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## Coalition fights for student activity

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In less than two weeks, Colby's Coalition for Political Action (CPA) has attracted over 30 active members and has a long list of issues to address.

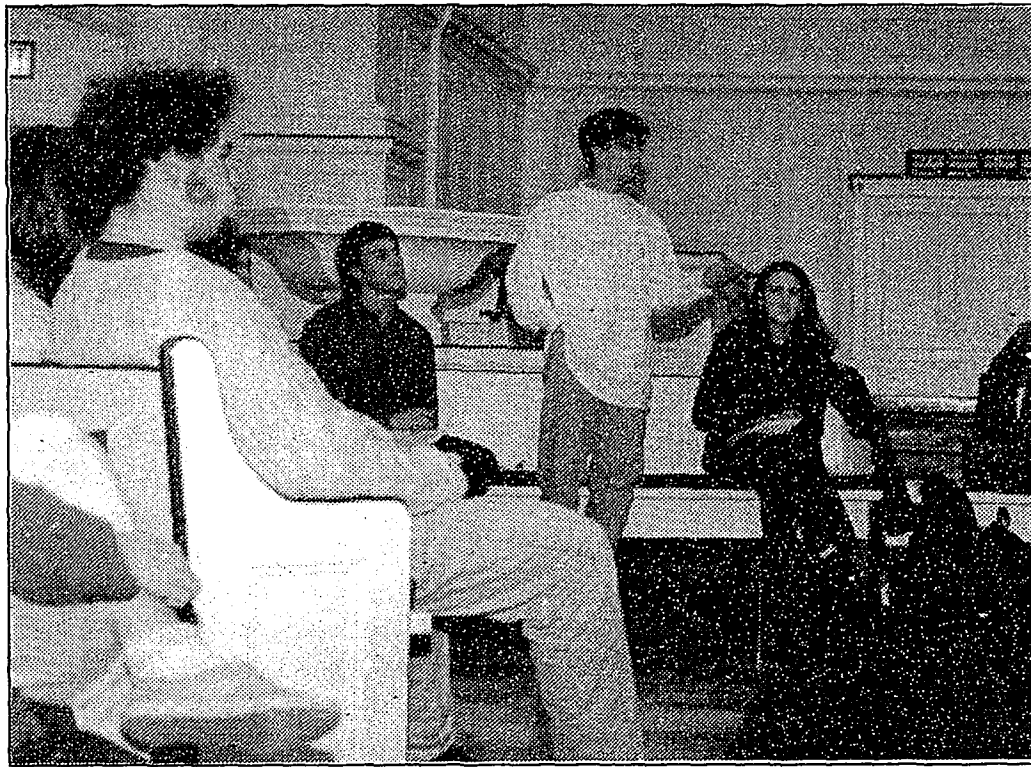
David Thibodeau '96 and Andrew Rice '96 organized the initial meeting in the Fishbowl of the Student Union and have kept members informed with a daily barrage of e-mail. Their second meeting, held Monday in Lorimer Chapel, attracted approximately 100 students and leaders of a number of student clubs and organizations.

Monday's meeting was a forum for students to raise concerns for the entire group to hear and address. Among the issues raised were the off-campus study fee, new forms of residential housing, I-Play, Dining Services, the Trustee Commission on Alcohol, disability issues, hallstaff, student participation in government, the women's studies major and the spring student art show. The meeting allowed students to raise issues and suggest possible solutions.

Thibodeau introduced the group and stated that "I am concerned with how unexperimental this college is... In addition, there should be better dialog on what is going on behind the administration walls."

The study abroad fee attracted a good deal of discussion. The coalition had drafted an opinion on the fee, which was available for students to sign at the end of the meeting.

Charles Costanza '98 looked at some lighter, but equally salient



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

Dave Thibodeau '96, founder of CPA, addresses students.

issues. "I-Play doesn't exist here. Every campus tour talks about I-Play, but there is no I-Play." He also questioned why, "since Colby is so expensive, are they so skimpy?" citing Dining Services refusal to provide cranberry juice aside from the morning hours.

Citing the debate on the Trustee Commission on Alcohol, Laura Jordan '98 said she was "frustrated that we have not heard anything about it since the open forum. If they come down with a new alcohol policy, with no more dialog than that one day, I will be furious." The commission met last Thursday, but the proceedings are closed.

Pierce President Mark House '97 stressed the need for people to use the existing student government, such as Presidents' Council, as a way to reach some of their goals. "Few people are willing to get involved in what is going on in Stu-A. The group is there to make changes,

and we need your help." He asked students to push their hall presidents to bring motions to Presidents' Council to address some of the issues.

In its first week the CPA has targeted several aspects of Colby life for discussion and change. Among the issues addressed were a lack of responsibility among students regarding alcohol and general campus life, the refusal of the administration to provide a breakdown of Colby's financial statements, the off-campus study fee, token student representation on key committees, student apathy and a lack of history about issues on campus.

Adrian Camacho '96 called on the group to work on "breaking down boundaries and enhancing communication"

"One of the priorities that gets forgotten is how to do things," see COALITION on page 5

## Hallstaff changes anger council

BY RENEE LAJUENESSE  
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Presidents' Council held an informal, unscheduled meeting on Feb 21 to discuss the hallstaff reorganization plan.

At their weekly meeting held on Monday night, the Student Association (Stu-A) Cabinet thought it was necessary for Presidents' Council to discuss the proposed hall staff plan, according to Stu-A President Tom Ryan '96.

The Stu-A Cabinet found many faults with the administration's plan, in respect to both the contents of the new plan and its implementation. Commons presidents and vice-presidents brought these concerns to the meeting last Wednesday night to share them with the members of Presidents' Council. The Council deliberated the issues and expressed their feelings on the plan.

According to Ryan, the Stu-A Cabinet fears that reducing the number of hallstaff will take away the coed distribution of leaders that currently exists in most residence halls, and could make students less comfortable talking to hallstaff of the opposite sex about personal problems. The Cabinet has found problems with not increasing hallstaff salaries, despite the additional duties. The reduction in the number of campus jobs that will result was also addressed.

The Presidents' Council expressed concern for the elimination of the RA position as an orientation step to that of HR. They also see little sense in increasing the duties



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Stu-A president Tom Ryan.

and responsibilities of hallstaff at a time when there is a lull in applications.

While Isa Dorros '98, Goddard-Hodgkins president, is very optimistic about the new plan and feels that others are "not giving fellow students enough credibility," the majority of the members of the Council expressed concern that the administration was not comfortable enough to talk about the issue with the student body, or at least a representative group like Presidents' Council. "I think it's a shame that the administration has such little respect for our views regarding issues on campus," said Andy Weinstein '98, Williams hall president.

Many believe this plan was politically the easiest for the administration, as it allowed them to cut funds in the form of hallstaff and not in their own departments. Students are angered that contemplation see COUNCIL on page 4

## Interlibrary loan provides access to worldwide resources

BY KATE E. DUNLOP  
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If the Colby library system doesn't have a book or periodical, Interlibrary Loan Services will find it.

Library Technicians Rosanne Coyne and Sunny Pomerleau, along with 13 students and Supervisor Marilyn Pukkila, make up the hardworking staff tucked away in the basement of Miller Library.

According to Pukkila, books and periodicals are found across the country and around the world, though Maine and New England libraries are searched first.

"The length of time the request takes could be one day or a month or two, depending on how heavily sought the book is," said Student Supervisor Adam Dupuis '96. "We may have to go through 20 or 30 institutions to find a book."

"Two-thirds of the requests received by the office are submitted within 48 hours," said Pukkila. "After that it's out of our hands as to how long it takes to get here."

November and March are the busiest times of the year for interlibrary loans. Though available throughout the year, many students do not take advantage of the service.

"We see a lot of repeat requesters, but as a whole students don't use it as much as they should," said Dupuis.

"I think the reason we don't see more people use the interlibrary loans is because it is a plan-ahead kind of service," said Pukkila.

Student workers are a vital part of the service as they "are our backbone," according to Coyne.

"We're very proud of the fact that students like to come back here year after year to work," said Pukkila. "Most of the students learn as much as the staff members do, with the exception of billing and such."

"We try to look for places that don't charge us," said Pukkila. "We do not pass on charges to anyone else unless we get a bill for more than 15 dollars."

In the case of an excessive bill, the difference is paid by the requesting student

after approving the loan. Colby has a number of reciprocal agreements where they do not charge other schools for loans if they are not charged. Some schools, such as Harvard University, charge as much as 35 dollars for the loan of any book or photocopy.

Colby loans the majority of its books to other Maine schools, but also many to Canada and occasionally to countries as far away as Italy and Russia.

"It's so time-consuming dealing with bills that we prefer not to have to charge

anyone at all," said Pukkila. "It makes life easier, and then of course, they're less likely to charge us."

The loan service often becomes a vital link for faculty members trying to research.

"We recognize that we're in Maine, we don't have a lot of collection-rich areas the way Massachusetts does and this is an important service for students and faculty that are doing research," said Pukkila. "We have very good support."

"It's a great opportunity," said Coyne. "You can go all over the country and the world and get in-depth information. We go the extra mile to find what you need."

"Don't ever be afraid to ask if we can get something," said Pukkila. "Start early. The librarians will always work to find alternatives and we usually can."

Requests to the Interlibrary Loan Services office can be submitted to the reference desk in Miller Library, through the Internet using Colby's home page or Eudora. There are no limits placed on the number of requests made. □

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-Rosanne Coyne

## News briefs

### Architect, site chosen for new dorm

After much deliberation, the Dorm Renovation Committee has approved an architect to design the plans for the new residence hall. The firm CBT, Inc. will present plans modeled after residence halls he helped design for Babson College. The committee has chosen a site to the west of Johnson Pond as the location for the new dorm, which will consist of three small buildings and house 140 students. The project is scheduled for completion by the fall of 1997 and will feature apartment-like rooms designed to allow students a greater feeling of freedom without moving off-campus. (AG)

### Correction

The national ranking of the women's squash team was incorrectly reported in the Feb. 22 *Echo*. The team finished the season ranked eleventh in the nation overall, Colby's highest finish since the team's inception in 1979.

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## Workshops encourage campus unity NCBI program introduced to Colby

BY KAREN SCHLEIN  
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Forty members of the Colby community, including students, faculty and administrators, attended an eight-hour National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) workshop at Colby during JanPlan.

The NCBI program was introduced to Colby by June Thornton-Marsh, a psychological counselor in the Health Center, who served as a leader for the January workshop along with Mayra Diaz '98. The workshop was organized by Polly Vizzoni '98, Eric Adams '98, Erika Moore '97 and Kate Conklin '98. Since Colby does not designate funds specifically for the NCBI program, funding was provided by student organizations including the Bridge, SOAR, SOBHU and Hillel.

According to Vizzoni, the NCBI workshops are designed to provide a non-confrontational atmosphere to discuss controversial issues including sexism, racism and classism. The purpose of January's workshop, which was based on the "Prejudice Reduction Model," was to aid students in recognizing the benefits of diversity, and to enable people of diverse backgrounds to work together toward shared goals. Thornton-Marsh explained the Prejudice Re-

duction Model as "a model that speaks to the hearts of people and not just the heads."

Participants were enthusiastic about the NCBI workshop. Adams described the workshop as "one of the most intense experiences you could ever have." Students stressed that the impact of NCBI does not end when the eight-hour workshop is over.

Kristin Wildman '98, a workshop leader, said "you leave the workshop feeling that you can confront some of these things on a day-to-day basis."

Students explained that due to the intimacy of the program they have a special connection with the other participants once the workshop is completed. Vizzoni added that each time she passes a fellow NCBI participant on campus, she is reminded of the experience that they shared.

The NCBI workshops are based on a series of activities that encourage students to share personal experiences relating to the issues being discussed. Kyle Potter '99, a trained workshop leader, said that the "speak-out" section of the workshop was particularly powerful for him. During this activity people told stories about when they have been discriminated against. Then, they are given a chance to go back in time and verbally confront the discriminator in front of the group. Potter said that this activity made

him realize that "a lot of times we walk through life not knowing how what we do to people affects them, and [in speak-out] you are given that chance, that moment to wake-up and realize it."

In the future, NCBI workshops may become part of every student's experience at Colby. Presently, the Diversity Steering Group is discussing possible ways to institutionalize the NCBI program at Colby. One possibility that has been suggested is integrating the workshop into the first-year student orientation. Although, according to Thornton-Marsh, "President Cotter has funded all training without any hesitation," there is some concern about how future NCBI programs will be funded. Supporters of the program are willing to be creative in terms of funding since they recognize the impact that NCBI has already had for some Colby students, faculty and staff. According to Potter, "The most important thing is that people have support systems at Colby, and NCBI is my support system."

The Diversity Steering Group is participating in a NCBI workshop on March 10. There is an additional workshop which will be open to the entire Colby community later this semester, organized by Thornton-Marsh.

If you would like to participate, contact Thornton-Marsh at x3394. □

## Colby Amnesty chapter promotes involvement

BY GLORIA ROTTELL  
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Colby's Amnesty International group celebrated National Human Rights Week last week with a series of speakers, activities and presentations.

Amnesty International is a non-political organization which, through letter writing and bringing awareness to the public about human rights abuses, seeks to end human torture and disappearances, according to Betsy Burleson '96, president of the Colby chapter.

Last week's focus was the death penalty, "which Amnesty International is unconditionally opposed to," said Burleson. She noted that the death penalty debate is the only issue toward which the organizations of Amnesty International can work in their own countries.

"Usually our goal is to put pressure on each other's governments so as not to be punished by our own governments," Burleson said. However, the death penalty issue is such a salient issue to the members of Amnesty International that "we are willing to go beyond [government threats] and face the threats to our personal safety."

This spring, the Colby chapter of Amnesty International is going to focus on a campaign for the oppressed nation of Burma. "In 1990, a military dictatorship rose up in Burma and imprisoned the parliament-elect. We are calling for the release of the members of the parliament-elect in hopes that, with their release, legislation will be enacted to help human rights," said Burleson.



*Echo photo by Alex Wall*  
**A banner hangs over the Student Center announcing Amnesty Week.**

At a recent regional conference, students in Colby's Amnesty International organization cooperated with other community groups, and in particular with Maine's First District Congressman, Jim Longley. "We briefed Longley on the situation in Burma, and he offered to help co-sponsor bills in Congress and to write letters," Burleson said. Burleson considers the Amnesty International organization on campus to be a high-profile group. She attributes this to the regular petition tables that are set up bi-weekly throughout the year in the Student Union and the strong student support for these petitions.

"Colby's support intensified this week and turnouts at the events to celebrate Human Rights week were impressive," Burleson said. Colby's Amnesty chapter has about 50 mem-

bers. There is usually a turnout of about 15 people at the weekly meetings, but that not the same 15 people come to each meeting. "The turnout is small," said Burleson, "but we get a good variety of people."

However, according to Amnesty International Vice President Elise Landry '98, the turnout to events this year was a lot better than in the past. "Although the club does not have a lot of members, the few that we have are committed and show a high level of interest."

Burleson stressed the importance of the work done by Amnesty International. "Through letter writing, people who have been wrongfully imprisoned have been released. Signing petitions and writing letters are powerful ways that anyone and everyone can get involved and make a difference." □

# Focus on Colby

by Kol Harvey

## Colby, committees and alcohol

*Policies come and go, but has Colby's attitude toward alcohol changed?*

Last weekend's beach party in the Student Center resulted in a hole large enough to walk through in the wall of the men's bathroom. One source in Stu-A said that if the person who damaged the wall is not found, there may be no Last Day of Loudness this year.

