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Welcoming spring at Colby



Students enjoy being able to eat lunch outside Dana dining hall earlier this week now that spring is here. The warm weather has moved many classes outside, as well.

Echo photo by Jennifer Merrick

AIDS walk comes to Waterville

BY ALISON BORNSTEIN
News Editor

Spring is in the air, and what better way to enjoy it than to take a walk? Especially if that walk is for a good cause.

Walkers, helpers and sponsors are needed to participate in the sixth Annual Maine AIDS Walk 1995, a 10 kilometer (with a 5K option) fundraising walk-a-thon coordinated by the Maine AIDS Alliance. It will be held May 7 at 1 p.m., rain or shine, in Waterville, according to Volunteer Coordinator Susan J. Smith.

One-hundred percent of the

profits from the Waterville walk will be used by Dayspring AIDS Support Services for the direct care and support of people with HIV/AIDS in Kennebec, Franklin, Somerset, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties.

According to Smith, the Maine AIDS Walk '95 is a state-wide effort to raise awareness and money for Maine's Community Based AIDS Services Organizations. Of the nine Maine AIDS walk-a-thons occurring in the state on May 7, two benefit Dayspring AIDS Support Services which has offices in Augusta and Waterville.

"As with all agencies which care for people with AIDS, Dayspring has seen a frightening increase in its

caseload, about 100 percent over the past three years," said Smith. "Unfortunately, they've also seen a decrease in funding."

Dayspring provides case management and support services for people living with HIV or AIDS in the Central Maine area. It also tries to help ease the financial burden of its clients by assisting them with needs for housing, food, medication, clothing and transportation, according to Smith.

The walk in Waterville starts and ends at the Universalist-Unitarian Church on the corner of Elm and Silver Streets and registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. Dayspring's goal see AIDS on page 3

Committee investigates room searches

BY C. SWAN
Staff Writer

A committee formed to discuss student concerns over spring break room checks has decided that Safety and Security acted improperly in inspecting student rooms.

The committee is comprised of "all the commons presidents, current Student Association (Stu-A) presidents and incoming Stu-A presidents, the co-chairs of the Presidents' Council sub-committee to investigate room checks, and administrators," said Alex Chin, '96, Johnson Commons vice-president. The committee decided that some changes must be made in existing inspection policies and "they want to separate room inspections from what is loosely called a room 'lock-down,'" said Chin.

Security conducts room checks, or lock-downs, during breaks in order to "lock doors, close windows and turn off appliances to reduce energy costs, and to identify potential safety hazards," according to a memo from Administrative Vice President Arnold Yasinski.

Several contraband items were also discovered and seized during the checks. According to Chin, some students were disturbed because they felt that the room checks had been conducted improperly, without a representative from the Dean of Students office present. Students also com-

plained that concealed items had been removed during the searches.

"Security can go through a drawer if they have written permission from the student or if the Waterville police come to campus with a warrant," Chin said.

Since room inspection procedures were not observed, the committee decided to eliminate all records of the contraband articles in order to protect the students from whom they were secured, according to the memo.

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another's," said Chin about the seizure of allegedly hidden objects. "The committee decided not to deal with that issue because it is such a touchy area."

"In the future, unless [contra-

band] is sitting in the open, the officer will have to come back with a dean to verify it," he said.

There has also been a rumor that next year hall staff will be conducting the lock-downs the day after spring break begins.

"I want hall staff to be no part of taking or looking for anything," said Dean of Residential Life Janice Arminio. "In my mind, what I'd like to see hall staff do at this institution is do lock-ups. They won't look for contraband or take anything. They'll just make sure that all is secure."

"Hall staff already does a lot of work. The last thing I want is to add to their burden," said Arminio. □

Frat row gets updated

BY JENNIFER O'NEILL
Staff Writer

No more clanging pipes or stuffy over-heated rooms. According to Physical Plant's Mechanical Services Supervisor Gus Libby, half of the Robert's Row dorms including Piper, Drummond and Goddard-Hodgkins are being equipped this summer with new electrical and heating systems, updated bathroom facilities and new hall carpeting.

The dorms will also be set up with the initial computer wiring necessary for establishing future Internet links and cable television. Colby Electrical Services Supervisor Jeff Sugden maintains that while the cable capability is being installed in each room of these dorms, students will not be able to

use it until an administrative decision is made to allow students cable access.

According to Libby, the trustees have allotted approximately \$500,000 for these renovations, which will take most of the summer to complete. Colby staff will be contracted for the labor.

The current heating and electrical systems in these three dorms were installed 47 years ago and little has been done to them since, according to Libby. The bathrooms have not been redone in over 20 years.

"These repairs are for the safety and comfort of the students," said Libby. All people who have complaints or suggestions about the state of their dorms or their rooms are encouraged to contact him. □



Echo photo by Amy Rzeznikiewicz

Peter Clark '98 brushes his teeth in one of the Roberts Row bathrooms scheduled for renovation this summer.

It's 2 a.m.— Do you know where the coffee is?

BY E. M. DUGGAN AND
CASSIE DONN

Features Editor and Staff Writer

Do you need to stay awake tonight? Wondering where to go for that 2 a.m. cup 'o Joe? Jorgensen's is closed; WHOP won't deliver it. Hop in your car and follow us ...

First we hit the gas station/ convenience stores, then moved onto the more notorious 24-hour stops. This is what we found (all ratings out of a possible 4; prices do not include tax).

The Big Apple

Coffee: ★★★ (8 flavors)

Service: ♥♥♥ 1/2

Cigarettes: \$2.15

Best deal: Three hot dogs for \$1.79

Coffee prices: \$.59/.69/.79/.89

Acceptable payment: Cash and plastic; checks are discouraged

The amusement factor is high, and locals abound. For a laid-back social atmosphere, the Big Apple is the Motel-6 of local convenience stores. Perhaps you're in the market for a new fly-swatter? A Harley-Davidson stuffed animal for the little one? Or how about a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle car deodorizer? It's all there, along with any random automotive supplies/pet food/cleaning supplies/movies you could possibly need.

Irving

Coffee: ★★ 1/2

Service: ♥♥♥♥ 1/3

Cigarettes: \$2

Best deal: Two hot dogs for \$.99

Coffee prices: \$.59/.69/.89

Acceptable payment: Cash, plastic and checks

In the mood for conversation and some healthy-ish food? Irving is the place to go. Sunny Delight and fresh fruit make it the Holiday Inn of convenience stores. While nibbling on a fat-free fig bar you can discuss the political correctness of Maine State ID laws with the night cashier. The bright lights and indoor pay phone make it an ideal and safe getaway. Looking for that special someone? Irving picks up at around 3:15 a.m.

Puffin Stop

Coffee: ★★★ 3/4 (19 flavors)

Service: ♥♥♥♥♥

Cigarettes: \$1.99

Best deal: Bagel and cream cheese for \$.69

Coffee prices: \$.53/.71/.89/.99

Acceptable payment: Cash, plastic and checks

We entered Puffin Stop stressed and tired; we left feeling relaxed and joyous. The bright, cheery, happy, fun-filled, (this is not an exaggeration) clean atmosphere made our time there a thrill. Dawnette, the night clerk, was more than helpful in our quest for a nice caffeine high, and let us sample some of the 19 (!) different flavors. The fresh pastries and sandwiches offer an array of eating possibilities and the friendly service left us with a new feeling of faith in the goodness of mankind. It's the Plaza Hotel of convenience stores.

Dunkin' Donuts

Coffee: ★★★ 1/2 (also iced coffee)

Service: ♥♥♥ 3/4

Overall late night ratings

Big Apple: ★★

Irving: ★★ 1/2

Puffin Stop: ★★★

Dunkin' Donuts: ★★★ 1/4

Truckers: ★★★★★

But don't just take our word for it ... go see for yourselves.



Echo photo by Erin Duggan

Jon, Mark and Fitch (left to right), Thomas College students, enjoy the late night ambiance of Truckers in Fairfield.

Cigarettes: none (no smoking)
Best deal: Egg and cheese sandwich, donut, coffee and O.J. for \$1.99
Coffee prices: \$.85/.99/1.17
Acceptable payment: Cash and checks

The tried and true D² can't be beat for cheap, sugary eats. Looking for a healthy snack? Give the low fat cranberry and blueberry muffins a try. The quiet, calm atmosphere is relaxing with friends but could be depressing if you're alone. The donut selection dwindles around midnight but is replenished by 3 a.m. The coffee holds its temperature well, and

could easily be taken back to campus. The convenient drive-thru is great for the neurotic procrastinator, shaving minutes off the excursion.

Truckers International

Coffee: ★★ 1/2

Service: ♥♥♥ 3/4

Cigarettes: \$1.92

Best deal: Truckers special: 2 eggs, 2 bacon slices, 2 pancakes, home fries and toast for \$4.69

Coffee prices: \$.80

Acceptable payment: Cash, plastic and checks

Truckers is the place to be at any

hour. Anything you could want is on the menu, from bagels and cream cheese to sautéed liver and onions. The atmosphere is interesting and great for people-watching, and Truckers is the only place we went to where you can sit down, have a cup of coffee and smoke a butt. Should you be in the mood for pies or pudding, there's a selection of seventeen pies and eight puddings. The phone at every table is also potentially handy, although we've never actually had the urge. After a high cholesterol meal, it's great to walk around the Truckers store and check out the Harley attire. □



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Did You Ever Wonder...?

