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## New hallstaff design reduces numbers, increases responsibility

BY MARIA THOMPSON  
Contributing Writer

Colby students returning to campus next fall can expect to see changes in the hallstaff system.

According to Jan Arminio, associate dean for residential life, a revised hallstaff system will be implemented at the start of next year. The plan, designed by Arminio and current hallstaff, will revamp the existing hallstaff set-up, greatly reducing the number of staff and eliminating the position of Resident Advisor (RA).

Currently, there are 23 Head Residents (HRs) and 41 RAs. According to Dean of Students Janice Kassman, the numbers will be decreased to a total of 38 HRs and no RAs.

The new set-up is a response to Arminio's observation that hall staff are too often prematurely called upon to resolve student conflicts. According to Arminio, students commonly look to their RAs and HRs to solve problems with neighbors without first trying to reach a compromise on their own.

"I have always wanted to see a hall environment at Colby with a greater sense of community," said

Arminio, and she hopes that the reduction in hall staff will encourage students to settle their problems with each other before calling on hallstaff. "I would like to see students take the responsibility to initiate a solution for their own problems first. Hallstaff should only be viewed as a second step in this process."

The sudden change in number of hallstaff arrives just as campus construction continues to grow with the plan for a new residence hall. Some hallstaff

suggest that the hallstaff budget was cut in order to fund dorm reconstruction.

According to Arminio, she has examined other schools, looking at varying hall staff organizations and the way in which they work. "The new plan will be better suited to Colby," said Arminio.

The plan calls for each of the Hillside and Frat Row dorms to

employ only one hallstaff, according to Arminio. The number of hallstaff in Dana, the Heights and Mary Low Commons will be determined in proportion to their size. A decrease in numbers means an increase in responsibility and, according to Arminio, future hallstaff job descriptions will not differ greatly from that of a current HR.

To compensate for the reduction of student staff, Arminio said that the proposed plan includes the creation of three new administrative positions. Trained adults with masters degrees will be hired to live around campus, serving as faculty residents and advisers to whom students can come with social or academic problems. In addition to serving as counselors, each will assume administrative duties — one as director of student activities, another as assistant to the associate dean for intercultural affairs and the third as a residential life adviser, reporting to the associate dean for residential life.

Mary Low RA Meghan Fallon '98 said the changes will bring about an improvement in dorm life. Fallon hopes that the system will better utilize the talents of previous RAs, see **HALLSTAFF** on page 5



Associate Dean for Residential Life Jan Arminio.

## Proposed tax would increase tuition

BY ALYSSA GIACOBBE  
News Editor

In the last session of the Maine state legislature, a bill was proposed which would enable individual Maine cities and towns to tax currently tax-exempt institutions. Passage of the bill would mean that the city of Waterville could impose taxes on Colby, the burden of which would fall on the students.

The need for money to pay taxes would result in an increase in tuition, according to Dean of the College Earl Smith. "We've got to find the money somewhere," said Smith. The possibility of a decrease in department funding or faculty and staff layoffs has not yet been addressed.

The bill proposes a "service fee" upon state institutions which charged duties or fees. And although Colby and other Maine colleges are non-profit organizations they, unlike churches — which under the proposed bill would remain tax-exempt — do charge their members.

In addition to an increase in tuition, it is possible that the passage of the bill could decrease outside funding and grants that the College receives. The Olin Foundation,

which has provided financial support for the construction of the F.W. Olin Science Center, has already said that had Colby been required to pay taxes, the grant would never have been given, according to Smith. And, said Smith, it is likely that other potential donors would feel the same way.

"[The tax] would show that Maine wasn't very welcoming of

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**We've got to find the money somewhere.**  
- Dean of College Earl Smith.

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education," said Smith. He also said that donors may be reluctant to contribute money if, instead of the money being devoted completely to a College project, a portion went directly to the state.

According to Smith, it is unlikely that the bill will pass before the end of the spring congressional session, and even if it does, it could still be a while before the city of Waterville considers the bill for enactment. In addition, said Smith,

it is unknown whether or not the city would decide to impose the tax.

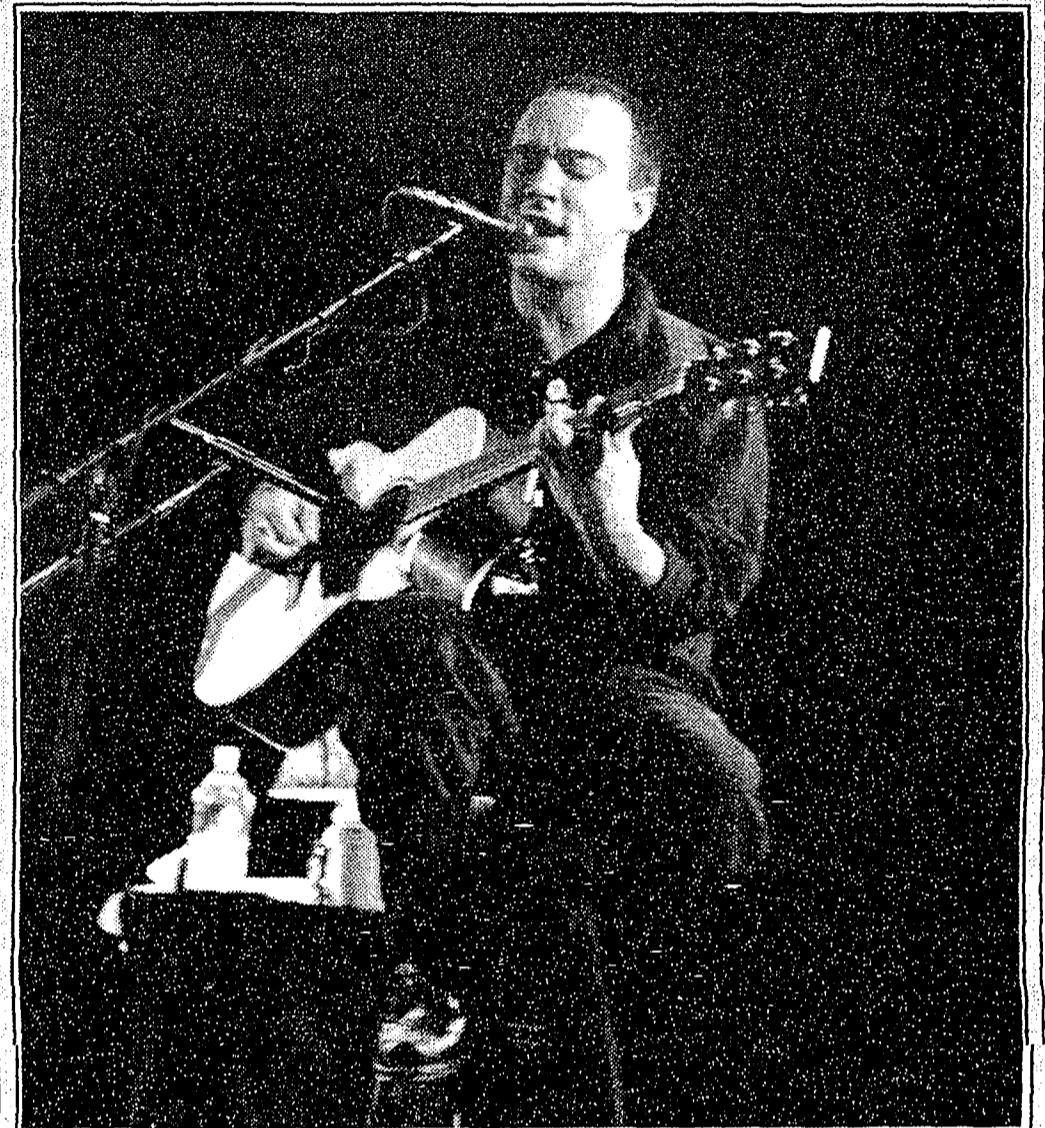
"We do so much for this community that we think we go well beyond what the tax would impose," said Smith. Colby faculty and students currently work extensively with the Waterville community through individual and organized volunteer programs. In addition, Colby offers local high school students Advanced Placement courses and the use of Colby facilities for such events as high school graduations at no charge. And although the majority of Colby students are not Maine residents, 25 percent of financial aid recipients are from Maine, according to Smith.

"We think we have a good neighbor relationship," said Smith. "But as long as Maine cities and towns are struggling, the proposal could eventually be a real threat."

According to Smith, although passage of the bill in the near future is unlikely, the struggles faced by money-deficient cities and towns is real and may affect the passage of the bill in the long run.

"I suspect this [issue] will come back time and time again," said

## Next to the table and strumming



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

Dave Matthews captures Colby's attention. See page 6.

## Two architects reach final round

BY GLORIA ROTTELL  
Contributing Writer

The student and faculty members of the Dorm Reconstruction Committee have been busy this week meeting with five groups of prospective architects. According to Administrative Vice President Arnold Yasinski, by the end of next week, the committee should have a contract for the design of the new residence hall.

According to Yasinski, the committee is looking for two qualities when choosing the architect: one "who will help us determine which of the two proposed sites for the new dorm would make the most sense," and who will "be sensitive to what the students want in a dorm environment."

Yasinski said that as of Friday the committee had decided upon an architect who was the clear favorite and another who was "a solid second choice." The two firms have good reputations for work done on other college campuses and will help by advising designs that have worked well for other schools, according to Yasinski. Along with the input of the architectural firm, student opinion and recommendations will be influential in the process of the building, said Yasinski.

According to Physical Plant Su-

pervisor of Special Projects Joe Feely, two issues served as the initial motivation and driving force behind the decision to build a new residence hall.

"The first issue is that there are some rooms on campus, such as the 'closet singles,' which everyone recognizes as not providing adequate living environments. Secondly, there is the desire to have the rooms at Colby keep up in terms of quality with the rest of the institution."

Many of the dorms on campus have not been renovated in 50 years, said Feely, and are in need of updating. In general, there will be "an emphasis on greater privacy and more generous rooms," said Feely.

There is still some indecision regarding the site of the proposed dormitory, according to Associate Dean of Housing Paul Johnston. To aid in the decision-making process, models will be built for both sites. A scale model of the dorm made out of two-by-fours and pieces of plywood may be loosely constructed at the proposed Johnson Pond location "so that the committee...will be able to decide whether the dorm will detract from anything or if it will not have a great effect on the present view of the pond," said Johnston.

Students on the Dorm Reconstruction Committee consider themselves **NEW DORM** on page 5

## News briefs

### Environmental activist to address clearcutting

Botanist, educator and environmental activist Jonathan Carter will present a slide show and host a discussion on clearcutting and the devastation of the Maine woods Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Carter, leader of the Green Party and director of "Ban Clearcutting," is active in Maine politics.

"In the last 15 years an area the size of Delaware has been clearcut in the Maine forests," explained Ned Gignoux '99, who is organizing the event. The slide show and discussion are being sponsored by The Outing Club and the Student Environmental Coalition. (KH)

### Coalition meets to encourage student action

Approximately 30 students met in the Fishbowl of the Student Union Monday night to discuss on-going problems at Colby. The Coalition for Political Action, organized by Andrew Rice '96 and David Thibodeau '96, met intending to "come together as a structured group to get things done," according to Rice.

"Spring is a normal time for student action" said Thibodeau. "The problem is that the college has systematic responses that consistently keep students from exerting their power."

The issues discussed included recent incidents of racism, sexism and classism at Colby, as well as a lack of communication between the administration and the students. The study abroad fee, dorm damage due to drinking, lack of clear college rules and enforcement of existing regulations, biases towards chem-free residents and the college's committee system were also addressed. (KH)

### Newman Council celebrates beginning of Lent

The Newman Council marked the beginning of Lent yesterday with the traditional Ash Wednesday ceremony, but this year Lent will be marked in a different way. Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. there will be a one-hour intimacy and relationships seminar led by Father John Marquis. The topics are "What is Intimacy?," "Barriers to Intimacy," "Nurturing" and "Intimacy and Sex."

The seminars will be followed at 8:30 p.m. by a session of Taise meditation and prayer. The Taise form of meditation gets its name from the Taise monastery in France where the form was developed. It involves spending time reflecting, praying, lighting candles, meditating and chanting.

"It really appeals to young people," said Marquis. "It makes a good mid-week sanity break."

Also, on Fridays starting Feb. 23, the Newman Council will be sponsoring a series of soup and bread luncheons, inter-faith sharing and dialogue. Topics include "What is Judaism?" led by Rabbi Raymond Krinski, "What is Baha'i?" led by Alden Kent, "What is Sikhism?" led by Associate Professor of Religious Studies Nikky Singh and "What is Islam?" led by Professor of Religious Studies Thomas Longstaff. (WG)

## Life after the Dream: Gates speaks about "Hoop Dreams"

BY ERIKA AYERS  
Contributing Writer

The reality behind the dream shared by two inner-city youths as portrayed in the 1994 documentary "Hoop Dreams" was the subject of a talk given by William Gates late Sunday night in the Page Commons Room.

Gates was one of two students followed for six years by two aspiring film producers, the project came together as a three-hour feature. Over 400 hours of tape were shot and, according to Gates, the missing 397 hours may account for all that he felt lacked in the documentary's accuracy. "Hoop Dreams" documents Gates' life in inner-city Chicago as he attempts to realize his dream of becoming a professional basketball player.

Gates addressed the misconceptions held by both the subjects and the producers, including the glamorization of the hardships felt by the subjects and their families.

"At first the families were disappointed with the film. We were trying to do one thing, yet we were portrayed as doing something else... It became the story of two families struggling against the odds and against the system... that is exactly what 'Hoop Dreams' was really all about."

Gates went on to explain the procedures involved in creating the film and gave updates on the lives of other characters featured in the film. He no longer holds NBA aspirations, but does continue to play basketball in summer leagues and private programs. He concluded his talk with a question and answer period and encouraged audience comment.

To some, Gates' speech served as an inspiration; an account of a successful battle for survival on the streets and the fulfillment of a dream.



Echo photo by Gretchen Rice

**William Gates of "Hoop Dreams" fame spoke to a full house on Sunday night.**

"He was very inspiring and what he captured was something that we need to see a lot more of on campus," said Tina Goudreau '98.

"Gates connected well to the student body because he addressed contemporary issues that we all can relate to," said Jen Rose '98, student association (Stu-A) cultural chair and co-sponsor of Gates' appearance. "He could not have been a warmer, more natural or friendlier person."

Yet several students felt that the way in which the subjects struggled "against the system" was not typical nor representative of the realities which construct inner-city life.

"I thought that many more questions should have been asked that weren't," said Mark Thompson '99. "There is a big difference between the questions asked here and the questions asked at an inner-city high school or college. This just shows the need for increased awareness."

