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## Council rejects cable TV, mascot proposals

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Despite the absence of 11 hall presidents and Student Association (Stu-A) President Tom Ryan '96, Presidents' Council was still able last Wednesday to vote down cable TV-equipped dorm rooms and a change in the Colby mascot, hear complaints from Spa workers and discuss the new class schedule proposed by the Academic Affairs Committee.

By a 15-to-1 margin, the Council voted down a proposal to change the Colby mascot, preferring to keep the White Mule. Andy Weinstein '98, Williams hall president asked for an extension before the voting to get input from his dorm. The extension was turned down.

"You were supposed to bring this back to your dorms three meetings ago," explained Stu-A secretary Angela Milardo '96. Drummond president Chad

**"I am pleased that cable television was voted down by the Council."**

**-Chris Sullivan '97**

Pimentel '98 added that "I think it is about time we do something. We can't just continue to table things." Isa Dorros '98 moved to replace "Moose" with "Mule" in the names of *Moose Prints*, *Moosenet* and *Moose Chips*. The motion was tabled in deference to Dean of the College Earl Smith's apparent fascination with the moose.

The proposal to place cable television service in dorm rooms was also rejected, by a 9-to-7 margin. "I am pleased that cable television was voted down by the Council... it was a vote for community atmosphere in dorm life," said Johnson Commons President Chris Sullivan '97.

The Council heard from several student workers and a supervisor of the Spa regarding recent incidents of student abuse of employees. "It is not just on weekends... the Spa is a mess all the time," said Meaghan Dwyer '96. "It seems that once you put on that blue shirt you are invisible. Students have a problem with respecting general for all workers, and those attitudes need to change."

The Spa employees cited problems including failure to leave the Spa after closing, students not cleaning up after themselves, food fights, urine between video games and attempted break-ins to steal food.

"People I am friends with will come in, make a mess and won't even talk with me if I am behind the counter. Students feel like they own the place; they do whatever they want... There are no ramifications for their actions," said Kristi Straus '98.

Dean Kassman suggested that a

policy be enacted that any infractions of College rules, such as verbal abuse of the staff, be reported to the Judicial Board and the Dean of Students Office for appropriate punishment.

Responding to a suggestion that the Spa refuse to serve intoxicated students, manager Kim Boyce, explained that "the Spa is losing money. We do 35 percent of our business between 12 a.m. and 2 a.m. on weekend nights... If we refused all the drunks, we would be out of business."

Joan Giblin '98 explained that "all we are asking for is that people don't swear at us, that people pick their food up off the tables and that they don't throw food. These are simple things." Solutions mentioned included fines, community service, housing probation, an increased Security presence and prosecution of offenders.

A change in the class schedule under consideration by the Academic Affairs Committee was presented to the Presidents' Council by Professor of

History Richard Moss and Jonathan Paris '96. The proposed new format could go into effect as early as 1997. The schedule includes a break in all classes from 4 to 7 p.m., called the "zone." Each class would be unable to schedule more than three required activities in that period each semester. An additional change is that classes would start on the hour and run for 50 minutes from 8:00 to 3:50, and again from 7:00-8:50pm. Seventy-five and 180-minute periods for classes would also be incorporated into the schedule.

"The schedule is modeled after Williams College's schedule. Eighty-five percent of the students will see no change in their academic schedules. However, what it will allow is a reduction in compression of classes into the 10:00 to 3:00 period each day," said Moss. The goal is to keep the afternoon zone free of all academic commitments, to allow time for sports practices and other extracurricular events.

"The only exception to the free zone is that some four-hour science labs may creep into the free period. The new schedule is a free-market approach to classes," said Paris.

Some Council members expressed concern that the new schedule would force all clubs, sports practices and other activities into the 4 to 7 p.m. zone each evening. The issue was tabled to allow Council members to gather input from their dorms.

Additional items being discussed in committees include a revamping of the Spotlight Lecture Series and the incorporation of the now-defunct I-Play program into Stu-A duties. □

## Committee requests increase in number of hallstaff positions

BY KAREN SCHLEIN  
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In response to concerns from the Student Association (Stu-A) and hallstaff regarding the hallstaff reorganization plan, an ad-hoc group has been established to consider possible revisions to the plan.

The group, which has submitted recommendations to President William Cotter this week, consists of Stu-A President Tom Ryan '96, Isa Dorros '98, Peter Manning '98, Grace Jeanes '96 and Associate Dean for Residential Life Jan Arminio.

Ryan said he was "dismayed by the lack of student input" in the plan and that "serious flaws exist with the new system, specifically in the number of hallstaff cuts."

According to Manning, the head resident in Woodman, there were "a few gaps in the way the plan was arranged."

In response to such criticisms, Cotter invited members of the group to bring him their ideas. Cotter said that he hoped to "in-

crease conversation between students and administrators" so that the appropriate level of hallstaff members could be determined.

According to Arminio, the actual recommendations include a request for the funding of two additional hallstaff positions — one in Taylor and one in the Heights. The committee agreed that Taylor needed an additional member because it was the only building in the plan with over 50 students and only one hallstaff.

Due to the structural layout of the Heights, an extra effort is necessary for hallstaff to become acquainted with the residents, so the committee requested one additional hallstaff member to increase the interaction. The group also recommended that funding for three additional positions be used instead as additional chem-free programming money. The total cost of the extra positions is \$12,530.00.

During the "conference committee" meeting, "everyone's point of view was taken into consideration," said Dorros, president of Goddard-Hodgkins.

In addition to considering the number of hallstaff, the committee discussed the importance of chem-free programming in building a sense of community in the dorms. The committee members agreed that programming is important because it encourages students to spend time in their residence halls and become acquainted with other people in the dorm, according to Arminio. According to Jeanes, who has been hallstaff for the past three years, dorm-sponsored activities foster respect for students and the residence halls themselves.

As Cotter reviews the recommendations this week, the student committee members hope that he will keep in mind that hallstaff are not just looking for a pay raise for themselves. According to Arminio, the proposal was truly a collaborative effort.

The committee's recommendations reflect "a representative decision that more money and more people are needed," said Manning. □

## Change in off-campus lottery aims to keep groups together

BY GLORIA ROTTELL  
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Students interested in living off campus next year are faced with a new form of the lottery system, one which aims to keep groups of friends together.

Associate Dean of Housing Paul Johnston has revised the lottery system in a manner that he hopes will "make the lottery system less of a hassle and more conducive to student desires. The system's goal is favorable to holding friends together, rather than splitting them up as was often the case in the past."

The new system allows students applying for off-campus housing to enter the lottery as a group. Each member of the group will be assigned a lottery number and those numbers will be averaged together to determine the group's position on the list. Individuals applying to live off campus will appear on the list ahead of the groups. Preferences will still be given to those having the highest class year, and groups of all seniors will be placed ahead of those groups having mixed class



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**Associate Dean of Students Paul Johnston.**

years.

"The number of students allowed off campus varies each year," said Johnston. "The College's first priority goes towards filling all of the residence halls on campus. Once the available bed space is filled, there are usually some students that the College can't accommodate, the number of which changes each year depending on the number of students admitted to Colby. The remaining number of students account for the number of people allotted off campus housing."

"I don't think that this new lot-

tery system is much better than the old one," said George Samuels '96. "If one person has a good lottery number, then I think that they should be allowed to live off campus and the friends of their choice, regardless of the lottery numbers of each individual, should be allowed to live with them. The system is still not giving the students what they want. Not all students want to live off campus, but those who do want to should be able to."

"Colby is a residential college and we feel that learning takes place inside and outside the classroom," said Johnston. "We feel that students benefit from the experiences that living in residence halls provide."

Concerns about housing arrangements are brought before the Room Draw Committee, comprised of Johnston and 16 student members. "The committee is student-run and student-selected," said Johnston. "We adjust to student desires and try to accommodate for the changing needs and concerns of the student body." The new lottery system is a product of the committee and, according to Johnston, "will hopefully be a better alternative to the past system." □



## News Briefs

### Applications up for chem-free housing

The Room Draw Committee has made two proposals for chem-free housing next fall. The two options to accommodate the estimated 240 students who will be living in chem-free housing next year are either Drummond, Pierce, Averill, Marriner and Williams or Pierce, Johnson, Taylor, Leonard and Strutevant. The proposals now move to administrative groups which will choose from the two proposals. Dean of Housing Paul Johnston will have the ultimate say. The committee suggested making the requirements for chem-free living more stringent and increasing hallstaff enforcement of alcohol-free policies, to increase the community of chem-free halls. (KH)

### Geology department to work with city council

Assistant Professor of Geology Paul Doss and eight upper-level geology students will be participating this semester in field work, studying Waterville's natural resources and surface geology. Doss will offer the project's findings to the Waterville City Council in May. The students will earn academic credit while helping inform the City of Waterville about area development and use of local resources.

"The students will have a real-world application of classroom work," said Doss. In addition, Doss has been awarded several grants which he will put towards conducting the advanced environmental geology course which he hopes will include more of this "hands-on" learning. (AG)

### Doss, Harrison study Lake Michigan environment

Assistant Professor of Geology Paul Doss and Jeff Harrison '95 have completed a paper addressing environmental and public health issues, as well as the land-use policy along the shores of Lake Michigan. Harrison worked with Doss as a research assistant in the project, sponsored by the National Biological Survey, which involved placing equipment and testing groundwater on public beaches. The study found that canal-water and sewage deposited in Lake Michigan may be to blame for high levels of bacterial contamination. Doss explained that the research was conducted in the summer of 1994, during which time Doss and Harrison lived in tents on the beach. The work will be presented to "a symposium on environmental and geological issues of the Great Lakes," Doss explained. (KH)

### Weekend dorm damage report

**Dana** - Excessive mess in the first floor bathroom requiring 3 hours of clean-up.

**Foss** - Third floor fire extinguisher case glass broken.

**Grossman** - Mirror in the third floor bathroom smashed, items thrown off the fire escape.

**Heights** - Two pictures damaged, VCR ripped off the wall in the chem-free lounge.

**Marriner** - First floor fire extinguisher broken and third floor fire extinguisher case glass broken.

**Piper** - Vomit in the laundry room sink

**Sturtevant** - Excessive mess in men's bathroom.

**West Quad** - Vomit in Chaplin first floor men's bathroom and Pepper third floor men's bathroom. Pepper first floor women's bathroom sink ripped off the wall. Screen in Chaplin first floor lounge broken. Window in hallway between first and second floor in Pepper broken. (KH)

## Arboretum provides on-campus getaway for nature lovers



Echo photo by Amy Rzeknikiewicz

*A trailhead leading into the Perkins Arboretum.*

BY KATE E. DUNLOP  
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The snow keeps coming and going, but spring will be here soon and the lilies will bloom. For those looking for nature, an escape from reading, papers and labs may be right here on campus. Across Mayflower Hill Drive, behind the rugby practice field, lies the 128-acre Perkins Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary.

The Arboretum, established in 1946 and expanded to its present size in 1969, is an area "to be preserved and protected in its natural state without cutting or changes in the growth and natural habitat as time proceeds," according to the Arboretum guide. Three trails wind through mature and secondary forests and around Perkins Stream.

According to teaching assistant Timothy Christensen of the Biology Department, the half-mile nature trail, marked with yellow blazes, is the most frequently used path.

"A lot of mountain bikers use the yellow trail and it's starting to show wear," said Christensen. "The white and red trails, not too many people are aware of those, and those are the real treats."

Lindsay Cochran '97, president of Colby Outing Club first became familiar with the Arboretum through a geology course.

"People who just walk on the trail really have no idea how big it is," said Cochran. "There are some really great places in there, the hemlock forest is just beautiful. It's almost like a magical

place."

Twenty years ago, self-guided tours were facilitated by well-marked trails and numbers corresponding with points of interest in the guide. Now, according to Christensen, the trails, markers and signs in the Arboretum are in need of repair.

"I think that would increase its use, if people realized there were these guides and could follow the trails," said Christensen. "It's definitely under-used. I think it's time to revive some formal interest."

According to Christensen, the Arboretum is valuable in teaching ecology because a mature forest exists with a second-growth forest and both contain a variety of species. Botany and animal observation research are carried out in the Arboretum.

"A lot of it used to be farmstead that's overgrown now," said Oak Professor of Biological Science Russell Cole. "In biology we use it for a number of classes," he said. "We bird watch over there early in the morning; we use it extensively."

"I'm actually surprised at how many students are aware of it," said Christensen. "But I still think it is underutilized. They may know it's there, they may have taken a walk through it, but in terms of appreciating it, some of my favorite spots aren't on the trail."

"I'd like to see the trails re-established, markers redone and the trail guides made available," said Christensen. "Maybe establish some other trails, explore other areas, get people in-

terested in it. It would be great to expand the Arboretum, there are a lot of things that could be done. All it takes is a lot of young energy."

"The Outing Club hasn't been that involved with actually promoting or maintaining the Arboretum in the recent past, but we've been trying for about two years to get a trail crew to maintain it," said Cochran. "It's hard because it takes a lot of time to build bridges and stuff."

"In April the Outing Club and the Environmental Council are teaming up during Earth Week to rebuild the bridges, do trail maintenance and all," said Cochran.

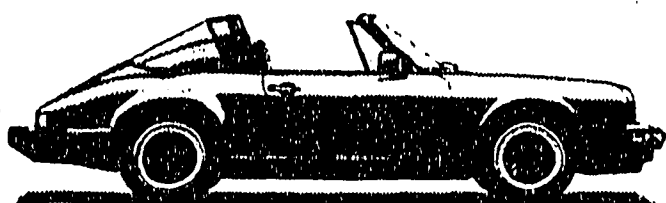
The guidebooks, compiled in 1973 by Colby students, are still relevant but outdated and not distributed anymore, according to Cochran.