BY E. M. DUGGAN
Features Editor

Does Assistant Dean of Students Paul Johnston have any special formula for placing incoming freshmen with roommates?

Whether you loved your roommate from freshman year or tried to kill him or her (for the 4.0), everyone asks themselves at one point — *How did I end up with this person?* It couldn't be based on those little housing forms, could it? Johnston must have some secret, obscure formula. Wrong.

"I take all the information [from the hous-

ing form] and put it into the computer ... It gives me a group of people who are alike on every point," Johnston said that from that list, he looks at the back of the form where freshmen are asked to describe themselves, and tries to match people as closely as possible. The bottom line is that you and your roommate matched exactly on the front of your form, and came pretty close on the back. On paper, you're identical.

Interestingly, Johnston said he did a survey years ago of the sophomore class, and found that 87 percent were living with their roommates from the year before. □

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AIDS, continued from page 1—

is to have 75 people walk and to raise \$7,500 in the sixth annual Maine AIDS Walk.

"Prizes and refreshments will be available after the walk, with the added incentive of a trip for two on Continental Express Airlines to the individual raising the most in pledges between both the Augusta and Waterville walks," said Smith. Other prizes including donations by local businesses such as The Last Unicorn, the Iron Horse Bookstore, Governors Restaurant and the New Moon Rising Health Food Store will be given to walkers in the Waterville walk who raise the most in pledges and who have the most sponsors.

"There are several ways interested people can participate in the two walks," said Smith. "The most effective way is to obtain a pledge sheet and gather sponsors, so get out those pledge shoes and walk the walk."

Other ways of showing support for the fight against AIDS include sponsoring a walker, making a direct donation, or becoming a volunteer of Dayspring. People interested in participating in this year's Maine AIDS Walk are encouraged to stop by the information table in the Student Center between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday or to call Dayspring at 873-1127. Dayspring is a program of the Health Reach Network, and a member organization of United Way of Kennebec Valley. □

Off the Hill

BY E. M. DUGGAN
Features Editor

Harvard University Boston, Massachusetts

Harvard University withdrew its offer of acceptance to an early-decision candidate who killed her mother, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. In 1990, Gina Grant confessed to killing her abusive mother with a candlestick, in self defense. She served six months in juvenile detention, and moved to Cambridge to live with her aunt and uncle, where she excelled in school and in volunteer work. On her application, Grant never mentioned the incident, and was accepted. After receiving an anonymous package of clippings regarding the incident, Harvard withdrew the offer, and refuses to comment on the case, saying only that "if a student engages in behavior that brings into question honesty, maturity, or moral character," admissions offers can be overturned.

City College New York, New York

Students at City College of the City University of New York are undergoing a hunger strike to protest New York Governor George Pataki's proposal to cut \$41.5 million from City University, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Over two dozen students began their water fast last week, determined to eat again only when Pataki has rescinded the proposal. The protesters were arrested for trespassing, and when a graduate student participating in the fast was asked if he felt the hunger strike was drastic, he replied "The cuts to CUNY are drastic."

Yale University New Haven, Connecticut

Everyone is getting naked at Yale University. In protest to a *Playboy* magazine featuring four Yale students in its "Girls of the Ivy League" issue, two dozen students ran across the campus stark naked, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

However, the plan may not have had the desired effect, as a local photographer snapped pictures of the unapparelled group, defeating the purpose of covering up the Yale student body. Money wasn't talking either—one group raised money and offered one woman \$600 to skip the photo shoot. When *Playboy* matched the offer, the woman posed. One woman did accept the offer, however, and asked that the money be donated to a charity, according to the *Chronicle*. □

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH STU-A?

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE--APPLY FOR A CAMPUS COMMITTEE FOR NEXT YEAR!

Here is a list of Campus Committees that need student representation. Fill out the application and return it to Tina Goudreau, Box 6359, no later than Wednesday, May 10, 1995. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Tina Goudreau at x4029 or box 6359.

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Bunche scholars: A subcommittee of Admissions that selects Bunche Scholars. (Positions open for current Bunche Scholars only.)

International Students: A subcommittee of Admissions that makes recommendations on international students applications. (Positions preferably open to international students.)

Administrative: Advises the president on administrative matters primarily involving academic policy, establishes the calendar for each academic year, and considers requests for exemptions from college regulations.

Athletic Advisory: Overviews the direction of athletics from varsity to club sports.

Academic Affairs Committee: Continually studies the curriculum and other matters affecting educational policy. Acts upon proposed course revisions or additions.

Information Technology Committee: Advises the president and the director of computer services on policy issues related to computing.

Cultural Events: It develops the campus-wide lecture programming, including Spotlight Lectures.

Harassment Advisory Group: Reviews incidents of racial and sexual harassment, develops policies and procedures to deal with them.

Health Care Advisory: Monitors health programs and practices at the Colby Health Center. Also acts as the selection committee for new employees at the health center.

Independent Study Committee: Selects qualified students to do independent study in lieu of two or three courses each semester of their senior year (as senior scholars), and reviews applications of students designing independent majors.

Personal Safety: Monitors all safety practices on campus and develops new systems to increase safety.

College Affairs Committee: Reviews, evaluates, and makes recommendations concerning any aspect of life at Colby (except the curriculum, academic requirements, and issues under the jurisdiction of other committees).

Alcohol in the Campus Environment (ACE): A subcommittee of college affairs that looks at the role of alcohol on campus.

Library Committee: Advises the director of the Colby Libraries on matters of policy and regulations governing library use by students and faculty.

Student Center Committee: Discusses and evaluates renovations and the use of space in the Student Center.

NAME _____ CLASS YEAR _____ PHONE # _____ BOX# _____

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Arts and Entertainment

Mixing Sea Dog Blonde Ale with economics

BY MIKE BOMBARDIERI AND DREW MATUS
Staff Writers

With DAVE FINDLAY
Guest Reviewer

Reviewed this week: Sea Dog Windjammer Blonde Ale

Writers: ★★★★★'s out of 5★s

Guest: ★★★ 1/2's out of 5★s

Three varieties of Sea Dog beer are now available at Jocas.

This week we decided to review Sea Dog Windjammer Blonde Ale to honor the first Sea Dog beers available in bottles. Previously, this beer was only available in kegs or, if you were lucky enough, through half-gallon bottles at the brewery.

We found the Windjammer Ale to be a good hoppy ale with a light aftertaste perfect for drinking with any assortment of American fair. Prof. Findlay thought that Windjammer was "a fine ale to accompany ... not taking a macro theory exam, but clearly writing a macro theory exam." In addition, he commented that he was "able to develop one of the better questions on the exam while sampling this beer."

Although Mike and I really enjoyed this ale, Prof. Findlay felt that Shipyard's Goat Island Ale or one of Gritty McDuff's ales might be a better choice.

There is also some extra good news for those of you who have wanted to go a brew pub but who haven't wanted to take all of those backroads to Camden ... Sea Dog has opened a restaurant on Front Street in Bangor in addition to its original brew pub in Camden. □

Carnival intrigue revered

BY ERIKA TROSETH
A & E Editor

The "Final Filibuster" is the last of an interactive performance art trilogy.

Katie Bolick '95 and Sam White '95 have orchestrated three annual evenings of "carnival intrigue and manic creativity" in the Mary Low Coffeehouse. Previous events have been entitled "Midnight Madness," and "The Big Giveaway."

Acts have included a jamboree baton twirling routine, a tennis ball harvest, and dramatic monologues with nightgowns and apples. Bolick and White agree that the evening is a time to "try anything" regardless of excesses or absences of talent or skill. Experimentation is hoped for and sought. They "encourage performance art more than anything." Full bands are not feasible due to the nature of the stage and the quantity of performers, but singers as well as story tellers, and dancers are certainly welcome. A tentative 10 minute time limit is suggested for performers.

The "Final Filibuster" is an encouraged time to unleash absurd sensibilities as well as to enjoy those same sensibilities via osmosis. Performance pieces and the physical space itself meld together into a high energy happening "unlike anything else on campus." The physical environment is a crucial aspect of the evening, and has evolved from year to year.

Blue cellophane has been a staple item, but the location of the stage has changed, as has the audience's opportunity to interact with their environment. "The Big Giveaway" incorporated suburban elements, a "hair dryer in a forest of streamers," and a baby doll entangled in and suspended by wire. "Physically you could be in five different places at once."