"[Gates' speech] was very positive. However it needs to be taken with a grain of salt," said Nima Karamouz '98. "Gates' story is one of success, but this leads you to wonder how many others like Gates are out there...if it weren't for 'Hoop Dreams,' one would have to wonder if his story would remain like all the rest—untold." □

## AIDS speaker emphasizes education, prevention

BY HEATHER GOLDING  
Contributing Writer

As part of an AIDS awareness program, the Colby AIDS Task Force sponsored a lecture by activist and poet River Huston, who spoke on Monday, Feb. 12 in the Page Commons Room.

A former professional musician and fitness trainer, Huston learned that she was HIV-positive in 1990. Upon learning that she had tested positive, she was convinced that it had to be a mistake.

"The feeling of complete sadness I felt was unmatched by any tragedy I had ever experienced," said Huston.

The worst part of learning that she was HIV-positive, said Huston, was that she did not know what it actually entailed. Because she was uneducated on the subject, she felt as though she "had no future and was bound to die a long, slow pain-

ful death alone." For this reason, said Huston, she feels that it "is so important to educate people on the realities of this all-too-common disease."

Through a series of hardships that included prejudicial treatment by doctors, employers and other members of society, Huston began to realize that the only person who could save her was herself. She researched the disease and discovered "what was really going on inside of [her] body." Since then, she has followed a treatment strategy that includes organic foods, nutritional supplements, acupuncture, chiropractic care and homeopathy.

Huston began to participate actively in anti-AIDS campaigns and founded the Women's Wellness Fund, which provides resources for women seeking alternative treatments for HIV infection. She is also an active member of the National Association of Women Living With

HIV.

Huston said that the main reason she lectures is so that members of her audiences "will never have to know how it feels to be told that you are HIV-positive." Her aim is to educate the public on the very real possibility of contracting AIDS and the various ways in which it can be prevented.

"There are too many difficult things in life and this is one that is avoidable," said Huston.

Huston said that her biggest fear is the lack of publicity HIV receives in our society.

"The prevention of HIV and AIDS is a subject which does not receive enough attention on account of the graphic nature of some of the preventative measures involved when it comes to sex. If only the television networks would run an ad four times daily, saying 'Don't have unprotected sex,' we, as a society, would be much better off." □

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# Applications once again highest in College history

BY KATE E. DUNLOP  
Features Editor

Recent media coverage and a great reputation are bringing more and more prospective students beyond Bates and Bowdoin and up I-95 to Colby. According to Director of Admissions Thomas Kopp, Colby numbers are up in inquiries, interviews, campus visits and applications.

"We're up in all areas; the word is out in articles and magazines and that promotes interest," said Kopp. "Colby is an impressive place and it's a place where students can both get what they want academically and socially be very involved."

"I was recruited to come and play hockey for Colby," said Robert Koh '99. "I came and visited because I heard there were great academics and social interaction between people. So I decided to come to Colby and I'm really happy with the way things worked out."

Over the past three years, the number of applications to Colby has increased more than 60 percent, according to Kopp. Other NESCAC schools, including Bates and Bowdoin, have seen increases of eight to nine percent each year during the same period.

"It's certainly the media that really gets the word out," said Kopp. Media coverage often thrusts an already excellent institution into the limelight. Last year Colby received national attention following its ranking as having the happiest students, and Northwestern University's applications increased more than 40 percent after their football team made the Rose Bowl.

Kopp also cites Colby's move to the Common Application as a reason for increased applications. The Common Application is an application accepted by many colleges and is designed to facilitate the college application process.

"The Colby application lets us get a little bit better sense of the



*Echo photo by Jill Huntsburger*  
**Lobby host Elena Kavanagh '98 enters the Lunder House to entertain questions from prospective students.**

person. We ask more personal questions, but students are under an awful lot of pressure so we [went] to the Common Application," said Kopp. "The first year applications jumped 27 percent and the next year 20 percent. But there are definitely other reasons, like the *U.S. News and World Report* magazine."

Raji Gupta '99 heard about Colby from his biology teacher and wrote for information. "I was accepted and came to visit and was like, 'here, take my deposit,'" said Gupta. "It was the nicest campus I'd ever seen."

Although the written word does much to promote Colby, Kopp cites Colby students themselves as the best form of publicity. "Our students and our college campus itself does as fine a job as selling this institution as any school I've ever seen," said Kopp.

"We have a great student volunteer program with tour guides, lobby hosts and overnight hosts. The Colby students themselves have been outstanding, they've been outgoing and very supportive. They're phenomenal and I think it's because for the most part they're happy here."

The student profile improves every year, as do the College's requirements and overall selectivity rate. Last year Colby received the most applications in the history of the College and accepted its highest number of early decision applicants ever. The waiting list was never used.

"We like to go to the wait list," said Kopp. "There are some very good students that meet our profile and would be a great addition to the campus, we just don't have room for them." □

## Spotlight illuminates Black History

BY KOL HARVEY  
Asst. News Editor

Last Thursday Spotlight Lecturer Judith Weisenfeld addressed black women's organizations in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Weisenfeld, assistant professor of Religion at Barnard College, focused on the rise of the black YWCA and its early activities.

Weisenfeld began the lecture by describing a normal walk between 42nd and 59th streets in western Manhattan, through the center of African-American life in New York City. The area, known as the "tenderloin district," was also home to German, Italian and Irish immigrants.

Weisenfeld discussed the struggle of the black YWCA to obtain funding and gain national recognition around the turn of the century. The organization focused on providing a place for African-American women and men to gather. The YWCA offered Sunday afternoon services based on current events and religious issues and a monthly series

of public events. The YWCA provided training for many newly arrived blacks from the south aimed at teaching "women how to serve the white elite of New York," said Weisenfeld. The women received vocational training in several fields, including teaching and domestic work.

**"[The lecture] was a wonderful way to celebrate Black History Month."**

**-Raegan Butler '99**

Audience reaction to Weisenfeld's speech was positive. Nancy Joachim '98 enjoyed the "insight into how black women organized outside of the home as well as through the [YWCA]."

Raegan Butler '99 added that the lecture "was a wonderful way to celebrate Black History Month... the

more information [Colby students] have, the better off they are."

The lecture was part of the Colby College Black History Month Celebration, which runs through March 19. Dean of Intercultural Affairs Geraldine Roseboro said that this year's celebration of black history across the nation has had a "strong emphasis on women. 1896 was the first year for organizations like the National Negro Women's Clubs, which allows [us] to highlight some pieces of black history which have been lying around."

Upcoming events include a lecture by Jim Sheppard, a former member of the World War II squadron of Tuskegee Airmen, on Sunday, Feb. 25. The following Monday cast members from the play "Up From the Mississippi Delta" will focus on *The Performing Arts as Activism*. Several films are also scheduled to highlight various aspects of black history. According to Roseboro, "the excitement is there as we uncover some of the contributions of women. The combination of women and black women just makes it kind of exciting." □

## World News

### •Buchanan wins New Hampshire primary

Political commentator and Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan won Tuesday's New Hampshire Republican primary. Buchanan (27 percent) broke free from an early three way tie between Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (26 percent) and former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander (23 percent) to win the state. Polls taken before the election predicted a much closer contest. Magazine publisher Steve Forbes (12 percent) took the fourth spot behind Alexander. Dole and Alexander's appeals to moderate Republicans were not enough to make up for the strong turnout of conservatives who supported Buchanan. President Clinton secured the Democratic spot with over 90 percent of the vote. The candidates now move to the south and west to continue their campaigns.

### •Eight injured in IRA's London bus bombing

A double-decker bus exploded in the center of London's theater district late Sunday night, injuring at least eight people. Officials are still investigating the source blast, for which the Irish Republican Army has claimed responsibility. The IRA was responsible for a double bombing just nine days earlier. The bombings have accompanied the Irish declaration of the end of a 17-month cease fire. According to London police, no warning was received prior to the bombing.

### •Death toll hits 32 after quake rocks Indonesia

The death toll from last week's earthquake in Indonesia has risen to 32, with 19 people still missing and 50 injured. The earthquake struck the northern coast of Indonesia and measured 7.5 on the Richter scale. Aftershock created waves in the Pacific Ocean as high as 13 feet and traveled as far as 700 miles from the quake's epicenter, located 66 miles off the coast of the Indonesian island of Biak. Storm warnings were issued as far away as Japan.

### •UN, Iraq far from aid plan

After two weeks of talks the United Nations and the Iraqi government are still far from an agreement on a plan to allow limited oil sales to pay for food and medicine. One plan would allow Iraq to sell up to \$2 billion of oil over six months. Provisions in the plan would exclude these funds from being used as payments to victims of Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. Iraqi officials are calling the plan an infringement on their nation's sovereignty. The plan would not change the economic sanctions which were imposed on Iraq in 1990.

Compiled by Alyssa Giacobbe and Kol Harvey from the New York Times Feb. 16-21.

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## Off the Hill

**Smith College**  
Northampton, Mass.

Love bombs are being delivered to Smith students by members of a banned religious group. According to the Smith *Sophian*, the Springfield chapter of the Church of Christ has been banned from recruiting students on campus. Smith's chaplain has condemned the Church of Christ as a cult because it is a closed, selective group that keeps tight control of its members. Dating is limited to fellow members and even sleep is controlled. In a struggle to show concern and respect personal rights, hallstaff members are left wondering how far they can go. "They're good people," said one house president. "They've just been bamboozled."

**University of Texas at Austin**  
Austin, Texas

Were the students at UTA royally duped? Francois A. Ayi, claiming to be the king of the West African country Togo, spent two weeks lecturing to students about the importance of self-reliance, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. False advertising was not a part of his presentation, but he was paid \$1,000 before the Attorney General's office started investigating his credentials. A spokesman for the Embassy of the Republic of Togo stated that, "You cannot be a king in a republic. This man is a liar, I tell you. He is lying to get money."

**University of Bridgeport**  
Bridgeport, Conn.

Saved once from a shut-down by millions of dollars in aid from the Professors World Peace Academy, the University has found itself forced to sacrifice all nine of its varsity sports teams to balance the budget. According to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, school officials have borrowed \$1.6 million to cover sports expenses for the 1996-97 academic year and have begun a fundraising campaign in reaction to student protests.

## Hepatitis B: more contagious than HIV and just as deadly

BY SUZANNE L. DELEA  
Contributing Writer

Although vaccinations are not required for it in America, Hepatitis B is a disease that warrants a closer look.

According to the American College Health Association, Hepatitis B is a highly contagious, sexually transmitted and infectious disease that attacks the liver and develops into chronic liver disease or cancer that can be fatal.

While it is possible to contract the virus and be rid of it within six months, most immune systems cannot overcome the virus and infected persons are usually lifelong carriers of the disease. A Hepatitis B carrier's chances of getting liver cancer increases 200-fold and also means that he or she is capable of transmitting Hepatitis B to other people.

Hepatitis B is spread in two ways: through sex and contact with blood. The virus is found in infected semen, vaginal secretions and saliva. Any type of sexual intercourse or contact with infected blood, whether through cuts, open sores, or infected blood products, may result in infection.

A vaccination is available and is

the only safe and effective way of ensuring immunity to Hepatitis B. The vaccination is given in a series of three injections to the upper arm over a period of six months. All three shots are necessary for the vaccination to provide full protection. According to Medical Director Dr. Melanie Thompson, the vaccination can be ordered from the Health Center and costs \$47 per shot.

There is no cure for Hepatitis B. A vaccination is highly recommended for those who are sexually active or in high-risk occupations (such as health care providers, EMTs, and those who have close contact with someone who is infected) in which they may come in contact with infected blood. It is much easier to prevent Hepatitis B than to cope with the consequences of the disease.

If you think you may have any symptoms of Hepatitis B, the best course of action is to make an appointment with the Health Center or your regular health care provider.

"A Look at Our Health" is a new column which serves to inform the Colby community about relevant public health issues. If you have any health-related or questions you would like answered, send them through campus mail to box 7722.

### A Look at Our Health

#### Hepatitis B Facts

- Fourteen Americans die each day from Hepatitis B.
- Of the 300,000 Americans who get Hepatitis B each year, most are sexually active adolescents and young adults between the ages of 18 and 39.
- Hepatitis B is very common on college campuses, which means that it is here at Colby affecting people we know.
- The Health Center sees several students each year with Hepatitis B. Approximately 50 students per year get the vaccine.
- Hepatitis B is 100 times more contagious than HIV and is transmitted through sexual intercourse and contact with infected blood.
- Anyone can get it, even non-sexually active people are at risk. There is no cure and only a vaccination can provide full protection against the disease.
- Symptoms of Hepatitis B:
  - jaundice (a yellowing of the skin and eyes)
  - skin rashes and arthritis
  - fatigue
  - abdominal pain
  - nausea and vomiting
  - mild flu-like sickness

CHINNY PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:

# Winter Carnival '96

**YES, IT WILL PROBABLY GET OUT OF HAND**

**Friday, Feb 23:** All Day Scavenger Hunt **Saturday:** Lunch on the Row, Sleigh Rides, Hot Chocolate, Fried Dough, Snowball Fights, 3,500 Gallon Hot Tub, Sumo Wrestling, Jousting, Rodeo Ropes, All Night Beach Party in Student Union **Sunday:** Sugarloaf Day

# Colby Amnesty celebrates Human Rights Week

BY JAMES L. HARRIS  
Contributing Writer

Human Rights Week, Feb. 18-25 is comprised of a wide variety of activities planned by Colby's Amnesty International chapter.

Today's Spotlight Lecture debate on the death penalty with Massachusetts Senator James Jujuga and Bowdoin Professor Craig McEwen will be followed

by another debate tonight in conjunction with the George E. Murray Debate Society.

Letter writing, collage making, films, an open mic in the Coffeehouse and bracelet distribution to students to help express concern about human rights are planned throughout the week.

"Hopefully we'll raise some discussion that goes beyond petty campus concerns," said Betsy

Burleson '96, president and co-founder of Colby's Amnesty International chapter.

In an effort to raise awareness of the disproportionate distribution of food in the world, Amnesty will hold a human rights vigil Friday at 5 p.m. in front of the Student Union followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. in which participants will be randomly selected to have a banquet, an ordinary meal, or just

rice and water.

According to Burleson, Amnesty groups on campus and around the world consist of young people who are working to make a change in the world. Amnesty International follows a mandate that calls for the release of all prisoners of conscience, a fair trial for all political prisoners, the abolishment of the death penalty, and an end to disappearances, torture and

extra-judicial executions.

"I feel that Amnesty International is a very important group in terms of bringing issues of injustice to Colby such as the death penalty, hate crimes and other kinds of oppression that occurs around the world," said William Estrada '98.