"I think the trails could be maintained a little better. We were talking about doing that with the Physical Plant. They've been very supportive in terms of making changes over there," said Cole. "The trails need to be better marked, access across some of the streams could be made a little better with a couple of bridges. Leave it as natural as possible but have access."

"I think it's a wonderful resource for the College," said Cole. "Students should take advantage of it."

"It's like having a backyard to play in," said Cochran. "You can mountain bike, hike, walk, run, cross-country ski through there...it's really neat, very undisturbed. I love it as a resource." □

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# Focus on Colby

by Andrew Littel

## Where it comes from, where it goes A look at the inner workings of financial aid at Colby

BY ANDREW LITTELL  
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Many students around the country who seek to continue their education after high school find that paying for an education can be more daunting than succeeding at it. Colby students and their parents are not exempt from this reality. Paying Colby's tuition, room, board and general fees — \$26,640 for the 1995-1996 academic year — is a financial burden that few families choose to bear completely unassisted.

"All in all, I'd say about 65 to 70 percent of Colby students receive some aid," said Lucia Whittelsey, director of financial aid.

According to Whittelsey, about 35 percent of all students receive aid in the form of grants, 11 percent receive loans but no grants, and approximately 1,100 students are employed by the College. Of the 1,100 students who work, all are counted in the 65 to 70 percent total, although not all are on financial aid.

The process begins with the admissions application, according to Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Parker Beverage. The admissions and financial aid applications are reviewed separately and the Office of Financial Aid allots its aid according to each application. Aid is rewarded on the basis of need, according to Whittelsey. Each application is assessed and the resulting reports are submitted to the Admissions Committee. Corresponding aid is then offered to students who have been accepted.

According to Whittelsey, many factors contribute to the review of an aid application. "The Financial Aid Office tries to assess the parents' ability to pay in relation to their relative financial strength," said Whittelsey.

All awarded aid is, however,

based on applicant need, according to Beverage. One of the major considerations is how long the parents have been preparing for their child's education — applications are viewed differently if there has been a history of savings for 18 years than if the family will rely solely upon current income.

At no time can an applicant's participation in athletics be taken into consideration, according to Beverage. "No athletes receive athletics-based assistance," he said. "Aid is based purely on financial need, not athletic ability."

Similarly, according to Bever-

**Financial aid is a huge part of the College's budget.**  
—Dean of Admissions  
Parker Beverage

age, the admissions process aims at being as need-blind as is feasible. Applicants are not ranked according to ability to pay tuition, but are admitted without regard to how much they need, according to Beverage. "Financial aid is a huge part of the College's budget," he said, "and we have to be careful not to exceed the budget." However, Beverage added, no more than one to two percent of admissions decisions are affected by individual need for financial assistance.

### Making aid easier

Financial aid is often the deciding factor in a student's college search and, said Beverage, the College tries to make the process as simple and as helpful as it has the means to do. "We have a limited amount of aid," said Beverage, "and we might as well give it to those who really need it."

"The whole [financial aid] process, with all the forms and formalities, can be a pain," said Mark Thompson '99. "But I can honestly say that without financial aid, I wouldn't be here."

Through years of improvements, the financial aid process has become more efficient and serves to provide more extensive aid to many families, according to Whittelsey. The system works to be as effective and to give immediate attention to complications. "I have never had a problem with [the Office of Financial Aid]," said Tina Goudreau '98. "The process has always been very efficient and gets me what I need."

### Financial aid and diversity on campus

For minority students, financial aid is determined in a slightly different manner. Yuma Marita '99 was sick of receiving mail addressed to him as a "student of color."

"I requested that I not be a 'student of color,' that I just be a student," he said. Marita's financial aid is based solely on the fact that he is a student of color. When he requested that he no longer be addressed as such, he was told that his financial aid would be suspended. "I just want to be a student," Marita said.

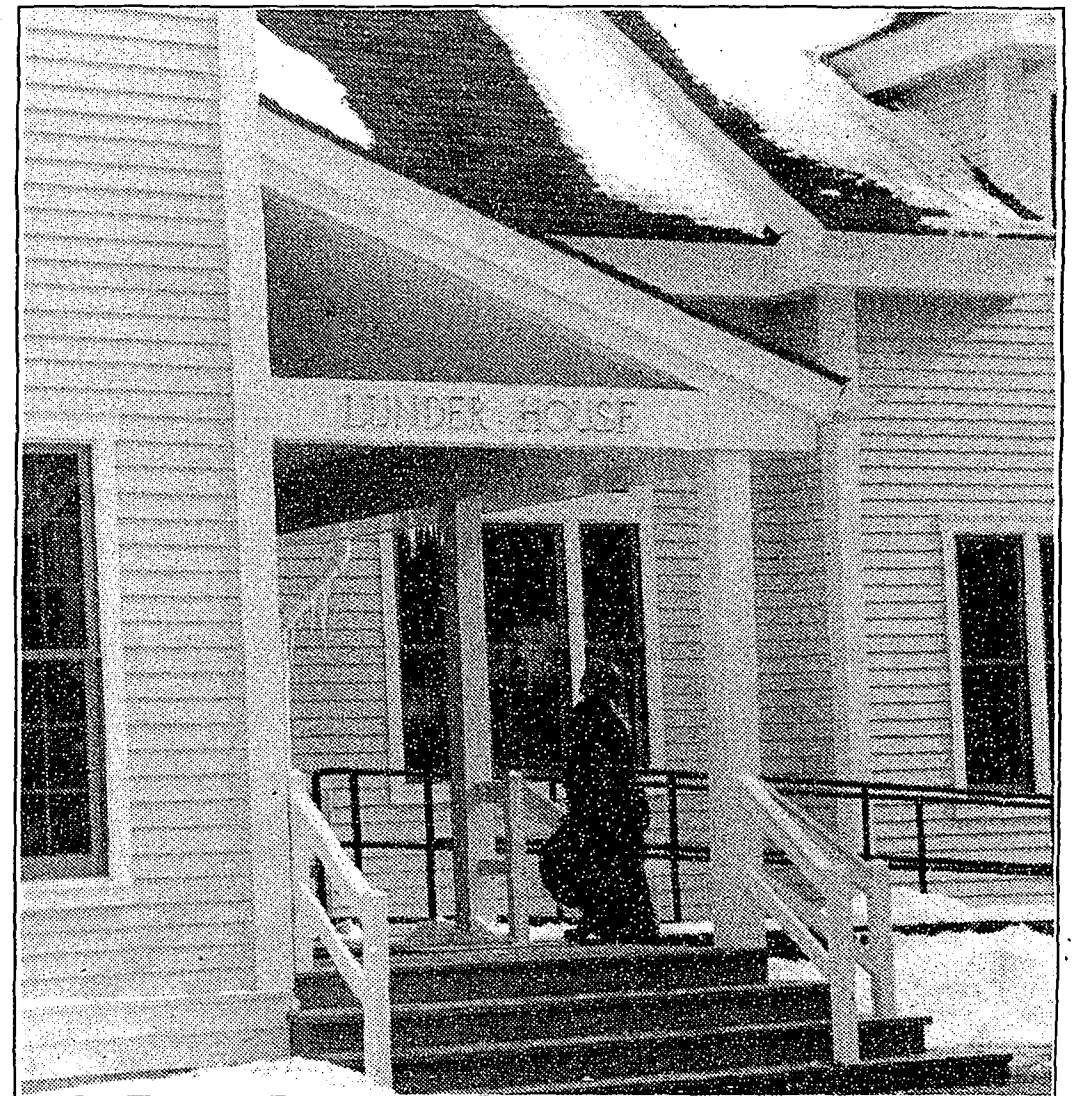
In addition to the basic financial aid system, Bunche scholarships are awarded to minority students each year. Bunche Scholar Mimi Sammarco '99 explained that "all of us get different amounts. [Admissions] makes it out to be such a huge honor, but once you get here there are so many smaller minority groups on campus, like ASA [Asian Student Association], that there is nothing left for us to do. The scholarships are like an assigned group of friends."

Because it allows Admissions a great freedom throughout the decision-making process, financial aid plays an important role in pursuing College goals, including the ongoing campaign for diversity. And while Bunche Scholars, such as Sammarco, often feel like they are labeled or are part of a statistic, they are also exempt from a huge financial burden. This is what brings diversity to Colby.

"Some aspects may be misconceived both by Scholars and by the faculty, but overall, I do think that [the Bunche Scholarships] are a good way of attracting people to the College," said Sammarco.

### Determining types of aid

According to Whittelsey, the Office of Financial Aid examines each financial aid applicant from two perspectives.



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The first is from the viewpoint of federal aid, which includes Pell Grants and Stafford and Perkins Loans. According to the *Student Guide to Financial Aid*, published annually by the U.S. Department of Education, "For many students Pell grants provide a foundation of financial aid to which other aid may be added. To determine if you're eligible financially, the U.S. Department of Education uses a standard formula, established by Congress, to evaluate the information you report when you apply." Grants do not have to be paid back to the College.

The Stafford and Perkins loans are administered directly by the government and are subject to interest rates that will not exceed 8.25 percent. These loans require repayment to begin within six months after graduation, unless

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—Mimi Sammarco '99

education is continued. About 11 percent of all Colby students receive aid only in the form of loans. It is from this perspective, with the Congressionally-mandated standard formula, that the Office of Financial Aid puts together a financial plan for each student who applies for aid.

The second perspective from which Whittelsey and the Office of Financial Aid view each appli-

cant includes Colby aid in the form of grants. According to Whittelsey, the size of the grant depends upon the need of the family, with grants averaging \$13,310. All gifts given to the College which are designed for financial assistance are administered by Financial Aid on the basis of need, according to Beverage. About 35 percent of all Colby students receive aid in this form.

The Office of Financial Aid uses these two methods in order to determine the amount of aid for each applicant. "It is a framework in which we try to insert as many individual cases as we can," said Whittelsey. Added Beverage, "any process like ours has people all up and down the spectrum" and the amount of aid to each applicant varies widely. However, Whittelsey said, it is the Office's philosophy that parents are expected to pay for their children's education.

Many aid applicants end up with some aid from Colby and some from the federal government. For instance, a student may receive some aid in the form of grants from Colby, and then apply for one or two loans from the government. Several people in the Financial Aid Office review the aid applications, trying to "individualize it as much as we can in our policies," said Whittelsey.

The aid given directly from the College can come from a number of sources, according to Whittelsey. Money is usually obtained from federal and state grants to the College, money from the endowment, gifts and from the College's yearly operating budget. □

### What to know about financial aid

#### Financial Aid statistics:

- 35% of the student body is on grant aid.
- 1100 student workers on campus, this is almost 70% of all students.
- Debt levels of graduating seniors:  
The average debt level for the 226 students of the class of 1994 who borrowed for college was \$9200.

#### Admission applications:

- Class of '85 - 3200 applications, 30% applying for aid
- Class of '00 - 4600 applications, 62% applying for aid

#### Changes in federal funding:

- '70-'71 - Federal and State funding was 7% of the grant aid budget.  
Total grant aid in '70-'71 = \$561,000
- '95-'96 - Federal and State funding was 8.6% of the grant aid budget.  
Total grant aid in '95-'96 = \$8,638,000



## World News

### •Dole clinches Republican presidential nomination

Senate Majority leader Bob Dole has clinched the 1996 Republican presidential nomination after victories in Tuesday's midwestern Republican primaries. Dole's victories in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio increased his delegate total to over 996, the minimum number needed to secure the nomination. Buchanan received some votes in Michigan, but has no chance of winning the nomination. Dole plans to devote his energies back to policy goals, seeking a balanced budget and welfare reform.

### •18 die in Scottish massacre

On March 13, 16 school-age children between the ages of 5 and 6 were killed in Dunblane, Scotland. Gunman Thomas Hamilton, 43, charged into a Dunblane Primary School gym class at 9:30 a.m., opening fire on the group of children. Within minutes, he killed 16 children as well as one teacher, before taking his own life with the final bullet. Twelve more children were wounded, three of them critically. Hamilton, a local man, had a long history of working with children and had been the subject of numerous parental complaints of "improper" behavior. No motive for the attack is known.

### •World conference promotes peace in Middle East

A one-day meeting at a Red Sea resort in Egypt last week brought together leaders of 27 nations, including a large part of the Arab world. The leaders of countries including Russia, Saudi Arabia and Japan pledged to work together against terrorism and to promote peace throughout the Middle East. The conference was called in response to Israel's recent suicide-bomb attacks.

### •Taiwanese protest Chinese military war games

Last weekend, Taiwanese demonstrators marched in protest of Chinese military exercises. An estimated 20,000 people marched through the streets of Tai Pei, demanding independence from China and protesting missile tests and war games which use live ammunition. The outcome of Taiwan's first direct presidential election, on March 23, will determine the island's domestic and international policies. Taiwan's current nationalist president, Lee Teng-hui, is hoping for support from at least 50 percent of the population. He has stated that a continuation of the nationalist party will put Taiwan in a better position to deal with China.

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## CVC contributes to community

BY LAUREN IANNOTTI  
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A tiny office on the first floor in Eustis serves as headquarters for the Colby Volunteer Center's (CVC) 200 volunteers — students who devote hours of work to community every week despite busy schedules.

"The Colby Volunteer Center is a clearinghouse between the community and Colby students," said Acting Director Pat Doyle '97, who has been volunteering since his freshman year.

According to Doyle, the main role of the CVC is to match Colby students with the volunteer work in which they are interested. There are 14 programs, each of which has a program director in charge of recruitment, organization and transportation. Programs range from answering phones at the Rape Crisis Assistance Hotline to reading to first graders at the George J. Mitchell School. According to Abby Lambert '98, program director of the Adults Reading to Children (ARC) Program, it is good to get off Mayflower Hill and away from the daily grind of Colby life.

"It's a really nice break to be able to get out into the community, even for just half an hour a week," said Lambert. Most of the first and second graders chosen by their teachers for the ARC program are not read to at home because their parents are illiterate or

too busy.