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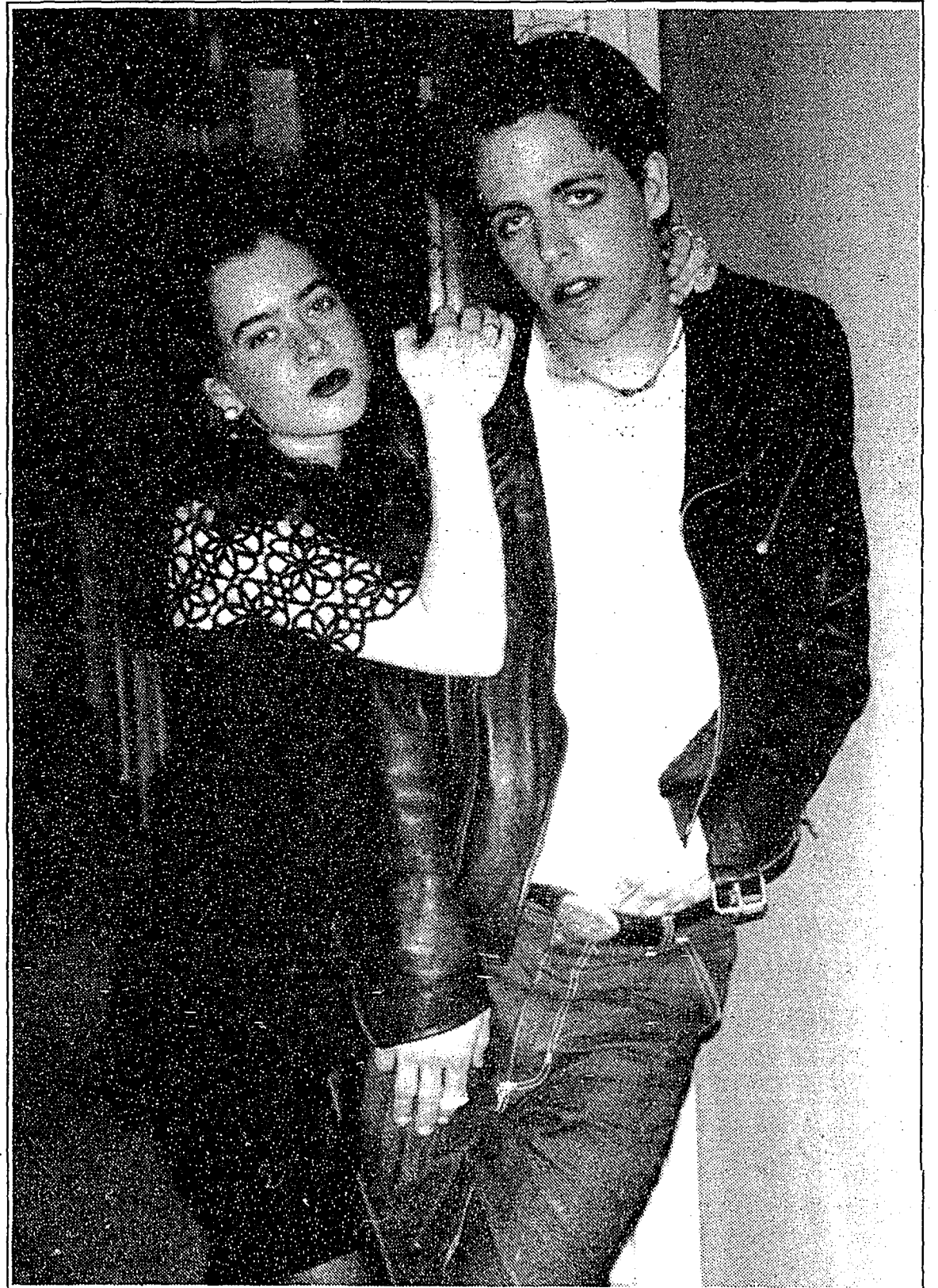


photo courtesy of Katie Bolick

Katie Bolick '95 and Sam White '95, hosts of "Midnight Madness."

calendar for a rural planet

on this planet

Women's Studies Colloquium with Hideko Abe
Language and Gender in Japan
Whitney Room, Roberts Union
April 27 at 4:30 p.m.

Gelbards' Public Talks
"Women as the Key to a New
Development Paradigm"
Miller 14
April 27 at 3:30 p.m.
"Drugs Diplomacy & Democracy: Integrating Domestic Needs and Foreign Policy in the Post Cold War Era"
Lovely 215
April 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Broadway Musical Review
Page Commons Room
\$3 general \$2 students
April 27, 29 and 30 at 8 p.m.

Student Art Show
Colby Museum
Opens April 28

Tray Lunch
Careers in International Affairs
Whitney Room, Roberts Union

April 28 at noon

Roundtable Discussion with Ambassador Gelbard
U.S. Policy toward Haiti
Miller 14
April 28 at 3:30 p.m.

Shabbat Tray Dinner
Hurd Room, Roberts Union
April 28 at 6 p.m.

First Annual Springfire Ball
\$7 single \$12 couple
Page Commons Room
April 28 at 8 p.m.

Men's and Women's Track NESCAC Championship
Colby College
April 29 - 30 at 3:30 p.m.

Music at Colby Concert Series
Colby Jazz Ensemble
Lorimer Chapel
April 29 at 8 p.m.

Colby Handbell Choir Concert
Lorimer Chapel
April 30 at 7 p.m.

Freedom On My Mind
Award Winning Documentary

Lovejoy 100
May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

off this planet

Bowdoin

Film Presentation and Discussion
Red Flag Over Tibet
Kresge Auditorium
April 30 at 3 p.m.

International Folk Dancing
Dances from Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Israel, Turkey and Scotland
Moulton Union
May 3 at 7 p.m.

Russian Film Series
Taxi Blues
Beam Classroom
May 3 at 7:30 p.m.

films

Stu-A Film in Lovejoy 100
The Crow
April 27 - 29 at 6:30 and 9 p.m.

Arts and Entertainment

Good old days aren't without evidence

BY ERIKA TROSETH
A & E Editor

In a matter of days Uncle Arthur's Filling Station will be closed, but Edward Arthur Wright will continue his lifestyle of and interest in everything that is not new.

He has bought and sold antiques from his home for years, and will keep traveling to fairs, flea markets and auctions after Uncle Arthur's is gone. Here recommends the Burnham auction for novices and veterans

alike. It is held every Sunday, and every Sunday will find him there.

Short-term careers have infiltrated Wright's continuing interest and livelihood fueled by the evidence of history. He taught fourth and fifth grades in the Maine public schools, but the job created "too much stress." Salmon trolling off the Washington coast has been his worst work experience. His best job to date was on the Mt. Washington cog railway working as the brakeman and "shoveling three tons of coal a day."

Uncle Arthur's has served a dual

"I like to know what people read, how they did their laundry, where they shopped and what they bought."

- Edward Arthur Wright

purpose for consumers. Old and odd collectibles were sold, and movies from 1903 to the present were for rent. Wright recommends "The Be-

Years of Our Lives." He will keep all of his foreign and silent movies and will most likely sell all the rest to movie warehouses.

His interest in history is "more of the everyday life history rather than catastrophic events. I like to know what people read, how they did their laundry, where they shopped and what they bought." He recently acquired photographs taken for insurance purposes in Boston in the 1920's. He describes this acquisition as "symptomatic of the whole deal."

He recalls pieces of Waterville history, including the passenger train from Boston to Waterville and a beautiful hotel where the burned out Dunkin' Donuts currently resides. He notes that "Colby never should have moved out of downtown."

The physical space of his shop has kept him "surrounded with pieces — artifacts — of our culture. I grew up with some of them, and I keep finding out about things all the time. I like to go through and see what the good old days were like. They weren't so great." □

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During "Midnight Madness" an "elaborate rope pulley system" dropped soap, potpourri, and candy on the audience. "The Big Giveaway" used the infamous toast raffle system to auction off "dead birds," according to White. Bolick corrected him, noting that it was in fact a piñata that they raffled off to the winning number four.

Work on "The Final Filibuster" has already begun in the minds and

bodies of Bolick and White. Signing up for performances is highly recommended. Bolick is a petite strawberry brunette who often wears cardigans. Her phone number is 877-0507. White is a lean, athletic, blue-eyed blond. His phone number is 872-7481. The catered event will be held April 28 at 8 p.m. in the Mary Low Coffeehouse. Coming in costume is a top priority. □

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EDITORIALS

Real-world tragedies

The real world rarely intrudes on placid Mayflower Hill. But with the flag at half mast earlier this week, the tragedy in Oklahoma City has touched our lives. "Terror in the heartland," the newspapers dubbed it, but the shock waves rippled outward even to rural Maine. A Colby student from Oklahoma City who read Sri Lankan poetry at the International Extravaganza said he had a difficult time understanding the ethnic strife that divides that island nation. But the attack on the Midwestern city exposed a raw nerve and showed that the United States, too, is vulnerable to attacks within its borders.

From the World Trade Center bombing to the Oklahoma City massacre, Americans are learning that the U.S. is not above the fray of human emotion and hatred. So too will we at Colby learn that Mayflower Hill does not float above reality. Racism, sexual discrimination, AIDS and other social ills permeate the campus, whether we realize it or not. It doesn't matter if we don't pick up the *New York Times* or listen to CNN. We can put earplugs in to shut out the rest of the world and get trashed every weekend. But the real world is still going to touch our campus. Even if it's only symbolized by a flag at half mast, flying in front of Miller Library.

What's in a name?

Any graduating senior endeavoring to become employed ought know that hard work does not necessarily correspond to big names—whether those names are titles, companies, or individuals. The final months of college are often—and unfortunately so—an introduction to the game of connections and the too-frequent indiscrepancies between effort and reward. Luckily for the class of 1995, the great deal of effort that went into selecting a graduation speaker paid off in a very big way.

The Colby class of 1995 ought look forward to, and be honored by, the presence of Henry Louis Gates Jr. If names must be an issue, and however objectionable it may be, sometimes they must. Gates is a "name." He is chair of African American Studies at Harvard University. If we feel like indulging in self-flattery, his presence might even be considered appropriate. Colby is an institution intended to be devoted to intellectual, creative, and personal development. The time spent here is an investment in ourselves as individuals and as the future of our communities and nations. An address delivered by Gates is an appropriate one to mark the transition from our academic careers to our engagement in the world outside of Colby. He is a premier scholar, intellectual, and community member.