"Apathy is only as widespread as we let it be," said Burleson. "Amnesty offers a tangible way for us to make a difference." □

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## Did you ever wonder...?

What does Colby do with its food scraps and leftovers?

Every day mountains of food are scraped off students plates in dining halls around campus. Where does it all end up?

The actual food left on plates goes in a garbage disposal, but according to Dan Roy, assistant

manager of Dana, scraps go to a pig farmer at Chartrand Farm in Pittsfield.

"We call him the Pig Man, his name is Erwin," said Roy.

Erwin comes four days a week to pick up the leftovers, which include soups, expired cookies and any waste food.

"We don't donate leftover food

to any kitchens because we're held liable if anyone happens to get sick," said Roy. "With the pigs we don't get in trouble."

Before breaks, about two or three times a year, perishable items such as fruits and vegetables, food that Colby didn't make, are donated to feed the homeless. (KD)

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## HALLSTAFF,

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as well increase commitment by expecting them to spend more hours in service a week.

"RAs are not given that much responsibility and they can handle more," said Fallon.

The issue of hall staff salary is also being considered, with many complaints arising charging that hallstaff are currently underpaid. According to Kassman, the near 50 per cent reduction in hall staff, along with the increase in responsibilities of each, will prompt an increase in salary.

Other details of the plan, including expanded training and greater restriction upon residents, have not yet been discussed. According to Arminio, the plan is being formulated slowly and will "be examined from all angles." □

## NEW DORM,

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selves to be accurate representatives of other students and feel that they have played a substantial role in committee decisions.

"Our concerns have been listened to and taken into account in the decision-making process to date," said Dorm Reconstruction Committee member Warren Moon '98. "The College does have specific goals that it is emphasizing, but they seem to be in accordance with the needs and concerns of the students on the committee and with the College community as a whole." □

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# Arts and Entertainment



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

Tim Reynolds (l.) and Dave Matthews perform before a sell-out crowd on Valentine's Day.

## Matthews, Reynolds acoustic show impresses Valentine's Day crowd

BY DAVID MACLEAY  
Editor-in-Chief

Over 2,500 fans packed Wadsworth Gymnasium on Valentine's Day to take in a special acoustic performance by Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds.

While the venue was far from ideal for an acoustic show, the acoustic, minimally produced nature of the show provided for as intimate an atmosphere as is possible in a gym.

The three-hour set began with a number of songs from the Dave Matthews Band multi-platinum album "Under the Table and Dreaming," including "What Would You Say," "Typical Situation" and "Satellite."

For the most part, the songs were fairly straightforward acoustic versions of the songs on the album, although Reynolds' guitar work added a depth and playfulness not to be found in Matthews' straight-forward rhythm guitar.

Matthews' friendly jokes and banter with the

crowd kept the atmosphere as close to that of a coffeehouse performance. He told jokes, responded to requests from the audience and even accepted a Valentine's Day rose from a fan.

Recently diagnosed with carpal tunnel syndrome in his left hand, Matthews was in obvious pain as he paused between songs to shake the stiffness out of his fingers. Despite the pain, he continued to play and sing flawlessly, and his body language made it clear that he was glad to be on stage performing.

At two points during the evening, the pain became so great the Matthews had to walk off stage, leaving Reynolds to jam solo on some of his own songs. In "Stream" he experimented with a variety of styles and electronic effects which took the song from jazz-to-funk-to Grateful Dead "Space"-esque sounds.

While Reynolds did not have a dominating stage presence, his guitar wizardry captured the audience's attention and applause. His combination of slide guitar, slap bass and lightning-

quick finger picking added a new dimension to Matthews' familiar sound and captured the attention of the audience.

As the evening progressed, the duo moved from Matthews' more well-known material to several unreleased songs including "Lie in Our Graves," "Proudest Monkey," "Two Step" and a cover of John Prine's "Angel from Montgomery."

Matthews and Reynolds first met in a nightclub in Charlottesville, Va. where Matthews was bartending and Reynolds was a frequent performer. One night Matthews asked if he could sing Bob Marley's "Exodus," and the pair has been performing together on and off ever since.

Reynolds' band, TR3, allows him to exhibit his wide-ranging musical talents on guitar, bass, mandolin, violin and even sitar. TR3's latest release is titled "Light Up Ahead" and Reynolds has played on each of the Dave Matthews Band's studio efforts, included a new album that Matthews recently finished recording. □

## Tricky Dick gets Stoned in "Nixon"

BY SCOTT MICHAEL ROTHAM  
Contributing Writer

There are few things that are able to keep my interest for more than two hours. For this reason I was skeptical about giving 190 minutes of my time to Oliver Stone's latest effort, "Nixon". However, I found myself both entertained and slightly more informed.

Stone's "Nixon" is a modern-day Shakespearean epic with our former president as its tragic central figure. While the film's main concern is Tricky Dick's demise, Stone chaotically bounces around Nixon's life, showing his upbringing in rural California and his rise to political prominence as well as the more telling moments of his presidency. Interspersed throughout the film are the quick, loose cuts, shifts to black and white, and grainy footage that Stone fans will remember from films such as "JFK" and "Natural Born Killers."

Perhaps the greatest strength of "Nixon" is its remarkable cast. Even though his attempt at an American accent may elicit frightening memories of Kevin Costner as Robin Hood, Anthony Hopkins turns in an outstanding performance. Hopkins' Nixon is plagued by feelings of inadequacy and increasingly consumed by the fear that everyone is plotting his downfall.

Joan Allen virtually steals every scene in which she portrays Nixon's strong, grounded wife, Pat. Other notable performances are put in by James Woods as Nixon's right hand man, H.R. Halderman, Paul Sorvino as the self-promoting Henry Kissinger, and Bob Hoskins in a wickedly comic portrayal of J. Edgar Hoover.

In several respects "Nixon" is a movie that only Stone could make. Like Nixon, Stone seems to have always been haunted by thoughts of persecution and conspiracy. When Nixon utters, "they always hated Nixon," you get the eerie See NIXON on page 10

## Colbyettes' "Ettecetera" a successful group effort

BY JUDY RING  
A&E Editor

After over a year of planning, the Colbyettes have released a 17-track CD entitled "Ettecetera."

Colbyettes Musical Director Niki Shinneman '96 explained the numerous stages of work that the group has undergone in the recording, arrangement, production and sale of "Ettecetera" since work began on the CD during fall, 1994. "It's been an entire group effort," said Shinneman. She said that the project was the result of hard work by both past and current Colbyettes.

Recording during the '94-'95 school year, the nine members of the Colbyettes did three or four takes of all seventeen songs on the album and then listened to them to determine which would make the final cut. Shinneman said that this was one of the more difficult parts of production. "You want to get the right sound," she said. "It's a lot more work than you would think."

All songs on the album are arranged for four voices or more, with two songs on the album requiring each person to sing an individual part. "On 'Let It Be Me,' I think we had six different solo parts," said Shinneman, "but that's good because we wanted to give everyone a chance to shine."

Even though the CD was recorded by last year's

Colbyettes, the sound is basically the same as can be expected from this year's group. Many of the songs are still in the Colbyettes' repertoire, and the group only lost four members: three to graduation and one to study abroad. This year the Colbyettes have expanded to 12 members in order to produce a bigger and more complex sound, but Shinneman said that current students "should know a lot of people on this CD."

The CD includes songs written by Paul Simon, The Beatles, 10,000 Maniacs, James Taylor, Sheryl Crow, The Eurythmics and even a "Colbyette original" called "Monkey Stubs His Toe." Some arrangements were obtained by trading with other a cappella groups while some were arranged by group members themselves.

The Colbyettes paid to record the CD through budget money, fund-raisers, miscellaneous jobs such as singing for birthdays and a loan from the Student Association.

The nine members of the Colbyettes featured on "Ettecetera" are Shinneman, Briana Thibeau '96, Karen Floyd '95, Heather Johnson '95, Betsy Robinson '95, Liz Baker '97, Carole Reid '97, Alyssa Hughes '98 and Andrea Doucette '98.

"Ettecetera" is being sold at the Colby Bookstore, in the Student Center, and via mail order to alumni. CDs have been shipped as far as California and Virginia, and many were pre-ordered before the CD was even available. Despite the time-consuming nature of the job and the large amount of



Colbyettes "Ettecetera."

work that went into the production of "Ettecetera" the Colbyettes seem to have a great deal of reason to be happy with the final product. □

# Tschanz captures Colby with her fingers

BY JUDY RING  
A&E Editor

Colby pianist Cheryl Tschanz, adjunct assistant professor of music, lit up Given Auditorium with the sounds of Johannes Brahms, Ludwig van Beethoven and Maurice Ravel on Feb. 17 as part of the Music at Colby Concert Series.

Tschanz, who began studying piano at age four, made her orchestral debut as an eleven-year-old with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. She was the first recipient of the Thayer Fellowship for the Arts and has also placed in many international competitions. The *New York Times* once described her as a pianist whose "playing is full of character and a pleasure to hear." Tschanz proved this in her performance Saturday night.

Dressed in solid black and with no formal introduction, Tschanz walked into the auditorium and immediately began to play from Brahms' "Waltzes, Op. 39." Her playing was forceful and yet fluid, moving expertly through abrupt tempo changes as well as dynamic

shifts. Indeed, Tschanz did not seem to be merely playing music, but performing in the truest sense of the word. The "No. 15 in A-flat Major," one of the most beautiful and popular waltzes ever composed, was played with such emotion and expression that the audi-

**Tschanz did not seem to be merely playing music, but performing in the truest sense of the word.**

ence was held spellbound.

Tschanz also performed two "Intermezzi" by Brahms, and finished the first half of the concert with Beethoven's "Sonata in C Major, Op. 53." The fast and furious *allegro con brio* of the piece featured dancing high note runs trickling down into the lower register. This rolling bass and playful upper voice served an amazing con-

trast to the plaintive motive featured in a later movement, accented by sections of "crossover" playing.

After the intermission, Tschanz performed Ravel's "Garspard de la Nuit," subtitled "3 *poemes pour piano*." These movements were inspired by the poetry of Louis Bertrand, one of the main influences in French symbolism. A light, fairy-like sound was employed in the first movement, a story of a water goddess falling in love with a mortal. Tschanz's thoughtful playing was accented in this movement. The bare, one-note-at-a-time melody that came through in the middle section of the piece gracefully fell into a waterfall of notes.

Tschanz's gift for making the most simple parts of her music sound the most magical, coupled with her unquestionable expertise, made the evening a genuine delight. The only words spoken by the pianist were a "thank you" to all those who braved the poor weather to see her perform. Indeed, words were not necessary to explain or introduce her music. □



Echo file photo

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music Cheryl Tschanz.

## calendar for a rural planet

### on this planet

Black History Month Film Series  
"Tongues Untied"  
Lovejoy 215  
February 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Colby Faculty Spring Recital  
Lorimer Chapel  
Feb. 25 at 3:00 p.m.

The Zulu Leprechauns  
Mary Low Coffee House  
February 29 at 8 p.m.

### off this planet

Portland  
Wynton Marsalis  
"Mornton, Monk and Marsalis"  
State Theater  
Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Prague Chamber Orchestra  
State Street Church  
Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

UMaine at Orono  
"Die Fledermaus" an opera by Johann Strauss  
Hutchins Concert Hall  
Feb. 23-24 at 8 p.m.

"Impact of the Republican Contract With America"  
Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union  
Feb. 22 at 12:30 p.m.

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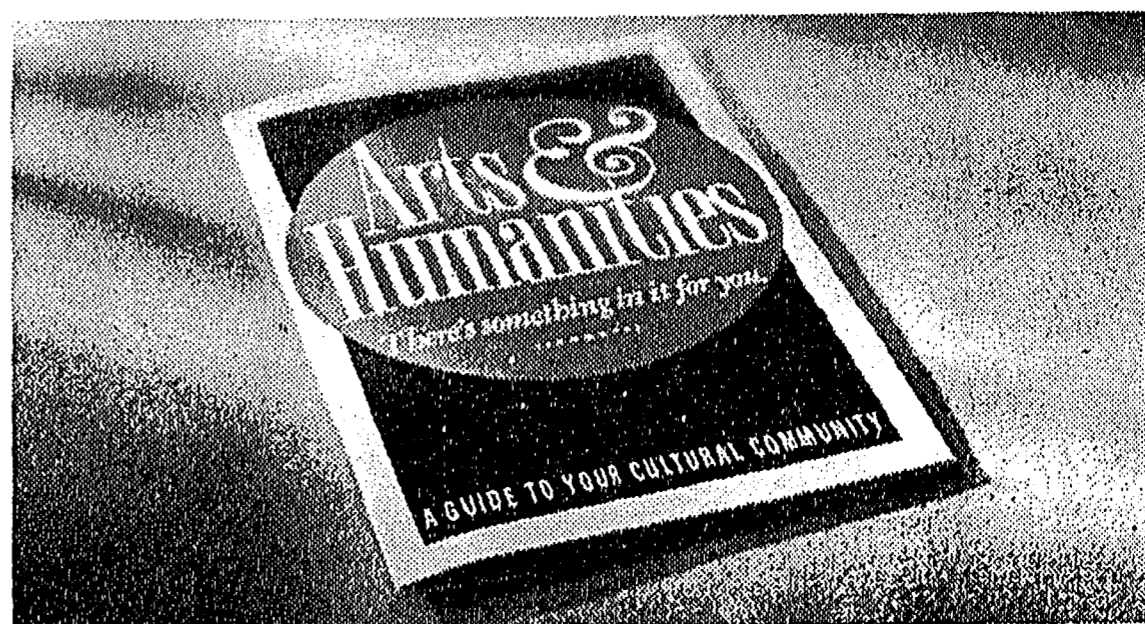
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Feb. 23-29 at 7:15 p.m.  
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## EDITORIALS

## Hallstaff cuts will hurt dorm life

The decision to cut the number of hallstaff serving the student body is a ridiculous policy which will have a serious negative impact on residential life.

If this policy is implemented, there will be 38 HRs doing a job that currently takes 64 people. Each of these 38 HRs will be responsible for more students than before and will have to take on a host of expanded duties. The HR salary, already paltry compared to those at other colleges, will most likely not be increased.

Next year, each HR will have to be on duty more than twice as many weekend nights as are currently required, which will quickly lead to hallstaff burnout. They will have to deal on a large scale with the problems of an entire dorm full of students instead of being able to share that immense duty and interact at a more personal level.

Quality of life in the residence halls will suffer because of the increased demands placed on the shrinking number of HRs. It will become twice as difficult for locked-out students to be let into their rooms, HRs will not have enough time to deal with disciplinary or personal problems as thoroughly or as intimately as they should be, and the sense of community in the dorms will decline.