The abuse of alcohol by students has resulted in penalties for all members of the Colby community time and time again. In recent years, alcohol has been studied by several committees and groups. The current Trustee Commission on Alcohol is the first time a group of trustees has addressed the problem at Colby, but other committees have made proposals and suggestions in the past.

In January, 1991, the Student Affairs Committee (SAC) prepared an alcohol report to the college. The document states that Dean of Students office asked for the report "in light of recent on campus studies and federal legislation." The report explains that "the college physician reported in September, 1990, 21 alcohol related illnesses and accidents in the first month of school." This is similar to the near two dozen overnight alcohol-related stays in the Health Center this fall.

The SAC report explained that "the federal 'Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act' was enacted which compels colleges and universities to ban underage drinking... and, the 'Crime Aware-

ness and Campus Security Act'... calls for... statistics concerning the number of arrests for liquor law violations,... enforcement of State underage drinking laws" and clear College policies on alcohol.

Dan Benner, assistant director of security, explained that the statistics are reported to the Department of Education and are then public knowledge. "Any prospective student, for instance, has access to these numbers. They are also printed in the *Student Handbook*." In 1994, the most recent year for which statistics are available, Colby reported seven liquor law violations and 85 counts of larceny theft.

The SAC report called for more campus-wide events. "To allow social life to thrive, we believe that efforts... to sponsor innovative programs where alcohol is not the major focus must be continued... We are in the process of changing a 'culture' which relies on alcohol as the socializing lubricant. To do so, we need to provide an exciting array of activities where alcohol takes a back seat."

To meet its goals, the SAC asked for increased funding for social life. The new plan called for an additional \$50,000 each year, above the \$28,000 annually allotted to social life, to be distributed among Stu-A, Commons and social funds.

Director of Student Activities Ben Jorgensen explained that "the



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*Yesteryears: Keg party circa 1980...*

money was given only in [the spring of 1991] to augment social programming."

Stu-A President Tom Ryan '96 said that, from all the records of Stu-A he has seen, the new funding and social plan was never implemented. Dean of Students Janice Kassman cites the non-alcohol fund as an alternative to the SAC's suggestion. The non-alcohol fund receives \$17,500 a year, \$32,500 less than the suggested increase, and, unlike the SAC suggestion, all of this sum is allocated to restricted types of chem-free programming.

The 1991 report came after a fall semester during which alcohol was an important issue. On Oct. 22 of that year, Stu-A sponsored an alcohol forum where "over 90 percent of the audience acknowledged that they knew someone at Colby for whom 'drinking was out of control.'" In addition, there were seven reported cases of student drunk driving, compared to none the year before.

The report also noted that "a Colby student was involved in a serious accident at the Student Center." Jorgensen explained that "a student fell out of one of the windows in front of the Union and broke his back... Ironically, the student involved was also the host of the event."

The report claimed that many students "wonder why [underage drinking] is being questioned... Many feel that clamping down on campus will promote a proliferation of off campus drinking,... increased drinking in the residence halls,... excessive hall damage,... and pre-loading before... 'official' parties." The same concerns were voiced this year at the Trustee Commission on Alcohol's open forum on Feb. 8.

In addition to the SAC report, the *Echo* has obtained a copy of a memo dated May 18, 1994 from Dean of the College Earl Smith to 12 administrators who "are most closely involved with students and student use and abuse of al-

cohol" pertaining to a meeting they had that day. The memo recommended drastic changes in the Colby alcohol policy.

According to the memo, Smith "pointed out that as Colby's reputation as a fine academic institution continues to improve, our being labeled as a 'party school' increasingly becomes an obstacle to taking the next step up the ladder." The memo calls for "not limiting our discussions of substance abuse to alcohol... [as] the use of

**“As Colby's reputation as a fine academic institution continues to improve, our being labeled as a 'party school' increasingly becomes an obstacle to taking the next step up the ladder. -Dean of the College Earl Smith in a 1994 memo.”**

marijuana is widespread... and set[ting] goals on where we want to be with alcohol regulations and mak[ing] a plan for achieving them."

The memo cites senior exit interviews complaining that "the party scenes in residence halls often make living conditions intolerable." It also notes that "the general condition of residence halls seems to be declining... because of the destruction resulting from parties." In addition, "a large percentage of students in the groups we most want to increase — ... students of exceptional ability — are turned off by the social focus on alcohol... and the anti-intellectual after-class atmosphere."

The group considered an ultimate goal to be to "prohibit parties in residence halls." The group decided unanimously that "the College should announce its in-

tention to ban kegs from residence halls... There was much bemoaning of the [length of] ACE [decisions]."

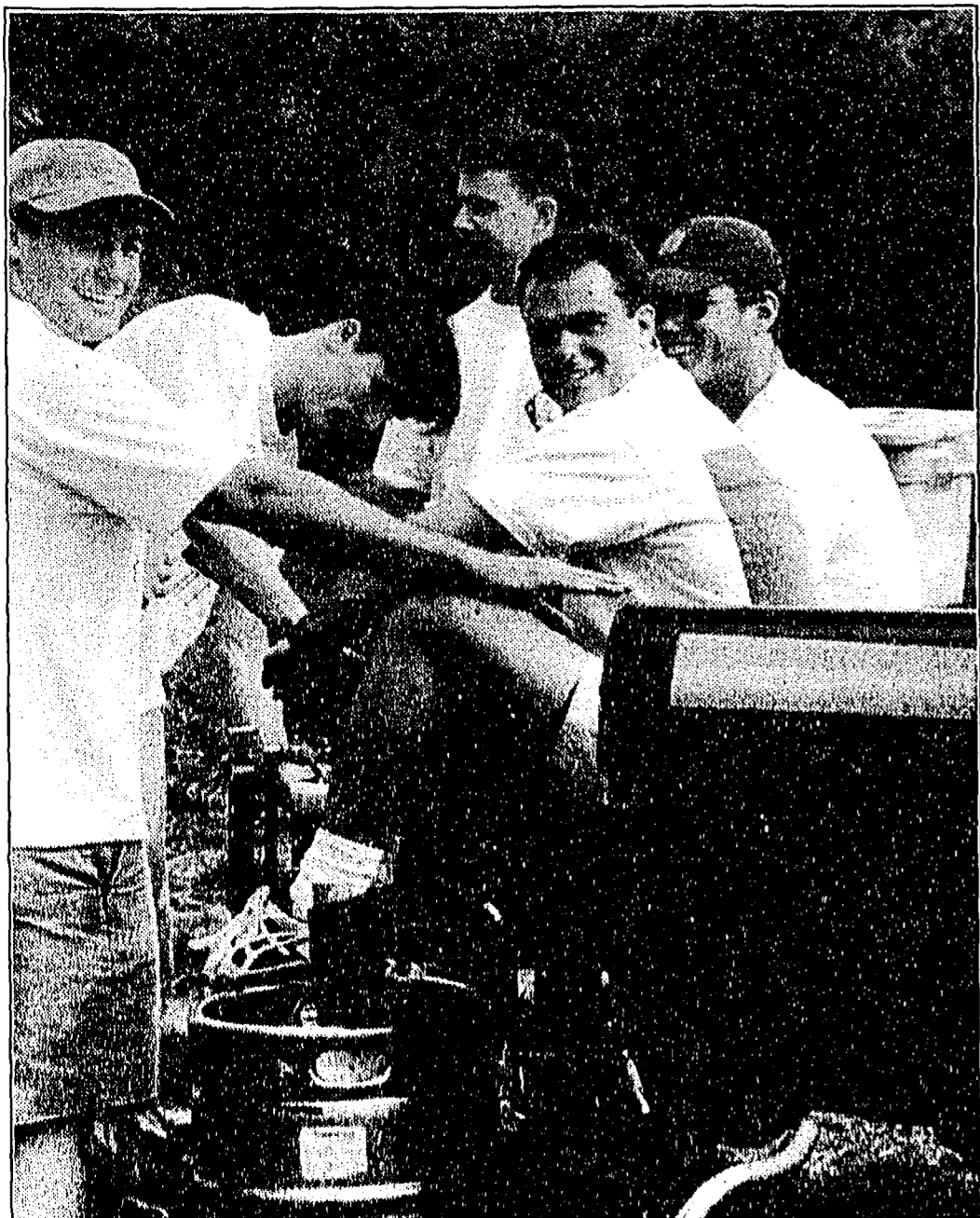
This fall, the Trustee Commission on Alcohol (TCA) was formed. The commission differs from ACE in its goals and composition. ACE is composed of 12 students and 4 faculty members and is an ongoing campus committee.

The TCA, however, is a one time committee. Shannon Baker '98 sits on both ACE and the Trustee Commission. She explained that the Commission "was formed to look at life in the residence halls and how alcohol influences people's lives. The feeling was that alcohol is a very negative factor at Colby, and they are trying to make alcohol fit into college life a little better." The Commission is also looking at reducing the dorm damage, abuse, disrespect between students and enforcement.

So far the Commission has looked at the current situation at Colby. Alex Chin '96, Stu-A social chair and committee member, gave a presentation on current social life. Colby Emergency Response and the Admissions Office also gave reports to the Commission. In addition, the Commission has looked at what other colleges have done about alcohol, but was unable to find any solutions. "We had to spend a lot of time educating the trustees of what was going on," Baker explained.

At this point the Commission is looking at responsibility. "Such a big part of it is getting people to be more responsible, but that is not something that the Commission can make a rule to do automatically. Theoretically, that is what we would love to do... but you just can't." The next step for the commission is to decide on which of their ideas they will eventually implement.

Baker stressed that students do have a say in what the commission decides. "The open fo see *FOCUS* on page 7



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*Homecoming '95: Has anything really changed?*

## World News

### • Russian troops shell rebels in Chechen headquarters

Russian forces bombed the outskirts of the Chechen village of Novogroznesky, believed to house the rebel forces headquarters last Friday. Novogroznesky is now thought to be the headquarters for over 1,000 Chechen rebels. The Russians began bombing shortly after rebels fired automatic weapons and grenades and continued until nightfall. Peace talks between the two groups were scheduled to begin Tuesday. Russian president Boris Yeltsin has organized two commissions to devise a peace plan but the continued fighting has considerably slimmed his chances for reelection.

### • Afrikaners resist integration

In Potgietersrus, South Africa, located just north of Johannesburg, the South African government is taking local schools and parents to court for blocking black students from entering area schools. Afrikaners, seeing integration as an assault on their way of life, have counter-sued, justifying the case as trying to protect and preserve their culture, which constitutes only three percent of the population. While integration has been successful throughout the majority of South Africa, it has become increasingly difficult in the smaller and more conservative towns such as Potgietersrus.

### • Oil spills in United Kingdom

An oil tanker which ran aground in the Milford Haven Port in Wales was finally set afloat Wednesday, but only after it had spilled over 65,000 tons of crude oil. Had the tanker not been freed, the rest of the oil supply, an additional 65,000 tons, could have leaked out as well. The spill, which occurred in one of Britain's most ecologically sensitive areas, is likely to put the lives of 500,000 migratory birds at risk. The ecological destruction caused by the spill is expected to remain for over two decades.

### • 3,000 dead in Bosnia; 5,000 Muslims still missing

Last week, the Bosnian province of Srebrenica reported a death toll of 3,000 resulting from the recent massacre in the area. An International Committee of the Red Cross official said that he believed that all of the Muslim hostages retained by Bosnian Serbs were killed and that the fate of an additional 5,000 others who tried to flee the area has yet to be determined. Officials say that more prisoners are being discovered each day and that a full investigation into the missing Muslims will be launched.

Compiled by Erika Ayers from the New York Times, Feb. 22-25.

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tion on this issue began last October, but was not disclosed until less than two weeks before the hallstaff application deadline.

Ryan had very strong feelings to express on the issue. He argued that no one in the administration wants cuts from his/her programs, and that students are seen as the easiest targets. "It's because students don't have a voice and [the administration] has the ability to make the choice for the students," said Ryan.

Although the plan will go into effect for the '96-'97 academic year, it will still be a trial procedure. If after one academic year the results are not successful, the administration will be willing to re-evaluate it, according to Kassman.

After much deliberation, Presidents' Council concluded their meeting by devising a resolution to submit to the administration. The resolution involves four main objectives that Presidents' Council would like to see met—that a committee, with student representatives, will be formed next year to review the hallstaff duties and how the new plan worked; that hallstaff will be given greater compensation; that students will be made more aware of funding and what is being cut; and a demand for the student body, or at least a representative body like Presidents' Council, to be addressed on issues, such as hallstaff reconstruction, which directly affect them.

The new reorganization plan, just recently completed by the Dean of Students Office, is one which will "better serve students in the residence halls and be compatible with residential life goals, as well as those [goals] of the Trustee Commission," according to Dean of Students Janice Kassman.

According to Kassman, the change is a result of a sharp decline in the past few years in the number of students applying for hallstaff positions, especially among juniors and seniors. The administration realizes the difficulty many sophomores may have dealing with problems and exerting leadership over upperclassmen Kassman explained. Adding to these factors is the departure of Assistant Director of Student Activities Josh Eckel this spring and the need to hire someone to assist in the development and operation of the Pugh Center.

"The goal [of the plan] is to improve the quality of residential life for students," said Director of Student Activities Ben Jorgensen.

The administration believes that the new plan will better student life. Some hallstaff cannot presently enforce policy, and it is the belief of the administration that if the number of Hall Staff is reduced, these positions will be able to be filled by those who are the most capable. Jorgensen, speaking for the administration, said that "it's our hope that we'll get people in there who are more willing to take time for the job."

# Sex, safe sex and AIDS

## What you don't know can kill you

BY SUZANNE DELEA  
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The Colby AIDS Task Force sponsored a lecture by River Huston, an HIV-positive poet and AIDS activist, on Feb. 12. Huston emphasized education and prevention of HIV by speaking frankly to Colby students about the techniques of safer sex.

Huston was a bold source of plentiful information about AIDS and called for students to take the necessary preventative measures to ensure a healthier and safer sex life.

Recognizing an unsafe situation is the first step. "Always ask yourself, 'Is there some way a [potentially] infected fluid can get into my blood system?'" said Huston.

According to Huston, unsafe sex is "unprotected vaginal, anal, or oral sex and includes any act that may easily cause one of the body fluids (blood, semen, vaginal fluids, or breast milk) to enter the blood stream of another person."

Huston recognized that unsafe sex is still commonly practiced, but challenged the audience to be more creative when it comes to safe sex and preventing the possibility of infection. Huston's offerings of safe sex suggestions included abstinence, full body massage, hugging, masturbation, clothed grinding, bathing/showering together, sex toys, dry kissing, dancing, fantasies and props. These activities, if practiced with care, have no risk associated with contracting HIV.

According to Huston, safer sex is a gray area placed somewhere in the middle of the scale between safe and unsafe sex. "If [safer sex] is

done with care and consistency, the level of risk is very, very minimal."

Examples Huston gave of safer sex were french kissing, "simulated" (dry kissing, no tongue) oral sex, mutual genital stimulation and vaginal and anal sex with a condom.

"HIV is obviously the most devastating of sexually transmitted infections," said Medical Director Melanie Thompson. "Human papillomavirus infections, chlamydia, herpes and Hepatitis B are just some of the other, more frequently seen, sexually transmitted infections

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that could be prevented by practicing safe or safer sex."