"It's so rewarding because you can see the kids' interest in reading grow over the course of the semester," said Lambert. "They really need this."

Gloria Blair-Chapman, executive director of the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter, says that Colby

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**-CVC Acting Director Pat Doyle '97**

students are a very vital part of the shelter.

"A lot of [the students] aren't even from the area, but they're still concerned enough about community issues to offer their time and try and make a difference," said Blair-Chapman. "Colby certainly doesn't get enough credit for what the faculty and students do for the community."

After completing the informational training session, volunteers at the Shelter cook, clean, and oftentimes just listen.

"We want to give the guests a

nice atmosphere, as homey as it can be, because nobody really wants to have to be there. So we want to give them a little dignity back, and the Colby students have all done a great job meshing with the system," said Blair-Chapman.

According to Doyle, there are many different programs that interested students may participate in. The 14 main programs are for students who wish to commit on a weekly basis, but there are other events which the Center publicizes for students who have a limited amount of time to give.

According to Cindy Yasinski, director of career services and unofficial advisor to the CVC, volunteer work has many benefits. "Volunteering is helpful for exploring career options because the kinds of experiences students have volunteering are like those in an internship."

Community service has entered the Colby classroom as well. Several courses are working with the Volunteer Center and using community service as a required part of the curriculum. According to Doyle, students in some sections of English 115 have been volunteering with local schools and writing about their experiences.

There is no lack of support for the Volunteer Center among Colby faculty. "We get a great deal of support from the administration," said Doyle. "They give us everything we need." □

## Forum to answer student questions Coalition continues to promote awareness

BY KENDRA AMMANN  
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For months, the Coalition for Political Action (CPA) has been stirring up controversy and promoting campus awareness. Today, in place of the usual Spotlight Lecture, the CPA is presenting an open forum with College administrators.

The event, planned and organized by the CPA, will be "for anyone who wants to ask questions of the administration," said Dean of Students Janice Kassman.

"We encourage all members of the Colby community at this time to begin thinking about what they'd like to see changed in this school, and also to begin thinking of concrete ways in which these changes might be realized," said organizer David Thibodeau '96.

Thibodeau said the Coalition hopes that this forum will evolve into a dialogue between students and the administration. "Students should come prepared with complaints and experiences they feel should be addressed," said Thibodeau.

The first five to ten minutes of the forum will be dedicated to the Coalition's presentation explaining the issues being decided upon and discussed in the all-campus committees. The floor will then be opened to members of the Colby community, according to Thibodeau.

President William Cotter, Administrative Vice President Arnold Yasinski, and Associate Deans Geraldine Roseboro, Jan Arminio, Mark Serdjenian, Paul Johnston and Martha Denney will serve on the panel of administrators, according to Kassman.

Johnston, associate dean of housing, is optimistic about the forum. "This will be an opportunity for students to confront the administration with issues that are bothering them," said Johnston. "I think [the forum] is going to be valuable."

"If nothing else, [the forum] will be a venue to give out information," said Johnston.

"Ideally what I am hoping will come out of this is that students will leave charged up, feeling that they have a voice and that voice is respected and will be taken to heart," said Thibodeau.

The CPA has also planned a follow-up event to the forum. According to Thibodeau, student leaders will be available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. tonight in the Page Commons Room to listen to the ideas and concerns of members of the Colby community. □

## Literary society Colby's newest club

BY JIM FIEBELKORN  
Contributing Writer

Colby's newest club, the Literary Society, is an informal forum organized for students to read and discuss poetry written by their peers.

Rhia Hurt '99 said that she decided to form the group when she saw a need for a forum for students who are "anxious to have a chance to read and discuss poetry in an informal, non-classroom en-

vironment."

According to Hurt, the Literary Society is meant to be a supportive, non-intimidating public forum in which students can share their poetry without the stress of being graded and without the pressure of a professor's criticism.

"The Society is designed to foster confidence and develop writing skills for aspiring Colby writers," said Hurt.

Antonia Fairbanks '99, feels that the Literary Society is valu-

able because there is "no real group that exists on campus that you can go to that is informal and student-run" to discuss poetry and it keeps her "writing on a weekly basis."

Both Hurt and Fairbanks were excited and enthusiastic about the turnout of five students at the society's first meeting and encourage all students to participate, listen and read. The Society meets every Sunday evening from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Mary Low Coffeehouse. □



# Men need monthly exams, too

BY SUZANNE L. DELEA  
Staff Writer

Though testicular cancer is a very serious disease among men ages 15 to 34 (the prime age bracket of male Colby students), most men are not aware that testicular cancer even exists. Prostate cancer, quite common in older men, is usually the first disease many people associate with men's health issues.

Unfortunately, the attention prostate cancer gets in the public eye gives younger men the impression that they have nothing to worry about until they get older. Recent population surveys show that the American public is familiar with breast, lung, colorectal and cervical cancers, but indicates that young men know little about testicular cancer or its prevalence in their age group.

According to an article in *Sexual Medicine Today*, "Approximately 50 percent of all testicular cancers are diagnosed after the neoplasm has spread to the abdominal and pelvic lymph nodes or other organs, greatly reducing the chances for a cure."

"The mildness of early symptoms, combined with ignorance or fear of cancer, may lead patients to delay seeking medical attention until the disease has [spread and grown]," said K. Michael Cummings, Ph.D., of Rosewell, New York's Cancer Control and Epidemiology Department.

Jerome P. Richie, M.D., professor of urological surgery at Harvard Medical School, maintains that men can benefit from regular testicular self-examination.

"Testicular cancer is highly curable," said Richie. "If it's picked up early, it's easier to cure. I think testicular self-examination in men aged 15 to 34 is worthwhile. Women are comfortable with breast self-examination, and men should become equally comfortable with testicular self-examination."

The best way to combat testicular cancer is to perform a monthly testicular self exam (outlined below). Men should also get an exam each year by their health practitioner, just as women are supposed to receive an annual pelvic exam and pap smear. Part of performing a testicular self-exam includes being comfortable enough with one's own anatomy to identify every part of his genitalia.

"Men occasionally come in to the Health Center with what they think is a genital wart on their penis, but which is really just a hair follicle," said Physician Assistant Alden Kent. "If men make a habit of examining themselves monthly, they will have a better understand-

ing of what is normal and therefore have better chances of discovering a growth that may be abnormal."

To many people's surprise, women are not the only ones who should be examining their breasts on a regular basis. According to Kent, men should get used to examining their breasts as well.

"Unilateral breast enlargement [one breast being larger than the other] is caused by hormonal changes in the body and can be indicative of a testicular problem," said Kent.

The most common sign of testicular cancer is a small, hard, painless lump the size of a pea on the front or side of the testicle. Other symptoms include a feeling of heaviness in the testicle, enlargement of the testicle, a change in consistency

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of the testicle, a sudden accumulation of fluid or blood in the scrotum, a dull ache in the groin and swelling or tenderness in other parts of the body, such as the groin, neck, or breast. Men are advised not to ignore any of these symptoms, but to take an active role in their health by seeing a practitioner immediately if any of these symptoms exist.

Men who are at a higher risk for testicular cancer are between the ages of 15 and 34, have undescended or partially undescended testicles, have gone through puberty early, have a family history of testicular cancer, have had mono (mononucleosis) in the past, are obese or have a mother with breast cancer. White males are four times more likely to get testicular cancer than black males. The rate for Hispanic males lies in between those of blacks and whites. Men who fall into any or a few of these categories are at a greater risk for testicular cancer.

### How to do a Testicular Self-Exam (TSE)

According to Kent, men should perform a testicular self exam once a month after a warm bath or shower. The heat causes the scrotal skin to relax, making it easier to find anything abnormal. A TSE is simple and takes only a few minutes.

1) Examine each testicle gently with both hands. The index and middle fingers should be placed underneath the testicle while the thumbs are placed on top. Roll the testicle gently between the thumbs and fingers. One testicle may be larger than the other. This is com-

pletely normal.

- Fewer than 5 percent of young men have been taught testicular self-examination. Most men are unaware that they should examine their testicles regularly.

- According to the National Cancer Institute, testicular cancer is the most common type of cancer in men ages 20 to 35 years, but can occur anytime after age 15.

- Approximately 5,000 new cases of cancer of the testicle are diagnosed each year in the U.S.

- If diagnosed early, almost 100 percent of all cancer of the testicles can be cured.

- White men are four times more likely to develop testicular cancer than black men.

- Testicular cancer almost always occurs in only one testicle, and the other testicle is all that is needed for full sexual function and fertility.

- Testicular self exams are important. By checking every month you become familiar with your own anatomy and will better be able to detect any change.

pletely normal.

- The epididymis is a cord-like structure on the top and back of the testicle that stores and transports the sperm. Do not confuse the epididymis with an abnormal lump.

2) Feel for any abnormal lumps. It may be as small as the size of a pea—on the front or the side of the testicle. These lumps are usually painless. Other warning signs are:

- feeling of heaviness in the testicle

- enlargement of the testicle
- change in the consistency of the testicle

- sudden accumulation of fluid or blood in the scrotum

- a dull ache in the groin
- swelling or tenderness in other parts of the body, such as the groin, breast, or neck.

- If you do find a lump, make an appointment at the Health Center or contact your own family practitioner immediately. The lump may be due to an infection and a doctor can decide on the proper treatment. If the lump is not an infection it is important to make sure it is not cancerous.

3) Stand in front of a mirror to look for any abnormal swelling of the scrotum or any unusual contours in the groin area. □

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.

## Off the Hill

Tufts University  
Medford, Mass.

Freshman year can be tough, no doubt about it. One poor frosh was made painfully aware of this after six local teenagers attacked and beat him, according to the *Tufts Daily*. According to bystander Jeffrey Roberts, the teens approached the student, asked if he knew any of them, and when he said no, "started hitting him and knocked him down and started kicking him," smashing his glasses and possibly breaking his nose. "He was a bloody mess," said Roberts.

Bowdoin College  
Brunswick, Maine

Plagued for an entire semester by a compulsive public masturbator, Bowdoin was relieved when the perpetrator was arrested in December. Due to a foul-up in the police lineup, however, the man was freed and up to his old tricks again recently. According to the *Bowdoin Orient*, last month a man tapped on a library window to get a student's attention and then exposed himself.

University of Central Florida  
Orlando, Florida

The student president, vice-president and entire Student Senate at UCF were removed from office after going on a \$105,000 spending spree, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The students allegedly "requested the purchase of a Lincoln Towncar. When that was denied, they asked for a Jeep Cherokee. And when that was denied, then they requested a Blazer." Student precedent Miguel Torregrosa responded by saying that the University had never refused to pay any of the bills submitted and denies asking for a car. "They haven't really worked with us at all," said Torregrosa. "Now they're just leaving us out to hang."

The \$105,000 was spent on catering, twelve laptop computers, 2,500 plastic cups with the names of student leaders and \$27,000 worth of self-promoting merchandise, among other things. The students also face an audit by the state.

Florida State University  
Tallahassee, Florida

College sports and the little logos on uniforms mean big bucks for sports-apparel companies. Nike made \$2.6-million when FSU did their advertising for them, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. During the Fiesta and Rose bowls, Nike, Champion, Starter and Adidas each received more than \$1-million worth of television exposure. Adidas made \$533,335 from just 32 seconds of a coach wearing an Adidas jacket. The size of manufacturer's logos on uniforms is limited by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.



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# Arts and Entertainment



Echo photo by Jill Huntsberger

The Colby Symphony Orchestra prepares for the first piece of the evening.

## Colby Symphony Orchestra features Casey McCullough

BY JUDY RING  
A&E Editor

The Colby Symphony Orchestra made its second appearance of the year in Lorimer Chapel Saturday evening. The program featured late-19th century and early-20th century pieces by Antonin Dvorak, Jacques Ibert and Amy Cheney Beach.

The Orchestra began with two movements from Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances, Op. 46." The *Presto* movement's full introduction featured all instruments before moving to the wind section, with the woodwinds presenting melody lines to be echoed and extrapolated upon by the strings. The *Poco allegro* also featured this contrast between woodwind and strings, with light pizzicato against a breezy woodwind melody. The second movement had a definite dance feel but also had its moments of force, particularly at the end.

Saxophone soloist Casey McCullough '96 was featured in the next piece, Ibert's "Concertino da Camera," accompanied by a smaller por-

tion of the Orchestra. McCullough, the 1993 co-winner of the Arcady Music Society's Solo Concerto Competition for Maine college students, brought a very different and beautiful sound to the evening with this piece. Moving from a chaotic-sounding orchestral introduction into a jazzy, happy-sounding melody, McCullough moved gracefully through lightning-fast runs and arpeggios. The piece's unique beauty was stressed by the muted trumpet and the fundamentally different sound of the saxophone with orchestra. The saxophone lines were echoed and passed throughout the winds and then the strings.

The second portion of the piece began with long, range-stretching tones from the unaccompanied saxophone, utterly controlled and very gradually followed by soft tones from the string section. The Orchestra quickly leapt into a much more lively tempo, however, and the technical skills of McCullough were brought to the forefront of the performance.

After the intermission, the Orchestra performed all four move-

ments of Beach's "Symphony No. 2 in E Minor (Gaelic), Op. 32." Beach, a musical child prodigy, took up composing after her husband decided it would be inappropriate for her to continue to perform after their marriage. Although Beach was an American, the piece takes from the Scottish and Irish origins of her ancestors.

The first movement, *Allegro con fuoco*, began with a soft, rolling melody that ascended into forte and a ringing brass section. The intricate symphonic development of the piece was beautifully performed, moving from a breath-like string melody into more powerful passages.

The *Lento con molto espressione* movement delved into several solo passages by different members of the Orchestra, including Concertmaster Mary Jo Carlsen and bass clarinetist Christopher White, Colby's director of band activities.