Hallstaff is the vital glue that holds together residential life. This is not the place to be making cutbacks. As additional demands are placed on dwindling hallstaff, many potentially excellent HRs will be turned off by the workload. We need a policy that will give us more caring, qualified hallstaff instead of a small, over-worked posse of HRs.

## College must demand more of freshman

Colby admissions applications in recent years have increased dramatically, prompting each new class to be labeled as "the best and brightest applicant pool Colby has ever seen." Seeing as Colby students are so "bright," we should be challenging them in every way possible. So why are we letting students finish their freshman year having done minimal amounts of work?

Most Colby students have worked hard in high school, and the ease with which they can slide through Colby's 100-level classes lulls them into complacency. In general, intro courses are too easy. Not only does this provide for a rude shock upon entrance in a difficult upper-level class, but it shortchanges us on our high-priced education.

Intro classes are not just an introduction to a subject, but to the rigors of college academics. However, the bar is set so low that freshmen are allowed to slide through their courses without working very hard at all. We all come here to be challenged, but all too often freshmen find themselves in classes that expect little and demand even less.

We must increase the workload placed upon freshman to prepare them for the challenging years ahead: raise the cutoff point for Dean's List so that it is equal to that required of upper-class students; assign more reading; grade more critically; let students know that they will have to work hard and actually learn in order to earn good grades.

In the long run, the Colby degree will mean more if it is achieved through four full years of challenging work.



## Letters

## Colby Democrats travel to NH

Armed with enthusiasm and rock-hard bagels, the Colby Democrats battled through the blizzard Friday to hear President Clinton speak in Rochester, New Hampshire. Just four days before the first in the primary in the nation, the 15 students packed themselves into a van, and drove down to the snow-filled state, where they were greeted with hot chocolate and the flavor of politics warming the winter air. In an atmosphere buzzing with talk about flat taxes, negative campaigning and welfare reform, they had an exciting weekend of political experience and famous faces.

At the Rochester Community Center, the group tested the endurance of their leg muscles Saturday, as they stood for four hours waiting to hear the president speak. Delayed by the same storm that nearly canceled the students' trip, Clinton departed Washington two hours later than originally scheduled. In Rochester, the anxious crowd was treated to a apologetic phone call from Air Force One with the promise, "If you wait for me, I'll be there as soon as I can."

Following the president's suggestion that they "tell stories and reminisce" until his arrival, the audience heard the energetic speeches of many public figures from New Hampshire, Washington DC and Arkansas. George Stephanopoulos, senior advisor to Clinton, enthusiastically praised the Democratic party for not participating in the mud fight that the Republican candidates had brought to New Hamp-

shire. A personal friend of the president, David Matthews — whose name caused a considerable amount of confusion in the Colby group — further energized the crowd with the Arkansas Razorbacks call which they later used to greet the Commander in Chief.

When, at long last, a secret service agent hung the Presidential seal on the podium and Clinton stepped through the blue curtain, a deafening roar filled the gymnasium. He delivered an impressive oration praising the accomplishments of the past three and a half years, while acknowledging the challenges ahead. "There is the good, and there is the not so good," he said, referring to the peace processes in both Northern Ireland and the Middle East which, although treaties are being negotiated, have still cost the lives of many people in just the past six months. The president's closing words created a sense of strength and unity among the supporters. "When we are together, we are never defeated. When we are divided, we defeat ourselves."

As Clinton descended from the platform, he took time to shake hands with many of the people in the crowd. The Colby students, who at 6 a.m. had peeled themselves out of bed in order to be in the front, were some of the fortunate few who exchanged pleasantries with the president. For many in the group, this was the highlight of the trip, followed by a Portland station's interview of Susanna Montezemolo '97, eagerly watched

in the hotel that evening.

After a hard day of rallying and distributing flyers for the Portsmouth campaign, the merry 15 joined an "Expose the Right" convention at the local Comfort Inn. Al Franken, the keynote speaker, provided comedy for the assembly of a couple hundred. Formerly Stuart Smalley of *Saturday Night Live*, the writer spoke about his new best-selling book, "Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot." After speaking, he stayed to sign autographs, and even posed for pictures with the Colby group.

The weekend proved to be both exciting and educational for the fifteen exhausted students. Crammed in a sardine-like fashion, the group returned to the campus over-flowing with vigor for the upcoming Maine primary. "We're very excited about working the primary on March 5," said Carrie Peterson '99. On primary day, transportation to the polls will be provided by the Colby Democrats.

For those interested in participating in the Colby Democrats and its future events, the next meeting will be held today, Thursday, February 22, at 7 p.m. in the Philson Lounge, upstairs in the Student Union. Students who are unable to attend may contact Emmett Beliveau at x4510, or through e-mail at [esbelive@colby.edu](mailto:esbelive@colby.edu). Announcements for both the Colby Democrats and the Colby Republicans can be found outside the post office.

Laura Palen Eichelberger '99  
Colby Democrats

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## Thanks for the hard work

This has been an exciting week to be at Colby. On Feb. 14, over 2,500 people from on and around the campus got a chance to see Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds perform live in the gym. It was clear to everyone there, especially people like me who were involved in running the show, that this was one of the best show we have had here at the College. As if this was not enough, a capacity crowd filled the Page Commons Room of the Student

Union on Feb. 18 to see and hear William Gates of "Hoop Dreams" fame. He held the audience's attention for almost two hours with his story.

The reason I am writing this is I would like to thank some of the people who made these two possible. My officestaff, Josh Eckel in particular, put in many hours of planning for both of these events. Stu-A Social Chair Alex Chin '96, Stu-A Cultural Chair Jen Rose '98; the other Stu-A and Com-

mons officers, hall presidents and the many other student volunteers put in hundreds of man-hours to make these events possible. As a result of their hard work, Colby is quickly becoming the envy of schools throughout New England. My hat is off to all of the people involved in both of these events. Bravo!

Ben Jorgensen  
Director of Student Activities

# Opinions

## Lax policies make apathy the norm

BY WHITNEY GLOCKNER  
Opinions Editor

It seems Colby has just made the six-lane highway to graduation a little wider for the Class of '99. In addition to already lax policies on add/drop and Dean's List requirements, there is a new trend that makes the system a little easier for those freshmen not ready to make the leap into the "real world" here on the hill. Lux, Mentis, Sciencia is being replaced by GPA, Inflation and Grad School.

Imagine the surprise on a friend's face when she received a syllabus on the first day of a 100-level history class which read "test: February 24." What could they possibly learn in the first three weeks that was so essential as to be

tested before the midterm? As it turns out, the test was scheduled for the benefit of the freshman in the class. The administration seems to agree with the notion that freshman should have a graded test or paper on which to base their decisions to retain or drop a course. Liberal arts philosophy just went out the window.

How hard is it, given the admissions policies at Colby, to get at least a C+ in a 100-level course? This isn't brain surgery, folks. At least when I came to Colby (which wasn't so very long ago) we were encouraged to take courses in areas we had never studied, and even if we did poorly in the class we had still broadened our horizons that much more. I did this and I have the GPA to prove that Italian was not my strongest suit. At least I thought we were supposed to test our limits here at Colby, to challenge ourselves, to "broaden our horizons."

But now the "broaden your horizons" idea has gone out the window in lieu of "drop it if you can't get an 'A'" plan. I can understand the extended add/drop period for freshmen; it can be difficult to get your act together in your first year. However, there is no reason to base the decision on whether or not to keep the class on whether you

got a good grade on the first assignment. You can't do this in upper levels, so why postpone the rude awakening?

If you are really hankering to see your name on the Dean's List, work harder. It is not that hard given the standards here at Colby to maintain a "B" average your first year. After all, Dean's List is an honor, not a right.

And let's be honest, Colby is a walk in the park compared to most universities. Here at Colby we have faculty advisors who are bound to see us every semester to help us to make

sure that we are getting through with the right requirements. At most colleges these days you elect your courses by telephone. At Colby we have COOT to help us make the adjustment into the col-

leges scene a little easier. Colby gives us Big Sibs, most people leave theirs at home when they go to college.

In fact, Colby is doing its freshmen a disservice by allowing this trend to take hold. Colby is, in effect, teaching us that it is more important to take classes that we can get good grades in than to take classes we might learn more in. They are teaching us that the easy way out is the best way to go.

Freshmen who opt out of 100-level courses based on the "B-" they get on the first test will be less willing to persevere and achieve in 300- and 400-level courses. Nor will they have the skills to persevere if they want to, because they didn't take the more difficult courses in the first place. The ride doesn't get any easier as you get into the upper-levels, so you might as well buck up and give it your best shot your freshman year.

In a time when schools are so conscious of grade inflation and Colby is seeking to raise its academic reputation, the College should not be making academics any easier here. If anything, I think we all could have survived a bit of struggle in our first year. A couple of Friday nights in the MacLab wouldn't have killed us.



## Point / Counterpoint

### Telecom Act limits free speech...

BY DAN MACCARONE  
Staff Writer

Electing a majority of Republicans to Congress last year was the most brilliant move yet by the American people.

That was sarcasm. They certainly have been making things better for the citizens of this country, haven't they? They are sure around to protect us, which is probably why they passed the Telecom Act, censoring language on the Internet. Boy, now I feel a lot safer. Words like "abortion" are such a threat to our society.

Granted, the whole act did not say in bold shiny letters "thou shalt not say 'abortion' anywhere on thy Internet," but it might as well have, because it is addendum's like that which get us in an uproar. Amongst other things, you can no longer casually send any decent purity test to a friend of yours because of the question "have you ever had an abortion?" Maybe the purity test isn't the biggest deal in the world, but it serves as an example.

What makes this act even more pathetic is the fact that not only is the United States Congress

**You can no longer casually send any decent purity test to a friend of yours.**

censoring the Internet privileges of this country, but those of countries across the world, because if I were in England next year, happily attending one of the large, well-known universities, and, for some reason, I had to e-mail some-

one back here and ask them a question about abortion (why I would do this I have no idea, but it could happen), I could get into trouble with the U.S. government.

Don't get me wrong, I am all for the government protecting its citizens, and I am quite glad to know that they are watching out for how offended I might be or how my mind might be altered by something I read on the Internet, but, hey, Senator Sparky, wake up! I am going to be affected by what I read no matter where it is, because that is what free speech is all about. If they are going to ban abortion on the Internet, why not ban it in newspapers and on television as well? That way we could have headlines like, "Some random clinic that does actions that this newspaper cannot mention was bombed yesterday by some other group that is against that action."

One of my favorite parts about this act, and see POINT on page 10

### ...or provides needed regulation

BY MIKE TRUMAN  
Staff Writer

The Internet was the idealist's dream. It was supposed to be a pseudo-reality which crossed all borders and all nations to unite the entire race. People of all races and creeds would be able to speak freely and without prejudice, and lasting relationships could be forged by people as far away as Mexico and Finland, who would probably never met each other otherwise.

That is all very lovely, but once again reality has dictated a different story. Not even the wonderful Internet is safe from crime, pornography and the various other evils of the world. That's why regulation is a good idea.

When I first joined the Information Superhighway last year, I was so impressed with it that I too thought that government regulation was a horrible idea. I thought, what could it hurt to just

have a little piece of life that was completely free, up to the whims of individuals everywhere? A little over one year later, my views have reversed. I have seen the uglier side of the Internet. Pornography is rampant. You know the idea of

**The internet has become a drive-by zone of verbal assault.**

six degrees of separation? Well, I've found that you are always only six clicks away from a sexually explicit page from virtually any starting point in the 'net.

Yet I could handle that. Most of those pages do not catch you by surprise. They are clearly labeled and I can avoid them. But it is becoming harder and harder to keep the Internet separate. Anyone from any part of the 'net can go

anywhere. The best examples are the chat rooms. There is no cover charge to enter most of these places, anyone can enter at any time. There is an increasing amount of pathetic individuals who have decided it is their duty to ruin everyone else's fun. Say you are in the (hypothetical) presidential room, discussing who the next president should be, and some jerk swaggers in using profanity and insulting others in the room. It is annoying, and I do not need to hear it. What makes it worse is that there are no names in the Internet. I cannot hunt this guy down and confront him. Just ignore him you say? I do. But it is not the point. The Internet has become a drive-by zone of verbal assault.

The Internet is failing in its objective. Faced with the newfound freedom of complete anonymity, people are abusing it. Power is corrupting, and many see COUNTER on page 10

## Students on the Street

### What can Colby do to make its intellectual environment more stimulating?

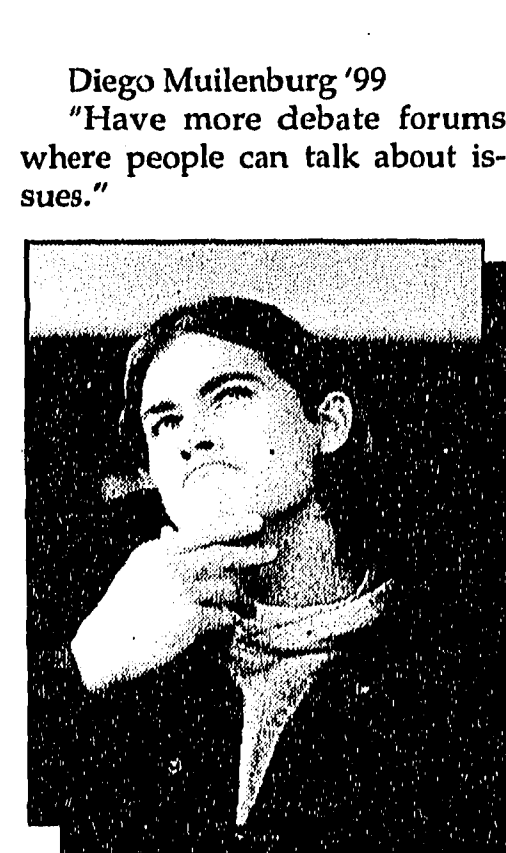


Dave Thibodeau '96  
"There should be...an environment which encourages students to follow what they are really passionate about."

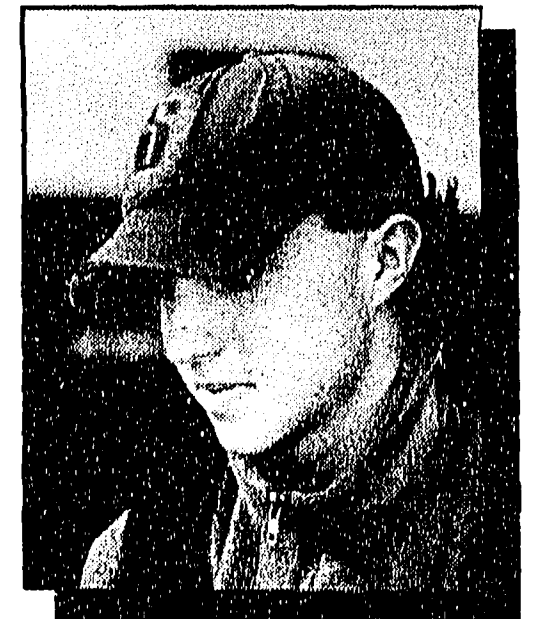
Aaron Schlechter '96  
"Get rid of the Rugby Team."