"Safe sex and safer sex is a whole new way to approach sex," said Huston. "At times, it might seem daunting, unnatural, or complicated to practice safe or safer sex, but the stakes are life and death. I would gladly trade any unsafe sex act that I have ever had to be HIV negative. Learning and practicing safe sex techniques has expanded my understanding of my own sexuality, created greater intimacy and improved my sexual satisfaction." □

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

• Avoid any sexual situation where an infected bodily fluid could get into the blood stream.

• Check for any cuts or scrapes on your hands (hangnails, scrapes, paper cuts), mouth (flossing your teeth and gums sometimes causes gums to bleed), or face (acne, shaving cuts, etc.). If any of these open wounds come in contact with infected blood, semen, vaginal secretions, or breast milk during sex, there is risk for the transmission of HIV. Latex gloves, dental dams, condoms and other types of available protective barriers can prevent HIV.

• 100-200 people a day become infected with HIV and about 160 a day are diagnosed with AIDS in the U.S. World-wide, at least one person every minute is diagnosed with the deadly disease, according to the "Aids Update 1996" by Gerald J. Stine. The rate of HIV infection among college students is 10 times higher than among the general population. Right now STDs are at an all-time high in teenagers and college students.

• About 20 percent of the total numbers of AIDS cases in the US occur in people age 20-29, according to Stine. Most of these people, given the 9-15 year period before being diagnosed with AIDS, were infected as teenagers. Seventy people were tested for HIV at the Health Center during the 1994-1995 school year. Already this year, 55 people have been tested.

• HIV tests are available at the Health Center at a cost of \$20. Test results are available two weeks after the test has been taken. □

## J-Board: quiet but active

BY MIKE SCHOOLMAN  
Contributing Writer

Although the Judicial Board (J-Board) maintains a significant role in the Colby community, there is a prevailing sense of uncertainty among students concerning its procedures and regulations.

"Neither I nor my friends know much, if anything, about it, and I think a general campus-wide awareness is long overdue," said Matt Provost '97.

A primary reason for the apparent lack of knowledge among students is the relatively small number of individuals brought before J-Board. "The board hears only 11 to 14 cases yearly, involving individual or multiple defendants," said Mark Serdjenian, associate dean of academics.

"Every Colby student could be potentially affected in some capacity by the J-Board," said J-Board Chief Justice Tobin Scipione '96. "A heightened awareness about the Judicial Board is important because knowl-

edge of the judicial processes that occur on this campus is healthy knowledge."

Cases which typically warrant the board's attention include extremely serious first offenses, repeat offenders, individuals who plead not guilty and

**Every Colby student could be...affected in some capacity by the J-Board.**

**-J-Board Chief Justice  
Tobin Scipione**

maintain their innocence, or plaintiffs who feel they have been violated and seek retribution, according to Scipione.

The most serious cases brought before J-Board during the first semester include those involving physical assault, verbal abuse of security and hall staff and theft, according to Serdjenian.

Sanctions previously administered by the J-Board range from community service to expulsion. J-Board is comprised of 12 students and one male and one female faculty member. Nomination occurs during a student's freshman year with their term commencing the next fall. Two men and women from each class serve for three years on the board.

A summary of disciplinary hearings cited the results of the six cases heard by the board last semester. The charges included verbal abuse, physical assault, theft, vandalism and unauthorized entry into buildings on campus followed by verbal abuse of employees. The sanctions imposed ranged from letters of apology to 20 hours of community service and disciplinary probation through May, 1997. Sanctions imposed first semester included over \$1,250 in fines and 30 hours of community service. Three students were forced to undergo alcohol evaluations and one was placed on permanent disciplinary probation. □

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# French department offers new choices to students

BY MARIA THOMPSON  
Contributing Writer

The French Department underwent several changes this year, sparked by the discontinuation of the Colby in Caen program.

Along with the Colby in Dijon program, Colby has for the previous 14 years offered students wishing to study in France an option in the northern city of Caen. However, Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur and the French department made the decision this fall to terminate the program due to dwindling student interest, according to Arthur Champlin, director of off-campus study.

According to French Department Chair Suellen Diaconoff, there were not enough students interested in studying in Caen to keep the program running. The number of Colby students enrolled in the program had been decreasing significantly in past years, with only four Colby students enrolled last year.

Many students and faculty members, however, were very satisfied with the program and wonder why, when the Office of Off-Campus Study so strongly recommends Colby programs, the number of those programs is being reduced.

Tina Garand '96 spent last year in Caen and stressed that her experience with the program was "completely positive."

"My overall experience was amazing," said Garand. "I had a wonderful year." Garand said she is disappointed that there was not enough interest to keep the program running. "It was a very well-run program with a great director and staff. I had such a great time that I wish others could have a similar opportunity," said Garand.

"Colby in Caen was an excellent program and we were very happy with it, but we had to be realistic. It came down to a matter

of numbers and economics," said Diaconoff. Diaconoff said that many Colby students, as well as those from Washington University, also were affiliated with the program, were often discouraged by certain aspects of the Caen program. According to Diaconoff, some students were unhappy with the provincial city's location in northern France, while others complained of the dormitory-style housing, often left empty on



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-Tina Garand '96

weekends when French students returned home. In response to such student input and waning enrollment in the program, the College was left with no other choice than to discontinue the Caen program, according to Diaconoff.

In place of Colby in Caen, the French department now supports a wider range of abroad programs to France or French-speaking countries. Diaconoff spent time this year in France, studying existing programs sponsored by other institutions in an effort to decide which programs Colby would recommend to its students. Diaconoff feels that the Paris-based Hamilton program, with which Colby has established a close relationship, is a great choice for students. The Hamilton program offers a "wealth of possible courses and opportunities for students of all interests," said Diaconoff. The Paris location offers many opportunities not available in a small city like Caen, and it gives students the chance to live with French families.

According to Diaconoff, Colby

supports the Wesleyan University in Paris program, as well as Dickinson's program in Toulouse, as other alternatives. "I'm happy with the new solutions we found, and hope that the students will be too," said Diaconoff.

The waning interest in the Caen program reflects an overall decrease in popularity of the study of French on a national level. According to Diaconoff, "on the whole, French is drawing in less students and majors as the interest in Spanish rises."

This reality, combined with student comments, has led the French department to update its discipline to give French majors more options. This year, a new major has been introduced, allowing students to choose between the already existing French literature major and a new major in French studies.

The major in French studies will combine the study of the language with that of the culture and history of France or a francophone area. This update in the department is a response to the increasing number of students, both at Colby and nationally, who are more interested in studying these international aspects of French. Additionally, French 128 classes, focusing mainly on French literature, will now include work of francophone areas.

These changes in the discipline have received a good response at Colby, according to Diaconoff. "The French department is extremely pleased with the student response," said Diaconoff, citing two-thirds of French majors presently opting for the French studies path. Also, an increased number of international studies majors are taking an interest in French studies, combining the two areas as a double major. This has led to a greater interest among French majors in abroad programs to other French-speaking areas, such as Geneva, Quebec, and Africa. □

## Spotlight debates death penalty

BY KENDRA AMMANN  
Contributing Writer

A well attended Spotlight Lecture last Thursday, part of the Amnesty International Human Rights Week, was a debate concerning the morality of capital punishment. Craig McEwen, professor of sociology at Bowdoin College, argued against capital punishment while Mary Waterman '71, chairman of Knox County budget committee, argued in its favor.

"Taking life intentionally makes us all implicit in murder," said McEwen as he began the debate. "It teaches us that taking human life is acceptable."

Capital punishment "turns attention away from constructive solutions," said McEwen. It is an "easy solution" which allows the problems of violent crime to be ignored. In addition, he said that 70 percent of Americans support the death penalty. "We have bought into the false cure," said McEwen.

"The burden of proof should be great for advocating the death penalty," said McEwen. The death penalty promotes bad public values such as vengeance and violence, is unfairly administered due



**Taking life intentionally makes us all implicit in murder.**

-Professor Craig McEwen

to the arbitrary and biased judicial system and is more costly to the taxpayers than life imprisonment, according to McEwen.

Waterman spoke in support of capital punishment and the death penalty. "There are certain events that are so heinous, so difficult for our society to accept, that the person who commits the crime indicts himself and puts himself over

the line where I think the death penalty should be applied," said Waterman.

"I believe that human beings reach a point where they can no longer stand, no longer return to normal life," said Waterman. "The taxpayers feel that life imprisonment without parole indicts society, that they are paying to put these criminals in accommodations in some cases better than their own."

Students were given the opportunity to respond to the presentations at the conclusion of the debate. Several students spoke against the death penalty and capital punishment as reasonable solutions. "I think there was an important issue raised that [capital punishment] isn't a deterrence," said Kirk Schuler '98.

Later in the evening, students were extended the opportunity to discuss the topic at another debate sponsored by the Colby chapter of Amnesty International and the George E. Murray Debate Society. □

## Off the Hill

College of the Holy Cross  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Because of conflicts with Catholic doctrine, the president of Holy Cross has prohibited a gay actor from discussing his life and experiences, according to the *Holy Cross Crusader*.

Wilson Cruz, 22, starred in the TV show "My So Called Life" and was originally invited to speak and share a different perspective on life with students. For reasons that remain unclear, the invitation was recalled.

"It seems to me the administration is a little homophobic," said one senior.

"It seems to be a trend at this school for student voice to be taken away," said student Renee LeBlanc.

Georgia Southwestern College  
Columbus, Georgia

The crown is still in contention at GSC. After two black students accused white sororities of rigging the homecoming queen contest, the votes were thrown out and a new contest scheduled. According to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, six of the 10 candidates were from white sororities and three from black sororities. Student President and Kappa Delta member Crystal Borders is accused of looking at a confidential list of voters and then fining those in her sorority who did not vote.

"[They] just have a problem with white Greeks," said Borders.

University of Arizona  
Tucson, Arizona

A travel-impeding snowstorm in January has resulted in a lawsuit filed against Arizona by Saint Joseph's University. According to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, SJU is suing for damages suffered when Arizona canceled a men's basketball game in Philadelphia. Arizona stayed home despite reports of safe conditions because university officials felt "from a safety standpoint [they] could not afford to take the risk of putting [the] team in jeopardy."

Lost ticket sales, embarrassment, television money and other financial losses total as much as \$85,000, according to SJU's athletic director. Arizona is prepared to give SJU a cash settlement.

## COALITION, continued from page 1

said Camacho. "It takes four years to learn the system here, and the people who know the most end up graduating and taking their knowledge with them." He stressed the need for creating a way to pass knowledge along to underclass students.

Stu-A President Tom Ryan '96 added that "there is no memory at Colby College; we are constantly making the same mistakes over and over."

Amy Forrer '98 explained that the CPA was filling an important need at Colby. "Too many times I feel as though there is not enough energy and caring among Colby students. But the meeting made me realize that there are plenty of people who are willing to support others to either make changes or emphasize the positive attributes of our institution," she said. "Sometimes student relations with the administration leave us all with bitter thoughts and resentful feelings."

Caleb Dolan '96 added that "the administration tends to drop things on students." Dolan used the study abroad fee as one example. "You never know what will fall out of the sky onto your little head... and this leads to apathy."

Thibodeau cited the lack of information regarding funding as one aspect that separates the Col-

lege from the students and staff. "Very few people are allowed to see a complete financial breakdown of what money is spent where," said Thibodeau. "I would like to know why \$50,000 is being spent to knock two beams out of the Spa instead of going to financial aid. Why was the Off Campus Study Office completely renovated when they are imposing the \$1000 fee?"

Several students stressed peer pressure as a way to make things better. Others cited a lack of responsibility for their actions as one of the main reasons for dorm damage and excessive alcohol consumption. Forrer explained that one way to meet this goal is to teach freshmen that "they can be normal and not drink."

Dolan explained that he came to the CPA meeting because "after four years of typical Colby student apathy, I thought that maybe there would be a forum here for making some legitimate changes in an institution which I have not found to be working as it should be."

"What I would like to see come out of this is the school becoming more courageous to try new ideas," said Thibodeau. "We should tear down the boundaries between the different parts of the College." □

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# Arts and Entertainment

## The Colby Blue Lights: always room to sing

BY JUDY RING  
A&E Editor

Many Colby clubs and activities have such a long and indisputable history, that it is a surprise when a new group surfaces. But for the Colby Blue Lights, the challenge of organizing and improving is what makes their activity worthwhile.

During the fall semester of '94, Andy Smith '98 began his attempts to put together a new male *cappella* group. "I just thought that there was a lot of talent on campus," he said. After months of putting up signs, making phone calls and speaking with different members of the Chorale, Smith had a small group together.

The "Blue Light" moniker came after

many other names were discussed and discarded. "We kind of wanted to be called something associated with the campus," he said.

In their first year of existence, the Blue Lights spent a great deal of time trying to put together a repertoire and get some exposure on campus. WMHB featured the group, and they achieved even more success with their performance at the International Club Extravaganza in the Student Union last spring, along with the Colbyettes and the Colby Eight.

Perhaps even more notably, the Blue Lights involved themselves in several community activities such as an Easter party with the Best Buddies, a group that works with the elderly and mentally challenged in the Waterville area, and another performance

in conjunction with the Colby Friends for a kindergarten-through-fifth-grade function.

This fall, the remaining original Blue Lights (Smith, Jared Fine '98, David Goldman '98 and Matt McGinness '96) performed at this year's freshman orientation and followed with campus-wide auditions for new members.

The Blue Lights picked up seven new freshman, sophomores and seniors to expand to 11 singers. Soon after, they were granted full club status and a budget from the college. This was a successful moment for the group, who spent most of their first year reaching into their own pockets to pay for music arrangements and other necessities.

According to Smith, each step that the group takes is an achievement in itself. With the new budget and a bit of experience, the Blue Lights hope to travel to off-campus

events and put together a group recording sometime later this year.

Singing everything from, as Smith says, "barbershop to spirituals," the Blue Lights have made a name for themselves as a group of enthusiastic musicians. The group even has informal "Blue Light parties" where they hang out together and sing. "Every time we sing...it's fresh," said Smith.

The Blue Light repertoire is consistently expanding, and the group has moved on to writing their its arrangements. Currently in the works is a four-song medley of Shel Silverstein poems.