The evening proved to be a delightful mixture of the classic and the different, and the packed Chapel bestowed ovations to the night's soloist as well as the entire Colby Symphony Orchestra. □

## Cosy Sheridan brings humor and stark realities to Coffeehouse

BY JUDY RING  
A&E Editor

As part of the Feminist Fort-night celebrations being held on campus, the Mary Low Coffeehouse hosted folk singer/songwriter Cosy Sheridan last Thursday evening. Sheridan brought a delightful mixture of biting sarcasm, humor, as well as more serious music to Colby during her 75-minute set.

Sheridan, a New England native who now resides in Utah, started off the evening on a calm note: "Next time you go to college, you should go to Utah," she said. "It's warmer." She promptly dove into a song called "The Tooth Fairy Got Shot," a light-hearted ditty that played on modern-day violence and callous attitudes. It even had a disgruntled-postal-worker reference to make the outrageous mimicry complete.

From her position standing on stage, with her guitar amped and a microphone, the sound quality remained good throughout the performance. Sheridan stopped repeatedly to adjust tuning, as she used several different capos for each song.

The musician wove her way from song to song in an unpredictable and enjoyable fashion, sliding in comments about subjects as random as mock apple pie and dog psychologists. A song called "Perfect" talked about how much we are not: "Perfect don't need anyone/Perfect is all by itself."

Sheridan then moved into a series of absolutely hilarious pieces discussing neutering, the Muzak used in grocery stores, and

long-distance driving. In a prolonged monologue introduction to the latter, she asked audience members questions such as, "Have you ever tried to eat one french fry for every mile marker?" The climax to her humor came with a song about a house of prostitution temporarily owned by the government, "Mustang Ranch," which had the Coffeehouse crowd roaring.

Sheridan's music also had its serious moments, discussing issues like teenage AIDS and the psychology behind the female obsession with body shape. She

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threw out an alarming statistic: while the average American woman is 5'4" and weighs 144 pounds, the average model is 5'11" and weighs a mere 117 pounds. "Dexatrim makes your hair fall out/But at least you're thin," she sang. All of this was part of what Sheridan jokingly referred to as her "female complaint series."

A few songs delved into the truly risqué side of things, including a tune called "Turbo Yeast," and another which Sheridan described as "a fight song... for Jocelyn Elders," the former Surgeon General who was fired for advocating the teaching of masturbation in schools.

"I suppose they didn't mention this on the poster for me, did they?" Sheridan said.

With a powerful voice that ranged from Indigo Girls-like folk into a bluesy growl, Sheridan epitomized the role of entertainer with her creative lyrics and heartfelt expression. Ending powerfully with the lyrics "I can walk into heaven right now," it was quite easy to believe her. □

## calendar for a rural planet

### on this planet

Ralph Samuelson  
April 6 at 8 p.m.  
Lorimer Chapel

Doug Marrione, Eleanor Healy  
Jazz/fusion Band  
April 12 at 8 p.m.  
Mary Low Coffeehouse

Harriet Matthews Exhibit  
March 17-April 21  
Colby Art Museum

### off this planet

Bowdoin

"The Bible through the Focus of Art"  
John A. and Helen P. Becker Gallery  
April 2-May 12

### films

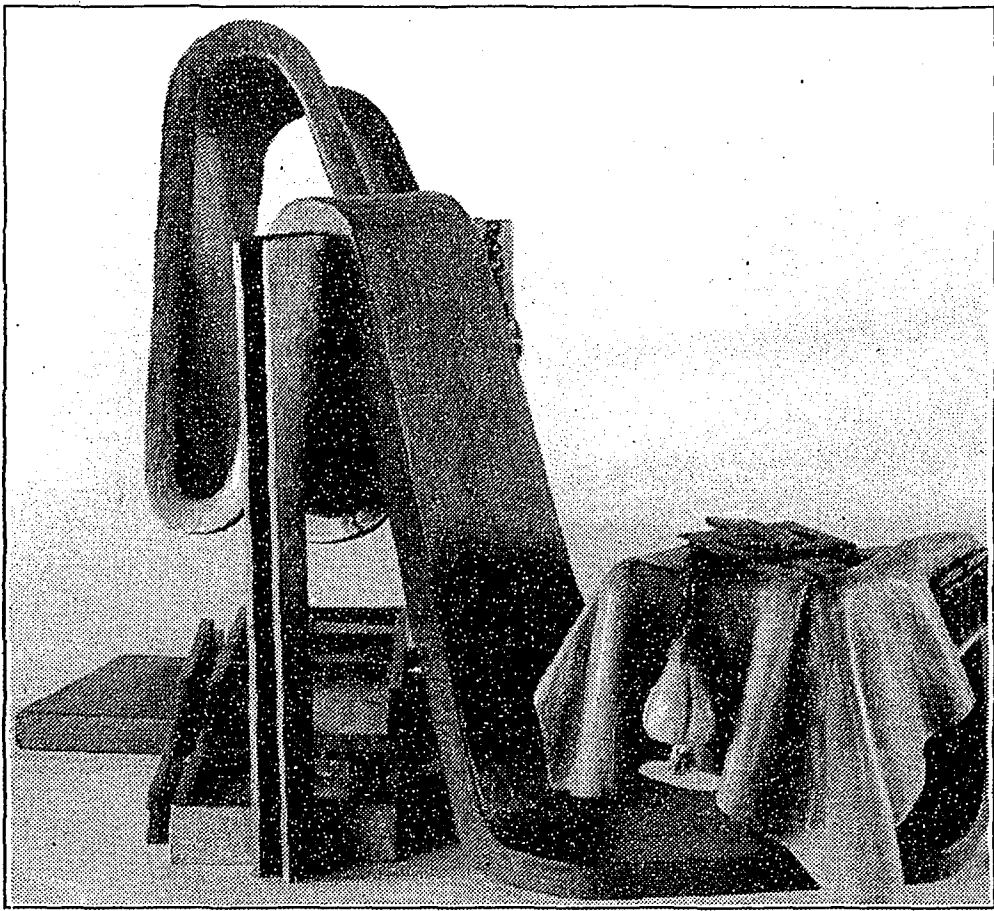
"Georgia"  
Railroad Square Cinema  
April 1-4 at 6:45 and 9 p.m.

"Shanghai Triad"  
Railroad Square Cinema  
April 1-4 at 7 p.m.

"Othello"  
Railroad Square Cinema  
April 5, 8-11 at 6:45 and 9 p.m.  
April 6-7 at 7:00 and 9:25 p.m.  
April 6-7, matinee at 1 p.m.



## Harriet Matthews works on display at Colby



Echo photo by Courtesy of Communications

An exhibit featuring Professor Harriet Matthews will be on display in the Colby Museum of Art from March 17 through April 21. Nine sculptures and almost sixty drawings from her summers and year-long sabbatical in Greece are featured, including the painted stela "Athens Apartment." Some work is also included from her 1993 sculpture commission for the University of Maine Law Library in Portland.

## Death row drama

### Sarandon and Penn give life to "Dead Man Walking"

BY SCOTT M. ROTHMAN  
Staff Writer

Some things are certain in this world. Oxygen is necessary to maintain life. Interest rates will always be about as stable as Oprah Winfrey's weight. No matter what Acme invents next, Wile E. Coyote will never catch that pesky roadrunner.

As sure as all of these things hold true, there will always be a passionate debate concerning capital punishment. Not surprisingly, the death penalty is an extremely sensitive topic which evokes the strongest of opinions of both its supporters and detractors. In his powerful new movie "Dead Man Walking" Tim Robbins expertly examines this emotional issue.

Based on a true story by Sister Helen Prejean, "Dead Man Walking" documents an open-minded nun's struggle to understand and sympathize with a condemned killer of two teenage lovers. Hoping to overturn his death sentence, Matthew Poncelet (Sean Penn) writes to Prejean (Susan Sarandon) asking for her help in preventing his execution. Believing Poncelet's declarations of innocence, Sister Helen acquiesces and fights first for the convict's life, and later, for his soul. However, she learns the cost of siding



Photo courtesy of Gramercy Pictures

**Sister Helen Prejean (Susan Sarandon) attempts to understand and console convicted killer Matthew Poncelet (Sean Penn) in Tim Robbins' "Dead Man Walking."**

with a low-life like Poncelet as the victims' parents and her own community quickly condemn her actions. What follows is an interesting and at times heart-wrenching journey, for both Sister Helen and Poncelet, as each gains a unique new insight into life and humanity.

It is the two stars of "Dead Man Walking" who make the movie so enjoyable. To watch Penn in interviews is to realize everything that is wrong with Hollywood's younger generation. However, to see him on the big screen is to recognize everything that is right. Penn gives the performance of his career as Poncelet, constantly forcing compassion and sympathy for a seemingly heartless rapist-murderer. Sarandon is the perfect foil to Penn's tough, hateful exterior as she combats all of Poncelet's

anger with Sister Helen's conviction and optimism.

Special praise should be given to director Robbins, who was able to overcome his dismal rookie effort, "Bob Roberts," and show that his considerable acting talents may be eclipsed by his extraordinary gift for direction.

Given Sarandon and Robbins' penchant for social activism, it is surprising, yet praiseworthy, that "Dead Man Walking" chooses to remain objective in its look at capital punishment. While the film does have a bit of a liberal slant, Robbins refuses to take a stand on the death penalty. Instead, he merely gives a behind-the-scenes look at capital punishment without judging it. By doing so, Robbins is able to assure that his film is more thought-provoking than preachy. □

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## EDITORIALS

## Vacation "evictions" unfair to students

Colby students know the routine all too well: turn everything off, lock the windows and maybe even clean up; it is the standard last five-minute routine before leaving for break. Why do students have to go through this ritual every Christmas, Thanksgiving and Spring Break?

Once students reach college, their home ceases to be with their parents. Home is where all of one's possessions and established life are. Students live on this campus for three quarters of the year. Mayflower Hill, for most, is home. Why is it that Colby feels the need to essentially evict students from their homes during these breaks?

There are many reasons that students may want to — or have to — stay on campus. They may be trying to work on senior scholar projects, or may simply have no means, financial or physical, to leave Colby. Why should these students be forced to leave their homes?

Standard procedure dictates that students who successfully petition to stay on campus must move into the Mary Low Co-Op for the vacation periods. The problem with this policy is that these rooms belong to other students, who are also inconvenienced by an unwelcome or abusive house-sitter for the week.

Students face many different options during vacation periods. Staying at home, on Mayflower Hill, should be one of them.

## Spa needs to get tough

Whining and complaining are the least effective ways to catalyze change on Mayflower Hill. Maybe that is why we do it so frequently. Whining is therapeutic, yet the whiner is absolved from the effort of making a positive conversion. It is an easy way out.

Conditions at the Spa are reminiscent of a five-year-old's birthday party. The children run around crazily and the adults are irritated and impatient. It is a continuous battle of accusations and generalizations: "students are rude and irresponsible drunks"; "the spa guy is so mean." Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

After a Spa student worker's letter appeared in the *Echo* last week, pleading for more responsible behavior, the workers were invited to Presidents' Council to make their case. The letter was a step toward action, but provided no suggestions or solutions. Almost nothing is easier to ignore than general complaints. We all toss blame onto others rather than evaluating our own behavior.

Take a stand. Kick students out at closing time, refuse to serve a belligerent drunk, and confront the delinquent student who leaves his nacho basket behind. Call Security to deal with students who are truly out of control. Bring students who are verbally abusive to J-Board.

It is never fun to be the "policeman," but the establishment and enforcement of rules will force a new level of mutual respect.

# Letters

## ID adventures of an out-of-stater

Over my spring break from Purdue University, I was fortunate enough to visit a good friend who is a Colby student. I was impressed with the College and the resources available to the students, and coming from a dry campus I also enjoyed the thought of being able to join my friend for a beer at the Spa at the end of the week. Having heard that Maine has some of the worst ID laws in the world, I had packed every piece of ID that I have, but little did it avail me.