Christina Pacheco '96  
"Serve wine and cheese in the Spa."



Diego Muilenburg '99  
"Have more debate forums where people can talk about issues."



Jason Myler '98  
"Don't put cable in the rooms."

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# Opinions

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how it is protecting us and our children, is the fact that we can no longer use the Internet as a source of research on this subject. Many Colby students, including myself, have used the Internet as a research tool, because of all the up-to-date information that is placed on it every day. If I want to gather some information, I can cruise the 'net for some pages that are

covered in black. That will really help my position paper on whether or not abortion should be legal. There is a need to be informed and to have information on topics such as abortion open to people who would otherwise make uninformed decisions.

You all may be saying to yourself, "Gosh this kid is whining his pro-choice booties off. I think I'll go read the sports section."

But wait, because this little bill does not only effect us liberal types. No, no, no. Now all of those conservative, Christian, right-wing types can no longer set up pro-life home pages, dedicated to chewing out those of us in the pro-choice point-of-view.

What can we do as lowly citizens? Well, I suppose we can write to our god-like senators and congressmen, complaining

that those wacky Washington types should get off their rectums (please, don't use profanity, they don't grasp the concept of its usefulness), and let us have the freedom we want.

Oh, and Strom Thurmond, who most likely will never read this article, I have only one thing to say to you: Abortion! Abortion! Abortion! (hee hee hee) □

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cannot resist the temptation. Where there is no accountability for one's actions, there is no respect. It's a failing of human nature, but it is reality.

For those of you worrying about your free speech, don't. If you conduct yourself in a dignified manner, nothing will change. It is not as if the government would bother reading your e-mail. The post office is a government institution, and we put our faith and trust in it. I should think it would be no different here in the 'net.

Furthermore, regulating the 'net is a daunting, if not impossible, task. If the government were to step in, it would have to concentrate on major offenders. Users like you and me would not be in the scope of an everyday investigation.

I know that requesting government regulation is never a popular idea. I am not even sure it would work. The Internet is bigger than the United States. It would take a collective effort on the part of the nations of the world to do an effective job. But something has to be done. We do not allow this type of behavior in the real world and we should not allow it in the Internet. Until the Internet learns to monitor itself, I don't want to hear its hypocritical cries of a free zone. One person's individual freedom should not infringe on another's. □

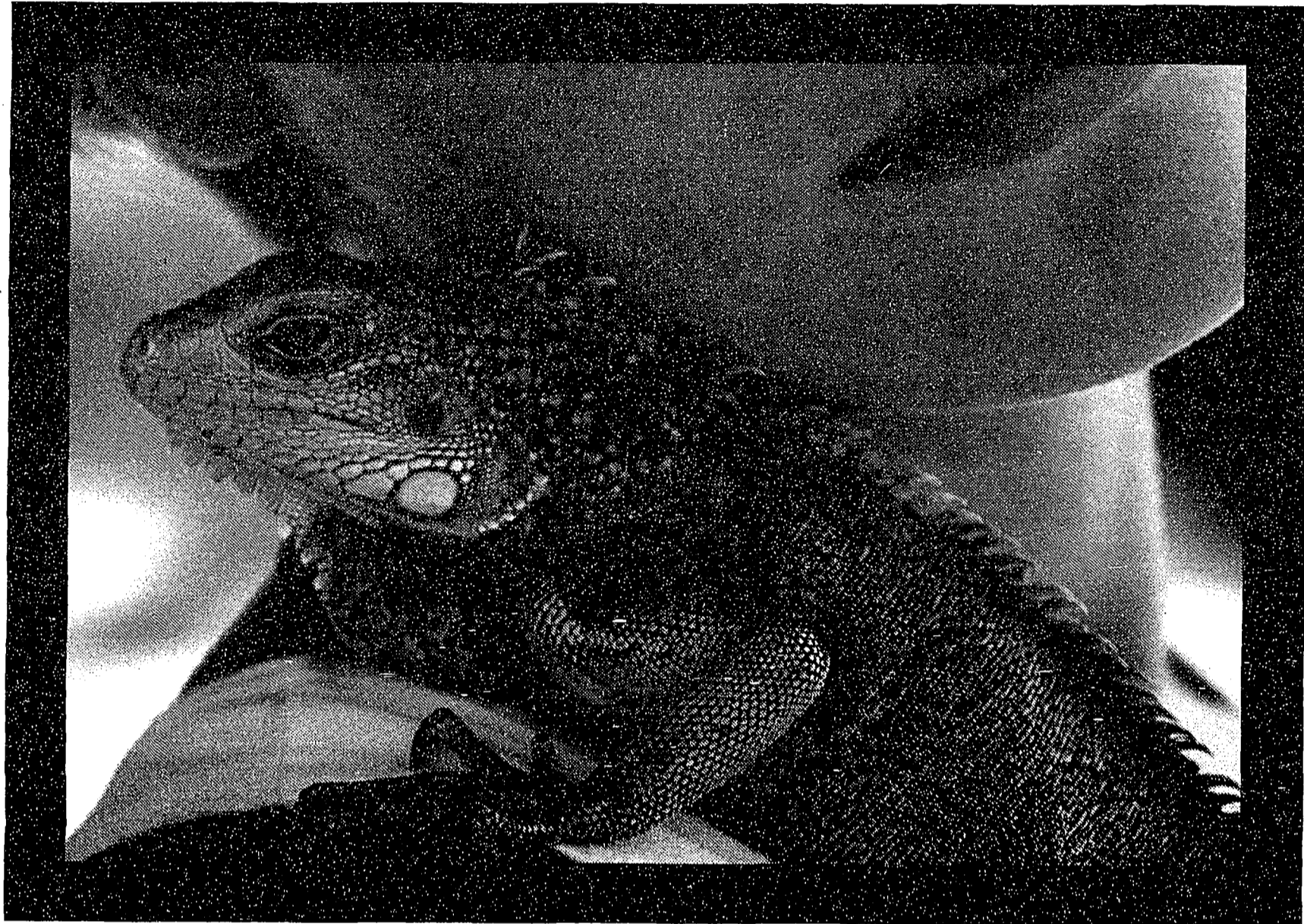
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feeling that Stone is speaking about himself.

As a Vietnam veteran who has made a career out of bashing the establishment with films like "Platoon" and "Born on the Fourth of July," it is surprising to see Stone go so easy on the former president. Knowing little about Nixon, I left the theater feeling sorry for the crooked president and even sympathizing with him.

It is important to note that Stone pays little attention to historical fact. At times in "Nixon," Stone allows his obsession with conspiracy to interfere with the message of the film. The assassination of JFK still apparently haunts Stone, as he needlessly has Nixon meet with a fictional group of anti-Castro, Texan big-wigs who speak of assassinating Kennedy.

There is a small disclaimer at the beginning of the film which explains that, like "JFK," not everything in Stone's movie is true. However, this is not necessary. While Stone may take more liberties than other directors, his embellishments and hypothetical situations always result in remarkable storytelling and brilliant film-making. "Nixon" is currently showing at Railroad Square Cinema. □



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## Scoreboard

### Women's Hockey

#### ECAC WOMEN'S HOCKEY STANDINGS

Team	Record	Points
1. UNH	13-0-1	27
2. Brown	10-0-4	24
3. Dartmouth	9-3-2	20
4. Providence	9-5-0	18
5. Northeastern	7-4-3	17
6. Cornell	7-5-2	16
7. Colby	7-6-1	15
8. Princeton	7-7-0	14

#### WOMEN'S HOCKEY INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Name	Goals	Assists	Points
1. Meaghan Sittler, Colby	40	39	79
2. Barb Gordon, Colby	32	33	65
3. Erin Magee, Boston College	32	22	54
4. Carisa Zaban, UNH	24	23	47
5. Andrea Blakely St. Lawrence	24	21	45

### Men's Hockey

#### NATIONAL DIVISION III EASTERN RANKINGS

1. Middlebury	20-2-0
2. RIT	19-5-1
3. Colby	17-4-0
4. Babson	17-3-2
5. Platts. St.	19-6-0
6. Bowdoin	16-5-1
7. Potsdam	17-7-0
8. Conn. Coll.	15-5-1
9. Elmira	13-11-0

### LAVERGNE, continued from page 16



Echo file photo

#### Dan Lavergne puts the moves on a Holy Cross defender.

All-New England honors after exploding for 22 goals and assisting on 25 others en route to a 47-point season.

"My career at Colby has been more than I could have hoped for," said Lavergne. "Before I came here I had never even heard of Colby. Coach Scott Borek told me I could come here and win with him or go somewhere else and lose against him. That sold me on this school and coming here was the best choice I've ever made."

Not all of Lavergne's choices have been as easy, but all of them have felt the steadying influence of his grandfather, Paul St. George.

"When I was three years old, my father became ill and my grandfather kind of became like a second

dad for me," said Lavergne. "He was a hockey player too and taught me everything I know about the game. He took me to my practices, my games and was just a very supportive person. He still comes to 90 percent of my games. I wouldn't be where I am without him."

As the 1995-96 regular season comes to a close with two games on the docket this weekend, a more mature Lavergne will lead the Mules into the post-season for the third consecutive year.

"I've had to do a lot of growing up this season," said Lavergne. "The past two seasons I was very immature and I would say things that brought the team down. At the end of last season, coach Borek pulled me aside and told me,

"When you are up, the team is up. When you are down, the team is down." From that point on I've tried to be more of a leader and more positive in the tough situations."

Lavergne has accumulated 38 points this season on 12 goals and 26 assists through 21 games. By no means has his more focused and relaxed approach detracted from his individual game and, in turn, he has helped the squad to reach loftier goals. As a result of this maturation, determination, extraordinary play and the overall impressive performance of his teammates, Lavergne's Mules (17-4, 14-3 in ECAC play) are primed for a shot at hockey's golden crown: an NCAA title. □

### WOMEN'S HOCKEY, continued from page 16

Gordon added a goal and three assists. Defenseman Stacy Joslin '97 chipped in with two assists, while netminder Marie Polichronopoulos '97 was stellar in goal.

"I actually think we played better against Northeastern," said Halldorson. "I would say it was the best that my second line has ever played, and that's what you need to be successful."

"We're in a great position right now," said Jeanes. "I never would have believed this my freshman year. We're beating big schools that are traditionally strong in hockey."

Currently the Mules occupy the seventh position in the ECAC standings, but are only three points out of fourth. If the Mules can manage two wins this weekend at Providence and Brown, they have a shot at securing the fourth position, which would give them home ice for the opening round of the playoffs.

"It's very encouraging that we're already going to the playoffs," said Jeanes, "but we'll have to wait until next week to find out where we're going."

### MEN'S HOCKEY, continued from page 16

said Pimentel. "We need to make sure we win the games we're supposed to in order to give ourselves the chance to enjoy the post-season play we are striving for."

Saturday afternoon would prove to be nothing more than a repeat of the obliteration handed to Trinity as Colby visited Middletown, CT to face Wesleyan. The Mules' high-octane offense had their tank full as they got on the board just 3:58 into the game. Lavergne began the attack, dishing the puck to Cronin, who blasted home a slapshot from the blue line. The Mules' second goal was a career first for Koh, as he scored just 40 seconds later on a pass from Guilfoyle, making it 2-0 in favor of Colby.

At 10:30 of the second frame McGovern intercepted a clearing pass from the Wesleyan keeper right in front of the Cardinals' net and knocked it home with his hand for a short-handed goal. As the game wound down and Wesleyan found itself on the short end of a 3-1 tally, the Cardinals pulled their goalie. The Mules capitalized as McGovern grabbed the loose puck and dished to Lavergne who tallied the empty-netter, thereby sealing Colby's 4-1 victory with just 15 seconds left.

"We've put ourselves in a tremendous situation," said Cronin. "This coming weekend should be a lot of fun. We've been able to stay focused all year and now we have the chance to do something special."

Tomorrow night the Mules (17-4) will be playing their biggest game



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

#### Meaghan Sittler '98 netted four goals against Northeastern in the Mules' 5-2 win.

Regardless of location the Mules are finally into the ECAC playoffs. After coming up just short last year missing the post-season by one point, Colby is happy just to be there.

"It was a great accomplishment," said Halldorson, "we wanted to be at least .500 in the league and we were able to do that." □



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#### Stu Wales '96 came up big versus Trinity, dishing out 5 assists.

of the year as they host Babson College (17-3-2) at 7 p.m. in Alford Arena, the first meeting between these two teams this year. Babson, a team in the thick of the NCAA tournament hunt as well, has been stellar all year long, maintaining the fourth spot in the Division III rankings, just behind Colby.