For a group that is half a century behind the other *cappella* organizations on campus, the Blue Lights are certainly having as much fun and enjoying their own successes as much as any other. □

## "The Wedding" poignantly captures love's struggle

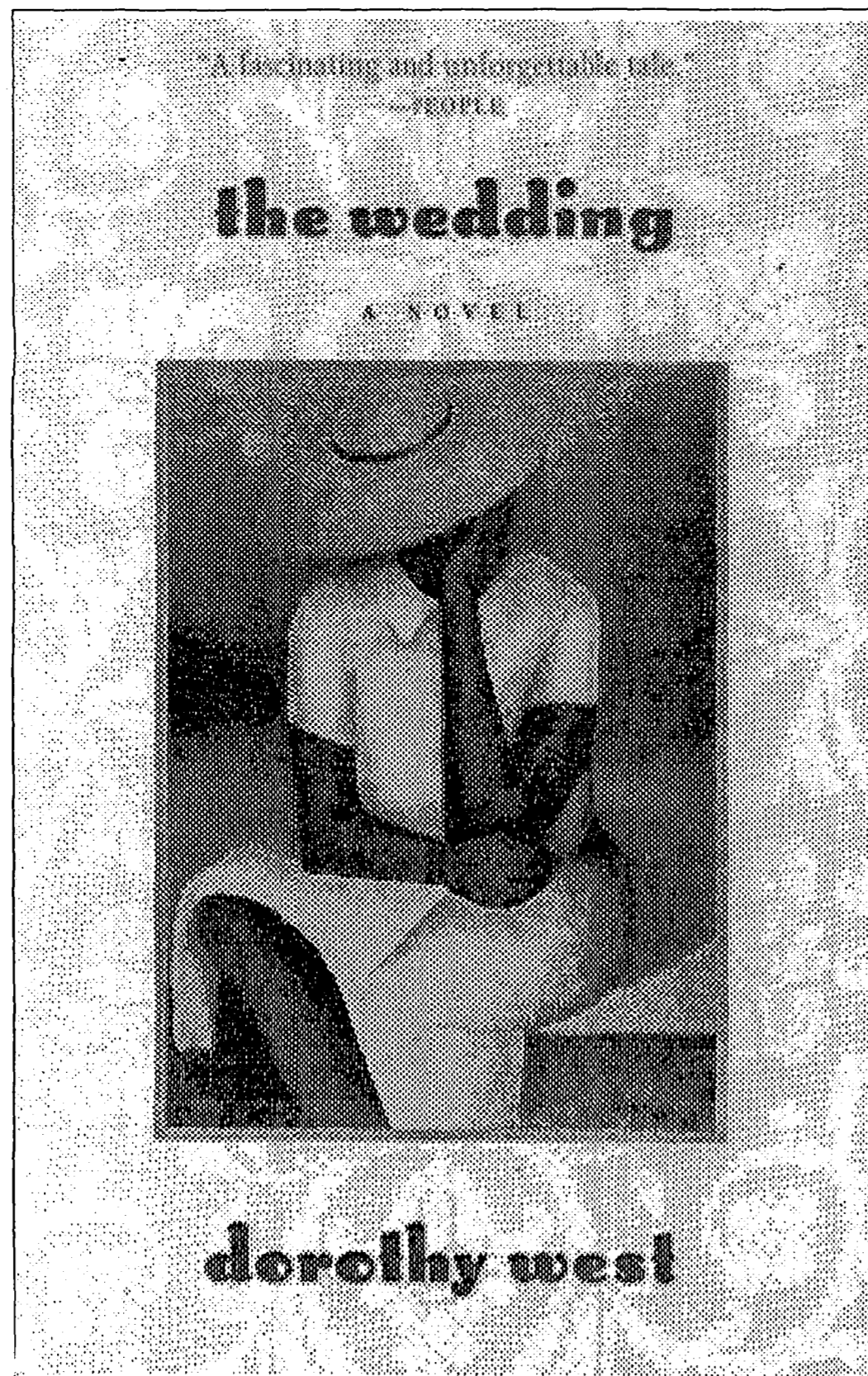
BY ELLEN PIGNATELLA  
Staff Writer

"The Wedding", a novel by Dorothy West, appears in the Colby Bookstore as the college's featured Book of the Month for February. Strongly passionate and eloquently written, the work boldly confronts dominating issues of interracial marriage, class segregation, and various cultural values prevalent in contemporary American society.

West centers her story around the anticipated wedding between Shelby Coles, the youngest daughter of an upstanding, prominent black family dwelling on Martha's Vineyard, and Meade Wyler, a white jazz musician from New York.

As both families place tremendous stock in their ideals regarding "the right colors and the right professions," the upcoming wedding brings much tension and strong emotion to the surface. As West looks into the past experiences of many of the novel's cross-generational and cross-racial characters, she vividly illustrates the ways in which one's life experiences and memories shape his or her decisions, beliefs and values.

By contrasting the attitudes of various members of four generations of the Coles' family, "The Wedding" emphasizes the ability and power of the past to either hinder one's relationship with others or to transform and liberate one from the chains of previously held societal convictions. For example, Shelby's ninety-eight-year-old grandmother, Gram, has spent the majority of her adult life in disbelief and regret of her daughter's marriage to a black man. Consumed by racial acceptance and bigotry, she foresees Shelby's marriage as a means to "drain out the colored blood" in her family "until none was left, either known or remembered." On the other hand, Shelby's older sister Liz somehow manages to free herself from such unnatural bounds of love and hate



Courtesy of the Colby Bookstore

Dorothy West's latest novel is featured at the Colby Bookstore this month. "The Wedding" investigates racial and generational boundaries.

and proudly marry and produce a child with a black man, regardless of her family's reaction.

"The Wedding" sensitively and courageously portrays the intricate generational dilemmas families face about racial acceptance and class conflict. Yet the novel lends a hopeful view towards such difficult issues. For as the Coles family's sense of compassion and understanding expands as the

novel progresses, West simply yet powerfully conveys her message regarding the strength and ability of human love to surpass societal adversities and to overcome racial prejudices. As the headnote of the novel states and its story supports, "The Wedding" proves that indeed, "love is patient; love is kind. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." □

## "City of Lost Children": someone spiked the pâté

BY SCOTT MICHAEL  
ROTHMAN  
Contributing Writer

There are few things that come from France that are actually likable. When it comes to food, they are right on with the French classic, *soup de jour*, as well as those deliciously fluffy croissants. However, when it comes to entertainment, let's face it: that Gerard Depardieu looks like he did the 100-yard dash in a 50-yard gym. Amazingly enough, it is from a pair of French filmmakers, Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro, that we get one of the more imaginative and visually appetizing films of the year: "City of Lost Children."

The plot of "City of Lost Children" is as warped and enjoyable to figure out as any. Taking place in a distorted future, most of the action occurs on the dark offshore rig of the sad but horrible Krank (Daniel Emilfork). Tragically, the evil Krank is aging at a rapid rate because he does not possess the ability to dream. Krank hires some thugs (the Cyclops) to kidnap some children for him so that he can bring them to his lab and steal their dreams. However, when Krank's cronies kidnap the adorable Denree (Joseph Lucien), he evokes the ire of the little boy's adopted, circus-strongman brother, One (Ron Perlman). On his desperate search for his brother, One is befriended by the world's most mature nine-year-old, Miette (remarkably played by Judith Vittet) and together they set out to save Denree and stop Krank.

The directors have included a number of bizarre characters in the film. Along their journey One and Miette encounter many

assorted freaks, including a set of Siamese twins, some midgits, a talking, suspended brain, as well as a small band of incredibly trained fleas. These characters increase the utter zaniness of the film and are carried off well by the fine cast. Pay special attention to Dominique Pinon, who plays six identical clones as well as an insane deep-sea diver who hides on the ocean floor.

From the beginning of the movie, Caro and Jeunet cook up a visual feast for the audience. The world of "City of Lost Children" is one reminiscent of some

of visionary Terry Gilliam's best work, such as "Brazil," "Time Bandits," and most recently,

"12 Monkeys." The imaginative and intricate sets are delightful and only enhance what the directors are able to do with the special effects. Caro and Jeunet owe much to the costume designing genius of Jean-Paul Gaultier, who outfits the cast in grandiose and ambitious style. The end result is a film that challenges both the pupils and the medium itself.

Few movies beg their viewers to use their imagination and really exercise their minds and it is for this reason that "City of Lost Children" is so refreshing. Instead of wasting time with Hollywood's formulaic films it is nice to watch a movie that takes the audience somewhere new and some place unexplored. The storyline is loose and leaves much for the audience to discover itself. The English subtitles are a bit distracting at first but become less painful as the movie progresses. With its convoluted plot and dynamic look, "City of Lost Children" is a real cinematic treat. □

### Movie Review

# Parker Bent gives Coffeehouse the blues

BY JUDY RING  
A&E Editor

After spending Valentine's Day with Dave Matthews and his pseudo-acoustical performance, some of the more hard-core acoustic fans visited the Coffeehouse last Thursday to hear former Colby student Parker Bent perform.

Advertised around campus as an "acoustic guitarist," Bent probably could have been better described as a folk/blues musician as he brought the audience back to simple folk and blues sounds with no aid except for a guitar and harmonica. With no amplification of any kind, he worked his way through two relaxed sets of covers.

"I'm here to play guitar, so that's what I'm going to do," Bent joked before starting his first song. His heartfelt, airy tone was just sufficient to be heard over his guitar without being overpowering. His first few songs relied on relatively simple chord progressions behind the lyrics, in the tradition of true folk music.

"Hey, you've got to hide your love away," the chorus of one of the tunes in the first half of the performance, provided a bit of a vocal

stretch for the musician, but he managed to get away with it pretty well on the basis of sheer emotion.

Bent then delved into some straight twelve-bar blues ("If I can't love my baby, I can't live another day") before trying "Corinna, Corinna."

After a fifteen minute break in the action, Bent returned with "Heart of Gold," and continued to stick to a leisurely pace for almost another hour. A popular Neil Young tune, "The River," provided another interesting guitar part. Bent also did an admirable job finishing up a blues tune despite losing a string near the end.

Picking up a slide for the next-to-last song, Bob Dylan's "Just Like Tom Thumb's Blues," Bent delighted the Coffeehouse crowd and got a few laughs from some friends who knew the guitarist from his '92-'94 stint at the college.

Bent may have not had the immensely self-assured presence of some of the professionals and seasoned veterans who have visited Colby during the course of the year, but his earnest and down-to-earth style provided a refreshing evening of music.

The Coffeehouse will be featuring The Zulu Leprechauns next Thursday, Feb. 29 at 8 p.m. □



Parker Bent at Coffeehouse Thursday evening.

Echo photo by Jill Huntsburger

## calendar for a rural planet

### on this planet

Black History Month Film Series  
"Black Is...Black Ain't"  
Lovejoy 215  
Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

"3 Bands for 3 Bucks":  
Colby Habitat for Humanity fundraiser  
featuring Bubba Toba and Meddling Kids  
Foss Dining Hall  
Mar. 2, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Feminist Fortnight  
Mary Low Coffeehouse  
Mar. 6, 7-11 p.m.

Continuum  
Lorimer Chapel  
Mar. 2 at 8 p.m.

### off this planet

**Bowdoin**  
"Issues Affecting Women in Math and Science"  
Lancaster Lounge, Moulton Union  
Mar. 5 at 7 p.m.

International Folk Dancing  
Daggett Lounge, Wentworth Hall  
Mar. 6, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**UMaine at Augusta**  
Canadian folk artist Connie Kaldor  
Jewett Auditorium  
Mar. 2 at 8 p.m.

Maine Architecture Institute Award Exhibition  
Jewett Hall Gallery  
March 5-April 5  
Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Waterville**  
Devonsquare  
Waterville Opera House  
Mar. 2 at 8 p.m.

### films

"Ace Ventura 2"  
Stu-A Film  
Lovejoy 100  
Feb. 29-Mar. 2 at 7 and 9 p.m.

"The City of Lost Children"  
Railroad Square Cinema  
Mar. 1-7 at 8:55 p.m.  
Mar. 2-3, matinee at 2:55 p.m.

"Angels and Insects"  
Railroad Square Cinema  
Mar. 1-7 at 6:45 p.m.  
Mar. 2-3, matinee at 2:20 p.m.

"Man With A Plan"  
Railroad Square Cinema  
Mar. 1-7 at 7 p.m.  
Mar. 2-3, 1 and 5:05 p.m.

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rum [on Feb. 8] was not a joke, we really want to know what people think. As a student on the Commission, I can say that all students have a big say in what happens... All letters or suggestions that come in are taken seriously. The Commission really cares what the students think; student opinion does count. We would love people to write letters or e-mail us, but we have not received

many responses, and that is discouraging."

Baker explained that revamping social life is one goal of the commission. The commission is looking at creating a "a Social Programming Board as a branch of Stu-A, headed by the Stu-A social chair. Nothing is certain yet — we need a lot of student input on this."

What will the Commission do? Its are closed, but it has been

confirmed that they have formed a list of expectations concerning alcohol for every member of the Colby community. The implementation of this list is not guaranteed, but is very likely given the suggestions given at the open forum. In addition, a new structure for enforcement of alcohol policies has consumed a great deal time, and a new structure is going to be proposed and emphasized. □

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## EDITORIALS

### CPA promotes action

Colby students are renowned for their apathy. The Coalition for Political Action is changing that image as it shows how students can change college policies and make their voices heard. It is encouraging to see students coming together and voicing their concerns about problems important to them, no matter what the forum. History has shown that there is strength in numbers; however, for any changes to result the effort needs to continue over time.

Reforms of college life face an additional challenge of turnover. Most students are on campus for a maximum of four years. With the high turnover, students need to make sure that when they graduate that they do not let their accomplishments end with their diplomas.

It may be discouraging not to have solutions come overnight, but with continued effort they shall come. The Coalition should not get too far ahead of itself. The two meetings have shown that the Coalition is on the right track by targeting one issue at a time. Only through persistent action can the goals be achieved.

Colby students have shown that there are deeper problems on Mayflower Hill than the dysfunctional clocks on the library tower. Students need to stand up and bring those problems to light, and then work for a solution. The College policy is to "treat student like adults until they start acting like children." In our actions for reform we need to use remain mature, while retaining the drive to get things accomplished. As Colby students we have the ability to influence policy — but to do so we need to get involved and work for substantial, long-term change.

### EN 115, a waste of time

As first-year students begin their Colby academic experience, the one class linking most of them together is English 115. All students are required to take this course unless they place out of it by scoring a 4 or a 5 on the English Composition AP exam. English 115 is supposed to supply students with the writing skills necessary to get them through college. Unfortunately, the class often falls far short of this goal.

English 115 is probably the easiest course any student will take at Colby. As there is no core curriculum for the course, professors are allowed to choose the theme they wish to teach. As a result, we have 115 courses with themes ranging from "Sexuality" to "The Nature of Nature" and "The Good Life" to "The Public and the Private." There are also courses that lack a theme altogether.

There is no reason for English 115 to be the blow-off class that in all too often is. If anything, it should be a rigorous course that will prepare students for the rest of their college experience. While there are professors who really present their students with a challenge, there are many more who don't, and this is where the problem lies.

In order to make English 115 a worthwhile course, all professors should have to follow a core curriculum as well as a uniform grading system. Professors should take steps such as requiring all papers to be written according to MLA guidelines. This is how students will have to write in every other course they take at Colby, and they should start off writing correctly. Since English 115 is one of the first courses a Colby student takes, it should be a course that truly prepares students for the rest of their Colby careers.

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## Opinions

### THE LAST LAUGH By Devin Almon 2/29/96

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## Re-evaluate housing changes Adult supervision not the solution

BY DAN MACCARONE  
Staff Writer

I can hardly contain my excitement about the new housing policy being instituted for next year. What better way to control immature students than to bring in outsiders, with masters degrees to act as parental figures?

We already have faculty residents in some dorms, and they seem to only complicate matters with students, because they don't remember what college was like. Earlier this year, the faculty resident of one dorm had a freshman come downstairs to the resident's apartment to tuck in his kids, because the student's music had been blasting too loud, keeping the kids awake on a school night. Imagine that: a college student playing loud music! How rare.

What made the course of action by the faculty member even more bit ridiculous was that it wasn't even quiet hours yet (actually it was about 9:30 on a weeknight). This is college; no one else in the dorm was complaining about the music. To have the poor freshman have to come downstairs and tuck in the kids? Parenting is not something most of us are interested in doing until after college.