A graduation should not be a publicity show whereby the best commencement ceremony is marked by the biggest name. How famous a person is—especially the case with celebrities—does not always correspond to the wealth of (or lack of) information they can share with the Colby community. Some of the people who have the most to offer Colby are distinguished in their fields, and in their own individual lives, and are not necessarily household names. But since when did we begin to equate popularity with the worth of a person?

Gates speaks to who we have been in our role as college students as well as to the diversity of places each of us will take ourselves and futures.

The class of 1995 can enthusiastically look forward to the content of Gates' message and feel confident in the high caliber of the messenger.

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Letters

Asking for a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T

As I was sitting peacefully, reading in my first-floor room in Drummond, I was suddenly taken aback when two male students approached my window, looked in at me, laughed, and spit on the window. Naturally, this moronic prank appalled me to such an extent that I did not immediately get up to "respond." Now, I understand that for those childish groups of people on campus who believe that a substance-free atmosphere is a joke, a chem-free dorm on Frat Row must

be a terrible crime for the administration to commit. These groups must be even more upset that all of East Quad and Pierce are chem-free next year, right?

Well, having lived for two years now in this, apparently oppressive, substance-free atmosphere, I had yet to encounter an action so asinine as spitting on someone's window. I am quite sure that those two men had an incredibly good reason for doing so, I mean, how dare we "non-alcoholic" people pollute their sa-

cred campus!

Please people, seriously, you have a wonderful college campus here, and for those of you who choose not to live chem-free, you have the whole campus to yourselves. As you would respect any special interest group on campus, such as a quiet hall, or a multicultural hall, please learn to respect those of us who choose to live in an alcohol-free environment.

Danielle Herget '97

Hats off to Colby cleaning staff

This letter is a thank you to the men and women who work hard to make our campus the beautiful place that it is. I hear prospective students and their parents comment weekly on the beauty of our

campus and the contrast that such thorough beauty and cleanliness brings to the other schools that they visited. As a student here, I appreciate the clean residence halls and the well-kept campus that I have

lived on for three years. I think it is time I said thank you to the cleaning staff and the grounds crew. Thank you.

Jason W. Phillips '96

Echo via computer a nice option

Congratulations for getting the Echo on-line. Now I cannot complain about not getting the print version for a month after the publication date. Nice job, but I'd go easy on the background gifs. I'm using Netscape

1.1b3 and while the on-line version is jazzy, it's a bit hard to read.

Robert L. Hooper '92

Opinions

Colby students hypocritical in their celebration of Earth Week

BY DAN MACCARONE
Staff Writer

Last week, Colby College celebrated what it claimed to be "Earth Week," a time for all of those wacky planet lovers to come out and make us feel like the Earth's depletion of resources is somehow our fault. Throughout the past seven days, all of us normally non-environmentally conscious students were supposed to take notice of the world around us, to recognize how people like those of us who decide to use our back lawns as landfills instead of gardens, are destroying the world that we call Earth.

Now, this idea of setting one week aside just to worship the polluted ground we walk on is brilliant. Who cares about the dirt the rest of the year, right? It's important, however, for us to realize once a year, that each time we drop that gum wrapper on the ground, we are actually contributing to the destruction of our planet. Hard to believe, huh? Well, it's true.

You know those funky Styrofoam things that come in boxes when you buy a new large item for your dorm room (like a stereo system costing almost as much as your tuition)? Well when you play everybody's favorite Styrofoam game: "let's see how well frogs digest the packing material," you are adding to the pollution that "Earth Week" fights against. Often, when playing this game, you find that it is rather difficult to shove handfuls of Styrofoam down the frog's throat, causing the

frog to boot. Though it is nice to be able to add frog vomit to the culminating experience of destroying our natural atmosphere here on the Hill, is it really necessary?

So, now that we've established that regurgitated Styrofoam is a pollutant, let's look at what we did to clean up our planet last week. My personal favorite was everyone banding together to dump their junk mail onto the floor of the Student Center, instead of in its proper place—the recycling bin.

For those of you who really were into the events, though, there were numerous lectures on how we should be better to Mother Nature by allowing her free time on weekends. Maybe some of you faithful readers went to the new "Natural Energy Powered Vehicle Sale" in the Student Center (laypeople probably remember this as the used bike sale). Under any name, bicycles are more environmentally conscious vehicles than say, a Chevy Chevette.

Alright, who bought one of those awesome bikes? I know I didn't, but then again, it's a lot easier to ride from Waterville to Boston in a polluting car than to bike that distance, right?

I don't remember seeing lots of people at any of the fantastic festivities that were held in order to support our planet's plight. It seemed that even during the week that we were supposed to be celebrating the rebirth of our home planet, many of us could not control the tempting urge to leave our Smartfood bags or nice gummy beer cans on the new green grass in front of the dorms. I

know I enjoy seeing that fresh lawn growing sick from alcohol poisoning as much as the next guy. How about you?

Of course, not everyone celebrated "Earth Week" in a hypocritical way. There were those who wore recycled clothing and didn't waste natural resources by taking a shower, doing laundry or printing out papers for their classes. How nice of them, right? They sure know how to save the planet.

How was "Earth Week" celebrated by those who understood the meaning of the week? Well, several people thought it would be a hoot to run banners down in front of the Student Center, asking us all to save our dying planet. Upon looking at these, though, I wondered just how these people could use a sheet, which once taken down would end up in a dump in the greater Waterville area, as a symbol of how to conserve resources. This makes a lot of sense, way to go guys.

How did you spend your "Earth Week?" Did you play with fluorocarbons and aerosol spray cans, trying to see which one makes a cooler noise when excited by a match?

Maybe you went to the dining hall and decided that on this special occasion you really needed six full glasses of orange soda on your tray before you started eating (instead of just going back to the machine every ten minutes to fill up your glass). I guess it is possible that you were one of the many good ones, who actually picked up our campus and enabled us to bask in its beauty. □

Opinions

Unscrambling academic jargon

BY HANNAH BEECH
Managing Editor

Forget about all those noble ideals that a liberal arts education is supposed to teach you. The real purpose of college is to teach you how to write so that no ordinary person understands what you're talking about.

Think about it. You've just graduated from high school, and you're developing your thinking mind. But in college, you don't "think." You "expostulate." You "theorize." You juggle multisyllabic words around until they blur into one giant thesaurus entry.

Short and sweet is out. Long and bitter is in.

Each major has its own set of comfortable catch phrases that we can sprinkle liberally through our papers to make them sound more impressive and academic. What would sociology be without the words "marginalization" and "alienation?" What about English without "alliteration" and "the social and cultural other?" Could an

international relations paper exist without "the post-cold war international order?" Philosophy without a quick reference to "the Marxist paradigm?"

And don't even get started on biology, in which they give up good old English for a dead language to name their bugs and slime molds, or chemistry where they've created a whole new language that relies heavily on syllables like "-oxyl" and "-xide." Once you get a science major started, forget about understanding his or her meaning. They not only take the cake for academic verbosity, but can probably analyze the chemical formula of it, too. In Latin, to boot.

The trouble is when we try to forgo this academic lingo, we're too often punished for it. Take for example these two sentences:

President George Washington

lived a long time ago.

One of the American founding fathers, President George Washington existed and was influenced by an era very different from the one that we inhabit today.

Which one makes more sense? Which one do professors reward more often? That's the problem.

What are we as students supposed to do? Presumably our professors can give us hints on how to

write about complex subjects in words we don't have to look up in the dictionary every five minutes. But pick up a paper that a professor has

written some time. Oftentimes you feel like picking up a fat red marker and scrawling, "huh?" across it.

Facetiousness (oooh, that's a big one) and jokes aside, our reliance on catch phrases and ten-cent words is troubling. We are taught to use big words when little ones do just fine. Besides, multisyllabic phrases can pad a paper to bulk it up to the minimum length the professor required, especially when we've exhausted the margin and font changes to convert a five-pager into a seven-

pager. It's too bad that the lesson we often learn is that the content sometimes matters less than the length.

The other lesson we learn is to use this academic vocabulary to hedge our academic bets, to become academic diplomats who hide our true meanings behind a slew of incomprehensible words. In essence, by using words like "obfuscate" and "acquiesce" we learn to do just that.

Under the blanket of academic nonsense, we lose our meaning and our imagination.

Of course, by the time we begin to realize the folly of using such big words and buying into the academic bargain, we're seniors and ready to graduate into a world where our grasp of SAT-prep words matters less than our ability to balance our checkbooks.

Unless, of course, we're going to grad school. □

THE Political Inferno by Andrew Vernon

Celebrating National
Take our Daughters
to Work Day...

Daaaad ???

Lookin' good,
honey...

Yet another "ism" at Colby

BY RACHEL KONDON
Opinions Editor

If a man is often the subject of conversation he soon becomes the subject of criticism. — Immanuel Kant, 1775

The Echo could use some serious improvement; the people who de-

signed the alcohol policy should rethink it; the students campaigning for political correctness need to relax; the college's "mistake" in reporting figures to U.S. News and World Report was inexcusable. Whatever your take on Colby life, one thing is certain: somehow you contribute to our culture of complaint. First we complain about the things going on around us, then we complain that we complain too much. Will perpetual griping ever cease?

Colby students are among the growing population of malcontents; we, along with the rest of America are prone to pessimistic views and critical outlooks. In this month's Columbia Journalism Review, an article entitled "A Generation of Vipers: Journalists and the New Cynicism" reveals the growing American propensity for cynicism. For proof, one need look no further than

this newspaper. Negative feelings towards the people and institutions running our society (and our college) are everywhere.