"We are playing extremely well right now," said winger Jody Eidt '97. "We are excited to see how we handle ourselves this weekend." With the return of defenseman Kevin Soja '98, whom the Mules have missed for much of the season due to a broken foot, Colby should be at full strength both physically and mentally as they attempt to land a spot in the NCAA tournament for the first time ever. □

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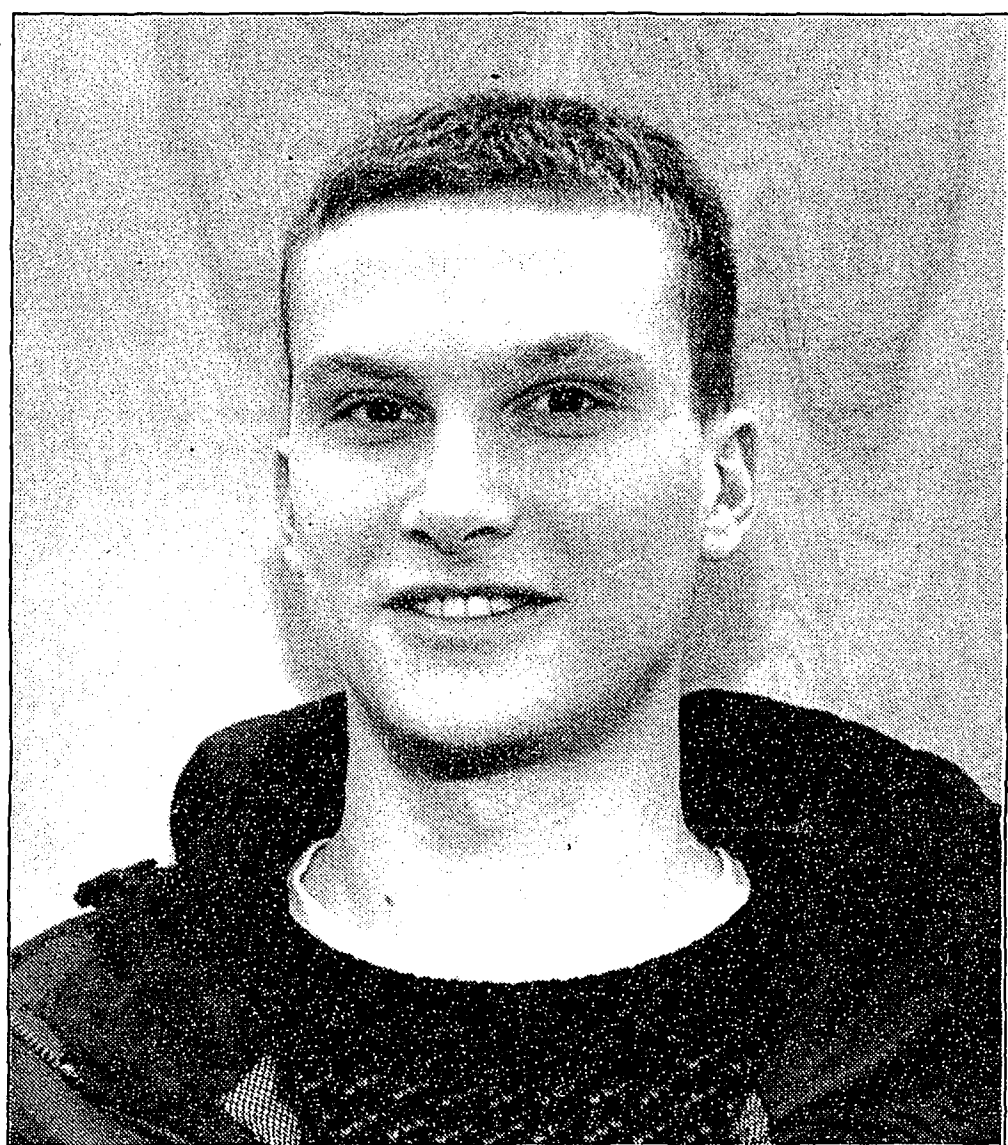
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# DEVASTATOR

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## Geoff Herrick '98

The sophomore sensation out of Topsfield, MA has more than made a name for himself as one of Colby's top male swimmers. In fact, he's even put his name into the record books. This weekend at Trinity, Herrick swept all three of his events while breaking Trinity's pool record for the 200-yard butterfly. Herrick has been outstanding over the course of the entire season: he was victorious in every single individual event that he entered, an astonishing feat. In just two seasons, Herrick has captured Colby records in the 50-, 100- and 200-yard butterfly events. When the men's swim team competes at Wesleyan in the New England Championships during the first week in March, Herrick will be looking to become the first male swimmer from Colby to qualify for Nationals.

## This Week's All-Mule Pack

### Stuart Wales '96

The senior co-captain from Marblehead, MA led the men's hockey team to two convincing victories this past weekend as they attempted to land their first NCAA tournament berth ever. Wales tallied five assists against Trinity on Friday and anchored a defensive unit that completely shut down the Wesleyan offense the following day. Earlier this season, Wales broke the all-time assist record for Colby defensemen when he dished out the 59th of his career in January. The record was previously held by Mike Self '67. Wales has one goal and 20 assists on the season and has run his career totals at Colby to nine goals and 70 assists for a total of 79 points.

### Meaghan Sittler '98

With *Sports Illustrated* watching over her shoulder, this women's puckster scored 10 points on the weekend to increase her league-leading point total to an incredible 79 in just 19 games, earning her ECAC Player of the Week honors for the third time this season. In the Mules' 6-5 overtime win versus Harvard, Sittler racked up two goals and four assists including the pass that set up the game-winner, while in Colby's 5-2 shellacking of Northeastern she netted four goals, making it the eighth game out of the last ten in which she has tallied at least three goals.

### Barb Gordon '97

Practically matching her linemate Sittler every step of the way, this junior puckster out of Glendale, CA tallied eight points over the weekend, including the game-winning goal in overtime versus Harvard that secured the Mules' first post-season berth in 15 years. Against Northeastern on Sunday, Gordon scored a goal while adding three assists, bringing her season point total to 65, making Sittler and herself the top scorers in the league. Gordon will also appear in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd" section sometime in the near future.

# Skiers reaching the top

## Alpine team hoping for best finish ever

BY CAROLYN MINER  
Contributing Writer

As the ski season winds down this weekend with the Eastern Division I Championships at Middlebury College, Colby has the potential to post one of its best finishes since winning the Division II Championships five years ago.

After consistently dominating the field at the Division II level, Colby was invited to join Division I four years ago and has owned eighth place in every carnival since. Because of strong recruiting and persistent hard work, the team's fortunes might soon change.

At last weekend's Williams Carnival, the alpine women placed just one point out of fifth.

"The women have been very consistent with several sixth-place finishes," said Alpine Head Coach Mark Godomsky. The top three finishers were Emily Etchells '99 who placed 18th, Erika Platt '99 in 25th and Annie Flanagan '99 who came in right behind Platt with a 26th place finish.

The men have skied themselves to several seventh-place finishes, beating traditional powerhouses Bates and Saint Lawrence on several occasions this season. Accord-

ing to Godomsky, they have done consistently better this season in slalom, while the cancellation of the giant salmon race last weekend only helped their cause. The top three finishers on the men's team this weekend, all placing in the top thirty, were Ken Raiche '98, Kevin O'Brien '98 and Dylan Rothwell '97.

**"We could ideally find ourselves right in there with the original Division I teams. -captain Ethan Platt"**

"If the whole team could put it together this weekend, we could ideally find ourselves right in there with the original Division I teams," said alpine captain Ethan Platt '97.

The nordic women's team has also come together as the season has progressed. They will head to Middlebury next weekend hoping to build on their seventh-place finish last weekend, as they placed only three points out of sixth. The Mules will rely on the performances

of Darcy Cornell '99 and Jennifer Lane '98 and try to leave Vermont with a fifth-place finish next weekend.

Nordic Head Coach Jefferson Goethals hopes Cornell will be able to place in the top 20. For the past few meets Lane has been concentrating on qualifying for USSA Junior Nationals, and now that she has succeeded, is ready to turn her efforts toward the collegiate championship.

The men's nordic team has had a frustrating season, which included the loss of several skiers to an exam last weekend. At Williams, Ben Otto '96, despite a hard fall, showed signs of great improvement as he finished 10 seconds out of the top 20 after his first lap. The sixth-place skier, Jim Fieblekorn '98, turned in a strong race by closing a considerable gap and placing fifth for the first time this season. Fieblekorn's performance has been relatively consistent all season and his improvement could be the spark that his team needs, according to Goethals.

Every season the gap between Colby and the seventh-place team narrows, so if everything comes together at Middlebury this weekend, it could prove the turning point for Colby skiing. □

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# OFFSIDES

## Soccer is life; *la vida es fútbol*

BY GALEN CARR  
Sports Editor

A wave of reality. That is the only way to describe it. There I was, sitting 50 rows up from the most carefully groomed soccer field I had ever seen, while a voice sang, filling the air completely.

The source of the united voice was 50,000 of the most loyal fans I have ever seen, and it bellowed from the bottom of their hearts, pummeling my open ears and leaving me in awe.

"¡Valencia! ¡Valencia!" The tidal wave of noise filled the air, slowly but surely. Everyone was on their feet: little boys, grandmothers, teenagers, parents, cabbies, bartenders and street cleaners. Flags were waving, everyone was reaching out their hands as if they could transmit their love and faith onto the green grass. You could almost see the intensity of the crowd bear down upon the field like rays of sunshine.

The hometown team's star had just scored, and ecstasy filled the air. You could have kissed the person next to you, and they would have laid a big smacker right back on your lips without thinking twice. That is how happy these people were. Their team had just scored. They had just scored. Their team was winning. They were winning. Life was wonderful.

In Spain, soccer is life and life is soccer, for everybody. *Todo el*

*mundo.* From the day that they are born, Spaniards know how to play *fútbol*. If there was a survey done, it probably would not find a single person in the country that did not know how to play the game. And what's more, they would have a difficult time finding someone who wasn't good enough to play the game on most high school and college teams in America. *Nadie.* No kidding. Even the average, plump, little sixth grader could give any American high school varsity player a run for his money. It is as if they are able to use their feet as they do their hands. Just imagine fingers instead of toes. Easy, right?

The game's enormous popularity is mind-boggling. Rarely, if ever, is one able to find a vacant soccer field in a city of 1,000,000. And that is not from a shortage of fields. From dawn until sundown, the *campos* are full. It is as if there is nothing else to do. Yes, there is the occasional pickup basketball game, but that comes *after* soccer. First things first.

*España* revolves around soccer because the people treat it as something more than a game. If anyone has a spare hour, you will see them with a soccer ball, whether it be alone, with a friend, or on a team. The sport is on television, in every radio and plastered over every newspaper. It feels like it lives in the air.

On the night of an important game, the streets of Valencia would be dead; *muerto*. Why? Because the

entire population had either filled the stadium, was planted in front of the television set, or had taken up temporary residence at the local bar until the final whistle. Perhaps the correct term for this phenomenon is "mania." That's what it was.

As I watched the city's hero, the goal-scorer, explode around the field with his arms outstretched, his mouth so wide one could see tonsils, and his eyes bulging madly from their sockets in a victorious craze, I knew that there was nothing like this *anywhere* in the world of sport where I came from. The city was in love with him and in love with his team. He was in love with himself, his city and his team, and at that moment I knew he had the country's presidency in the bag if there were only a vote to determine it.

The game is part of the culture. For all practical purposes, it *is* the culture. It occupies a place within every *chico, chica, mujer* and *hombre* from the day they are born, and stays with them no matter where they live, what they do, or how old they become.

The Spanish have something on us. No kidding. Win or lose, rain or shine, *fútbol* exists in the hearts of them all. Soccer is *their* sport, and *their* sport is able to unify an entire nation. □

*This is the second part of a three-part series on sports in Spain.*

## What happens when the dream fails?

BY BOB ELLINGER  
Asst. Sports Editor

In the fast-paced world of college basketball, journalists and fans alike usually get caught up in the competition.

From the "March Madness" specials on ESPN to the office-wide tournament pools, fans put in time, effort and money into thinking about and debating who will win the big game or go to the Final Four.

But occasionally a movie like "Hoop Dreams" comes along and reminds us how ridiculous our debates and games really are.

To William Gates, Arthur Agee and the thousands of inner city athletes like them, the stakes seem much higher than just whether the shot goes in or a favored wins the game.

Last Sunday, Gates, one of the "stars" of the documentary, came to Mayflower Hill as a part of a college speaking tour. Though his talk was centered in the history of the documentary and his basketball, the speech, much like the movie, somehow subtly transcended the game and the medium with which it dealt.

When I was a little kid I chomped on Big League Chew and practiced every day because I was going to play for the New York Yankees one day. It was a common boyhood dream: playing a pro sport — one probably shared by millions of little kids.

But somewhere along the line my dream ebbed away. By the time high school rolled around, I became more involved with academics and moved toward attending college. Education became my opportunity.

As young kids, Gates and Agee held a dream like mine: they both wanted to play in the NBA.

But, my dream of playing baseball became just that, a dream, whereas their hope of playing pro basketball became a real opportunity, maybe the only one they actually had.

Obviously Gates and Agee grew up in a dichotomous world, as I did. I was coddled in a Philadelphia suburb and Gates had to survive in Chicago's Cabrini Greens, one of the worst housing projects in the

country. He said that in his community "there was no such thing as being in the wrong place at the wrong time because it was always the wrong place and the wrong time."

Their games and aspirations were molded on the courts of Chicago where they shot at baskets with no nets on courts surrounded by chain-link fences.

As they moved into high school they were recruited to play at suburban Chicago's St. Joseph's High School. It is here where the film begins the four-year odyssey through the athletes' lives.

Through the documentary we are shown the turbulence of family life, school, basketball and community put pressures on the Gates and Agee families. Gates' injures his knee; Agee's father turns to drugs; Gates becomes a father at 17; Agee leaves St. Joseph's because of money and academic troubles.

All of these things nearly divert the two boys' dream of playing in the NBA. More importantly, the pressures nearly cause them to lose their grip on the one opportunity they so tenuously clung to, yet so powerfully fought for.

But they somehow both made it to college, played ball, and graduated. Somehow they both survived and, in their own ways, prospered. It could be seen as a fulfillment of an American dream, where hope, desire and perseverance lift two people up out of poverty.

But for some reason there is little hope in "Hoop Dreams" — little hope in the images of the lives of William Gates and Arthur Agee. The film, despite the success of its main characters, somehow underscores a much more uninspiring, disheartening message.

While speaking at Colby, Gates responded to a student's question with uncharacteristic bluntness as he said, "some kids in the city see going to the NBA more of a possibility than becoming a doctor or a lawyer."

If sports provide the most prominent opportunity for many inner-city kids, then how are we inspired or touched?

I gave up my dream when I was ten, but I, in suburbia, had another opportunity to fall back on. What happens when you don't? □



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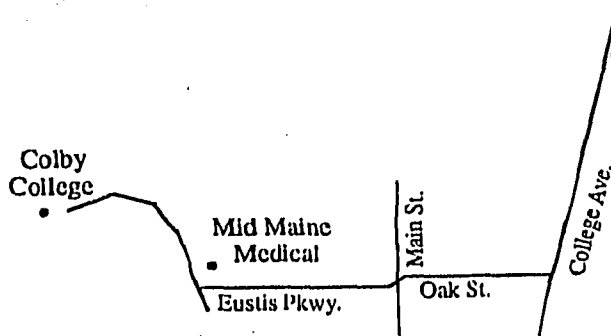
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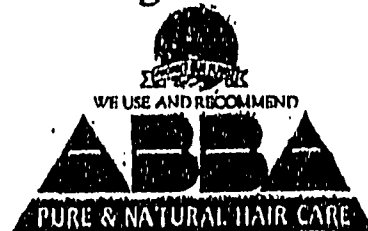
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NBA Agent David Falk is preparing himself for a busy summer as five of his clients — Michael Jordan, Alonzo Mourning, Dikembe Motumbo, Juwan Howard and Kenny Anderson — become free agents after this season. Sources say Falk will probably ask the following for each player:

Player	Yearly Salary
Michael Jordan	\$25-30 million
Alonzo Mourning	\$15 million
Dikembe Motumbo	\$14 million
Juwan Howard	\$13 million
Kenny Anderson	\$7 million

(source: Los Angeles Times)

# Women's squash proves worthy at Howe Cup

BY JOEL GROSSBARD  
Staff Writer

The Colby women's squash team finished the season with flying colors at last weekend's Howe Cup Team Nationals at Yale. Posting a 3-2 record at the tournament, the Mules landed the eleventh ranking in the B-flight division, the highest ever in the 17-year history of Colby squash.