After presenting my U.S. passport I was rather coldly informed that only a Maine ID was valid. When

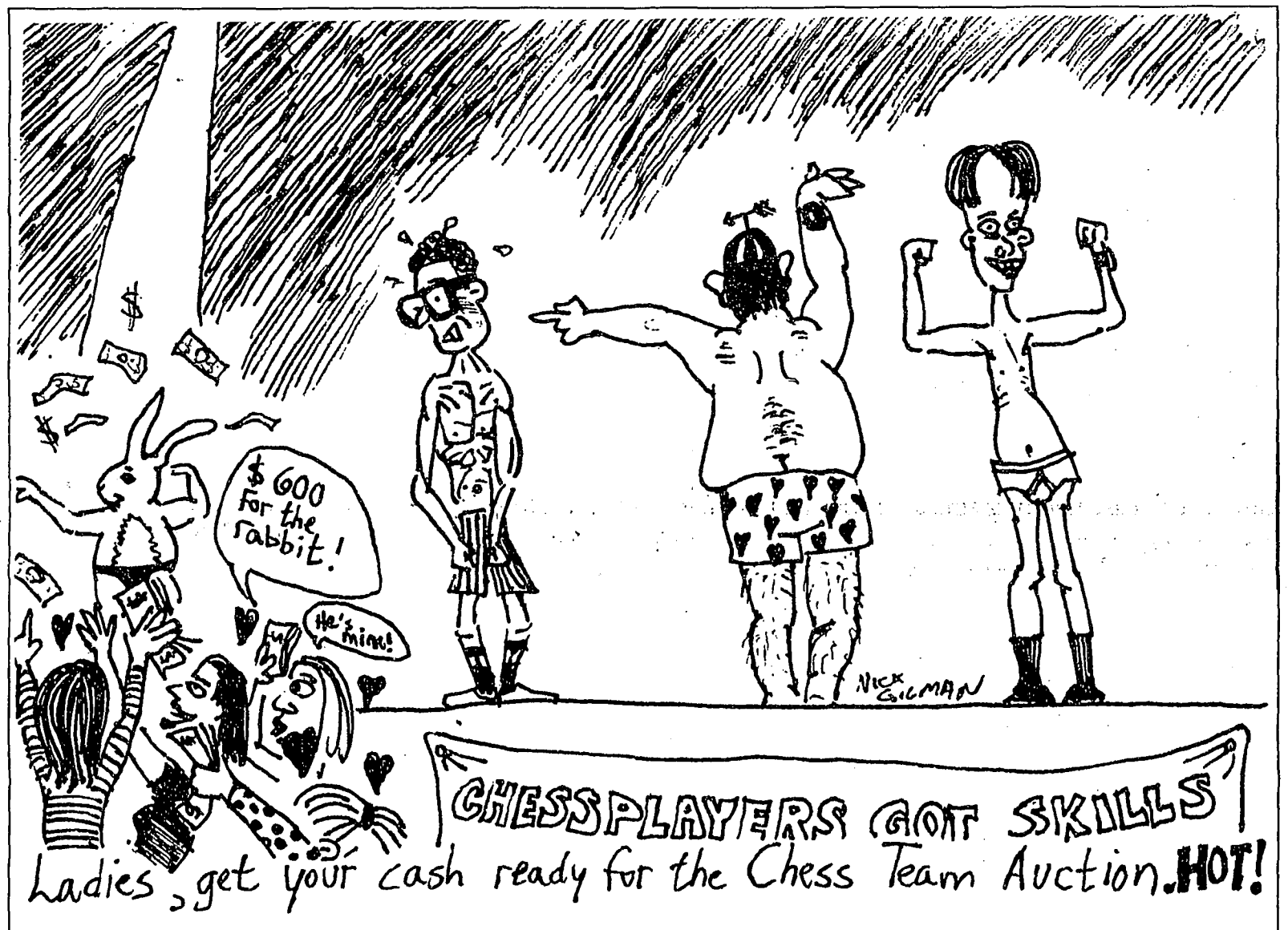
I inquired why this was, the reply was that it was the law in Maine that only a Maine ID is valid since there was no way of knowing if anything else was genuine or not. This answer concerns me somewhat, as I highly doubt that this is the case. First, how can a state refuse to accept a federally-issued ID? Secondly, as almost every gas station and drug store selling alcohol will affirm (OK, maybe not in Maine), there is a book which is heavily subsidised by the alcohol producers (read as almost free for vendors) that contains a picture of each form of official ID in the United States as well as the common mis-

takes in fake versions of that ID.

I am aware that as of April 1, the Spa will institute a policy of only accepting Maine IDs which, though somewhat escapist, will more or less offer a solution. True, friends and family of Colby Students (who are not Maine residents) will be forced to go elsewhere with the student to enjoy a beer, but for the Spa staff another responsibility will have been removed. So, to all out-of-state Colby students over 21: Good luck finding the time to go to Augusta, and have a safe trip there and back.

Edwin Sharp

# Opinions



## Student apathy in decline

BY MARC FAIRBROTHER  
Staff Writer

The Maine primary has come and gone and the November general election is a long way off. But for Colby students, the game of politics is not yet over. When we return from spring break, we will rise on the morning of April 1 to discover yet another barrage of political campaign posters, signs and sound bites: the Stu-A elections.

This time around, things should be a little different. All of the major positions — Stu-A President and Vice President, Social Chair, Cultural Chair, and Commons Presidents and Vice Presidents — have multiple candidates, as do many of the other positions. A year ago, we could not say the same.

Thankfully, the spring of '96, unlike the spring of '95, brings little apathy. Several candidates (just the fact that there are several is a feat in and of itself) have filed intent-to-run forms for Stu-A President and Vice President. Last year, the ballot only contained one name for each President and Vice President

and, due to a slew of last-minute write-in candidacies, that ticket won with slightly more than 50 percent of the vote. The vote tally says little about the quality of candidates, and the plethora of write-in candidacies does not say much about the commitment of those candidates.

But this spring brings new hope to Colby, a breathe of fresh air. Apathy no longer seems to run rampant when, instead of having to recruit last minute candidates, this year we have healthy competition right from the beginning. This year's election should prove to be much more interesting and of a much higher quality considering the "big names" on the ballot this year. Many of the candidates for office this year have held previous offices as well. By looking back upon their past performances, the Colby electorate should be able to make informed choices among a variety of arguably high quality candidates. As well, there are many fresh faces in the field who can no doubt bring some new ideas to the race and help liven things up a bit.

We have finally found ourselves here at Colby in a win-win situation. We have from the outset many quality candidates, healthy competition and, perhaps most importantly, we have apparently finally shaken the apathy monkey from our backs. At least the candidate pool has done so. It now falls upon the electorate to complete the process. We should be energized by the fact that this year hosts a plethora of candidates for office, a fact that indicates that people actually care about the College and are interested in making it as good a place to be as possible. We, as voting students, should not simply treat this as another election with an outcome that will not make a difference.

So, good luck and thank you to all of the candidates. You have helped initiate the beginning of the end of apathy at Colby. But the complete removal of apathy is far from finished, and it depends ultimately upon the student body as a whole, not just those of us running for Stu-A offices. Become interested and active. It takes only minimal effort, but the benefits are invaluable. □

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# Opinions

## Tenure erodes quality of college education

BY WHITNEY GLOCKNER  
Opinions Editor

Does it strike you as strange that professors seem to undergo a complete change the minute their tenure decisions are announced? Whether the decision be for or against tenure, the changes that professors undergo are nothing but detrimental to their students.

This is Colby College. This is not a prestigious research university, nor is it a tiny college with a mediocre reputation. We are ranked in the top 20 small colleges in the nation. So why do our professors get away with indifference as soon as

they receive that carte blanche known as tenure? This is not to say that all professors give their students the middle finger as soon as they receive word from on high that their job is secure. After all, professors undergo rigorous training and testing to reach that position.

But what about those who don't get the eternal OK from Eustis third floor? There is no excuse for a professor who does not receive tenure to blow off their students, as is so often the case. In one case not long ago, a professor went so far as to tell her students that since she did not receive tenure, she really didn't care how the rest of the class went. She was more interested in the future of her career.

As for tenured professors, most teach and treat their students with the same kind of zeal that they always did, but some do not.

This is also not to say that tenured professors are not guilty of the same kinds of indifference as un-tenured professors. Students have marked a change in their professors from year to year depending on their status at the College and their chances of getting tenure. Professors who do receive tenure often become arrogant, pompous and condescending to their students, something that would not be condoned had they not been tenured.

One professor was heard remarking that he could not do the same things as other professors because he was up for promotion. Even professors know that a change takes place between junior faculty status and tenured faculty status. If they know they can get away with more as tenured faculty, then there is something wrong with the institution of tenure.

Professors, of course, would never devalue the tenure system; it is the professors it helps, not the students. From a student perspective, tenure is

a dinosaur of an age past, an age when professors were more likely to lose their jobs for teaching unpopular material. It was designed to draw

top scholars to a campus with the promise of security and academic freedom.

Since its institution, tenure has backfired. Instead of secure professors who are pleased with their working conditions and are more likely to experiment, professors see tenure as a way to let the rope slack on their performance. There is some danger that unconventional subject matter could cause a fall from grace for some professors. If that be the case, then protect course material and teaching technique, but not performance in general.

Tenure and the "you can't touch me" attitude that it produces offers professors a chance to cancel office hours, degrade and humiliate students, teach the same class 10 years in a row and, in more than one case, sexually harass their students.

Tenure is detrimental to students and offers professors a security that they do not deserve. Other professions do not offer guaranteed lifetime contracts. Logics says that if businessmen did that, then production would fall off. May I remind the administration that Colby is in the business of education. It would seem then to make more sense to offer a kind of tenure that refers only to academic freedom, not the freedom to stop teaching. □



## Educational travesties: ignorance on the rise

BY MIKE TRUMAN  
Staff Writer

Beware the Ides of March.

It is sound advice, at least judging by the papers recently. The strangest things have happened. Steve Forbes actually quit the presidential race, the Arab nations have joined together to fight terrorism and tobacco companies are settling suits with insurance companies. As bizarre as that might be, there are some even loopier things occurring in our nation's school systems. Unfortunately for us, none of the following absurdities are as promising as the three blessings above. It is time to award the Educational Travesty of the Month Trophy, and we have some fine contenders.

Our finalists this month are (drumroll please): the School Board of Merrimack, New Hampshire, and the entire Tennessee State Senate. Both have done a stellar job this month of making themselves look ridiculous. Let's find out more about

**Some are sketchy on Sir Isaac Newton's sexuality. Should we ban gravity?**

our contestants:

We begin in Merrimack, NH, where homosexuality has recently been banned. Not only has the act itself been banned, but so have the word, all of its synonyms and anything and everything remotely connected to it. It cannot be mentioned in health classes. Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and Walt Whitman have been removed from the district's curriculum. More importantly, all AIDS education has been reduced because it will inevitably lead to some discussion of homosexuality. Should a teacher break this gag order, it is grounds for firing.

This policy is one of the most reckless, bigoted, and inane proposals I have ever laid eyes on. Whatever its misguided intent was, it makes what might have been a non-issue into a powder

keg. To curb something as important as AIDS education because gay people have contracted it is irrational and irresponsible. This rule pervades all aspects of teaching. Are history teachers allowed to talk about J. Edgar Hoover, a suspected homosexual? Some people are a little sketchy on Sir Isaac Newton's sexual orientation. Should we ban gravity?

Tennessee's State Senate hopes to do Merrimack one better. Tennessee's Senate has been building its reputation slowly. Earlier this year, it went on the record for opposing same-sex marriages and favoring the posting of the Ten Commandments in churches, businesses, and homes for 10 days in May. So much for separation of church and state. For them, the next "logical" step was to restrict the teaching of evolution. The senate passed a bill requiring evolution to be taught only as a theory from now on. I see, and theoretically the Earth revolves around the Sun. Why we don't we just ban that complicate TRAVESTIES on page 10

## First lady a political dinosaur

BY AMY MONTEMERLO  
Staff Writer

The position of the nation's first lady is useless and old fashioned. The office is one that forces its occupant to play a stereotypical role. The position has become one that fails to tap the abilities and talents of independent, professional women. It is a sexist institution that should be abolished.

Traditionally, first ladies have managed the "affairs" of the White House. They have not been expected to play a substantial role in policy making. First Ladies have been responsible for the organization of ceremonial functions, including the White House Christmas-tree lighting, as well as the annual Easter egg hunt on the lawn of the White House.

The first lady has also been expected to host guests, and has been responsible for friendly correspondence.

First Ladies Bess Truman and Mamie Eisenhower were excellent examples of traditional first ladies. During their husbands' administra-

**[First ladies] have not been expected to play a substantial role in policy making.**

tions, they were primarily concerned with the upkeep of the White House. Jacqueline Kennedy was another example of a traditional first lady. She worked on redecorating the White House during her husband's presidency. Lady Bird Johnson took on the public job of

"highway beautification" while her husband was president. This involved the removal and prevention of large road signs on highways and interstates. These first ladies' tasks obviously kept them occupied, but were indeed insignificant.

The roles and causes these women undertook were predominantly traditional, low key and passive. They produced little, if any change in national policy. Their roles simply reinforced the stereotype of a traditional, subdued first lady. This position required the first lady to serve as hostess to the president and his administration. It demonstrated the image that the president's wife as a simple symbolic appendage to the presidency.

Since 1992, Hillary Rodham see FIRST LADY on page 10

## Students on the Street

## What is your favorite thing to do in the mud?

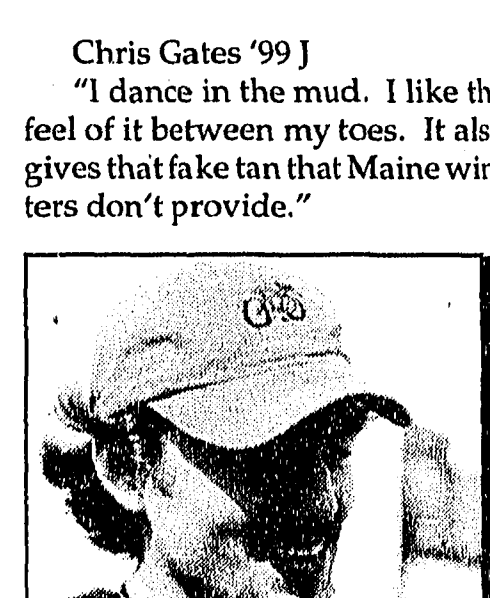


Kevin Landis '98  
"In Mudd? I try to stay as far away from Mudd as possible."

D. Dresser '97  
"Roll around."



Todd Geetter '97  
"Talk to the benthic people that live in the mud."



Chris Gates '99 J  
"I dance in the mud. I like the feel of it between my toes. It also gives that fake tan that Maine winters don't provide."



Heather Moylan '96  
"Make small re-creations of the Health Center and then stand back and admire my work."

Echo photos by Jennifer Atwood



# Opinions

## Please, have some respect - don't litter

BY DAN MACCARONE  
Staff Writer

I was walking home last Sunday morning, enjoying the warm, spring-like air, gazing around our beautiful Colby campus, when what to my wondering eyes should appear? Why, eight empty beer bottles lying in the snow. And just ahead of me, blocking my path, were at least four others, lying on the ground, smashed.

"Who could have done this?" I asked myself. After all, I thought that everybody here valued the clean, well-kept atmosphere that Colby provides. I guess I was wrong. My immediate thought was that some drunk person, who had brought his open container outside, finished the beer, and mistook the snow-covered ground for a trash can. Perfectly understandable. These things do happen.