Are we justified in our constant skepticism and dissatisfaction with people and organizations in power? Are our leaders and their programs

convinced of others' errors certainly contributes to popular cynicism. The media is definitely guilty of muck raking, but when it comes down to it, we, the readers are asking for the muck.

A trend of doubting our leaders and their ideas is sweeping the nation. In today's society, private matters and behind the scenes events no longer exist. When even the smallest evil about someone's character or business practices is accessible, we want to know it, then we harp on it. While our campus may not be home to America's most inquiring minds, we manage to accumulate our fair share of dirt. What's to be made of all this criticism and cynicism?

Questioning authority and uncovering shady practices can promote positive change. In fact, democracy relies upon open discourse and public involvement to secure the best leaders and the most effective systems.

But there is a major drawback to our current preoccupation with the darker side. It would be ludicrous to propose that we all sit back and see CYNICISM on page 8

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really that corrupt? On a smaller scale, do Colby's policies and student representatives warrant our harsh assessments?

Maybe, but maybe not.

All of us look for a good scandal, someone else to blame for the problems we see around us. After all, who wants to deal in straightforward and bland facts when juicy, sensationalized tidbits can be substituted instead?

Our craving for "dirt" as well as the ease with which we are con-

Students on the Street

What would you tell a prospective student about Colby?



Adam Cote '95
"The food we have when you come here is not what they usually serve."



Anne Robinson '96
"Colby's great. It's beautiful, the students are great, classes are good, and I love it."



Laurelle Leyland '97
"Everything's not the way it looks here because Colby tries to gloss everything over and make it look like a wonderful place."



Alyssa Falwell '95
"Take advantage of all the opportunities you can; don't wait until your senior year to figure out what you want to do."



Steven Suomi '97
"Realize it's O.K. to be yourself because we're all a bunch of weirdos."

Echo photos by Jennifer Merrick

Opinions

Nirvana, without beer

BY MARC FAIRBROTHER
Staff Writer

It's a Thursday evening and you're settling in on a problem set due tomorrow. But all you can think about is the weekend. Only a few more hours and Friday will be here, then you're free once again. So what will it be Friday night? Dancing? Bowling? How about Saturday night? Hit the Spa for a bit? Shoot some pool?

It seems that all too often on our happiest of campuses that the first thing people think about when the weekend hits is beer. As a matter of fact, few people can even remember anything about their weekend except beer. Kegger on the Row, bash in Foss. It's all the same: beer, beer, beer. We're swimming in an ocean of alcohol and some people reading this right now are actually contemplating attempting such a venture.

What is our dire fascination with alcohol? Is it really all that fun to drink until you puke, and then drink some more? If we do consider this primitive activity fun,

we've got some serious problems. Colby is a campus where it is all too often easy to find a plethora of people who have drunk themselves into an oblivion, trashed so far beyond belief that they have a

We're reaching a point where "social" drinking is becoming unacceptable.

hard time even recognizing their friends. They stumble across campus, laughing up a storm because they think this is just the funniest thing. And in the morning, their remnants can be found, littering the campus: broken beer bottles, broken windows, dented walls, beer cans lining the walkways, etc. But the problems don't stop there. What is not so easily seen is the pain somebody experiences from being verbally (or physically) as-

saulted by a drunk person who's "just out having fun."

We're reaching a point where "social" drinking is becoming unacceptable. We have not learned to respect alcohol, or our fellow peers. In Europe they are mature enough to handle drinking at age 15 or 16. Here we cannot even handle it in our college years. Frequently we hear the excuse that alcohol helps us relax, to enjoy ourselves more. If we really believe that alcohol is the only way to achieve total relaxation, we ought to think a little bit more about that. Nirvana can be reached without beer.

We must realize that our actions affect not only ourselves but others around us as well. This is something that has all but been forgotten in the Colby drinking scene. Drinking can be an acceptable activity, but it isn't always. Being respectful, on the other hand, is always an acceptable activity, and it is something that we desperately need more of.

Do us all a favor the next time you're drinking a cold one: respect it, and us. □

Conspiracy: it's us against them

BY JASON REIFLER
Staff Writer

Yes, the commies, or the fascists, anarchists, Newt-o-philes, liberal elite, college administration or federal government. It's their fault. As long as it's an "us" against "them" scenario, the "them" in question doesn't really matter. "They" will try to pollute our purity of essence and "they" will do so in the most insidious ways. Like when Kubrick's infamous Col. Jack Ripper tells Mandrake in *Dr. Strangelove*, "ice cream, Mandrake. Children's ice cream." The evil of the world? Yes, the commies; it's their fault.

Basically, everybody loves a conspiracy theory.

Even Colby loves conspiracy theories. The Stu-A president and vice-president elect ran on a platform exposing the administration's hidden agenda to curtail drinking. (From the campaign literature I read in Foss dining hall, the overall platform was — I'm paraphrasing — more beer, more TV, more sports and fewer academic events. They might have a future in Washington.) Either the anti-alcohol conspiracy is the worst guarded secret

ever, or the college's admission of wanting to decrease student drinking sort of precludes a conspiracy. Either way, I guess the Beastie Boys were serious: "You've gotta fight for your right to party." The evil of being denied our "right" to party? It's the administration's fault.

The college's conspiracy against intoxication is apparently not limited to alcohol, as seen by the covert operation, conducted during spring break, to rob of us our bong. While I condemn the college's failure to adhere to proper procedure (shame on you, Mr. Frechette), I wonder why the only issue that seems to motivate us to political action is marijuana. But, I'm probably asking the wrong question. The evil of being subject to an Orwellian police state? It's Safety and Security's fault. Where's Oliver Stone when we need him?

Although I generally find conspiracy theories somewhat amusing, they make me uncomfortable when I'm grouped among the conspirators. I recently learned that someone wrote on a poster for Jewish Awareness Month "they killed Jesus, what do you think they'll do to you?" I happily admit to being

Jewish, but I must admit I don't remember killing Jesus. I think I would remember killing the person responsible for providing "the only real life possible." (For an artificial life, I feel like I'm doing pretty well.) I also do not believe that God is conspiring against me for not being Christian. Is God really going to punish me for saying the wrong prayers? Unlike Col. Ripper, I am not interested in fighting a holy war for the right to prepare humanity for Armageddon.

Conspiracy theories, like the ones mentioned above, are not the real danger confronting us, but rather the complacent acceptance of untruths and the lack of critical thinking that they represent. Recently, Robert McNamara has spoken of these dangers in his confession that the Vietnam War was "wrong, terribly wrong."

Finally, if this article doesn't make any sense, it's because the editors changed it. It's their obvious liberal/communist bias; they don't like the fact that I use parentheses to hide my lack of logic and the fact that I have nothing to say. They obviously conspired against me. It's their fault, the commies' fault. □

The relevance of religious indignation

BY CALEB MASON
Staff Writer

There's a certain predatory aura about religious zealots. With prostrating Christians you can almost smell it. My cat pricked up her ears and sniffed the wind the other day, just seconds before two clean-shaven, buttoned-up young Jehovah's witnesses appeared at the door. They wanted to talk to me, they said, about "health problems," and the healing power of Almighty God. The first minute was enough to vindicate my atheism: all the healing power Jehovah could muster didn't stem the nausea welling up in my stomach. "Have a nice day," I coughed, and raced for the bathroom.

Religious fervor does wonders to castrate one's sense of proportion. I have always been impressed with just how easy it is to be righteously offended when one has one's mind set on it. You can sense the desperation: faced with a deepening crisis of relevancy, fundamentalists of all shapes and sizes battle back by maintaining a tireless vigil of indignation — nay, fury — over trivialities.

This is a timeless tactic, of course, practiced from eternity by once-feared, lately-marginalized priestly castes. The priests of the Old Testament Israelites, concerned about their declining social influence, managed to convince their flock that Jahweh had relayed divine orders governing the proper technique for defecating in the desert (Deuteronomy 23:13). Is there not a little of this defecation-god spirit in Hillel President Matt Medwick's cross fulmination of last week? To recapture lost relevance through incessant outrage: there's a subtle but amusing futility in such a project.

We're all familiar with the story (Numbers 15:32) of the man from another tribe who was gathering firewood and wandered near the Israelite camp. It was the Israelites' Sabbath, their day of rest. Though the stranger knew nothing of their god or their customs, to punish him for not abiding by their laws and to mend Jahweh's wounded pride, the men bludgeoned the insolent blasphemer

to death. Tolerance has never been the strong suit of monotheists, and indeed, how could it be? (One need only recall, for a modern analogue, Galileo's pleasant visit with the Pope.)

"Mainstream" Christians, meanwhile, like the earnest young apostles who responded to Medwick, have reassuringly defined themselves as the voice of the rest of us. They go about a less dramatic task: convincing those of us that find them irritating, but good for the occasional chuckle, that we are really Christians deep down. "Take up and read!" — thus do these inspiring disciples echo St. Augustine's epiphanous encounter with the Lord in 386. It's the syrupy sweetness that grates the most, the irrefragable certainty that any opposition must stem from ignorance. One is reminded of the British philosopher G.E. Moore, who maintained that "for all I know, the entire world would agree with me, if once they understood me aright..."

Thomas Paine, we should remember, took up and read the Gospels, and concluded that "it was making God Almighty act like a passionate man who killed His son when He could not revenge Himself in any other way, and as I was sure a man would be hanged who did such a thing, I could not see for what purpose they preached such sermons..."