The Mules won their first three matches in decisive fashion, beating Franklin and Marshall (8-1), Middlebury (8-1) and Wesleyan (6-3). The team then ran into a couple of roadblocks, in the likes of Bowdoin and Williams. Bowdoin defeated the Mules 5-4 in a very tight contest. Colby then matched up against a strong Williams squad and were beat convincingly, 8-1.

A number of Colby players handed in strong performances

throughout the weekend. Among them were Sonia Totten '98, who didn't drop a single game in her first four matches in the no. 1 spot. In her final match, she faced a tough Williams' opponent and lost the match in three straight games. In the second slot, co-captain Ellen Derrick '96 also went 4-1 in the tournament, also losing to Williams. Montine Bowen '98 performed well in the fifth spot, also going 4-1, yet losing to Williams as well.

"Our top three players (Totten, Derrick and Sarah Molly '97) really displayed their dominance at this level this weekend," said Illig. "Going into the Williams match, the three had a combined record of 11-1."

"We were very pleased overall with the season. The eleventh-place finish at Howe Cup was satisfying for us as a team. We were very glad and excited to reach the

college's highest finish ever in the overall rankings, at tenth, and also at Team Nationals. There is still room for improvement, so it keeps us hungry for next year."

"The outcome of this season and at Howe Cup was just a result of working hard and working together as a team," said Derrick. "We attained our goal this season by gaining the tenth ranking in the nation. As far as the 5-4 loss to Bowdoin at the Howe Cup, it gives the players coming back next year something to work for and look forward to. But overall, it was really a phenomenal season."

"For the five graduating seniors (Derrick, co-captain Becky Trufant, Meaghan Dwyer, Jill Maccaferri and Nina Leventhal), it is the end of an era," said Illig. "They started their careers four years ago on two converted off-campus courts at Champions, and have made great strides along the way." □

## School track records fall

BY BOB ELLINGER  
Asst. Sports Editor

Last weekend the men's and women's track teams began the post-season by competing in the New England Division III Championships.

Traveling south to Massachusetts, the women's team put in an impressive showing by tying for sixth place with host Smith College.

Co-captain Cynthia Pomerleau '97 put on an impressive individual performance for the Mules. In winning the pentathlon Pomerleau came within 21 points of the school record with 3148. Pomerleau also qualified provisionally for nationals in the shot put with a throw of 40' 1/2". Both performances were personal records for Pomerleau.

In another impressive performance, Danny LeGrand '96 placed second in the open shot put. With her throw of 49' 8", LeGrand set a new school record, handily eclipsing the old mark set last year of 49' 4 1/2".

Senior Rachel Ehlers also raced well for the Mules by placing sixth

overall in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.25.

"That time was a personal best for [Ehlers] and one of the fastest times ever recorded in the 200 in my ten years coaching here," said Head Coach Debbie Aitken.

The 4x200 relay team placed fourth overall with a time of 1:49.45. After qualifying in the fifth slot, the

**He only had a few weeks to pull it all together. That made it a pretty spectacular performance.**  
-Head Coach Jim Wescott

Mules finish was especially impressive because captain Elizabeth Fagen '97 was injured and couldn't race.

Next weekend the Mules travel to Bowdoin to compete in the Open New England Championships.

At Brandeis last weekend the

men's team was not as successful as the women.

The only points scored for the men came from co-captain Matt O'Connell '96, who placed fourth in the pentathlon. Scoring 3120 points, O'Connell set a new school record and enjoyed personal best performances in the high jump, the high hurdles, and the 1000-meter run.

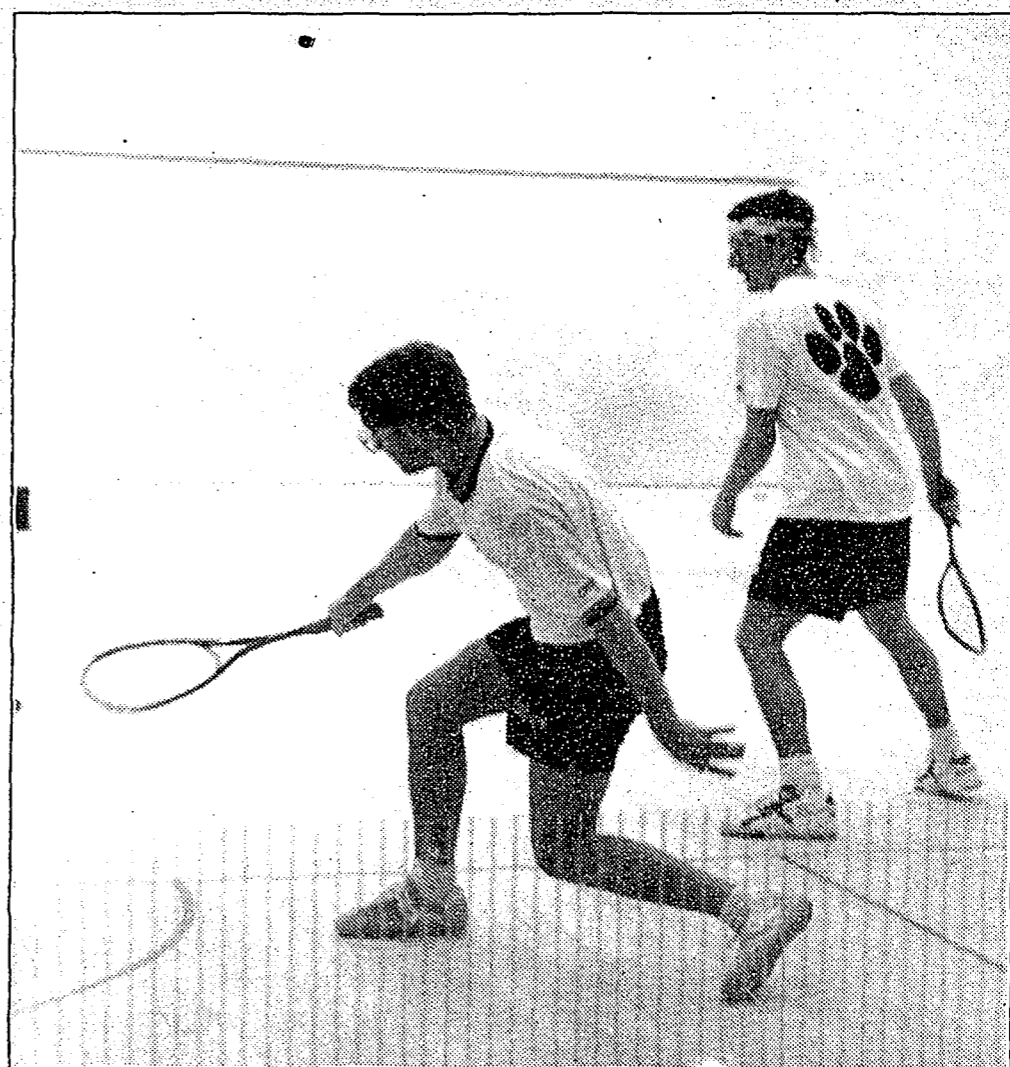
"Matt didn't have any time to train in January because he was away so he only had a few weeks to put it all together. That made it a pretty spectacular performance," said Head Coach Jim Wescott.

Pat Fournier '98 raced well in the 5000 meter, finishing in a time of 15:45 and placing seventh, one place short of scoring team points.

Though their performance was disappointing, the Mules are looking to rebound next weekend when they compete in the New England Championships at Boston University, according to Wescott.

Don Saucier '96, the Mules top point scorer this season, will race in the 55-meter high hurdles. In addition, Conrad Saam '96, after being away all January, will compete in the pole vault. □

# Men's squash falls to Bowdoin



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

The Colby men's squash team played one match this week, at home against Bowdoin on Saturday. The Mules dropped the match, 7-2 to their Maine rivals.

Taylor Smith '98 at the fifth spot, and Andy Niner '99, at no. 8, posted the only wins for the Mules.

Dave Dodwell '98, playing at no. 1, lost a heartbreaker to Bowdoin's ace. The match went five games, as both of Dodwell's wins came on tie-breakers. Dodwell dropped the final game, 15-12, but not without putting up a strong fight, according to Head Coach John Illig.

Christian Denkla '96 also took his opponent to five games playing in the second position.

The team travels to Team Nationals at Yale this weekend. (JG)

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# Men's basketball scratched by Bobcats

BY PAT MCBRIDE  
Staff Writer

Going into the final two games of the season, the men's basketball team needed to sweep in order to have a chance at a third consecutive NCAA tournament appearance. Unfortunately, that hope was quickly dashed as Adam Piandes and the Bates Bobcats upended the White Mules 89-84 on Monday night in Wadsworth Gymnasium.

Piandes scored a game-high 31 points, including five three-pointers and four key free throws

down the stretch as Colby dropped to 14-9. It appears now that the Mules will be headed to the ECAC tournament, pending the season finale against Bowdoin College on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Wadsworth Gymnasium.

After Piandes missed the front end of a one-and-one free throw opportunity, Colby had a chance to tie with 10.2 seconds left in the game, down 85-82. But a John Hebert '97 three-point attempt went wide and the Mules' hopes for a last-second comeback were thwarted at the other end as Piandes iced the game with two free throws.

## Men's Basketball

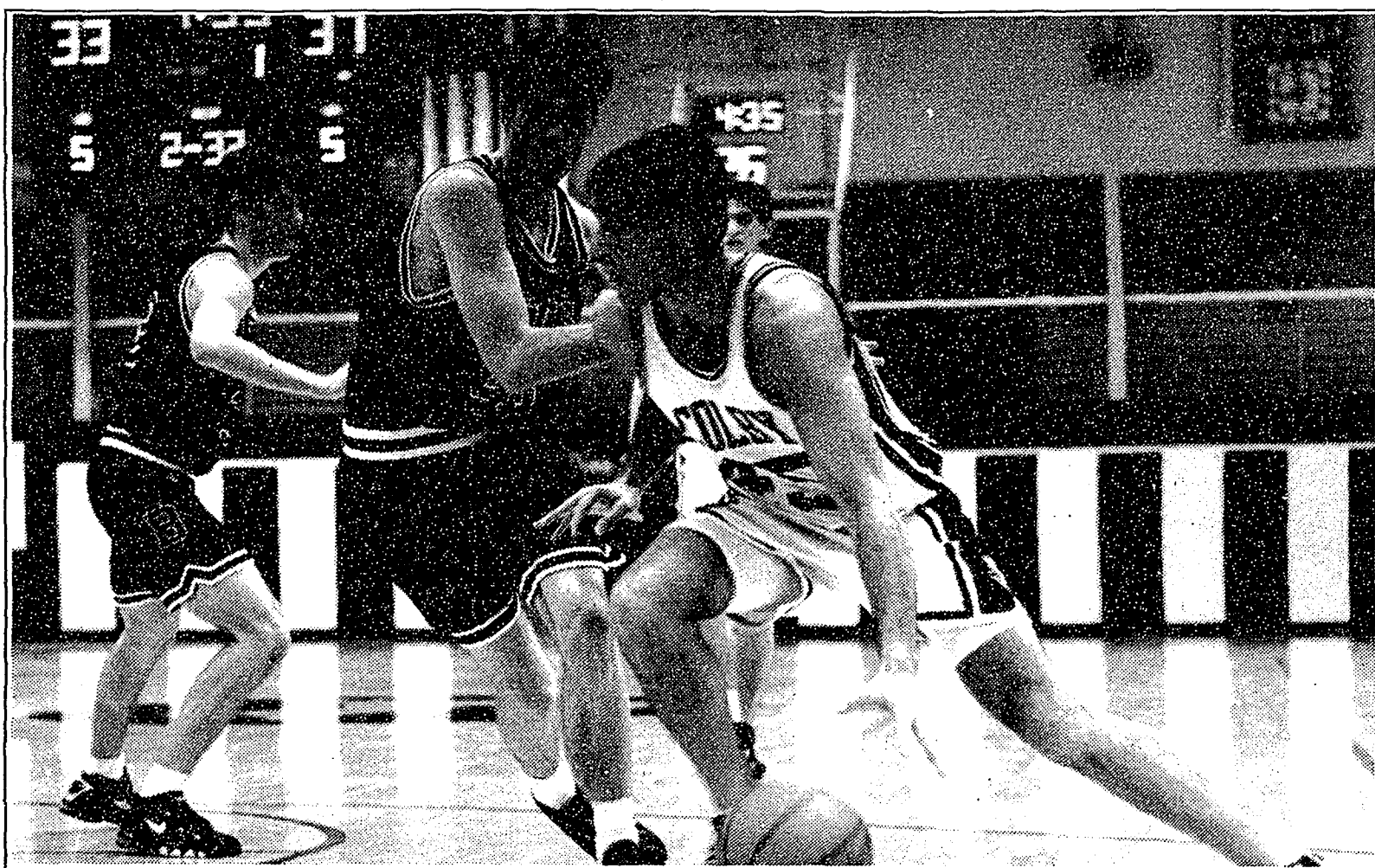
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Colby came out of the gate strong as Dave Stephens '96, Hebert and Dave McLaughlin '97 hit three-pointers on successive possessions to put the Mules up 11-6 early in the game. Piandes then took on the offensive burden for Bates as he unleashed three straight three-pointers to knot the game at 15. Piandes finished the first half with 18 points as Bates went to the locker room with a 47-41 lead.

Colby erased a 56-46 deficit in a matter of seconds in the second half and showed signs of coming out of their funk. Three-pointers by Hebert and Stephens brought the Mules to within four, 56-52, with 15:53 left to play. Colby continued to play well, as a McLaughlin three-pointer and a lay-up by Jason Jabar '96 put the Mules in the lead, 66-65, with just under 10 minutes left. However, Colby was unable to put away the feisty Bobcats, as opposing guard Matt Garvey came back on the floor after sitting out with foul trouble and ignited some inspired play.

"When we decided to tighten up defensively on Piandes and Garvey, the other guys on Bates played above themselves," said Hebert. "It really didn't matter



Captain Jason Jabar '96 drives to the hoop against Bates.

Echo photo by Gretchen Rice

that we stopped [Piandes and Garvey] because some of the role players stepped up their game."