Then I thought, "Well, no, that is unfair to drunk people. Stereotypes are wrong; I should give them the benefit of the doubt

and assume that they just might be responsible." But let us assume it was a drunk person. If so, then here is where I get confused: if you want to have the right to drink on campus, and want the alcohol policy to stay the same or get better, why would you commit such a blatant, unnecessary act of disrespect? By leaving beer cans and smashed bottles all over campus, we are only making the jobs of the custodial staff more difficult, and they are some of the people who complain about our drinking.

After all, you don't see them too happy about our vomit on the floor, walls and television sets of the lounges in Foss. Actually, you can get into real trouble now if you puke in public. What is going to happen now, when someone catches a student littering on campus? Will there be a fine? A

punishment? I do not know, but I would think that the alcohol policy becoming more lenient will not be the case. That is just a guess though.

**If you want to have the right to drink on campus, why would you commit such a blatant, unnecessary act of disrespect?**

Now, maybe it's just me, because I have the tendency to party indoors, and stay at the same party most of the night, but is it really that hard to find a trash can on campus? Is this something about which we should alert the Physical Plant about? I always

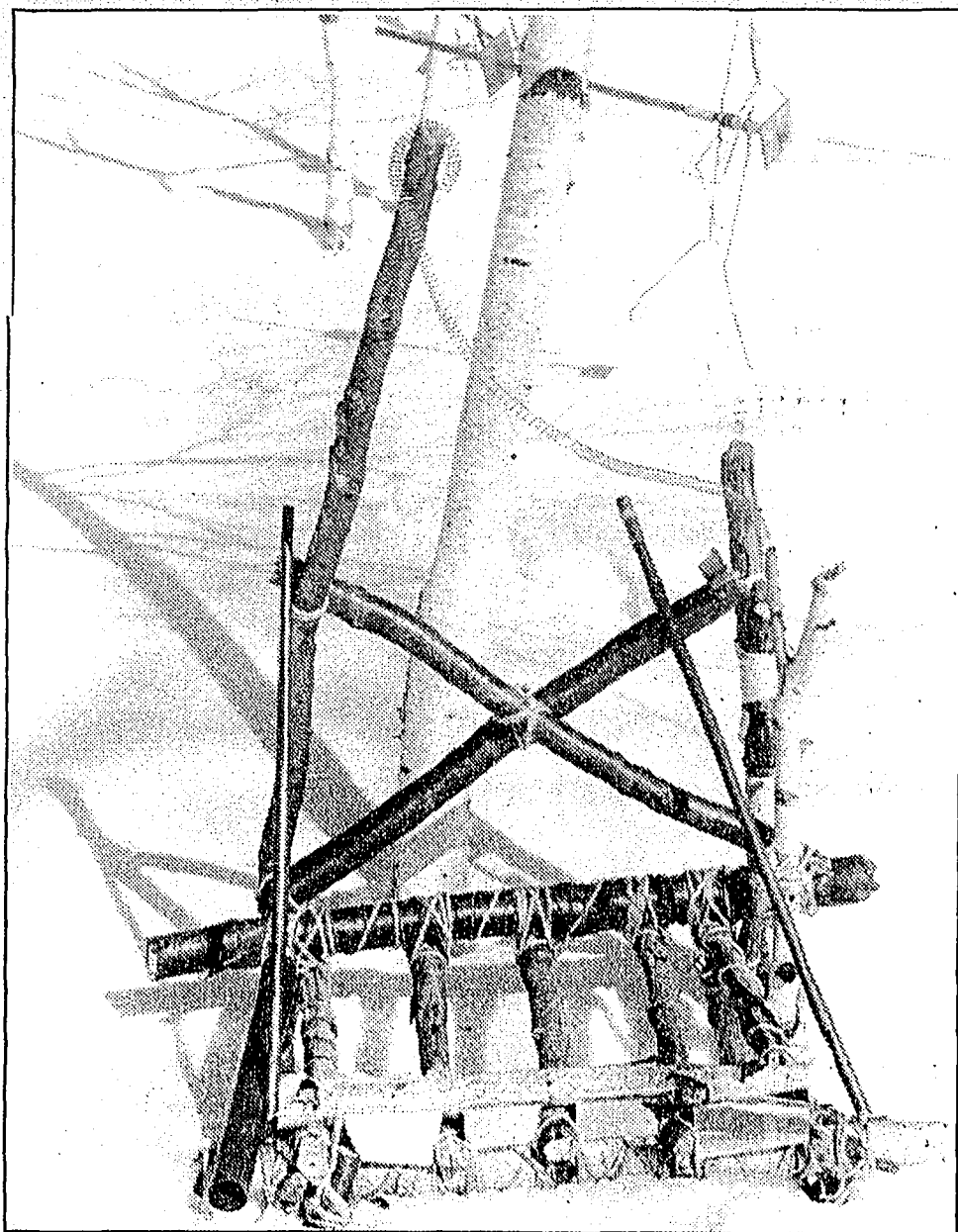
thought that there were several cans placed strategically around campus. If you go through the Street of the Library, there are trash barrels all over the place and there are some in the entrance of every dorm on campus. I guess there really are a lot of barrels in which to toss waste. Funny how the ground is the place where a lot of the litter ends up.

Speaking of the Street of the Library, I

remember a few weeks ago, skipping happily across campus to visit someone over on Frat Row, around 12:30 on a Saturday night, and when I came to the Street it looked like Hurricane Miller had hit. There were posters and papers thrown all over the rug, one of the wooden signs, which had previously been nailed to the wall, was ripped out off and tossed casually into the middle of the floor, leaving deep caverns in the wall. Nothing like taking care of campus, huh? I wonder if it was an inebriated bunch or a sober bunch who decided it would be a hoot to wreak such havoc?

I enjoy a good beer now and then, but I do not want to have to sneak around to get it, and I am sure no one else does either. So why can't we all make it easy on ourselves and make it look like we may be somewhat responsible? That way we may even be able to have cool, fun and large parties like we used to. Remember those days? When the Student Center would be packed with people and beer? Alas, I do not; I was not here, but I hear that they were a hell of a lot of fun. □

### In the sticks



Echo photo by Mary Schwalm

Wood and metal sculpture mingles with snow and birches outside the Art Museum.

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cated Table of Elements and just go back to earth, air, water and fire while we're at it?

There is added irony to this. Can any of you history buffs guess? Yes, this is the home of the famous Scopes "monkey trial," where a teacher was tried and convicted for teaching evolution back in 1925. It is 70 years later, and look at all the progress we've

made. Scientific fact is being replaced by dogma. If we can't prove evolution, what can we prove?

I am going to have to declare a tie this month. Let's all give a large round of rotten vegetables for Merrimack's School Board and the Tennessee State Senate for giving us all a lesson on the proper way to educate the youth of America in 1996. We wouldn't want techno-

logical advancement to get in the way of our antiquated system of unfounded beliefs. And before any of you call me anti-religious for the last remark, even the Catholic Church finally conceded that Galileo was right — albeit it in 1980. Evolution's vindication may be a mere century away, and it is never too early to jump on the bandwagon. □

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Clinton has brought significant change to the institution of the first lady. Although her success is questionable, Clinton, in essence, has "remade" the job of first lady to conform to new standards, often generating much criticism. Unlike other first ladies, she has tried to change a traditionally symbolic position into one which is more substantive. She has, in essence, taken the position of an assistant president.

Clinton has acquired a strong political influence in an unelected role. Washington's power structure has struggled with how to deal with the authority that she has amassed.

In 1992, Clinton took on the task to reform the nation's health care system. She was appointed chair of the Task Force on National Health Care. This attempt at reform collapsed. Clinton has also highlighted the plight of women around the world by attending the first International Conference on Women's Rights. Clinton has made significant attempts to reform public policy, and to draw public attention to national and international issues. In doing so, she has in many ways dramatically changed the traditional position of first lady.

Clinton has been described as a role model for women today. Despite her achievements, I do not agree. Women should pursue careers outside of their spouses' administrations. The role of the first

lady stifles a woman's right to pursue and apply her own interests, abilities and experience. Hillary Clinton is an intelligent, successful woman. She should not be trapped in a role that forces her to apply her abilities solely to her husband's administration.

Elizabeth Dole, wife of Republican presidential candidate and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, has publicly announced that if her husband is elected president, she will return to her job as president of the American Red Cross. Dole is an excellent example of a successful, powerful woman who is not interested in assuming the seemingly useless position of first lady. She is a more appropriate role model for women of the next generation. Dole is a woman pursuing a career independent from that of her husband's.

The institution of the first lady does not conform to society's changed view of women. This position is very outdated. A woman should not have to rely on her husband for a career, even when it is the presidency. Indeed, more women should consider running for the office of president. Today many intelligent, politically-able women are more than qualified for the position. The time has come for a prominent American woman to seek the nomination of her party on her own. □

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base, Russell led the team in RBIs with 26 while adding four home runs.

"Moving Ben Russell behind the plate will be a big plus for the pitching staff," said McBride. "Russell has a knack for calling the game and has a great arm as well."

The Mules' pitching staff includes their number one and two starters from last year, Mark Hachey '98 and Galen Carr '97. Last year's team MVP, Hachey posted a 6-3 record with a

4.15 ERA and 34 strikeouts while Carr returns with a record of 3-1, a 3.33 ERA and 35 strikeouts. Seniors Jason Kidwell and J.C. Panio, who both had great outings in scrimmages this winter, will look to help anchor the core of veterans that comprise the pitching staff.

"We have a good mix of veterans that will be able to pitch us out of any situation we encounter," said Russell.

However, unlike a year ago,

"depth" is the key word this season for the Mule pitching staff. They picked up three legitimate freshmen hurlers, who should help in stabilizing the staff. Dave Mattatal '99, Kris Keelty '99 and Brian DiBello '99 will be expected to contribute, according to Dexter. Scott Welch '98, a transfer from Brandeis, looks to provide solid relief innings, while flame-throwing closer Glenn Forger '97 hopes to remain healthy while working the late innings.

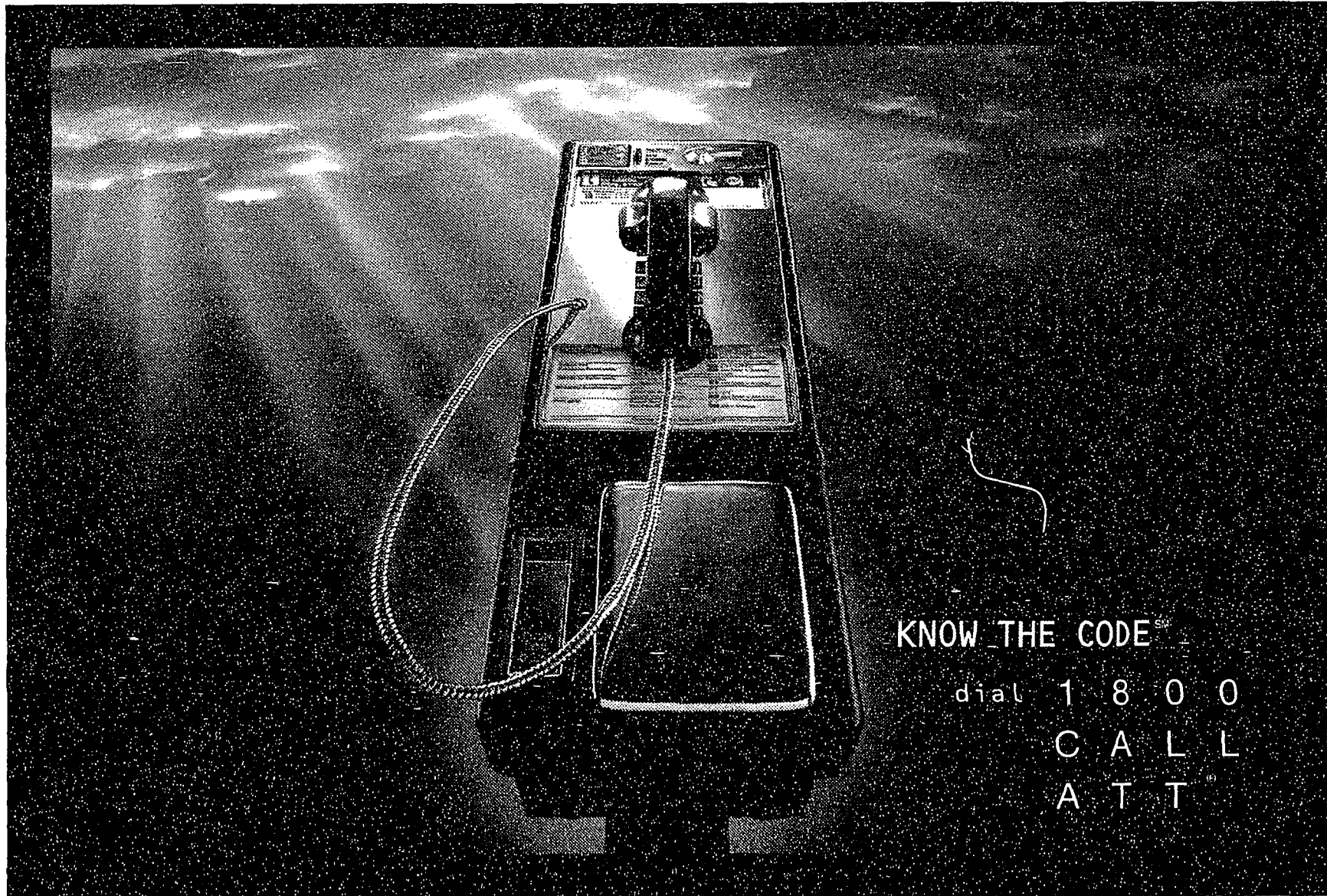
"For the first time in a while, there will be some quality depth on the pitching staff," said McBride.

Yet pitching and defense will by no means be the main focus for the Mules. Colby will have lots of power in the lineup this year, coming from designated hitter Gregg Forger '97, who led the team with 6 home runs and 22 RBIs last year. Infielder Greg Domarecki '99, a transfer from Boston College, will look to hit for power as will catcher Jon Hiltz '99 and

infielder Jon Evans '99.