In taking oneself too seriously one tends to make a mockery of oneself. The real problems in the world are too numerous to count. Religious hatred figures large on the list. Unfortunately for the oppressed, accepting others' differences necessarily involves an admission of the contingency of one's own idols. Acceptance also requires, indeed demands, a sense of proportion.

One must always reserve the right to deny the legitimacy of any divinely ordained, unequivocal moral manifesto. A system of belief that takes itself too seriously, Nietzsche said, inevitably begins to create the world in its own image. Axiomatic infallibility, especially when competing camps are equally infallible, is a recipe for cultural disaster. □

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accept society as it is, but there has to be a middle ground — something in between fixation on every minute detail and simple passivity.

People are just that — people. We can't naively assume that everyone is working for the general good. But frequent complaining coupled with a tendency to assume the worst about those in power is detrimental. We spend precious time focused on the bad while we could be creating good of our own. Instead of critiquing to the point where we're too tired to improve the system ourselves, complain and move on. Complaining only gets us so far. □

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Devastator of the Week



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Don Saucier '96

The men's track teams from Bates and Bowdoin didn't have a prayer in the short distance events with Saucier on the blocks. He won the 100m, the 110m high hurdles and was a member of the winning 4x100 relay squad in helping the Mules capture a State Championship. Saucier earned the Most Valuable Runner award for his performances.

This week's All-Mule Squad

ANN MORTENSON '98

The rookie softball shortstop pounded out two home runs Saturday in Colby's 9-6 loss to Gordon College. In 17 games this season, Mortenson is batting .325 with five round-trippers and 17 RBIs.

PATRICK J. MCBRIDE '97

The second-year right-fielder out of Woonsocket, RI has been sending opposing pitchers to the showers lately, hitting in his last four games at an impressive .625 clip. With 10 hits in his last 16 at-bats, four extra-base hits including a home run, and 11 RBIs in his last four games, McBride has virtually carried the Mules' offense single-handedly as they took two of three games from Middlebury over the weekend.

STEVE SUOMI '97

In helping the men's track team to its second consecutive State Championship, Suomi nearly rewrote the Colby record book as well. His winning time in the 400m of 55.60 was only three-tenths of a second off the record of 55.30. Suomi was also a member of the triumphant 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams.

MATT KUCHAR '97

Kuchar is probably the only Colby athlete in years, if ever, to be able to boast of being the North American Champion in any event. As a member of the woodsmen's team, he has competed in the pole climb event all year and has yet to be defeated. Kuchar has gone up against some of the best competition in both Canada and the United States, such as last weekend in the meet at Dartmouth.

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prised the Mules in the early going by scoring six runs in the first three innings. All six runs were unearned, coming on seven errors.

"We didn't come ready to play," said Dexter. "We botched up plays defensively and it hurt us badly."

But Colby would battle back. A Wilcox two-run round-tripper pushed Colby to within one run, bringing the score to 6-5. Then McBride tied the game at six with an RBI single. The Mule rally was stopped when Anderson was thrown out at home in the bottom of the sixth attempting to put Colby up by one.

Middlebury put a stake through the heart of the Mules when its big-hitter Alec Perkins hit a game-winning solo homer in the top of the seventh.

"It was a disappointing loss, especially when we gave up eight errors," said Dexter. "But I was pleased with the way we battled back. We had four great late-innings, but it wasn't enough."

Two highlights from Saturday morning were McBride and Wilcox. McBride went 3-3 with three RBIs and a triple and Wilcox added two RBIs and a home-run.

The second game of Saturday's doubleheader against Middlebury saw Colby come hard out of the gates. A five-run first inning helped the Mules build a substantial lead as they benefited from three walks and a hit batter. Wilcox's two RBI single in the first got things rolling and senior captain Mike Frasier would never relinquish the lead as he pitched six solid innings to register his first win.

Colby's only scare came in the fourth inning when Middlebury made it a 5-4 game, but the Mules went on to score five more runs of its own and the Panthers never made it close again.

Wilcox had another great game going 2-4 with three RBIs. Senior captain Justin Van Til had three hits with a double and two RBIs. Harold Graves '97 got back in the groove as he tallied two hits in three at-bats with a double. McBride continued his tear through the week going 2-4 with three RBIs and a home run. He ended the week with a searing .625 avg. (10-16), 11 RBIs, and four extra-base hits.

Colby will face one of New England's toughest teams, University of Southern Maine, on Wednesday, then will look to improve its record to 2-0 in the CBE against Bowdoin on Friday. From there Colby will travel to Cooperstown, NY on Saturday for the Hall of Fame Tournament.

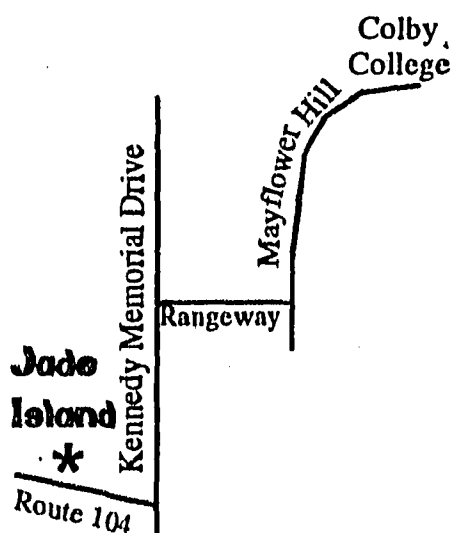
"We hope to continue our home winning streak (4-3) as well as grab a few more wins in the Hall of Fame tourney. If we do we will be well on our way to surpassing last year's marks," said Dexter. □

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Doldrums continue for Colby softball

BY GALEN CARR
Asst. Sports Editor

When will it end? Will it end? When can the softball team enjoy the sweet taste of victory again? After an extended string of futility that has lowered Colby's overall record to 2-15, many of the Mules are asking themselves these questions.

After dropping two doubleheaders last weekend to Husson College and Gordon College, the losses have each Mule testing their love for the game and thinking about praying to the softball gods for mercy.

Unfortunately, the only break in sight for the Mules this season looks like it will come as soon as this season full of hard knocks and bad breaks comes to its conclusion.

Last Friday, Colby traveled to Bangor to meet Husson for an afternoon twinbill. The Braves held a stellar 26-3 overall record, good enough to earn them a New England ranking.

Thus, when Husson sent Andrea Pomerleau, one of the best pitchers in the state, to the mound to face the already overmatched Mules, the move had Head Coach Beth Staples and her players scratching their heads.

Ironically enough, the Mules scraped together more hits against Husson's ace than they did in the nightcap against a less heralded pitcher. Colby managed six hits in the first game, but couldn't squeeze any runs across the plate. Thus, Husson took the game, 6-0.

In the second game, Colby was outplayed all over the field, as Husson rolled, 11-3 in just five innings due to the eight-run mercy rule.

"We didn't string together what we needed to get when we needed to get it," said Staples, "but six hits against Pomerleau was pretty good for a pitcher of her caliber."

Last Saturday the Mules hosted a doubleheader versus Gordon, their first two home contests of the year. Unfortunately, the games resulted like so many others have for Colby this season: with another "L" in the loss column.

During the first game, the Mules' offense was stifled as they managed only two hits and dropped the game, 7-0. In the nightcap, rookie shortstop Anne Mortenson '98 belted two home runs as the Mules came up short again, 9-6.

"We made some great plays but then had trouble with the routine ones," said Staples. "We're all very frustrated right now, but the team has stuck together well. This is a team with some of the best chemistry I've ever seen."

The chemistry might very well improve with the return of highly touted pitcher Joan Giblin '98 sometime in the near future. Giblin has been sidelined since March with ligament and nerve damage in her arm.

On Tuesday, the Mules squared off against the University of New England and face Thomas today in a twinbill here at Colby. Tomorrow Tufts comes to town for a doubleheader. □

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ing out on defense." Salin said she was pleased to have three defensive players score goals in the game.

The Mules' record dropped to 3-7 on the season, but the players are optimistic.

"We need to work on playing consistently, and pulling together as a team," said co-captain Jen Pope '96.

This week the team will face Ply-

mouth State College.

"This week should be a strong part of our season," said Salin. "The last few teams we've faced have all been pretty good, but now we're coming up on some games that should be easier. We'll also be helped by the return of Cindy Kelley '96, who has been out almost two weeks. This week may be a good confidence booster for the team." □

Offsides

Pro jocks don't have it easy

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Sports Editor

Before I begin this article, I feel it is important to inform the reader that I was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol when I wrote this, and that my state of mental health is above average, but not perfect.

Professional athletes are not overpaid.

I haven't gone completely insane and said that they are underpaid. It would be nearly impossible to think that a grown man who makes five million a year for playing a game is not fairly compensated.

With the baseball strike only a few weeks behind and the possibility of a basketball strike lingering, athletes have been dubbed greedy, money-sucking leeches by many fans. How could these people possibly be after more money?

First and foremost, the fans should note that they are the ones who make these tremendous salaries feasible. Each year, more and more people make their ways into stadiums across the country, gladly shelling out big bucks to be a part of the excitement. Without fans, Deion Sanders would be nicknamed Primetime for his ability to handle the drive-thru dinner rush

rather than his heroics on the football field.