Since there are problems with the faculty that are already here, how will other adult figures make a difference? Won't that just make students more upset? It is said that we can now go to these "educated adults" with our problems, instead of our peer Resident Advisors. If we weren't settling our problems before, when we could go to our friends for help, having a new mommy or daddy to yell at little Johnny and send him to bed with-

out supper will help the cause.

Most of us are between the ages of 18-21, old enough to join the military (always a responsible group), buy lottery tickets (yet another action that requires a great deal of maturity) and vote (how about those responsible politicians, huh?). With all of that already going for us, why should we mess with a system that seems to work well?

How many students are going to feel comfortable going to some

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person they do not know that is there for the sole purpose of causing us trouble? We all know that what these new advisors will really be are policemen looking to catch underage drinkers in the act or telling us to turn down our music at 1:00. Do we really want a new branch of Security in our rooms? This is where we live, hang out, bathe and eat our WHOP and, for the most part, like to feel fairly free.

In order to make it look like these new, mature adults need to be here, special positions are being created. These positions are things like the "assistant to the associate dean for intercultural affairs," which is definitely something we need. I wonder what the job description for that job is. Certain phrases come to mind, but they probably shouldn't be printed in the newspaper.

One of the reasons this new plan

is being established is to create greater community in the dorms. Well, I guess that's true: what better way to reach a sense of community than through rebellion? When too much pressure was put on the colonists, we rebelled, hence the American Revolution. I am not imagining the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" playing in the background as I get all patriotic, but that is when everyone pulled together. Wouldn't you think that the deans would want the students happy with their housing situations, and not boiling to a point where one more thing could make them explode?

At the same time, aren't there better ways to create a sense of community? Isn't that what the commons presidents and the rest of Stu-A are for? Isn't that why we have events like Winter Carnival, the 72-hour movie marathon and Spotlight Lectures where the students can give their feelings on issues like the alcohol policy?

Not to upset any RAs or HRs, but if you all worked with the deans to establish this new plan, why would you agree to have outsiders come in and take over a lot of your power? Is Colby College is going to be turned into Colby Academy, a co-ed boarding school, where we need the mature adults there to settle our problems? Is this Dead Poet's Society taking place in a college?

I guess this plan is definitely going to be implemented, but before it is I wonder if there some time could be set aside so that students could give their views on the subject. My suggestion is another Spotlight Lecture, like the one on the alcohol policy, where students and faculty can give their views. After all, this is where we live. □



# Opinions

## Off-campus study fee revisited

BY WHITNEY GLOCKNER  
Opinions Editor

Despite the \$26,000 a year that Colby students and their families must make appear from somewhere, Colby continues to offer less and less to its students.

After a semester's consideration, and a less-than-convincing letter from Dean of Faculty Bob McArthur, I am not willing to take the \$1000 fee to go abroad sitting down. It is ridiculous and shameless to charge students for time not spent at Colby.

McArthur claims that it is programs like international studies, Russian studies, Latin American and American studies, exchange students and visiting professors that cost the college enough money each year to make the fee legitimate.

"Since on average, 170 students will be away on non-Colby programs at some point during a typical year, the tuition that they would pay if they stayed on campus is more than \$2 million," wrote McArthur. But they are not on campus, they are not receiving instruction, advice or even the occasional free cup of coffee from the faculty lounge. They are gone.

McArthur claims that people in the Off Campus Studies Office as well as professors must advise the students in the process of choosing and applying to an abroad program. He claims that they must also advise this student when they are abroad. Granted, students do keep in touch with their professors from off campus, and professors are more than happy usually to smooth out the occasional glitch in the system that can make credit transfer difficult. However, since professors often advise students after graduation as well, perhaps Colby should establish a post-graduation advice and recommendation fee.

And what about those four people in the Off Campus Study Office? My experience as well as the experiences

of most of the people that I talk to about it is that they are helpful, but there is no real advising going on, just a lot of paper pushing. Most of my preparation to go abroad constituted sitting down with my advisor to decide what courses were acceptable to Colby. I thank my advisor for his time, not the Off Campus Study Office for passing out the blue, green, pink and white form packets.

And then there is the issue of Colby's study abroad programs: London, Cuernavaca, Salamanca, Dijon, and the often advertised but

seldom taken, Colby in Russia. McArthur claims that the money raised from the students not studying at Colby will aid in developing the Colby

programs abroad. That would be great if we were benefiting from them. However, those of us who are not French, Spanish or Russian majors and would rather not go to England must pay to develop these programs which are useless to us.

Then McArthur hits us with what could have been the clincher, financial aid. You wouldn't want to take much-needed money away from those people at Colby who are on financial aid would you? Your \$1000 dollars could be the money that allows them to go abroad too. Bullucks. McArthur says that students studying abroad receive over \$373,000 in aid every year. If there are over 170 students studying on non-Colby programs, the \$170,000 in revenue will not make a dent in this.

However, the \$239,000 that goes toward the Off Campus Studies budget would make a dent in the financial aid problem and offer all the money needed to support study abroad programs. Make Off Campus Studies an option. See how many students really want to pay for the help they offer. As one student suggested, buy a copy of Barron's study abroad manual and grab the pretty multi-colored forms from the registrar's office. □



## Negative ads spark awareness

BY JOHN DALY  
Staff Writer

Pat Buchanan's somewhat unlikely victory in New Hampshire has given the Republican presidential primary race new direction. The debate over negative advertising, which was at the forefront of campaign discourse in the week before New Hampshire, has been lost in the shuffle. However, negative advertising will certainly be employed throughout the rest of the primary season, and most likely in the general election.

Just as the ads will continue to be employed, the argument over the merits of negative ads will surely surface again and continue. While negative ads do stir up debate and alienate some voters, at times they have merit and deserve a place in electoral politics.

The Republican debate on Feb. 15 featured considerable arguments between the candidates over the use of negative ads in the campaign. Senator Bob Dole, who had been employing negative ads, was harshly criticized by Pat Buchanan and Lamar Alexander, two candidates targeted in New Hampshire by Dole's ads. Buchanan argued that the ads, which portrayed him as an "extremist," were not true. Alexander, who was

attacked as a "tax-and-spend liberal," also questioned the facts Dole employed in the ads. Senator Richard Lugar and Representative Bob Dornan joined in the argument against the negative ads, noting that Republican infighting employing attack ads would only turn voters off to the candidates' messages and hurt the party's candidate facing President Clinton in the general election.

While it may be true that the Republican Party will be hurt from the internal fighting between candidates, the negative ads run by Dole were not without merit. It is true that while governor of Tennessee, Alexander raised the state sales tax to fund education reforms (the two campaigns differ on the percent increase that occurred between 1979 and 1986, but there was a tax increase).

The case for Pat Buchanan being too extreme does not seem far-fetched when you consider his proposals to fence in the country to stop immigration, or the statements, targeted in Dole's ad, which Buchanan has made regarding sending nuclear weapons to Taiwan and South Korea.

The 1992 election provided an example of the reasonable use of negative advertising. Bill Clinton was not wrong to run ads highlighting George Bush's "no new taxes" pledge, which he made in 1988 and broke during his

first term. In the same way, it would be reasonable for ads to question President Clinton's performance during his first term, and why the president failed to provide the health care plan he promised voters in 1992.

Senator Lugar's assertions that candidates should skip the negative ads and stick to discussing issues important to voters is not without merit. While negative ads do have a place in election politics, they should not be exclusive or dominant components of a campaign. Negative ads should complement significant proposals, plans, and policy stances adopted by the major candidates.

The majority of the campaign should focus on discussion relating to issues important to voters. However, voters should know about candidates' past experience and policy stances before supporting them, and American voters do not educate themselves enough now to have this knowledge. How many Americans would know about Alexander's record as Governor of Tennessee, or about Buchanan's statements regarding nuclear arms? Until voters have a more thorough knowledge of candidates, the incentive for challengers to run negative ads will remain. □

## The real history of women at Colby

BY AMY MONTEMERLO  
Contributing Writer

Colby College prides itself on the fact that, in 1871, it became the first college in the Northeast to admit female students. But perhaps there is something misleading to the bold claim that Colby has always been a progressive bastion of education for women. Women, in fact, have been second class citizens for the better part of their history on campus, and have had to fight the overt sexism of male students and administrators until very recently.

Today, women are a regular presence on campus. Female students, faculty and staff are generally well received and are treated as

**This is not the history that is advertised in the College's glossy admission handbooks.**

equal to male counterparts. Today, women are even numerically superior to their male classmates. Women constitute 54.6 percent of all Colby undergraduates. Women are members of varsity sports, clubs and organizations that for a long time in Colby history were exclusively male.

However, Colby has not always been a haven for equal education opportunities. In the nineteenth century, Colby men were not as recep-

tive to women on campus as they are today. In fact, the inclusion of female students was at one time so undesirable that Colby almost became two separate single-sex universities. Little regard was given to women during Colby's first 75 years. But this is not the history that is advertised in the College's glossy admission handbooks.

Mary Low became the first female student at Colby when she enrolled in 1871. Low was an expert in library science, and she created the first systematic catalogue of the Maine State Library. She was the sole woman in the class of 1875 and graduated as the valedictorian. In the fall of 1873, Colby admitted four *see WOMEN on page 10.*

## Students on the Street

If the Dean's office were to form a band, what would it be called?



Alex Tuff '97  
"Boston Baked Deans or the Big Johnstons."



Emily Taxson '98  
"The Supremes."



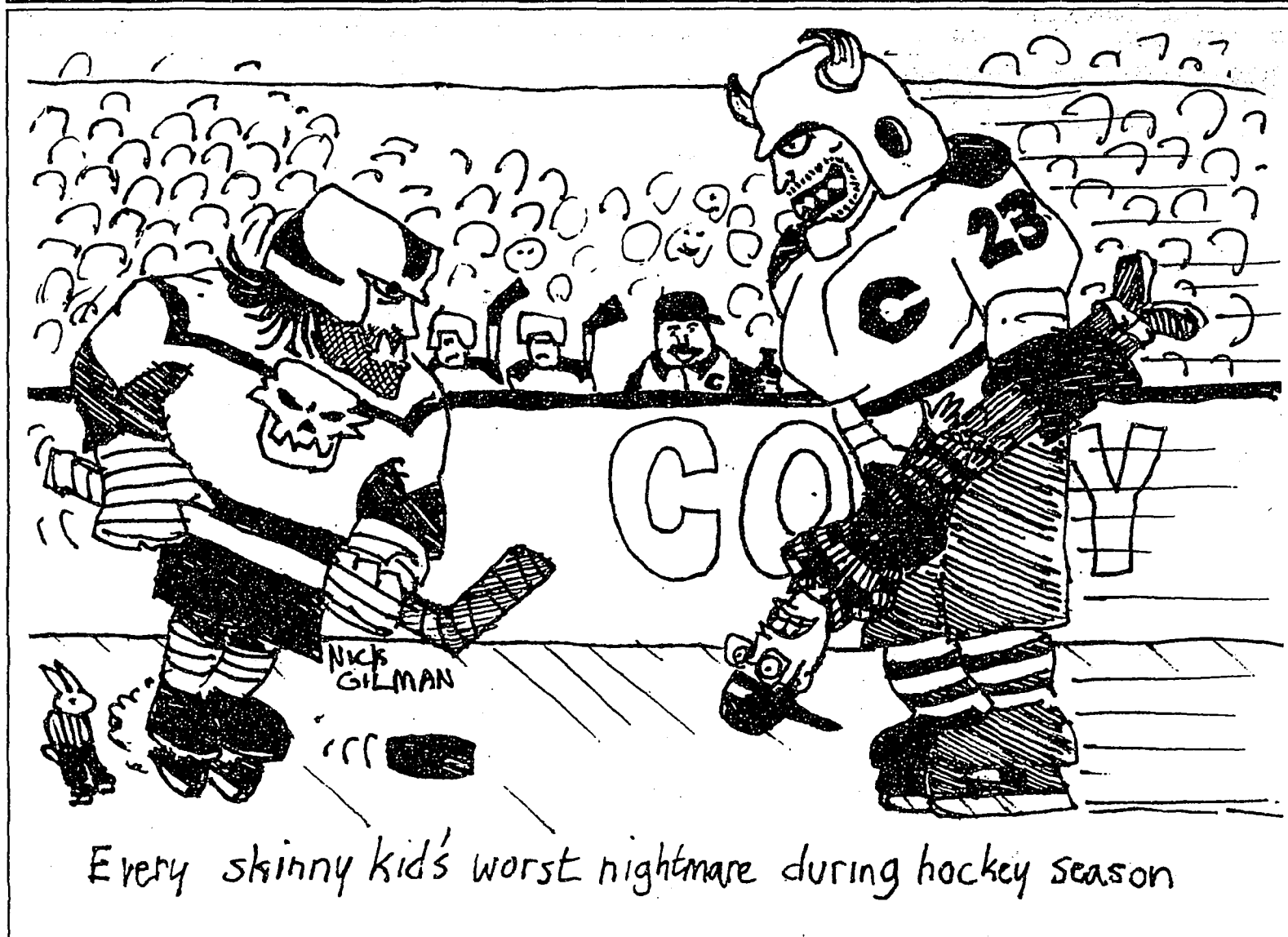
Tim O'Reilly '96  
"The Loose Screws."



Andy Zuffoletti '97  
"I Always Wanted to Administrate. It would be a punk band."



Heather Garni '99  
"Crowded House."



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more female students. This group included Louise Helen Coburn, a leader in her class and later the first female trustee. Coburn led campaigns for adequate housing for female students, and promoted greater representation of women in graduate and corporate affairs of the College.

In the 1870s, questions arose over whether or not Colby's female students were mentally capable of taking the same academic classes as male students. The query at large was if "the girls" had a place in male-dominated subjects, such as science and mathematics. In reality, Colby's female students were surpassing their male classmates academically. Women won most of the prizes awarded for academic excellence and honors available in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

The president of Colby in 1889, Albion Woodbury Small, instigated the campaign to divide Colby into two separate single-sex colleges. Eventually, in the fall of 1890, Colby was split into two divisions, but remained one institution. Colby offered different courses that were considered appropriate to each sex. Awards for academic excellence and other honors were awarded to each sex separately. This arrangement was opposed by female students, however, they argued that the elimination of competition between men and women was the main reason behind the split.

Women students at Colby in the late 1800s were generally treated as second-class citizens and were openly made to feel unwelcome among faculty, staff and male students. Adelle Gilpatrick, an 1888 Colby graduate, claimed that it "took a lot of courage for a girl to go to Colby" in these days. However, despite the deterrents, women contin-

ued to enroll at Colby in increasingly large numbers. In fact, in the late 1800s, female enrollment nearly surpassed that of males. In the five years between 1891 and 1896, over twice as many women students enrolled at Colby as men. At this rate, the total number of female students would have outnumbered males within a few years.

Despite the numerous attempts made by Colby presidents through the 1900s to bar female students, Colby remained a co-educational institution. However, the separation between male and female students strictly enforced until the mid 1900s. Before this time, women held no class offices. The glee, musical, drama and debate clubs were strictly male in membership. In the 1920s, the student government was active under two separate single-sex bodies, and no Colby woman could smoke on campus without the fear of being expelled until the 1930s.

Along with "Rosie the Riveter" came the emancipation of Colby women. When their male classmates went off to fight in WWII, Colby women took over the publication of the *Echo*, as well as control of the drama and musical clubs. Women, for the first time, held leadership positions in student offices. Female students played in the college band and participated in co-ed sports.