The Mules board the plane this weekend for Florida and will look to land in the Sunshine State with one of the strongest teams they have had in years.

"We are returning six out of eight fielders and now have a very deep pitching staff," said Dexter. "If the team comes together and reaches their potential we could come away from Florida with five or six solid wins." □

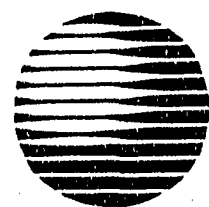


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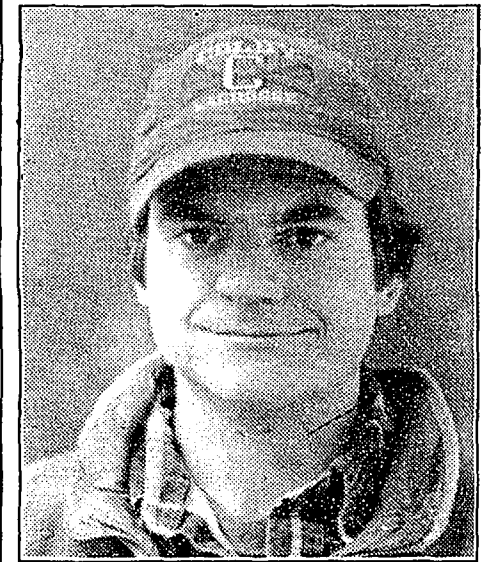
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**Nick Maumenee '98J.**

offense. Throughout the game, Colby showed flashes of brilliance that should become consistencies once the Mules gain further experience, according to Zazarro.

"I felt it was a great start to the season and a good sign of things to come because we started playing as a unit," said Zazarro.

To cap off the weekend, three Mules were elected to the all-tournament team. Williams, Pete Couglar '99 and Nick Maumenee '98 captured the honors.

Bolstered by a crop of talented freshmen, the Mules will look to the leadership of co-captains Brett Nardini '96 and Brian Emme '97J to help shape the young team. Nardini looks to anchor the "iron wall" defensive corps, along with Maumenee and newcomer Brian McGill '99. This defensive line is the squad's most important asset and its play will be the key to Colby's success.

Emme's combination of stick skills and speed will spearhead the midfield, while at the attack position Williams will be hope to match his performances of last weekend.

Colby has the potential to finish in the top of the NESCAC standings, according to Zazarro. With a tough schedule ahead, the Mules will work hard to attain their goal of an ECAC play-off bid. □

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# Abdul-Rauf anthem issue still unsolved

BY BOB ELLINGER  
Asst. Sports Editor

*"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America..."*

Often the most volatile and controversial topics in sports transcend the game and deal with larger issues, such as race, gender, class and even nationalism.

After indefinitely suspending Denver Nuggets guard Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, the NBA has found itself amidst a sea of controversy. Abdul-Rauf, a practicing Muslim, refuses to follow an NBA rule that requires players, coaches and trainers "to stand and line up in a dignified posture" during the playing of the American and Canadian national anthems.

Ironically, in refusing to stand at this rigid moral attention for the anthem, Abdul-Rauf upholds the tenants and history that this country, this flag and this anthem support.

*"...and to the republic for which it stands..."*

Much of the public uproar over Abdul-Rauf's actions stems from the symbolic meaning of the flag and the anthem. To many Americans these two icons are unifying images which transcend all differences. Abdul-Rauf called the flag "a symbol of oppression and tyranny."

His words and deeds may not gain widespread public support, but he still does offer a reminder to America that its past is not solely full of humanitarianism and benevolence.

"I'm able to make a lot of money in the United States," he told ESPN on Tuesday. "I'm not saying, again, that it represents everything bad. I never said that. I'm just saying that it also represents the bad."

"And when I see other parts of the country, I just don't look at the United States, I just don't look at the Muslim issue. I look at the Caucasian-American and I look at the African-American being oppressed in this country and I don't stand for that."

*"...One nation, under God..."*

The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and religion. Abdul-Rauf grounds his not standing for the anthem in his Muslim religious tradition.

"You can't be for God and for

oppression. It's clear in the Koran, Islam is the only way," he said.

"My beliefs are more important than anything. If I have to give up basketball, I will," he later said.

Abdul-Rauf is fighting for the right to practice what he believes. Though some people may find those beliefs questionable, he is nevertheless guaranteed the right to act in accordance with those beliefs.

In acting on those beliefs, Abdul-Rauf does go against the status quo. However, the framers of the Constitution guaranteed the right to dissent from that status quo, whether that dissent be religious, political, or nationalistic in origin.

*"...indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

Abdul-Rauf says that the flag does not only represent "justice" and "liberty," but also "oppression" and "tyranny."

Most interestingly, though, Abdul-Rauf was not allowed to play basketball because he exercised his freedom of speech and his freedom of religion. Maybe Abdul-Rauf is just an illustration of his own words; maybe the deepest sting of this saga shows that the nationalism behind the flag and anthem does generate oppression. Nationalism generates a silly rule that makes players stand during the anthem, and maybe the oppression is just as simple as not allowing a man to play a basketball game.

Abdul-Rauf has since conformed to the NBA's rule and is allowed to play again, yet the American version of justice, liberty and freedom does not seem to have been served.

In a Supreme Court decision concerning mandatory recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Chief Justice Robert H. Jackson issued one of the century's most famous judicial dicta:

"If there is a fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith herein."

Jackson stated that decades ago, the NBA needs someone to repeat it. □

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# Let's see that again

## Women's track hopes for a repeat performance

BY GALEN CARR  
Sports Editor

After third-place overall finishes at last year's NESCAC Championships and New England Division III Championships, the women's track and field team hopes to equal last season's accomplishments and develop the largest Colby team ever.

"I think for us to stay in third place would be quite an accomplishment," said Head Coach Debbie Aitken. "Even though we have probably our largest team we've ever seen at Colby, we have so many people that are new to the sport. So how much these people will contribute is questionable."

As for standout performers, the Mules will look to such stalwart athletes as Liisi Linask '96, who will compete as Colby's top javelin thrower. Linask was extremely impressive last year, barely missing the cut for nationals. According to Aitken, if Linask can top 130 feet in the javelin, it should qualify her for nationals later this spring. Linask will also compete in the 800-meter run.

Co-captain Cindy Pomerleau '97 also narrowly missed qualifying for nationals last year. Ranked 17th nationally in the heptathlon, Pomerleau missed the cut as the top 16 athletes in the nation qualified. The MVP of the

### WOMEN'S TRACK

• **Last year's record:** third place in NESCAC, third place finish at New England Division III Championships

• **Team goals:** maintain third place in NESCAC and top five finish in New England

• **Head Coach:** Debbie Aitken

• **Captains:** Carrie Califano '96, Rachel Ehlers '96, Clair Pagnano '96, Liz Fagan '97, Cindy Pomerleau '97

• **Key contributors:** Califano, Ehlers, Pagnano, Fagan, Pomerleau, Liisi Linask '96, Farrell Burns '98, Shannon Baker '98, Sonja Noll '98, Robynn Fortner '99

women's indoor team this year, Pomerleau won the ECAC Championships in the pentathlon and solidified herself as the team's top hurdler, high-jumper, long-jumper and shot-putter.

Co-captain Liz Fagan '97 will be the Mules' top distance runner in each of the 3,000-, 5,000-, and 10,000-meter events. Farrell Burns '98 returns as

Colby's top runner in the 1500-meter event, and has potential to perform successfully in the 3,000-meter run as well, according to Aitken.

Another strength for the Mules will be their 4x100 relay team of Shannon Baker '98, co-captain Carrie Califano '96, co-captain Rachel Ehlers '96 and Robynn Fortner '99. The squad hopes to qualify for nationals this season. Individually, Fortner and Ehlers will lead the team as the top 100-meter sprinters, Baker and Ehlers as the top 200-meter sprinters, and Califano as the leading 400-meter hurdler.

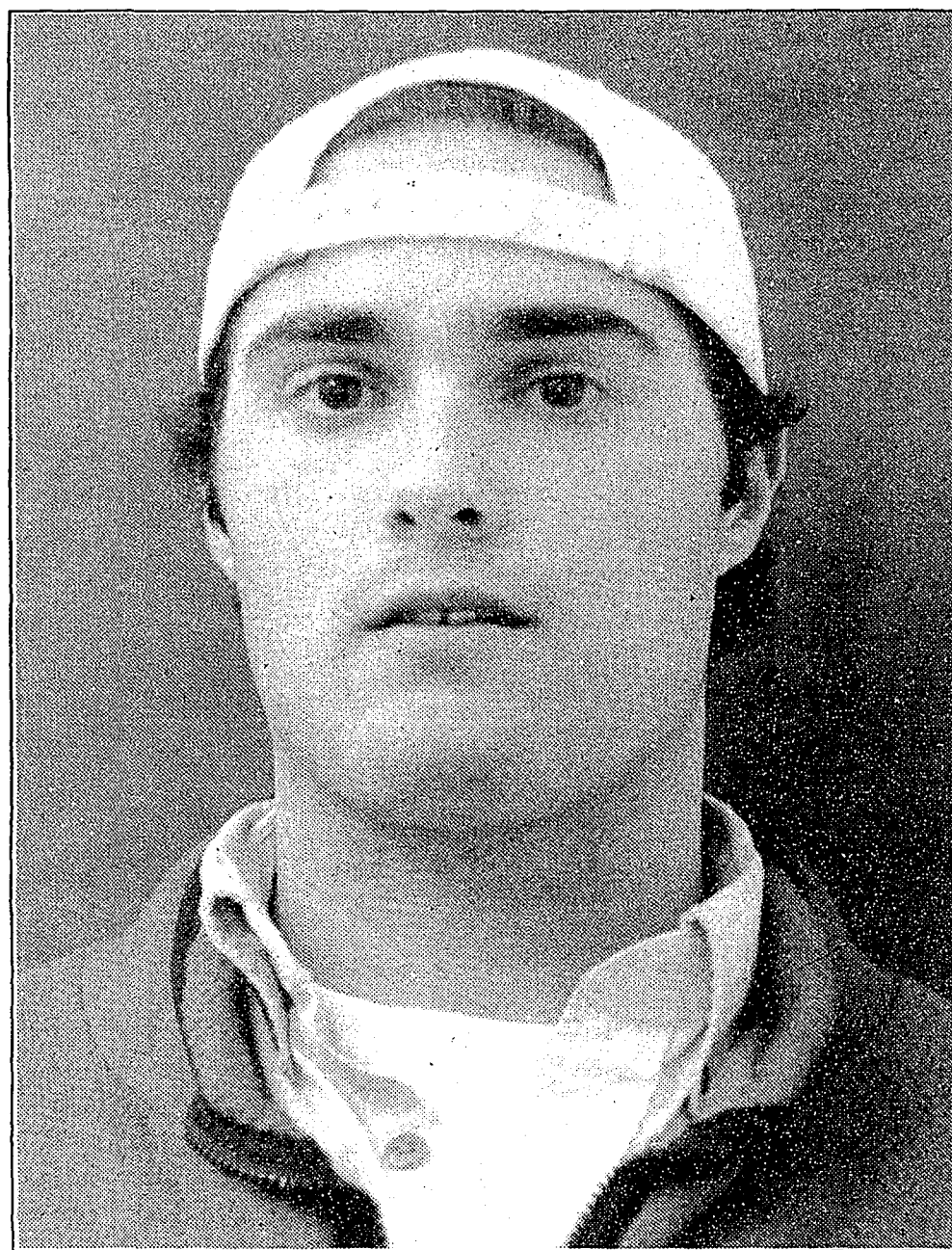
Sonja Noll '98 will compete as Colby's top hammer thrower this season. All-American Danielle LeGrand '96, who established herself as one of the premier athletes in the 20-pound weight throw event during the indoor season, chose not to participate in the hammer throw, an event similar to the 20-pound weight throw.

Co-captain Clair Pagnano '96 and Noll will throw the discus, and Pomerleau will compete in the shot-put event as well.

The Mules will also welcome the return of former All-American Kara Patterson '97, who has not competed in over a year due to a leg injury. Patterson will look to contribute in the middle- and long-distance events, according to Aitken. □

## DEVASTATOR

of the week



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

### Brian Frank '98

This sophomore goalkeeper led the men's lacrosse team to a split this weekend in the team's first two games in New Jersey. Frank recorded 18 saves against a tough Western Maryland squad in the Mules' 12-8 loss and stonewalled 20 shots against Drew University in a 11-6 Colby victory. With a save percentage of over 60 percent, Frank is well on his way to another outstanding season as netminder for the Mules. As a freshman, Frank started 14 games for Colby while running up a record of 8-5. In addition to posting the winning record in his rookie season, Frank also came up just 18 saves short of the Colby record for most saves in a season.

### This Week's All-Mule Pack

#### David Stephens '96 Jason Jabar '96

The top two senior standouts from this year's men's basketball team, Stephens and Jabar were selected by the Maine Basketball Coach's Association to play in the Maine Collegiate All-Star Classic in Wadsworth Gymnasium on Monday night. The game featured the best graduating senior basketball players in the state, from the University of Maine at Orono, Husson, St. Joseph's, the University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine at Farmington, against the Maine Central Institute Huskies, a collection of postgraduate high school players, many of who will go on to play Division I college basketball. Coaches from several highly-regarded Division I basketball programs such as the University of Miami, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and the University of Michigan were on hand for the game. Stephens and Jabar played solidly in the exhibition as the All-Stars lost to MCI, 113-73.

## Men's track looks solid

BY GALEN CARR  
Sports Editor

Numbers. If there is one thing the men's track and field team seems to lack this year, it is numbers.