Professional athletes can do things that most people can only dream of doing. Dunking a basketball from the foul line or hitting a baseball traveling in excess of 95 miles per hour are not actions Joe Shmoe can pull off. People who can do these things are not in great supply, and this pushes up the price they can charge for their performance.

All athletes take a risk when they enter the world of professional sports. Many, especially baseball players, will forgo higher education to try and earn big bucks in the majors. For all the players who make millions, there are just as many if not more who had the potential but suffered a career-ending injury that cut their dream short. These players gambled and lost, and they are forced reluctantly back into the real world.

More importantly, athletes need to have enough money to pay off the heralded "price of fame." If Michael Jordan is sitting home one night and decides he would like to take the family out for a movie, he'd better make a quick visit to the plastic surgeon first. Otherwise he can expect a swarm of autograph seekers to erect a barrier around him measuring 20 feet in diameter. Most athletes can't enjoy the simple pleasures that av-

erage Americans can.

For this reason, athletes need to make enough money to build a gigantic house equipped with just about everything they could possibly want. In a sense they are trapped in a jail. The only difference is that criminals aren't given millions of dollars to spruce up their dwelling before they live there.

These days, safety has become a major area of concern among professional athletes. The recent attacks on Monica Seles and Nancy Kerrigan are proof that constantly being in the public eye has serious disadvantages. Hate mail and threats from obnoxious fans are something these people are expected to ignore, yet the danger still lingers.

I'm not going to say that athletes lead a rough life by any means. They are living the ultimate dream. Anybody who played a sport as a kid has fantasized of becoming a star and winning it all. Millions would love to trade lives with someone who makes truckloads of money for shooting a basketball.

Many pro athletes make more in a year than the average American will make in their lifetime. Is this unfair? Quite possibly. But to assume that a four millions dollar paycheck doesn't bring along drawbacks is ignorant and biased. □

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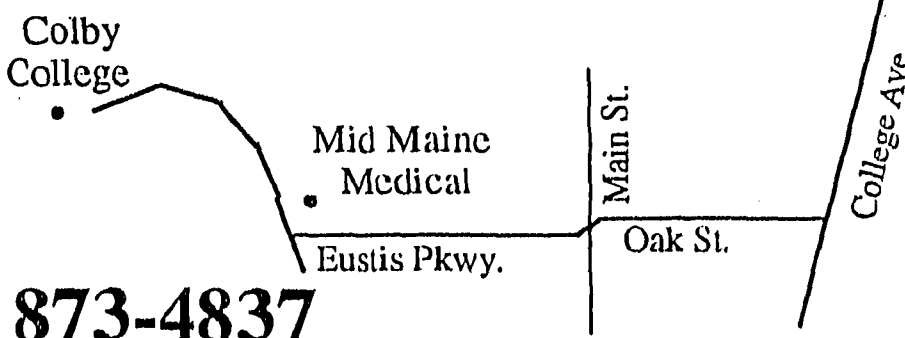
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Woodsmen's team rounds out season at Dartmouth

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Sports Editor

Dartmouth was the site for many unusual events this past weekend. At least they might seem unusual if you aren't a member of the Colby Woodsmen's team.

Approximately 10 schools made the jaunt to Vermont to compete in a wide variety of races and competitions. Many teams, including Colby, arrived on Thursday night and began the two-day meet on Friday morning.

Colby brought 12 students, six men and six women, and a couple of alumni to the home of the Big Green. Even though only 10 schools were represented, close to 25 teams competed. Men and women performed as separate teams in many events and some schools were represented by alumni squads as well.

Canoe races started the festivities with a splash on Friday morning. There were categories of singles, doubles and a portage, where one person races in the water, runs with the canoe on their back and then passes it on to their partner. The partner runs the rest of the way and finishes the race in the water.

Colby, who started practicing with canoes the week before the meet, managed a third place finish in the singles race for men.

"We don't really do much practice [with canoes]. It's not one of our big events," said captain Scott Galson '95.

The afternoon featured a wide variety of events, one of which the Colby men won. Coby Reinhardt

"[Matt Kuchar '97] is basically the North American champion in the pole climb."
—Woodsmen's captain Scott Galson '95

'95, John Maddox '98 and Matt Kuchar '97 teamed up to come in first in the wood-splitting relay.

Later in the afternoon, the women participated in one of the more interesting events in the meet. They strapped a pack board, complete with 50 pounds of sand, on their back and raced up the Dartmouth ski hill. Mother Nature decided to add her own obstacle with constant rain all day long.

"It was possibly the worst event

you could go through," said Galson.

The men took home second place in a log roll the same day. All six members teamed up in a relay where they took turns, two at a time, pushing a 400-pound log through a course on the ground.

Among the events that occurred on Saturday was the chain throw, which Reinhardt took second place in. Kuchar was victorious in the pole climb once again; he has been undefeated since the fall season. Galson noted that Kuchar has gone against some of the best competition in both the United States and Canada without losing once.

"He's basically the North American champion in the pole climb," said Galson.

The men won the fire-build competition, while the women came in third. The object is to construct a fire and boil water in the shortest amount of time.

The meet marks the end of the season for both Colby teams, but the future looks promising for those who will return. The team is in the process of building a cabin that is scheduled to be finished by next fall. Funding is coming through parents and alumni support. □

Women's track still tearing it up

BY LARRY BENESH
Staff Writer

Women's track had another successful performance last weekend at the Aloha Relays. Colby finished first in six events, and placed second overall. They beat out rivals Bowdoin and Bates, along with teams from Mt. Holyoke, Smith and Colby-Sawyer. UMass-Lowell, a Division II team, dominated the short distance events and snagged first place.

The Mules were particularly strong in the long distance and throwing events. Farrell Burns '98 stole the 3000m in her first ever attempt at the race. Burns was pacing against a Bates runner for the entire race, but she squeezed past her in the final quarter mile.

"It was an incredible race," said Head Coach Deb Aitken.

Liz Fagan '97 won the 5000m with a time of 18:31.52. Midway through the race her hip tightened up and she had to struggle to finish first.

"It was not her best time, but she did well to stay ahead of the crew," said Aitken. "Hopefully she will recover for this weekend."

Another impressive first ever attempt at a race was first-year Kate Driscoll's performance in the 10,000m. She finished in second place with a time of 41:02.15.

"She qualified for Division III New England's and ECACs. Her time was quite competitive," said Aitken.

The Mules continue to dominate the throwing events. Brooke Lorenzen '95 surprised no one with her victory in the shot put. Two other

throwers, Stephanie Andriole '98 and Sonja Noll '98 also placed in the shot put.

All three of them have now qualified for the NE Division III championships. Andriole qualified for ECACs, and Lorenzen is one of the top throwers in the nation.

Danielle LeGrand '96 won the discus with her best throw ever. Liisi Linask '96 placed second in the javelin.

"It was a good, consistent throw," said Aitken.

Cindy Pomerleau '97 was victorious in the heptathlon with her best score ever.

"She is very close to qualifying for Nationals," said Aitken.

The relays looked impressive as well. The 4x100 had their best time of the year with a 51.15. The 4x400 team led the entire way and took first place as well.

"We have an awesome 4x400 team," said Aitken. "No one was close enough to challenge us."

Julie Lynch '97 continued to improve in the 400m hurdles. She had a little difficulty with one of the hurdles, but still managed to run her second fastest time.

"She could be one of the top finishers at NESCACs," said Aitken.

The Mules are keeping the last few meets in perspective, in anticipation of this weekend's NESCAC championships. They will be hosting, but Bowdoin, Tufts and Williams will be major challengers.

"I don't know if anyone can catch Williams," said Aitken. "They have so much quality and depth." □

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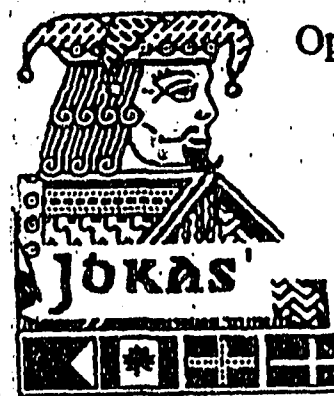
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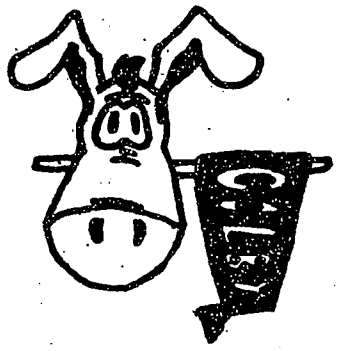
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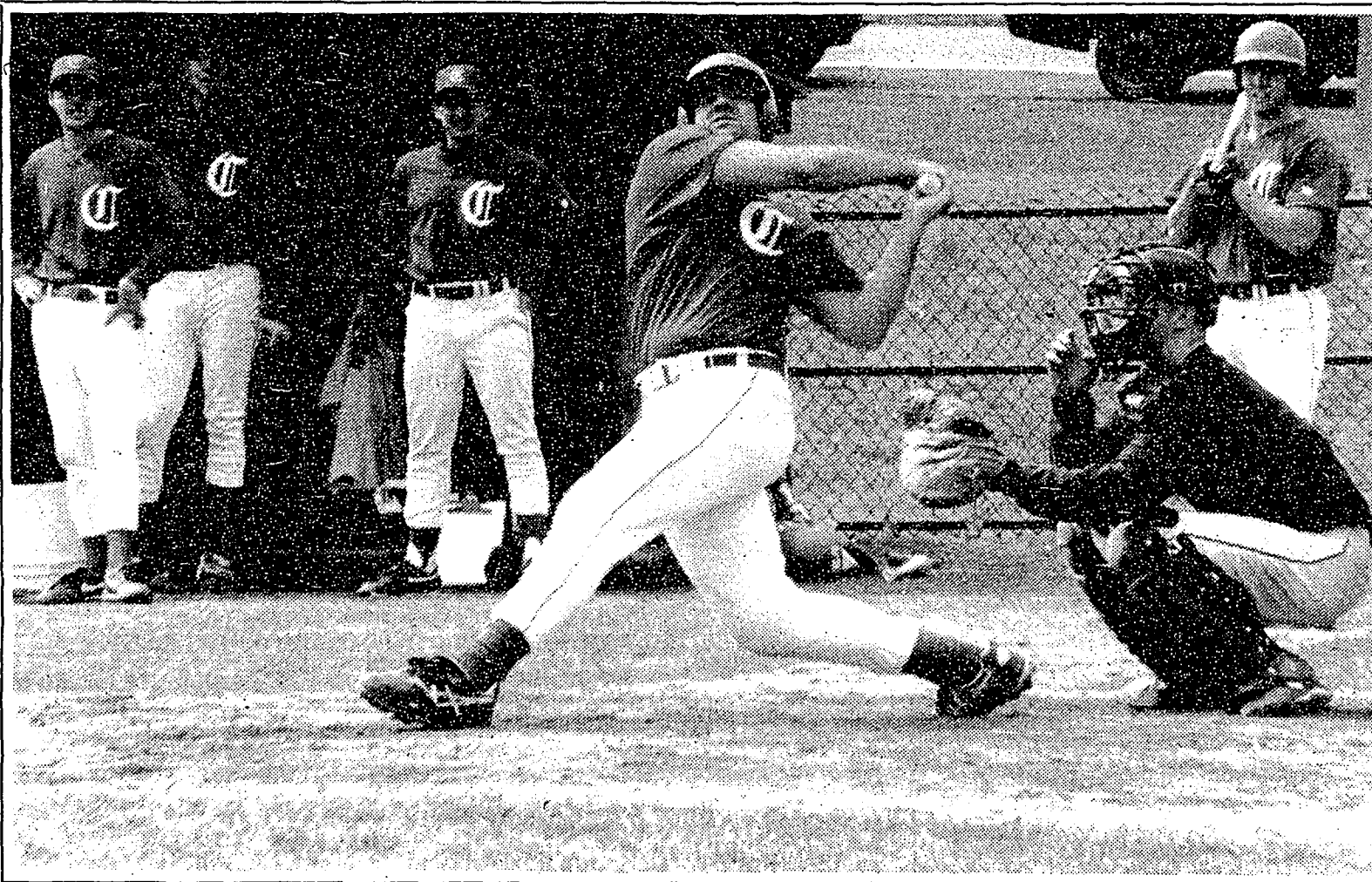
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Gregg Forger '97 smacks one towards deep left in their game versus Middlebury.

Baseball takes two of three from Middlebury

BY LUCAS PENNEY
Staff Writer

Thursday evening the Colby baseball team traveled north to visit Husson College in Bangor, Maine. Husson, a Division II NAIA team, is 17-13 and ranked among the top Division II teams in New England. Playing under the lights on the Stephen King Field proved fatal as the White Mules went down 14-7.

Two days before playing Colby, Husson defeated University of Maine, a Division I school, 6-0. Colby knew they would have their hands full. The White Mules played tough through the first four innings, going into the fourth down only 4-3. But late in the fourth inning proved to be the downfall as Colby gave up repeated costly errors and soon found themselves in a hole. A late-

game rally saw Colby pull to within four runs, 10-6, but they couldn't hold off the Husson charge.

"Numerous mental lapses cost us this game," said Head Coach Tom Dexter. "We were in the game up until the fourth when we just fell apart. We gave up five unearned runs and that really hurt us."

Two bright spots for Colby were junior left-fielder Jesse Wilcox, and sophomore right fielder Patrick McBride. Wilcox went 3-5 with a double while McBride went 3-4, registering 3 RBIs.

Last Friday, Colby received a visit from Middlebury College, in what would turn out to be a winning weekend for the Mules. The two teams squared off again on Saturday in a doubleheader.

Friday, Colby had one of its best first inning outings of the year, tallying seven runs on six hits. But

Middlebury would battle back with runs in each of the middle innings to keep the Mules on their toes.

First-year Mark Hachey wouldn't let the lead slide too far while pushing his record to 4-2, with an eight-inning, four-strikeout performance on the mound. Jason Kidwell '96 recorded his first save of the year, coming in to relieve Hachey.

The Mules received an all-around performance on Friday with six players capturing two hits. Wilcox, Ben Russell '97, Jerrod Deshaw '97 and Jon Huerta '95 were among the elite group, as were E.J. Anderson '97 and McBride who both knocked in two runs apiece.

The first game of Saturday's double-header was Colby's only slip-up during the weekend as they went down 7-6. Middlebury sur-
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Men's lax beats Tufts in overtime

BY BEN RUSSELL
Staff Writer

The Colby men's lacrosse team traveled to Tufts this past Saturday to do battle with one of their toughest opponents of the season to date. Colby had won their previous two contests at Plymouth State and Trinity, respectively, by scores of 15-4 and 16-4. With a tremendous amount of momentum on its side, the White Mules played a solid game at Tufts en route to a 10-9 victory in double overtime.

"I thought that we played pretty well," said midfielder Craig Murray '96. "But I thought that we could have played better and [we] have played better. We were fortunate to get some good perfor-

mances and pull out the win."

Senior midfielder Adam Wysor carried the load for the Mules on Saturday, contributing four goals and an assist to the winning effort. Wysor netted the first goal of the game and the sudden death clincher in double overtime to seal the White Mules' third straight win.

After taking on Roger Williams

yesterday, the Mules will battle Babson at home this Saturday. These will mark the last two home

games of the season for the team, since scheduling left them only three games here in Waterville on the year.

Next week, Colby will travel to play CBB rivals Bates and Bowdoin. If they come out victorious, the Mules might equal last year's feat of making the ECAC playoffs. □

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Women's lacrosse suffers tough week

BY MIKE GALLANT
Staff Writer

The women's lacrosse team faced some stiff competition last week when they went up against Bowdoin College and Tufts University. The Mules lost both games but put up challenging fights against both teams.

On Wednesday the team lost to Bowdoin 13-7. Bowdoin got off to a quick start and lead at the half by a score of 6-2. Rebecca May '95 led the way for Colby with three goals. Amie Sicchitano '96 had one goal and an assist, while Alice Amstutz '95, Tammy Smith '96 and Stacy Joslin '97 each scored a goal.

On Saturday the Mules played Tufts, one of the top-ranked teams in Division III. Although the team lost quite convincingly by a score of 21-10, it made Tufts work for the victory. Ten goals is the most any team has scored against Tufts so far this season.

"The game was actually closer than it seems. Tufts is a strong team," said Head Coach Heidi Salin.

Joslin had an excellent game, scoring three goals and getting one assist.

"Stacy had her best game of the season so far," said Salin. "Not only did she have four points, she did a great job at coming back and helping see LAX on page 10

Men's track sweeps CBB championships

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Sports Editor

For the second straight year, Bates and Bowdoin College went home from the State of Maine Championships disappointed while the Colby men's track team celebrated yet another victory.

Colby finished on top with a score of 84.5, Bowdoin came in second with 74.5 points while Bates followed behind the other CBB rivals with 56. The University of Southern Maine competed in a few events and received three points in the afternoon.

Colby crowned several runners state champions in their respective events during the course of the meet. According to Head Coach Jim Wescott, the first few events would be a key to the final team results.

"I had made the statement to the kids who were running the first few events that it was

really important that they do well because they get the momentum rolling and the team picks up on that momentum," said Wescott.

Pat Fournier '98 had a great deal to do with the momentum surge the Mules mounted in the first few races. The first race of the competition was the 10,000m, and Fournier won it in a time of 33:17.

Chad Sisson '96 was victorious in the 3000m steeple chase, coming in at a season's best time of 9:57.60. Jered Stewart '98 won the pole vault competition at a height of 11 feet.

The 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams from Colby also took home first place honors. Don Saucier '96, Steve Suomi '97, Matt O'Connell '95 and Zach Nightingale '95 ran in the 4x100. Suomi and Nightingale joined Dave Palmieri '97 and Justin Wasielewski '95 in the victorious 4x400 team.

Suomi, in addition to running on both winning relays for the Mules, won the 400m. His time of 55.60 was only three tenths of a

second off the Colby record of 56.30 and it put him at the top of the New England Division III rankings as well.

Saucier was granted the Most Valuable Runner award for his performances in the afternoon. He won the 100m in 11.66, the 110m high hurdles in 16.21, and was a part of the 4x100 relay team.

Overall, Wescott said he was extremely pleased with the meet.

"It was a nice repeat for our team," said Wescott. "It really was a total team effort."

The area down by the fieldhouse will be crowded this coming weekend as both the men's and women's track teams host the NESCAC Championships. Trials and a few field events will take place on Saturday starting at 3:30 p.m., with the rest of the competition beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday.

"Last year we placed fourth in the NESCAC Championships and we're certainly hoping to duplicate that performance," said Wescott. □



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Jered Stewart '98 competes in the javelin throw last weekend.