Bates' Mike Marsh and Garth Timoll hit running jumpers down the stretch as the Bobcats kept Colby distanced. Despite a second half in which they actually outscored Bates, the Mules were unable to overcome the first-half deficit.

"It's too bad that we dropped this game because it was important," said Hebert. "We can't afford to get too down because we're facing a tough Bowdoin team on Saturday that is looking to beat us and advance to the NCAAs."

Colby was paced by Stephens, who scored a team-high 25 points

and pulled down 12 boards. Jabar, in his first game since injuring his leg at the beginning of February, chipped in with 19 points on 8-of-13 shooting from the floor. Piandes led all scorers with his 31 points for Bates while his partner in crime, Garvey, chipped in with 20 points, despite shooting only 1-of-9 from beyond the arc. □

## Women's hoop splits

BY PETER SHAPIRO  
Contributing Writer

The women's basketball team flexed its muscles against Elms College on Friday, but fell short against Williams the next afternoon, coming away with a split for the weekend.

Colby dominated from the beginning versus Elms, opening up a 49-19 half-time lead en route to a 76-49 victory.

"We knew they were a weak team, and our goal was not to play down to their level," said Head Coach Tricia O'Brien. "Our goal was to hold them under 20 points for the half, and we did that."

The Mules placed three players in double figures, and 10 Colby players scored in the contest. Grace Perry '97 led the way with 17 points, Emily Larson '98 had a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds and Kathleen Pigeon '98 tossed in 12. Guard Amy Bennett '97 chipped in with six assists.

Saturday's match-up against Williams was a different story as the Mules came up on the short end of an 85-73 final. The Ephs list three players at 6'1", while Colby's tallest player is 5'11". The difference showed in the paint where Williams out-rebounded Colby 41-31.

The Mules started out strong despite being outsized, and had opened up a 22-13 lead at the midpoint of the first half. But Williams countered with a 12-2 run and ended the half up by three, 41-38. In the second half Colby fell behind by double figures, but cut the lead to three before its offense went cold and the Ephs regained control of the game.

With less than four minutes to play the Mules fought back to within five, but lost their touch on the of-



Grace Perry '97 puts one up against Bates.

Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

fensive end again. Missed opportunities on the foul line at the end of the game cost the Mules dearly. Williams boasts one of the nation's top three-point shooters in Kathleen Higgins, but while Colby held her scoreless from behind the arc, Williams was able to make up for her missed output by dumping the ball inside.

"Their size down low hurt us the

most," said O'Brien. "Their six-footers really made it happen in the paint for them."

On Saturday the Mules were led by Larson, who dropped in 22 points and added seven rebounds while Perry netted 19 points and grabbed nine boards. Guard Lynn Kenoyer '97 collected 10 points and seven assists while Pigeon hit double figures with 10 points. □

## Swimmers gear up for New Englands

BY GALEN CARR  
Sports Editor

The men's swim team has experienced what every sports team hopes for after a rough season: an 180-degree turnaround.

After posting a modest 1-6 record last season, the Mules have been superb this year, ringing up six wins against only one loss as they head towards the New England Men's Championship at Wesleyan the first week in March.

Last weekend the Mules traveled to Trinity and had no problem disposing of the Bantams

while filling out the list of qualifiers for the upcoming post-season. Evan Berman '96 qualified for New Englands with his performances in the 500- and 1000-yard freestyle events. Dave Wilkins '99, also qualified for the diving competition, making him the first Colby diver to qualify for New Englands in five years.

Overall, the men's team has qualified 10 swimmers. Among them are Geoff Herrick '98 in the butterfly, Peter Bowden '98 in the backstroke, Andy Brown '99 in the distance freestyle and co-captain Eric Gordon '96 in the individual medley, an event comprised of four smaller ones:

butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.

"We're really confident and really excited," said Gordon. "It's a new thing for us to have a big, fast team at New Englands. I think this will be the best New Englands I've ever seen, and that we have a chance to break some school records."

The women's swim team had this past week off, but they have

already taken care of business, qualifying 15 swimmers for the New England Women's Championship at Williams this weekend. After a 1-6 finish last year, the women have racked up three wins against four

losses in '96 and are confident heading into the post-season.

"I think that we're going to do great," said co-captain Tatum Calder '96. "Almost everyone qualified this year, so it will be really exciting to see how we do. Our team is just so talented."

Among those included in this weekend's festivities will be Lyssa Baur '99, Laura Feraco '99 and Alice Wong '98, all in the breaststroke, while Susanna Kowal '96 will compete in the diving competition.

"This is more people than we've ever sent to New Englands," said Head Coach Sura DuBow, "so we're pretty psyched." □

**"I think this will be the best New Englands we've ever seen."**  
-co-captain Eric Gordon

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## Colby women gain berth in ECAC hockey tournament

BY GALEN CARR  
Sports Editor

For the first time since 1981, the women's hockey team will be involved in post-season play. With a 6-5 overtime win against Harvard on Saturday, the Mules captured their first postseason berth in 15 years, their second ever. The team has never won a postseason game.

Having won their last three games against the Crimson, Colby (12-6-1 overall, 7-6-1 in ECAC play) was confident going into the game and excited about the chance of making the playoffs; a goal the team had set at the beginning of the season, according to Head Coach Laura Halldorson.

However, the Harvard squad kept the game close and was able to match whatever Colby scoring machines Meghan Sittler '98 and Barb Gordon '97 threw its way. At the end of regulation, the game stood knotted at five.

Photographers from *Sports Illustrated* stood among the crowd, snapping pictures of Sittler and Gordon for upcoming issues. As the game entered the extra session, the two Olympic candidates decided to put on a little show of their own. With less than three minutes to go in overtime, Sittler carried the puck down the right side, dodging defenders and making a run at the goal. As



*Barb Gordon '97 carries the puck during the game against Harvard on Saturday*

Sittler swerved towards the right corner, Gordon found daylight in front of the net. Sittler got her the puck and Gordon lit the lamp quicker than you could say "ECAC playoffs," ending the game and sending Alford Arena into a crazed frenzy. Colby had made it to the postseason.

"There was a lot of electricity in the air over the weekend," said co-captain Grace Jeanes '96. "Everyone's healthy and we're all psyched. We could hardly believe it. To beat them in overtime this year I think really made a statement in the league and was a positive

thing for us."

Sittler chalked up two goals and four assists on the day, running up her league-leading point total to 79 through 19 games, while Gordon added two goals and two assists to run her total to 65 points in just 16 games. Ann Mortenson '98 and Cary Charlebois '97 each added a goal and an assist.

On Sunday the euphoric Mules were relaxed and composed, and went about their business with no trouble, disposing of Northeastern by a score of 5-2. Sittler continued to impress by netting four goals, while see **WOMEN'S HOCKEY** on page 11

## Men's hockey rolls through Conn.

BY LUCAS PENNEY  
Staff Writer

Last weekend took the Colby men's hockey team on a whirlwind tour of the Constitution State to face the Bantams of Trinity College and the Wesleyan University Cardinals. However, no birds were going to stop the Mules, as Colby trounced both opponents, sweeping the weekend easily.

On Friday night the Mules came out on fire against Trinity and were able to penetrate the porous Bantam defense with ease. The scoring started when Chad Pimentel '98 knocked in a rebound off of a

Todd Guilfoyle '96 shot from the hash marks at 16:45 in the first period. The Mules' second goal came at 18:45 of the second frame on the power play as Nick Lamia '97 put home a rebound on a Stu Wales '96 slap shot from the point. Guilfoyle also assisted on the play, his second of the night.

Just over a minute later, the onslaught continued as co-captain Brian Cronin '96 fed Dan Lavergne '97 for a breakaway goal. Lavergne worked the magic he has exhibited all season long, flicking a low glove-side shot past the Bantam netminder.

Colby roared out of the locker room in the third as Guilfoyle scored

on a slap shot from the blue line, assisted by Wales, just nine seconds into the final period. Defenseman Terry Flynn '98 netted the Mules' fifth goal as he tore through the Bantam defense, cut across the middle and unleashed a low, hard shot past the goalie. Minutes later, defenseman Rob Koh '99 found Flynn at the side of the net for his second goal of the game, making it 6-1. Colby's final goal was scored by Darrin Blauert '97 at 17:52 on a deflection of a Bob Doak '97 slapshot, and the massacre was finally over.

As the Mule offense shined, their defense handed in some impressive performances as well. By the final buzzer, Trinity

### Men's Hockey

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had only mustered two scores, making the final 7-2 in favor of Colby. The defensive lines of Wales, Doak, Koh and Dennis Collum '98, Ray Lang '99 and Steve Sprague '97 was able to shut the Bantam offense down with ease.

"Our team defense has been elevated to an unprecedented level that allows the offense to take the chances necessary to win games," said co-captain Todd McGovern '97.

Anchoring the Mule defensive end was goalie Jason Cherella '99, who once again proved why he is one of the best in the East between the pipes.

"This was a good win for us," see **MEN'S HOCKEY** on page 11

## Rags to riches

*Since the arrival of Dan Lavergne, Colby has become a national hockey powerhouse*

BY BEN RUSSELL  
Staff Writer

Three years ago the Colby men's hockey team was hardly considered an ECAC force, let alone a national one. It was an ordinary Division III hockey team until the Class of '97 brought their talents to Mayflower Hill.

Now juniors, the Class of '97 has been the backbone of a tremendous squad that has gone through the transition from average to exceptional. Their play has led this year's collection of White Mule pucksters to a national ranking of fourth in Division III.

At the head of this superlative class has been center Dan Lavergne.

The diminutive Lavergne stands only 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighs in at a mere 160 pounds in a game in which size and brute strength are useful if not essential. Dan has

shown in his three years as a Colby standout that grace, deception and an unbridled desire to be the best can be the most potent strategy for success.

"He just has a natural ability," said Lavergne's roommate and

### Vital Stats

**Name:** Dan Lavergne

**Year:** 1997

**Major:** Administrative Science

• "He just has a natural ability."  
-teammate Nick Lamia

linemate Nick Lamia '97. "Some players have to think about what's going on out there on the ice. He's so good and his play is so instinctive that everything is so easy for him."

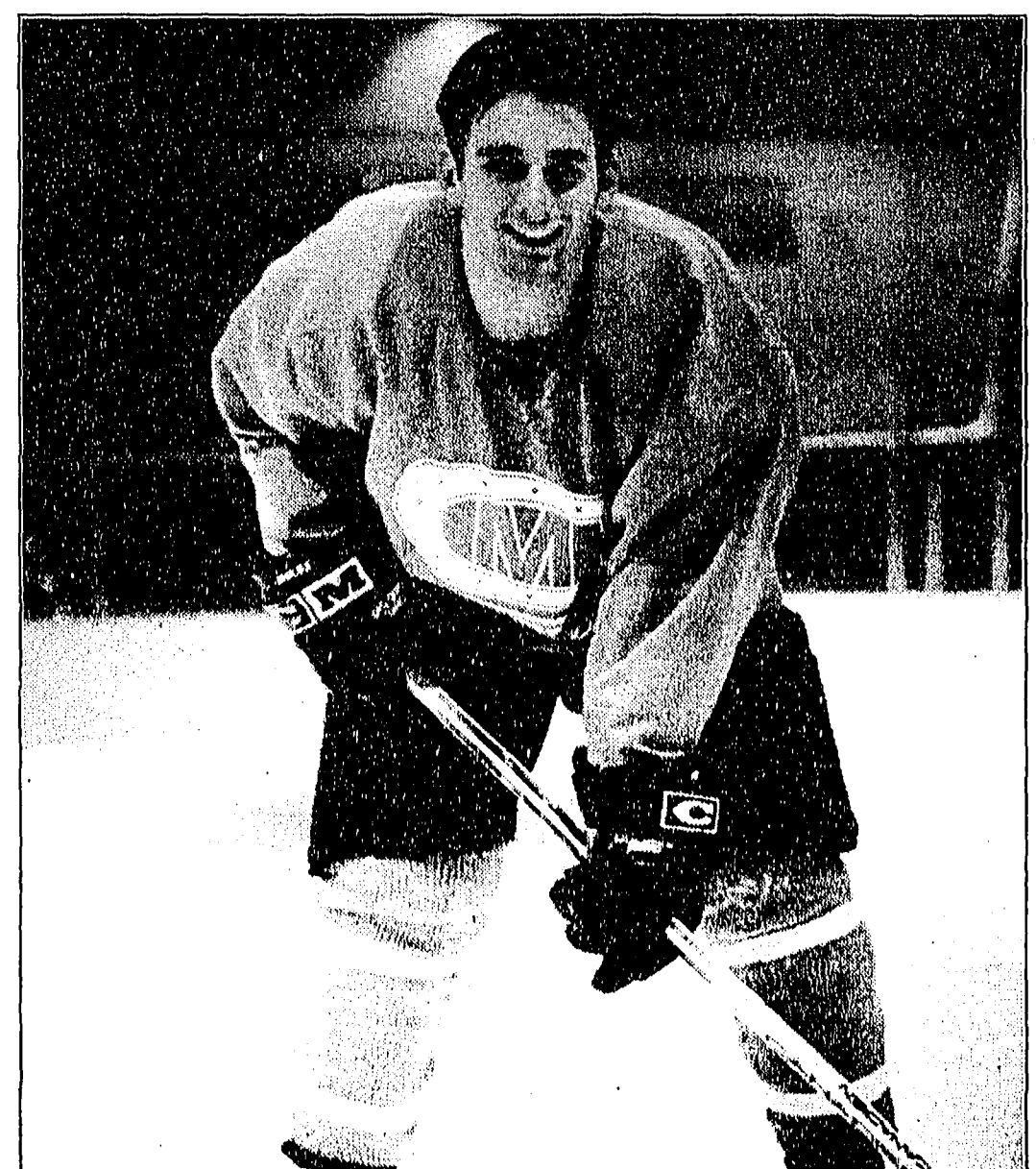
A graduate of Mount St. Charles Academy in Woonsocket, Rhode

Island, Lavergne received offers to play hockey at Division I schools such as Brown, Providence College, the University of Massachusetts at Lowell and Notre Dame.

"I suppose I could have gone to a bigger school, but they all wanted me to go to prep school for a year," said Lavergne. "I just felt that I was ready for college and Colby was a great fit for me. I wanted to come to a place where I would be able to show what I could do. Colby has given me the chance to prove that I'm a good player."

Lavergne has indeed proven that he is a star, while his achievements have not gone unnoticed. After his freshman season, a campaign in which he netted 14 goals and dished out 19 assists for a total of 33 points, Lavergne was runner-up in ECAC Rookie of the Year Award balloting. As a sophomore Lavergne earned see **LAVERGNE** on page 11

### Sports Profile



*Dan Lavergne '97 is central to the success of Colby hockey.*

Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood