenged Colby-Sawyer College and destroyed the opposition 9-0. The next day, the Mules suffered a 7-0 defeat at the hands of Babson College. Later that day, a match was scheduled against Brandeis University but was canceled midway through due to rain.

The Mules played Bowdoin College on Tuesday and are scheduled to take on the University of Southern Maine today at home. □

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Crew defeats boats from BC, Trinity

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Sports Editor

Members of the Colby crew team traveled down to Boston this past weekend to compete against boats from Boston College and Trinity College. The competing boats consisted of first-years from all the schools, and the Colby men ended up winning their race by a substantial margin.

The men entered one boat, which consisted of a light and heavy mixture of eight rowers. BC and Trinity both entered two boats, a light and a heavy, each with eight rowers. The Mules managed to pull off the upset, leaving the other boats riding in their wake.

"They're all fast boats, coming

"It's a good indicator that we're on the right track this season."
- Head Coach Don Angus

from BC and Trinity," said Head Coach Don Angus. "We can't take anything for granted, but it's a good indicator that we're on the right track this season."

"Everyone was really excited about the race, both teams (the men and the women) rowed well," said Matt Kyle '98.

The women rowed a novice eight boat as well, while BC and Trinity both entered a boat in the event. The Mules ended up in third

place, but they put forth a strong effort, according to Angus.

"The women rowed a very good race. I was happy with them," said Angus. "We weren't able to pull off the upset but we had a lot of good people down there."

The first competition of the season was welcome for crew members after a long training session over spring break in Hilton Head.

"It was really productive," said Angus. "We got a lot of good water time and the training was fantastic."

The Mules will take a week off from competition this weekend and continue to train for the heavy schedule that awaits them later this spring. □

Women's track an impressive second at Tufts Invitational

BY LARRY BENESH
Staff Writer

The women's track team faced nasty weather and tough competition last weekend at the Tufts Invitational, yet still managed to come away with a second-place ranking and some impressive times. UMass-Lowell, a Division II team, scored a decisive first place, but Colby beat out Tufts, Bates, Brandeis and Connecticut College.

The Mules were led by strong performances in the throwing events. Captain Brooke Lorenzen '95 continued to dominate the hammer throw and won with a throw of 151' 11".

"Currently she has the second best throw in the country," said Head Coach Deb Aitken. "She has qualified for nationals."

The Mules gained points by placing three people in the discus. Danny LeGrand '96 took second and Stephanie Andriole '98 placed third. Sonja Noll '98 also contributed with her fourth-place throw.

The Mules also placed three people in the shot put. Cindy Pomerleau '97 threw for 37' 1" and grabbed first place. Andriole was close behind with a throw of 36' 1.5" that earned her second place. Kathleen Pigeon '98 also placed in her first meet for the Mules.

Liisi Linask '96 threw the javelin for 121' 2" and scored second place.

Colby saw some excellent performances from their runners as well. Julie Lynch '97 won the 400m hurdles, and Fran Berry '98 took sixth place.

"They have both qualified for ECACs and Division III New Englands," said Aitken.

Liz Fagan '97 ran for second place in the 3000m. Lenia Ascenso '95 took third place in her first ever race of 1500m.

"Her time of 4:55.31 qualified her for everything but nationals," said Aitken.

The 4X400m relay team posted its fastest time of the season with a 4:13.60. The 4X100m relay also ran its fastest time and earned third place.

Rachel Ehlers '96 had her best time in the 200m. She placed sixth against a strong field. Kate Driscoll '98 took fifth in the 5000m.

"We had much better performances than I expected," said Aitken. "It was cold and at times not a fun day to be outside. But people came through, and we saw consistent droppings of times, which is what we look for. Now we just have to gear up for NESCAC and Division III."

Colby hosts Bowdoin College and MIT this Saturday at noon. □

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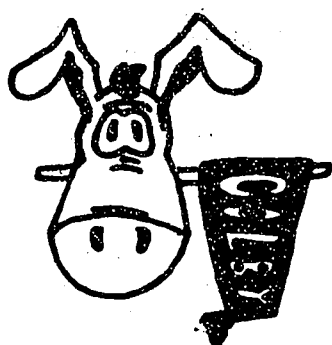
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Baseball shows flashes of brilliance

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Sports Editor

The season is young, but the Colby baseball team has already pulled off impressive upsets and experienced discouraging losses.

The Mules kicked off its season in Florida over spring break, where they played teams from across the country in a span of six days. While Colby left with a 3-6 record, the trip was in no way a disappointment.

The competition the Mules were set to face in the Sunshine state was tough to say the least. Among the teams on the schedule was Mercyhurst College, a Division II school that is ranked 12th in the country. Before it faced Colby, Mercyhurst was plowing its way through the other teams in the tournament.

Behind the solid pitching of J.C. Panio '96, the Mules entered the bottom of the sixth inning down

4-2. After cutting the deficit to one earlier in the frame, Colby sent John Huerta '95 to the plate with men on second and third. Huerta came through with a clutch single to right which put the Mules up 5-4.

With one out in the top half of the seventh, Panio left the field after pitching a seven-hitter. Glenn Forger '97 came on to pitch for Colby and slammed the door to earn the save and secure the victory.

A day later, Colby edged NESCAC rival Trinity 3-2. Mark Hachey '98 went the distance on the mound, only giving up five hits to the Bantams. Jerrod Deshaw '97 helped out on offense, contributing two hits and scoring two runs.

The other Colby win was a 10-0 blanking of Plymouth State. Galen Carr '97 was stingy on the mound, allowing the opposition only two hits for the game.

"Overall, we played as well as we have in four years," said Head

Coach Tom Dexter. Among Colby's losses was a 9-8 heartbreaker at the hands of Williams College. With the game on the line, Ben Russell '97 hit a two out, two run homer to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh, but the Mules couldn't pull off the upset in the extra inning.

The Mules returned home and proceeded to go on a roller-coaster ride for the next three days.

The first game back against the University of Southern Maine was definitely a down. Colby lost 16-2, yet USM has been in the NCAA tournament eight out of the past ten years.

"We had a bad start, and it was an uphill battle from there," said Dexter.

Colby turned it around the next day in the home opener against the University of Maine at Farmington. In a game that was pretty much over from the first pitch, Colby

mauled its opponent 28-6.

Hachey snagged the win, bringing his record to 2-1. Russell and Gregg Forger '97 each had a pair of dingers. Justin Van Til '95 went three for three, and Huerta added a grand slam.

The Mules probably wished they could have saved some of their impressive offensive output for Saturday's double header at St. Joseph's. In the first game, Colby was ahead 3-1 until the bottom of the sixth when Joe's managed to take the lead 4-3 on four hits.

In the second half of the twin bill, Colby dropped another close one 7-5.

"I was probably the most disappointed in the St. Joe's games," said Dexter. "We should have gotten a split out of that."

The pitchers have been doing well in the beginning stages of their season, according to Dexter. The

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Echo photo by Yuhgo Yamaguchi

Andy Vernon '95 keeps a close eye on his man.

What happened? Men's lacx suffers drubbing by Amherst

BY GALEN CARR
Asst. Sports Editor

Never underestimate the power of the Amherst men's lacrosse team.

Unfortunately for Colby, the men's lacrosse team did just that as they were caught flat-footed here in Waterville on Saturday as the Lord Jeffs ran circles around the Mules, lighting up the scoreboard for 19 goals while holding the Mules' highly-touted offensive unit to just six scores.

"It was a game where we just didn't make the plays happen," said Head Coach David Zazzaro, "we didn't execute on offense, we didn't execute on defense. They were able to ignore their own botched plays and take advantage of our mistakes."

Amherst, now 7-2, was 0-5 versus Colby over the last five years.

"I think the game had more meaning to Amherst," said Zazzaro, "I don't think we took the game as seriously as we needed to."

Heading into Saturday's game, the Mules had posted a 4-2 record

loss.

The scenario was the same versus Amherst, and the Mules dropped a contest they felt they should have won. Almost halfway through the season, how will such unexpected losses affect a team that could be found in the national rankings last season and is vying for another spot in the polls this year?

"It was the type of loss that makes you question everything," said Zazzaro. "I think it was a loss that's really going to create a sense of urgency for us. This is the time that the team needs everyone."

"After losing to Amherst we really have to question whether we are as good as we think we are," said captain Andy Vernon '95, "they beat us in every aspect of the game. It was a pure and simple spanking." see **LAX** on page 13

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and were coming off a solid spring trip that took them from Connecticut to Colorado. Colby had performed well during the trip, according to Zazzaro, with the exception of a loss to the University of Denver in a game in which the Mules miscalculated the opposition's potential and consequently suffered the

Stiff competition proves no problem for women's lacrosse

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Sports Editor

The 3-2 record might not show it, but the women's lacrosse team is off to a spectacular start this season.

For spring break, the squad traveled down to Virginia to escape the frigid weather in Maine and play four games. The team dropped the first two and pulled out victories in the final two games to finish the trip at .500.

The Mules took on Randolph-Macon and Washington and Lee in the first two contests, and dropped both by the score of 6-5. Both teams had played several games before they faced Colby, while the Mules were looking at

the first competition of the season. In addition, both of the Mules opponents were 7-1 coming into their games.

"Had we played them later on in the week, I think we would have beaten both of them," said Head Coach Heidi Salin.

The Mules faced tough competition in the next two matches. Longwood College is a Division II school and Virginia Tech is Division I. Salin said Tech is still forming their program, but they still have scholarship athletes.

Colby tossed Longwood aside with tough offense and an equally strong defense, winning 13-2.

In the next game, the Mules found themselves down early 2-0 and 5-3 at the half. Colby emerged as a different team in the

second half, pouring on the pressure and prevailing 13-7. Salin said it was one of the only times in the past year she has seen the team come from behind.

"I was extremely pleased with how well they played," said Salin. "In Virginia, I think the team improved more in seven days than they did all last year."

Springfield College was the site of the squad's first game since its return from Virginia. It was played at night under the lights, which put the Mules at a disadvantage right from the start.

Again, the score at halftime found Colby on the worse half of the 5-3 score. The team battled back once again to tie it up at eight with eight minutes remaining.

With only 1:53 showing on the clock, Colby

managed to tie the score once again at nine. Finally, with 1:03 left, Alice Amstutz '95 pushed in a loose ball in front of the Springfield goal to give the Mules a 10-9 victory.

"Springfield was a terrific game," said Salin. "It was definitely a great team effort from defense on down."

The competition isn't getting any easier for Colby. They took on Bates yesterday, who made a trip to the NCAA Final Four a year ago and are currently ranked seventh in the country in Division III.

This weekend the squad will journey down to Connecticut to take on NESCAC rivals Trinity and Connecticut College. Conn took home the championship trophy of the ECAC tournament last year, and Trinity made the field as well. □