By the 1960s Colby was a co-ed, if not equal, college in nearly every activity. It took women close to 100 years to obtain this equality.

Women may have been on campus for the last 120 years, but we have only been recognized as full-fledged members of the community for the last 50. Colby's history on this subject is at best, shaded. Women at Colby in the 1990s are clearly better off than those of the 1890s. □

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# Scoreboard

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY ECAC TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

- (1) Brown vs. (8) Colby
- (2) UNH vs. (7) Princeton
- (3) Dartmouth vs. (6) Northeastern
- (4) Providence vs. (5) Cornell

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY ECAC FINAL OVERALL SCORING LEADERS

| Player                          | Goals | Assists | Points |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1. Meaghan Sittler, Colby       | 41    | 40      | 81     |
| 2. Barb Gordon, Colby           | 34    | 34      | 68     |
| 3. Erin Magee, Boston College   | 39    | 25      | 64     |
| 5. Andrea Blakely, St. Lawrence | 26    | 24      | 50     |

## MEN'S BASKETBALL 1996 ECAC TOURNAMENT SEEDINGS

- 1. Amherst
- 2. UMass-Dartmouth
- 3. Eastern Nazarene
- 4. Bridgewater St.
- 5. Connecticut College
- 6. Colby
- 7. Tufts
- 8. Rhode Island College

## WOMEN'S SQUASH FINAL NATIONAL RANKINGS

- 1. Harvard
- 2. Princeton
- 3. Brown
- 4. Dartmouth
- 5. Pennsylvania
- 6. Yale
- 7. Trinity
- 8. Amherst
- 9. Williams
- 10. Bowdoin
- 11. Colby



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## I-PLAY BASKETBALL UPDATE

Open League Standings as of 2/27/96

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Faculty/Staff   | 2-0 |
| Peck            | 2-0 |
| Calapigious     | 1-0 |
| The Load Team   | 1-1 |
| Jumanji         | 1-1 |
| Water Buffaloes | 1-1 |
| Godoy           | 1-1 |
| BFS             | 1-1 |
| Los Lobos       | 0-1 |
| CAGA            | 0-2 |
| Owens           | 0-2 |

### Players of the Week:

Dan Rheaume '96, The Load Team: 3 3-pointers, 14 rebounds  
Pete Felmy '98, Jumanji: 16 points  
Mark Serdjenian, Faculty/Staff: 9 assists  
Eben Peck '98, Peck: 18 points

Dorm League Standings as of 2/27/96

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Dana            | 1-0 |
| West Quad       | 1-1 |
| Williams        | 1-1 |
| Coburn/Mary Low | 0-1 |
| Piper           | 0-2 |

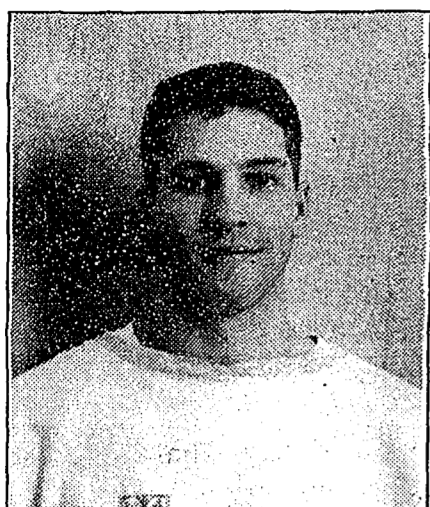
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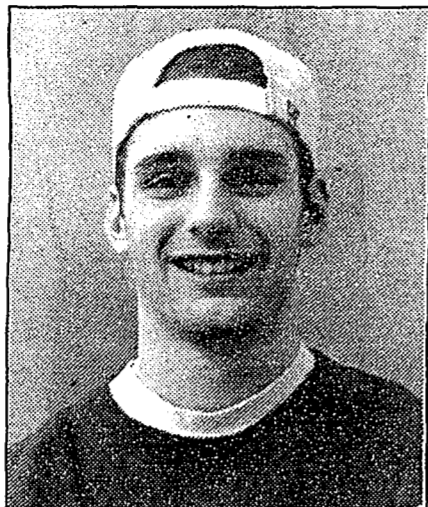
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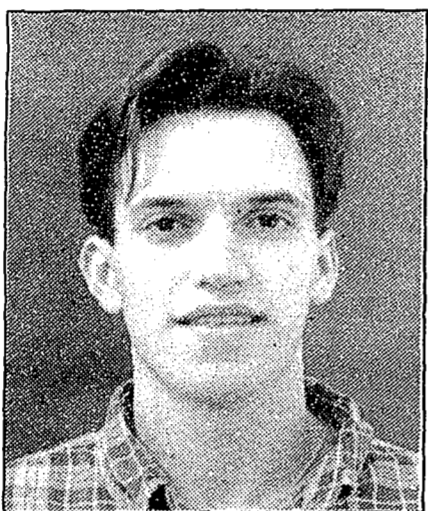


**Brian Cronin '96,**

The first front line for the men's hockey team has been utterly superb this season, leading the Mules as they anticipate their first ever bid to the NCAA tournament. This past weekend, the thrilling threesome combined for six of Colby's 10 goals and nine of 16 assists during thrashings of Babson and UMass-Boston. Cronin, Lavergne and Lamia have been nothing short of spectacular all season long, as they are the team's top three scoring leaders. Lavergne finished the regular season leading the team with 14 goals and 30 assists for 44 points, while Cronin was second with 19 goals and 24 assists for 43 points, and Lamia third with 18 goals and 20 assists for 38 points. The Mules have



**Dan Lavergne '97**



**Nick Lamia '97**

been riding the backs of the tremendous trio all season, and are looking for them to take them to new heights as Colby prepares for the postseason.

*Echo photos by Jennifer Atwood*

## MEN'S HOCKEY, continued from page 16

relinquish. Assisting on the play was goalie Jason Cherella '99 who sent a perfect clearing pass to Pimentel after making one of his 24 saves. As the clock ticked down to 1:00 remaining, Babson pulled their goalie and committed their final mistake. Dan Lavergne '97 capitalized, scoring the empty-netter with just 42 seconds left, sealing the Mules' 4-1 win.

"We were really focused against Babson," said Wales. "We knew if we wanted a shot at making NCAA's we had to win and we did. After beating Babson, our game against UMass-Boston became our most important game because a loss against them would erase everything we had done."

Entering Saturday's contest against UMass-Boston with a confident and winning attitude, there would be little that underdog UMass could do to stop the Mules. Colby scored early and often as they cruised to a 6-2 victory.

The Mules' offense showed no signs of losing a step, and certainly not getting bogged in a let-down after their impressive performance the night before. Five different players scored in this one as Cronin found the back of the net twice, Lavergne once, while George Kennedy '97, Pimentel and Todd Guilfoyle '96 chipped in with a goal apiece. Lavergne

added two assists on the day, as did Lamia, while Steve Sprague '97, Chris Shepley '98, Terry Flynn '98, Cronin, Pimentel and co-captain Todd McGovern all recorded assists on the afternoon.

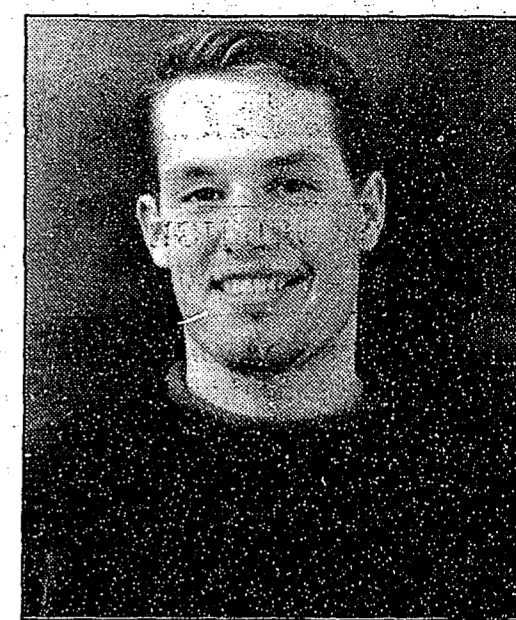
However, not to be lost in the offensive display was the dominance of Colby's defense. Superb penalty killing and forechecking held the Beacons in check all day long as they were never really able to produce a consistent offensive attack.

Going into the postseason, the Mules will need to continue to exhibit their defensive strength. Overall, this past weekend the defense was impeccable, allowing only three goals over the two games.

"Our defense again shut down all opportunities for Babson and UMass," said Cherella. "Our defense has proved to be one of the best in the league and will be key to our future success."

Even though the Mules have not yet technically secured a spot in the NCAA tournament, their stellar play at Alford Arena this past weekend should make it a virtual lock to receive a bid. The tournament seeds and matchups will be announced on Sunday morning.

One tournament note to be aware of is the fact that Bowdoin opted to remain out of the ECAC



**Captain Todd McGovern '97**

tournament in hopes of receiving an NCAA bid, complying to NESCAC rules which state that teams may not participate in both the ECAC and NCAA tournaments. Should the selection committee make Bowdoin the fifth seed, Mule fans might be treated to a re-match of the most popular hockey game of the year, possibly in at Alford Arena. Yet regardless of who their opponents are, the Mules will have accomplished something no other Colby men's hockey team ever has when they face-off in their first NCAA tournament appearance. If it happens to be against Bowdoin, it would be a storybook matchup, but right now the Mules are just happy to be where they are. □

## This Week's All-Mule Pack

### Christian Denckla '96 and Jamie Cheston '96

Denckla and Cheston, both senior squash players out of Lake Forest, IL and Ambler, PA, respectively, went undefeated in their individual matches this past weekend at the Howe Cup team nationals at Yale. Denckla, the Mules' number two player, and Cheston, Colby's number four player, helped lead the Mules to their second consecutive C-flight championship and a national ranking of 17th, all divisions included. The senior squashers closed out their respective careers in convincing fashion, leading the Mules through the tournament as Colby dropped but a single match.

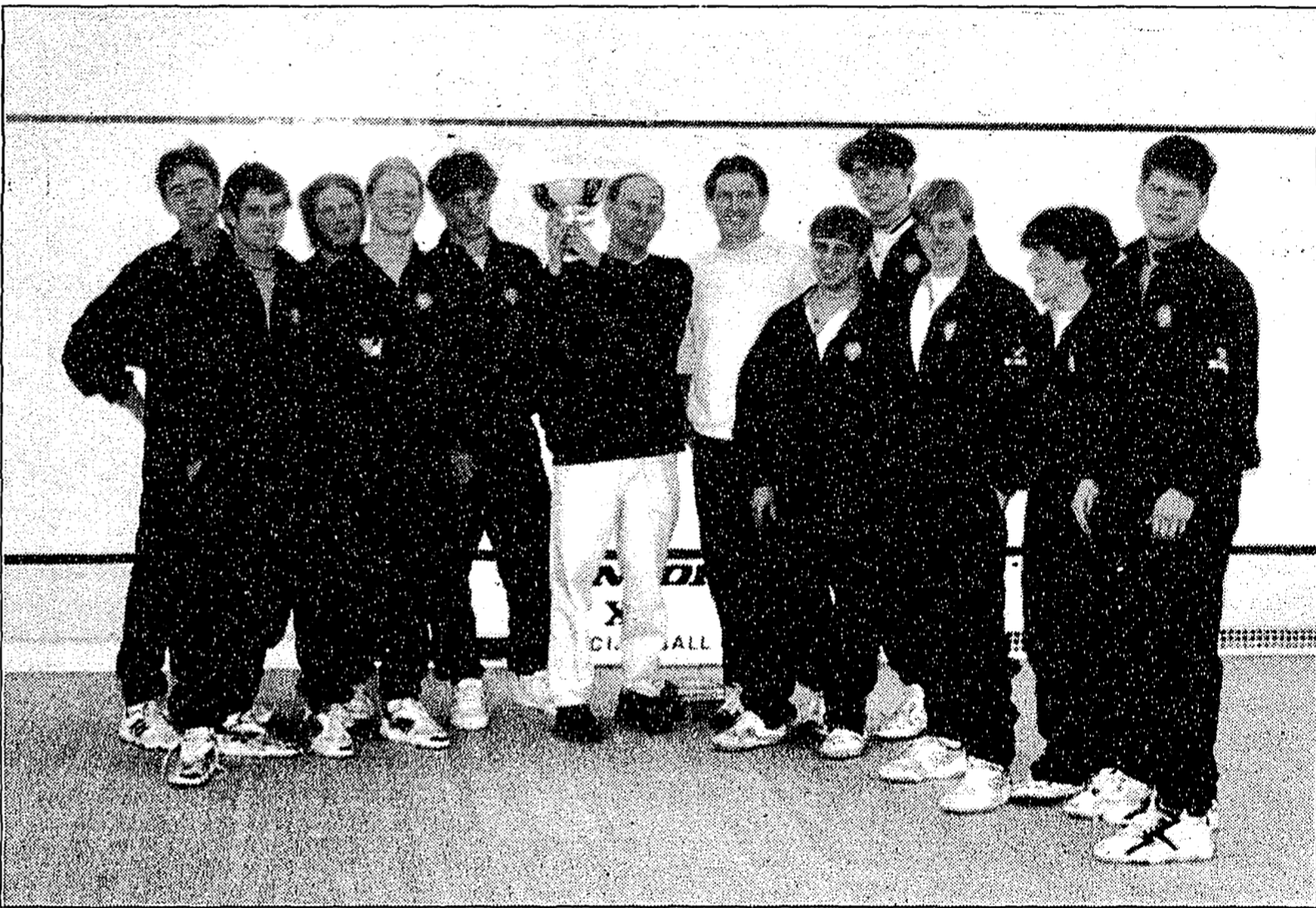
### Sonia Totten '98

The women's squash number-one player for all of the 1995-96 season, Totten led her team to their best finish ever two weeks ago at the Howe Cup team national event at Yale University. The Mules finished eleventh overall, Division I teams included, while Totten beat the top players from Bowdoin, Middlebury, Wesleyan and Franklin and Marshall without losing a single game, a remarkable feat against such stiff competition. The sophomore from Tokyo, Japan finished her first year of Colby squash with a 25-5 record in the second position, and has posted a 15-7 record as the top player this year, running her career record to an impressive 40-12.

### David Stephens '96

The senior co-captain out of Boston, MA has led the men's basketball all season long, averaging 25 points and 11 rebounds as the Mules finished 14-10 while securing an ECAC berth, their fourth postseason appearance since Stephens has been at Colby. The All-American candidate will be appearing in his second ECAC tournament, the last won in 1993 when Colby won the title. In Saturday's 72-69 home loss to Bowdoin, Stephens demonstrated why he is worthy of national recognition, scoring his average in points while grabbing eight rebounds and blocking 4 shots.

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*Echo photo courtesy John Illig*

### Coach John Illig and team proudly display the national cup.

Cornell loss, but we held together well and finished strong." If they had won against Cornell, the Mules would have secured a national ranking of 16th and a spot in the B-flight.

The Mules' dominance in the C-flight proves them to be a legitimate contender knocking on the B-flight door. The no. 17 national ranking

rank and repeat C-flight championship ties last year's finish, which was the highest in Colby men's squash history. However, the margin of victory during the tournament was much larger this year, which illustrates definite improvement in the team's play.

"It was great for all the seniors to

sweep their matches at Team Nationals," said Denckla. "We brought home the C-flight title last year, and it was special to defend that title and repeat as C-flight champions."

The team ended their season with a record of 11-12. Dodwell will be representing Colby at Individual Nationals at Trinity, March 1-3.

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cause I enjoy. I think that that keeps everything in perspective for me."

It is this laid back approach to sports and life that contribute to LeGrand's independence and self-assuredness. "I've never had any one person who has been a major influence in my life. My parents wanted me to keep myself motivated but for me it has been that I enjoy doing my sport, I enjoy my classes and I want to get something

out of the things I do," she said. "Both of my coaches, Deb Aitken and Dan Camaan, have been supportive and enthusiastic and have been a part of my development. Luckily, I'm interested in the things I'm doing."

LeGrand will compete in her event at the NCAA National Division III Championships on March 9th and 10th at Smith College. This year will be the second time LeGrand

has qualified for the national competition. As a sophomore in 1994 she travelled to Chicago to compete in the hammer throw.

Though this year the event LeGrand will compete in will be a different one than from her former Nationals experience, one thing remains certain: no matter what the outcome, her perspective on the things most important to her will remain unchanged. □

# Individuals excel at New England track championship

BY BOB ELLINGER  
Asst. Sports Editor

Last weekend the women's and men's track and field teams traveled south to compete in the New England Open Championships at Bowdoin. Because New England is a large, competitive competition, only a handful of athletes from Colby had qualified to participate.

The women's achieved mixed results.

Cindy Pomerleau '97 scored the only points for the Mules by placing sixth in the pentathlon with 3122 points. Pomerleau scored a personal best in the high hurdles and a season best in the 800 meter race to secure her high finishing position.

In addition to Pomerleau's

impressive showing, Danielle LeGrand '96 broke the school's open 20-pound weight throw record for the second consecutive week with her throw of 51 feet 5 inches. The 20-pound weight is the indoor version of the hammer throw. The record eclipsed her previous mark set two weeks ago during the New England Division III Championships at Smith, by almost two feet. LeGrand would finish eighth overall in the competition, behind six Division I athletes and one Division III thrower. LeGrand has automatically qualified for Division III Nationals, which will be held at Smith the weekend of March 8th. She is now among the top three throwers in her event in the nation.

Also putting in a season's best time was the 4x800 meter relay team

of Cindy Ackerman, Sarah Nadeau '99, Liz Fagan '97, and Liisi Linask '96, who finished with a time of 10:00.62. The 4x200 relay team also competed in the race but was disqualified for going out of the zone during the second hand-off.

On the men's side Don Saucier '96 was the only Mule to compete in the men's New England Open Championships at Boston University. Saucier ran the 55 meter high hurdle race in a time of 8.13 seconds. Though he did not advance to the finals of that event, Saucier did run a good race, according to Head Coach Jim Wescott.

Next weekend individual members of both teams will travel down to Wheaton to compete in the ECAC Championships. □

# Rodman rules over the NBA

BY BOB ELLINGER  
Asst. Sports Editor

His hair goes through weekly color changes and his body is covered with tattoos. He frequents gay and bisexual bars and was pictured half-naked in Playboy a few months back. He dated Madonna.

Oh yes, Dennis Rodman plays basketball too. And for all of you stiffouts there who fail to notice, he plays some of the best basketball in the entire NBA.

Lets face it, the guy can just straight up rebound the basketball. Michael Jordan is to scoring what Dennis Rodman is to rebounding. Both can do it like no other athlete on the planet.

Coming into this week, Rodman leads the league in rebounds with 15.5 per game, three more than his closest competitor. If he stays healthy for the rest of the season he

will win the rebounding title for an unprecedented fifth season (Moses Malone and Wilt Chamberlain won the award three years in a row). This title would just be another one for a man who was NBA Defensive Player of the Year twice and was six times placed on the NBA's All Defensive First Team.

But only half of Rodman's greatness comes from his individual statistics. No matter where he goes the man has been a winner.

Starting his career in Detroit, Rodman was a pivotal player in the "Bad Boy" team which won two NBA Championships. After then being traded to San Antonio, he almost single-handedly turned the Spurs into one of the best teams in the league. This season in Chicago Rodman forms a nucleus of players that drive possibly the greatest team of all-time.

"I've been around Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley and Larry Bird, but I've learned more about winning from Dennis Rodman than from any player I've ever come in contact with" said David Robinson, his former Spurs teammate.

Now, I am not saying that Rodman is a dominating offensive player, like Michael Jordan, who takes command of the game with his scoring ability. Dennis may not score a lot (8 points-per-game in his career), but he does everything else better than anyone else in the league. Rodman gets nearly every rebound,

plays defense, hustles, takes charges, sets screen and puts his body on the line.

"He taught a lot of guys how to be role players. He is the ultimate role player,

and he also understands that you need three or four guys to carry the load. Dennis was a load-carrier with me last season. When I was with him, I felt we could go into any gym and beat anybody. That's a great feeling," Robinson said.

Despite this successful history, Dennis Rodman is the most out-caste black sheep in all of professional sports.

Many fans say that the Rodman's game is weak because he can't score. But the man shoots over 50 percent from the field because he doesn't want to score. It seems to me that if you fault Dennis Rodman for not scoring than you don't understand what the man is all about.

"Everyone in the NBA can score, but not everyone can do what I do," Rodman said.

Rodman does all the things in the NBA that no other athlete wants to do because the job lacks glamour. But Rodman is anything from unglamorous. Doing his blue collar work, he ironically exists as the most provocative player in professional sports.

Nevertheless, some people see this uncommon flair and say the man is just a jerk. Okay, maybe. He is aggressive and vocal sometimes to an extreme; but he, unlike most other NBA players, is not cocky in his attitude or actions.

Rodman acts up on the court, yells at referees, throws a few elbows, and gets tons of technical. But he does these things not because he has an inflated ego, rather he does them because he has a powerful, uncontrollable desire to win.

It is sad is that defense, rebounding, intensity, and hustle are so devalued in the NBA that they are not widely praised; practiced, or appreciated. But what is most pathetic is that so many snobbish reactionaries in the world of basketball fail to see the greatness in Dennis Rodman. Strange, open, and intrepid, he is a defiant, talented winner; and he is one of the few special people now existing in the stagnant, money hungry world of professional sports.

Plus he also dated Madonna. □



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# Skiing better than ever at E.I.S.A. championships

BY JON OLINTO  
Contributing Writer

With the warmth of spring encroaching upon the frozen slopes, the ski season concluded last weekend at Middlebury College where Colby competed in the Eastern Intercollegiate Skiing Association Championship. During only its fifth year in this highly talented Division I carnival, the squad posted some impressive performances that brought Colby their finest finish ever in the competition.

After a long season of hard work, this final championship pitted Colby against some of the brightest skiers in the Northeast. As the contest came to a close late Saturday afternoon, the team as a whole, men and women's alpine and nordic teams had placed eighth out of a field of nineteen strong squads that featured much larger schools such as Harvard, University of Vermont, and University of Massachusetts. However, don't let this number fool you.

The alpine and nordic women's efforts proved to be milestone accomplishments. The nordic women's seventh place finish marked the first time in recent history that the team placed higher than eighth in the Division I contest.

Meanwhile, the nordic women were successful as well and had many important individual contributions. In the five kilometer freestyle event, Colby's top three competitors were Darcy Cornell '99 who raced to a 30th place finish, Jennifer Lane '98, who came in close behind in the 33rd spot, and Danielle Driscoll '99 in 42nd. Also, in the 15 kilometer classical, Sue McRae '99 led the Mules, finishing 30th, while Jennifer Lane '98 followed in 34th and Darcy Cornell '99 in 38th.

Another highlight from the weekend was the women's alpine team notching a remarkable sixth place finish, according to Alpine Head Coach Mark Godomsky.

"It was the first time since the 1950's that a Colby ski team had fared so well in an event," said Godomsky.

The alpine men's weekend was

best illustrated by captain Ethan Platt '96.

"I felt that from the alpine side, we had a pretty successful weekend and skied strongly in the giant slalom," said Platt.

Platt's sentiments were evidenced through Colby's seventh place finish in this event. The giant slalom saw strong outings from Ken Raiche '98, Dylan Rothwell '97, and Kevin O'Brien '98. Meanwhile, in the slalom event, the Mules were forced to endure some setbacks that kept the group from fulfilling their high expectations. Nevertheless, the squad recorded promising times again from O'Brien, Rothwell, and Adrian Calder '96.

In what is considered to be their best event, the giant slalom, according to Godomsky, the alpine women turned in an excellent performance, paced by the 13th place finish of Annie Flanagan '99. Also finishing strong for Colby was Erika Platt '99 and Melissa Maguire '99 who finished 20th and 30th, respectively.

On the men's nordic side, the squad overcame some untimely falls to perform well and post a solid effort in the overall standings, according to Nordic Head Coach Jefferson Goethals. The 10 kilometer freestyle saw Adam Norman '96 pace Colby with a 37th place finish. Following closely behind in the overall standings were Ben Otto '96 and Josh Gagnon '96. Finally, in the 20 kilometer classical, the team clinched the 40th through 42nd spots through the efforts of Joel Riley '99, Gagnon and Norman.

Although Colby's skiing season has concluded, the brilliant racing of Flanagan has earned her a position as the first alternate in the NCAA championships, a tournament that showcases the premier amateur skiers in the nation. Whether Flanagan will have the opportunity to race is uncertain; however, what is clear is that the Mules can undoubtedly look forward to a promising future for Colby skiing. Laden with a lineup of talented competitors, the team clearly holds the potential to improve upon the success of the 1995-96 squad. □

# OFFSIDES

## Just try to stop me

BY GALEN CARR  
Sports Editor

I am not a great basketball player. Yeah, I used to think I could shoot the rock pretty well when I was in high school, but what athlete *didn't* think they were. All-American material when they were 17? Well, as I discovered at Colby, a little dose of the NCAA does well to leave guys that strut around letting the world know they "got game," humbly quivering in their \$150 sneaks.

After spending the fall in Valencia, Spain, I am feeling like an All-Star again, and looking to take it to the rack on just about anybody who dares accept the challenge.

One day last October, someone mentioned to me that tryouts were being held at the university courts that afternoon for intramural basketball. Tryouts for intramurals? I had played a bit of hoop over the summer, and since virtually no one in Spain has even heard of baseball, I decided that a little run every now and then would be a good opportunity for me to stay in shape and maybe even make some *amigos*.

I arrived at the court that afternoon pretty excited about the chance to play. I must admit I had the urge to bust out and take some *chicos* to school, but I didn't really want to be overly-competitive and have all the boys thinking I was some kind of *maricón*, all on the first day. Fortunately, I was able to suppress the urge and attributed the feeling to being American. What red-blooded man from the country where basketball was invented does not want to show the world that they are superior at their own sport?

As I laced up my shoes, I looked around at the *hombres* who were shooting around, and the scene did

not do a lot to impress me. I will begin with the court itself: if you were building a basketball court, would you make it out of this cement/rubber material that was actually conducive to slipperiness? I wouldn't. In addition to the court being slightly less than adhesive, it was outside, subjecting my jump shot to the terror of the elements. What jump shot should have to deal with that?

After digesting the court's appearance, I began to focus on the players themselves. I really don't like to complain about a lack of competition, but this was pathetic. If it wasn't for those funny trapezoidal free throw lanes and the fact that no one was speaking English I might have mistaken the group for the uncoordinated guys at Uncle Harry's barbecue that decided to get a pickup game going. The jump shots I was seeing were straight out of the book with pictures on how *not* to shoot one. It was a regular brick-laying fest.

As I soon discovered, I was present not at an intramural tryout, but the tryout for the actual university team. The university's enrollment was a mere 80,000. Upon receiving the news, I was taken aback but not altogether disappointed. After thinking over the possibilities, my confidence soared to record highs. I wished that I had a name tag, because if I did, it would have read, "THE MAN."

After lacing up my Nikes and draining a few threes, I figured I had marked my territory and went over to talk to the coach. His name was Norberto, and his idol was Bobby Knight. What more could I ask for? He said that I could play as long as I gave him my passport number, as he evidently realized I was good enough to make the team. I thanked him and returned to the court to show him and everyone else that Americans know how to

play *baloncesto*.

During the ensuing weeks I proved my worth. Starting at guard and averaging 15 points a game, I figured that once I got home I could enter the NBA draft or something. It turned out that my teammates were better players than they had first let on, but to think that I could play hoop for a school of 80,000 was mind-boggling. I was playing Division I basketball.

Over the course of the first half of the season, which was the only half I was there for, I became pretty tightly-knit with the likes of Gustavo, Jose, Eduardo, Niklas, Guillermo and Alfonso. As a team we probably made more of a name for ourselves at the local bars than on the court, where we rang up an altogether unimpressive 4-6 record.

Norberto turned out to be a decent coach, as he only made us practice three times a week. Division I ball is tough. Luckily for us, Norby, as he was affectionately referred to, decided to mirror his idol in only most capacities, as he kept the chair-throwing incidents to a minimum. I think he was more excited when an American friend of mine gave him an Indiana University hat than at any point during the season, win or lose.

So, now I'm home again, in the land of the free and the home of hoops, and unfortunately, have had to put my game on hold due to a back injury. I'm not worried though, my agent says that my play overseas has boosted my stock as one of the game's great young stars. No kidding. You have to believe me, because I haven't gotten much press (can't understand it).

Don't worry, when they all figure it out and come running, I'll just give it to them straight up: "I got game." □

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# Women's hockey swept up in Rhode Island

BY GALEN CARR  
Sports Editor

When the final buzzer went off ending the women's hockey game this past weekend at Brown and sending the Mules home with two consecutive losses to finish their regular season, one might have thought that the bus ride home would have seemed eternal. Not so. After a 4-1 loss to Providence on Friday and an 8-3 defeat at the hands of Brown on Saturday, Colby returned to Waterville upbeat and looking forward to playing in their first postseason in 15 years.

"It's just really exciting knowing that we've secured a spot in the playoffs," said co-captain Grace Jeanes '96. "We really don't have anything to lose, we just have something to prove."

Coming off a victorious weekend at home against two tough teams, Harvard and Northeastern, the Mules were looking forward to their showdown in Rhode Island against Providence and Brown, two teams at the top of the ECAC rankings.

On Friday, the Mules faced the Friars, whom they had beaten earlier in the season 6-3. However, after a power play goal by Barb Gordon '97 from Meaghan Sittler '98 to open the scoring and give the Mules a 1-0 lead, Providence shored up their defensive pressure and tied the game at one going into the third period. But the Mules could not hang on. Providence continued to stonewall the Mules' offense, shutting

out Colby the rest of the way while scoring three more goals, including an empty-netter, to secure the 4-1 win.

"They were definitely a different team than the one we played earlier in the year," said Head Coach Laura Halldorson.

On Saturday, the Mules travelled to Brown who had moved into the number-one spot the day before, ahead of perennial power UNH. The Mules came out of the gates strong, getting on the board first as Ann Mortenson '98 scored on a pass from Cary Charlebois '97. In the second frame, the Mules took the lead on their first of two power play goals, this one by Gordon, assisted by Charlebois and Mortenson, making it 2-1. But Brown turned their offense into high gear, scoring the next three goals to take a 4-2 lead after two periods. Early in the third period, Sittler netted her 41st goal in just 21 games, assisted by Stacy Joslin '97 and Gordon, making the score 4-3. That would be as close as the Mules would come, as Brown lit the lamp four more times to put the game out of reach at 8-3.

"It was hard because we had two big wins last weekend," said Halldorson. "We just ran into two really strong teams this weekend."

This coming Saturday, Colby will return to Brown as the eighth seed in the ECAC tournament to face the top seeded Bears. Last year as the tourney's number-one seed, Brown lost to the eighth seed St. Lawrence. □

# Men's hoop falls to Bowdoin but captures ECAC bid

BY PAT MCBRIDE  
Staff Writer

The Colby men's basketball team entered Saturday's game against Bowdoin needing a win to capture a share of the CBB Championship, a prize that has remained atop Mayflower Hill for many years.

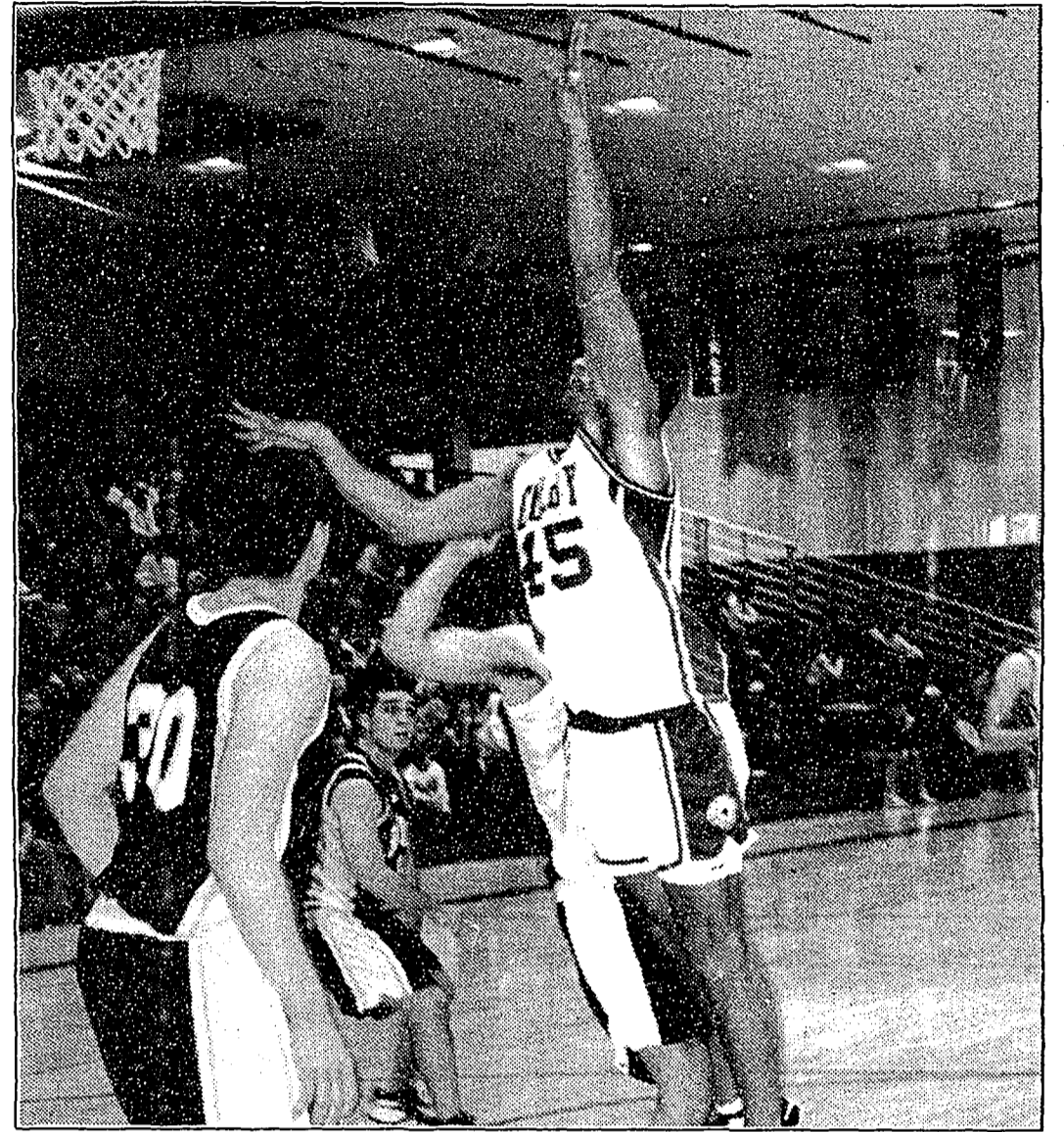
Colby entered the game with a 14-9 record, facing a Polar Bear squad that was 17-5 and looking for the win that would advance it to the NCAA Tournament.

Bowdoin escaped with a 72-69 victory, despite a valiant comeback attempt by Colby in the last minute. The Mules, after dropping their last two games of the season, lost out on the CBB crown.

The game was a back-and-forth affair, as Colby had a chance to tie with 6 seconds remaining, but three-point attempts by Andrew Black '97 and John Hebert '97 came up short. With 10.3 seconds left in the game and Colby down by three, Bowdoin attempted an inbounds play underneath the Mules' basket. Great hustle on the inbounds by Jason Jabar '96 resulted in a Bowdoin turnover and Colby inbounded the ball at halfcourt.

The inbounds pass found its way to Black, who turned and heaved a half-court shot that fell short and was rebounded by Bowdoin's Alex Arata. Arata was subsequently fouled and went to the free throw line, where he missed, giving Colby one last chance. Hebert launched a half-court shot of his own, which careened off the backboard as time expired, leaving the frustrated Mules with their second straight defeat.

Colby was led by David



Echo photo by Mary Schwalm

Captain Jason Jabar '96 soars to the net for one of his seventeen points versus Bowdoin.

Stephens '96, who scored 25 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Hebert and Jabar chipped in with 19 points and 17 points, respectively. During the game, Stephens scored his 1,500th career point, passing Ken Stone '64 for seventh place on the all-time scoring list. Also during the game, Hebert broke John Delaines' '92 mark for three-pointers in a season, set in 1993.

On a brighter note, the Mules reached the post season for the tenth straight year, securing the sixth seed in the ECAC tournament. Colby squared off with the

third seed Eastern Nazarene College (18-7) last night in Quincy, MA. Results were unavailable at press time.

The Mules have already faced three teams during the regular season that are competing in this year's ECAC tournament: top seed Amherst College, fifth seed Connecticut College, and seventh seed Tufts University, all of whom Colby defeated during this year's campaign. The final four will be held at the highest seeded team's home court, most likely Amherst College, tomorrow and Saturday. □

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## New Englands a challenge for women's swimming

BY PETER SHAPIRO  
Contributing Writer

The women's swim team pulled off a very successful showing at the New England Division III Championships last weekend at Williams College.

Individual highlights from the weekend included Laura Feraco '99, who broke a school record in the 50m backstroke. Other finalists were Alice Wong '98 in 200m breaststroke, Kristen North '99 in 200m butterfly and 50m freestyle, Lissa Baur '99 in 50m breast and 200m breast, Becky Golden '98 in 50m butterfly, Jenny Higgins '97 in 400m Individual Medley and the 800m freestyle relay team.

Head Coach Sura DuBow was pleased by the improvement in individual times. "Everyone got seasonal best times," DuBow explained. "Since the competition was so tough not everyone made the cut, but I was very happy with them."

The Mules qualified a total of 15 swimmers to compete in New Englands. The format for the meet had the preliminary heats held in the

morning, and the top 24 finishers from the first half of the day meet in the finals in the evening. According to DuBow, Colby's 15 finalists was many more than during previous years.

As the Echo went to press, neither the team nor individual scores were available. Yet regardless of how the team placed, DuBow was pleased with their performance.

"I'm extremely happy with the way things went," said DuBow. "The schools in our conference are so fast that our swimmers don't really stand out that much. But they did outstanding. Every single one of them swam seasonal bests."

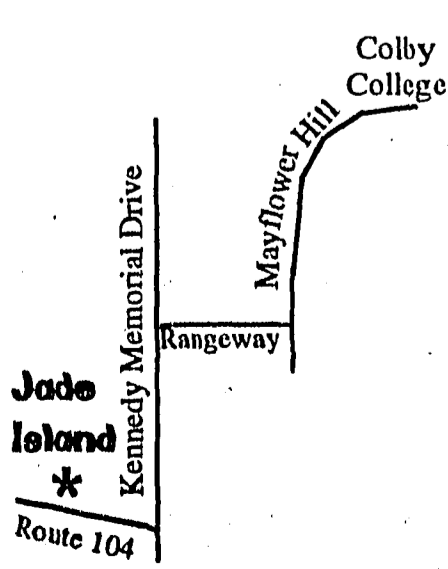
This weekend the men's team will travel to Williams for their New England Division III Championships, for which they have qualified a total of ten swimmers. Among them are Geoff Herrick '98 and Peter Bowden '98 who have shots at qualifying for the Nationals at the end of March.

"We're taking fewer men (to the Championships) than we did on the women's side," said DuBow, "but I think that we should do better comparatively." □

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## The road less travelled Men's hockey in high gear as they cruise toward their first NCAA tournament

BY LUCAS PENNEY  
Staff Writer

Going into this past weekend, the Colby men's hockey team knew they needed two wins if they wanted to make the NCAA Division III hockey tournament for the first time in team history. This opportunity helped to increase the team's confidence as the Mules went into games against Babson College last Friday night and the University of Massachusetts-Boston the following Saturday afternoon.

On Friday, less than 15 seconds into the game, Colby found themselves in a huge hole. Co-captain Brian Cronin '96 was called for a five minute major penalty when he cross-checked a Babson player from behind. To someone who was relatively unfamiliar with the style of Colby's play, they might have seen this setback as something that could have been extremely difficult to recover from. However, as season-long Mule fans knew, penalty-killing is one of Colby's strong points, and they held off the Babson attack easily.

"Killing off the five minute major penalty in the very beginning of the game did a lot to demoralize Babson," said defenseman Bob Doak '97, who played an integral part in the Mules' stifling of the Babson power play.

Midway through the first period, the Mules offense shifted into high gear, pummeling the Beaver defense with a barrage of offensive surges. The powerful assaults finally paid off at 14:19, when Cronin managed to break through the opposing defense and send a wrist shot past the Babson netminder from the left wing, giving Colby a 1-0 lead. Forward Nick Lamia '97 recorded the



Colby skates toward NCAA tournament.

Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

assist as Colby went into the locker room with a 1-0 lead.

Halfway through the second period, the Mules began to turn the green and white of Babson into black and blue as they pounded away on an offensive rampage. After countless shots barely missed their mark, Colby appeared to have finally struck on a high slap shot that bounced off the upper cross support in the rear of the goal. However, the men in stripes said the shot hit the crossbar, therefore leaving the Mules with their slim one-goal advantage. Yet the negated goal did nothing to phase Colby as Lamia lit

the lamp at 18:07 on a rebound in front of the net. Cronin and Stu Wales '96 were credited with the assists. However, with the rink-side announcer not even finished crediting Lamia with the score, Babson scored on a breakaway, cutting Colby's lead to 2-1.

The Mules came out of the locker room after the second period hoping to score quickly and put the game out of reach. At 6:31, forward Chad Pimentel '98 ripped a slapshot from the blue line passed a dumbfounded Babson keeper and giving Colby a 3-1 lead that they would not see **MEN'S HOCKEY** on page 12

## Men's squash defends C-flight national title

BY JOEL GROSSBARD  
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Going into last weekend's Team Nationals at Yale, the entire Colby men's squash team was healthy for the first time all season. During the middle of this year's campaign, a repeat of last year's C-flight championship might have been an unreachable goal due to all of the injuries the team had experienced. But with a healthy squad, the Mules displayed their dominance over the other C-flight teams, cruising to the title without any real obstacles along the way. The title earned the Mules a no. 17

national ranking across all divisions.

In the first round, the Mules crushed MIT by a score of 8-1. The victorious players included co-captain and no. 1 Christian Denckla '96, no. 3 Geoff Bennett '98, co-captain and no. 4 player Jamie Cheston '96, no. 5 Taylor Smith '98, no. 6 Dave Tedeschi '96, no. 7 Chris Ucko '99, no. 8 Andy Niner '99, no. 9 Drew Minkiewicz '96 and, in exhibition, Sam Poor '99. Colby's only loss came in their top spot, with Dave Dodwell '98 dropping his match, 3-2.

In the semi-finals, Colby found itself up against an unknown in Fordham, which had pulled off an upset of Vassar in the first round. The Mules were undaunted and romped over the Rams, 8-1. Dodwell, fighting back pains, lost

his match in the top position, the only one Colby could not secure as the Mules cruised into the final round to face Wesleyan, who had pulled off the surprising upset of Bates in the semi-finals.

"Bates is a strong team who was looking forward to playing us in the finals," said Head Coach John Illig, "and they took Wesleyan too lightly."

Colby trounced Wesleyan in the final match, 9-0. This time, playing on the stadium court, Dodwell was able to fight through his back

ailments and pull out a 3-1 victory. The sweep of Wesleyan in the finals gave the Mules an impressive run of

two consecutive C-flight championships.

The overall match results of the weekend had Colby players posting an outstanding win-loss record of 25-2. Seniors Tedeschi, Minkiewicz, Denckla and Cheston all posted perfect 3-0 records to finish out their Colby careers.

"Winning Team Nationals was a great way to finish the season," said Denckla. "We finished strong as a team. The 9-0 win in the finals really was indicative of our team spirit."

"The team's goal at the start of the season was to break into the top 16 teams nationally, which would earn us a B-flight berth," said Illig. "It was difficult to realize mid-season that we'd fallen short of our goal following the see **MEN'S SQUASH** on page 12

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## The long shot

### Sports Profile

## Danielle Legrand is turning heads with her monstrous throws

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She's an unassuming and, virtually, unknown star who participates in a sport that is typically composed of unassuming and unknown stars. Danielle Legrand, '96, has flourished on Mayflower Hill with a bevy of extraordinary skills in her track and field exploits that have earned her national attention. An International Studies major and an Environmental Studies minor, Danielle finds the time to participate in the twenty pound weight throw during the winter indoor track season.

A graduate of Davis High School in Modesto, California, Legrand has participated in track since she was just nine years old. "I started when I was really young. I ran

and threw the shot put for the track team that was run by the city's youth organization."

Danielle's previous experience has obvi-

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ously paid off. She recently broke her own Colby record in the twenty pound weight throw, the indoor version of the hammer throw, at the Open New England track meet

that was held at Bowdoin College this past weekend. Representatives were on hand from Division I, II, and III schools. Legrand, who has been throwing the twenty pound weight for three years as a Mule, finished eighth among all competitors with a throw of 51 feet 5 inches. Nationally, she now ranks third among Division III women in the event.

"Dani has a great attitude. She doesn't put a lot of pressure on herself. She has been working real hard and it has paid off in her consistency. We're hoping she does well at Nationals and possibly earns All-American status," said women's track Head Coach Deb Aitken.

Indeed, Legrand isn't one to put a lot of pressure on herself to succeed in her sporting life.

"I compete in a very relaxed manner," she said. "It's my way. Some people get so intense about what they're doing, but I'm not that way, I feel good that I'm involved in a sport but school and my friends are more of a priority for me. I do it (track) because **LEGRAND** on page 12



Danielle Legrand '96.