The relatively inexperienced team will depend on the upperclassmen to get the job done. With a win in the Maine State Championships and a sixth place finish at the NESCAC Championships last year, Head Coach Jim Westcott hopes the Mules can maintain their position in the league and equal last season's success.

"We're really thin in numbers this year," said Westcott. "If we can maintain our position in NESCAC, then it will be considered a fine accomplishment. We have some quality individuals and when it comes championship time we hope they will perform well. I think they can."

As for individual performers, a variety of athletes, mostly seniors, will lead the team.

Conrad Saam '96 will compete in the decathlon, an event in which he held the school record during his sophomore year. After studying abroad last year, Saam returned to find his record broken by a Colby student who has since transferred. In addition to attempting to reclaim the record, Saam

looks to compete in the New England Division III Championships in the decathlon at the end of the season.

Co-captain Matt O'Connell '96 also returns to compete in the decathlon. During the indoor track season, O'Connell set the Colby record for the indoor pentathlon. He is in great shape and looking to compete as one of the top athletes in New England in the decathlon as well, according to Westcott.

Co-captain Don Saucier '96 will compete in the 110-meter high hurdles, and should experience considerable success, according to Westcott. Brad Smith '96 is back for Colby after spending the spring of his junior year abroad, and looks to be one of the best javelin throwers in New England. During his sophomore season, Smith qualified for nationals in the javelin. Co-captain Dan Rheume '96 rounds out the list of seniors who will provide the leadership and experience necessary in developing this young team. Rheume will also compete in the javelin.

Pat Fournier '98 returns as Colby's top runner in the 10,000-meter run, an event in which he placed third overall in last year's NESCAC Championships. After placing sixth in the 5,000-meter run at last year's NESCACs, Sam

### MEN'S TRACK

• **Last year's record:** Maine state champions, sixth in NESCAC

• **Team goals:** maintain position in NESCAC

• **Head Coach:** Jim Westcott

• **Captains:** Matt O'Connell '96, Don Saucier '96, Dan Rheume '96

• **Key contributors:** O'Connell, Saucier, Rheume, Conrad Saam '96, Brad Smith '96, Dave Palmieri '97, Pat Fournier '98, Sam Harris '98, Tony Calender '99

Harris '98 also returns as one of Colby's top athletes in the distance race.

Dave Palmieri '97 will compete in the intermediate hurdles while newcomer Tony Calender '99 will participate in the high jump, high hurdles, and decathlon events.

"It's going to be a building year," said Westcott. "These kids are really going to have to rise to the occasion to help the team perform, but I think they are capable of doing that." □

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# OFFSIDES

## Catch this: baseball is here

BY GALEN CARR  
Sports Editor

It sat there, plain as day, with my name all over it. Why hadn't anyone seen it? It was the opportunity of a lifetime. I turned to Mom and told her that I was going down to take it. She agreed to let me go. The urge could not to be resisted. It was something that had to be done.

I reached the empty box seat, just three rows from the impeccably green grass of Fenway Park, and sat down in it as if I owned the ticket. I had never been so close to major league action, my heroes, or my dream that someday I would play on the very same diamond. A New Englander since birth, baseball and the Red Sox were my favorite things. There was nothing that I cared more for than baseball, and the only real baseball I knew was played in Boston. The game was a part of me, the Red Sox were a part of me and I believed they always would be.

Mom was now 20 rows away, almost invisible in the huge crowd. I held on tightly to my Manny Trillo signature-series Wilson mitt, praying that no one would come and claim the seat that was rightfully theirs. I waited. The game went on. No one came.

I was nine years old and could not think of anywhere I would rather be. Decked out in nothing but Red Sox paraphernalia, from the plastic helmet on my noggin to the full, junior-sized Boston uniform — including the red stirrups — I was there not only to watch the game, but to be a part of it. Why hadn't anyone else around me brought their gloves with them? Did they not realize that these were the seats in which a baseball glove should be a pre-requisite? I was ready for action. I held my mitt tightly, ready to make a play and fully anticipating the opportunity. Being part of the game was something that one couldn't just do. They had to prepare for it.

It was the seventh inning, and my heroes from Beantown were

taking care of business, beating up on the Toronto Blue Jays, 14-5. Growing slightly weary, I wondered why I had not yet had to prove my worth, to show why it was necessary to come to a baseball game prepared. I wanted to prove why every little tike that gets the chance to go to Fenway should revel in the dream of being a hero, of meaning something to their own heroes, of being significant among 30,000 people.

Resting my gloved hand in my lap and using the bare one to prop up my chin, I watched home plate with the persistent assurance that something was going to happen. As if to affirm my belief in a baseball deity, something happened. Gazing toward home plate over the three-foot wall that separates the fans from the stars, I saw the baseball, the focus of everyone's attention, rise high into the air.

The ball was a dot, practically blending into the clear, electrically lit sky as it towered above Fenway, high in the Boston night. Yet there was something about the way that it was struck that prompted everyone in my section to rise to their feet. Not even close to five feet tall and years short of adolescence, I stood on my seat. The baseball was on its descent, and soon enough, all doubt that it was heading elsewhere was quickly erased. It was plummeting straight toward us.

Anxious hands began to form a circle in the sky as I saw the ball tumbling towards countless outstretched arms, which had formed a tunnel of which I was at the end. The ball hurtled towards the earth, appearing as if it were bound to enter the tunnel itself. I could see it perfectly, as if it were a dream, falling directly towards us. I now had a sufficient reason to raise my glove to the coveted object, the only glove among an endless sea of hands. I did it without even thinking. It was merely a reflex, maybe even a form of self-defense. The baseball was coming at me in a hurry, and I was ready to accept its arrival, free of fear, free of anxiety, free of thought.

The ball sliced through the slew

of thumbs and pinkies and made a thud: the sound of a baseball finding its home. Turning my glove over, I saw the ball gleaming against the darkened cowhide. "Official Ball of the American League," it read in blue print. Slightly dazed, I looked up toward the field in amazement and was immediately bombarded by congratulating pats on the head and slaps on the back. Those who had witnessed the catch across the stadium roared in approval. I turned around to show Mom. She was laughing hysterically, not believing what she had just seen.

As soon as I was able, I turned my attention back to the game, checking every few moments to see that my prize remained in its rightful place. According to the center-field scoreboard, the man who had struck the foul ball that was now mine, a Blue Jay rookie named Kelly Gruber, had yet to get a base hit in the major leagues. On the next pitch he hit one into the left-field screen for his very first major league hit: a home run. Even Red Sox fans cheered for him, for such a spectacle is rare and makes one feel as if youth has been commended and justice has been served.

Minutes later, as the game was winding down, I felt a hand on my shoulder. I turned around to find an elderly man with a scorebook in his hand. He introduced himself as Mr. Gruber, the young ballplayer's father. At his request, I autographed the front of his scorebook, and we assured each other that this was a day neither of us would soon forget.

On the way home that night, I fell asleep in the back of our station wagon, clutching my prize and replaying the scene over and over in my head.

As the snow melts and the New England grass once again finds life, I am reminded of everything that is good about our national pastime. For me, the arrival of spring can only mean one thing: baseball season is here, and I couldn't be happier. □

## Outlook for crew is promising

BY BOB ELLINGER  
Asst. Sports Editor

In their third year as varsity sports, the men's and women's crew teams are preparing for the upcoming season, which will feature competition against some of the top teams in New England.

This year the Mules have beefed up their schedule to include such New England rowing powerhouses as Coast Guard, Boston College, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Williams.

"We have a very promising season ahead of us all around this year," said Head Coach Don Angus. "The schedule is the most competitive one for Colby to date."

The Mules' season begins on Saturday when roughly 40 athletes will make the trip to Marietta, Ohio to compete in a regatta against Marietta College and Purdue University. During the week of practice before the competition, the Mules will row in the water for the first time after a winter of dryland training.

"Everyone is very strong from winter training, so it is just a matter of getting down our technique,"

said Sarah Kramers '98. "We'll have a whole week to work on the technique before the race so we should still be able to do well."

After the trip, the Mules will spend the rest of their spring racing against teams from the Northeast in preparation for two post-season competitions: the New England Championships and the Dadeville Championships.

"Basically we build all year for the Dadeville and the New England Championships," said Angus. "Our work this week is essentially a preparation for the spring, and the spring is essentially a preparation for those two competitions."

Last spring the men's freshmen novice eight boat had an outstanding season. Many members of that boat will lead the Mules this season as members of the varsity eight boat.

Things look equally promising this season for the women's team. Though much of the squad is made up of freshmen, the team is looking forward to a successful season, according to Kramers.

"This is the first season that we have been able to field very fast boats for both the men's and women's varsity eight squad," said Angus. □

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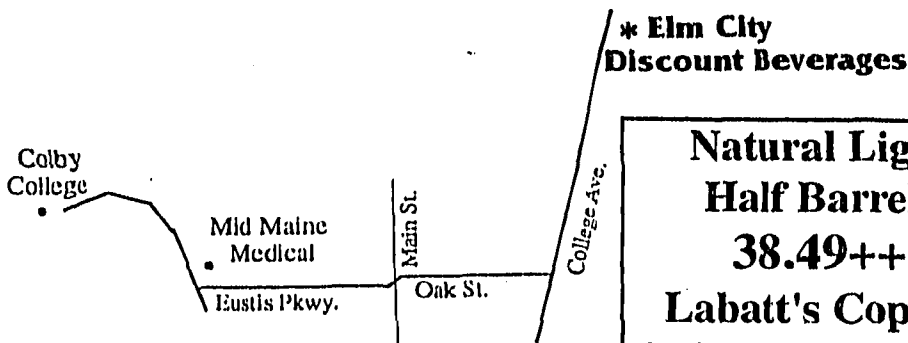
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# Women's lax benefits from strong returning squad

BY JOEL GROSSBARD  
Staff Writer

The Colby women's lacrosse team has high hopes for improving on last year's record of 6-9. With practically the entire team returning from last season, the Mules are confident of their chances. Five returning seniors will lead the team this spring, and a crop of talented freshmen hope to mesh with the veterans to provide a winning spark.

The team is led by five seniors, all of whom will bring valuable experience to the team. Abby Smith '96 and Amie Sicchitano '96 return as co-captains of the squad. Smith, who will be serving as captain for the second consecutive year, will be playing the third man position. Sicchitano will anchor a very strong defense, starting at defensive wing. The other seniors include starters Cindy Kelley at center, Tammy Smith at defensive wing, and Jen Pope in goal.

"Our strength should definitely be our defense, as we return our entire defense from a year ago," said Head Coach Heidi Godomsky.

Joining the seniors on defense are two returning starters from last year's squad, Kara Marchant '97 and Alice Zecher '98.

The Mules lost their leading scorer from last season, Rebecca May '95, to graduation. However, the team reloaded this year through recruiting, bringing in a plethora of

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

• **Last year's record:** 6-9

• **Team goals:** improving on last year's record, ECAC tournament

• **Head Coach:** Heidi Godomsky

• **Captains:** Abby Smith '96, Amie Sicchitano '96

• **Key contributors:** Smith, Sicchitano, Cindy Kelley '96, Tammy Smith '96, Jen Pope '96, Kara Marchant '97, Alice Zecher '98, Allison Birdsong '99, Christy Browning '99, Heather Garni '99, Vicki Tseng '99

freshmen, four of whom should immediately help up front. Yet without experience, the freshmen will have to adjust quickly for the team to succeed. Allison Birdsong '99, Christy Browning '99, Heather Garni '99 and Vicki Tseng '99 will see key minutes at attack positions, according to Godomsky.

"We have a lot of youth and inexperience up front this year, but I am optimistic about how the freshmen will perform," said Godomsky. "They will have to step up and take on some leadership roles, and they will gain valuable game situation



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

Alice Zecher '98 on defense for women's lacrosse in a scrimmage versus Bates on Saturday.

experience as the season progresses. I am confident they will do the job."

Team goals this year include finishing with a record above .500 and competing in the ECAC Championships.

"We return a steady group of seniors this year and have an extremely talented group of freshmen," said Smith. "The freshmen

bring a lot of energy and experience to the team. We hope to finish the season with at least a .500 record and be able to make it to some sort of postseason tournament. Also, we want to establish home-team pride, whereby we win every home game. We are looking forward to a fun and competitive season."

The first step towards accom-

plishing these goals will come during spring break, when the team will travel to Virginia to compete against Longwood College, Roanoke College and Randolph Macon.

"I think that our play down in Virginia will really reflect how the outcome of our season will turn out," said Godomsky. □

## Softball sets sights high for '96

BY PETER SHAPIRO  
Staff Writer

Coming off a 7-20 record last season, one which they felt didn't reflect their ability or effort, the Colby softball team is decidedly optimistic.

"I think we're going to surprise a lot of people," said co-captain Karen Ackley '96. "We're a lot stronger now than previous years."

Some of this strength is attributed to the return Head Coach Jen Holsten, marking the first time this year's seniors have had the same coach for two consecutive seasons. The team is also bolstered by players returning from studying abroad, including Meghan O'Neil '96 and Amy Ostermueller '96, who should both see time in the infield. Outfielder Jane Chamberlain '99 could start for the Mules as well.

"We're definitely hoping to improve," said Holsten. "I think with the players returning from abroad and six new freshmen, I think it's a good possibility."

"We're not a new team," said Ackley. "A lot of experience is back, even though the team has a lot of different faces."

The pitching staff figures to be strong with Ackley, Joan Giblin '98, Robyn Maco '98 and Emily

Hinkley '99 sharing the duties. Both catchers from last year, Rebecca Allen '98 and Lauren Graham '97, will return, as well as Becca Apollon '96.

Co-captain and starting leftfielder Sarah Frechette '96 will anchor the outfield. Kayla Baker '97 returns to start at first-base, when hard-hitting Ann Mortenson '98, O'Neil and Stephanie Patterson '99 will fill out the starting infield. The final decisions which will confirm the rest of the starting line-up will be made sometime this week.

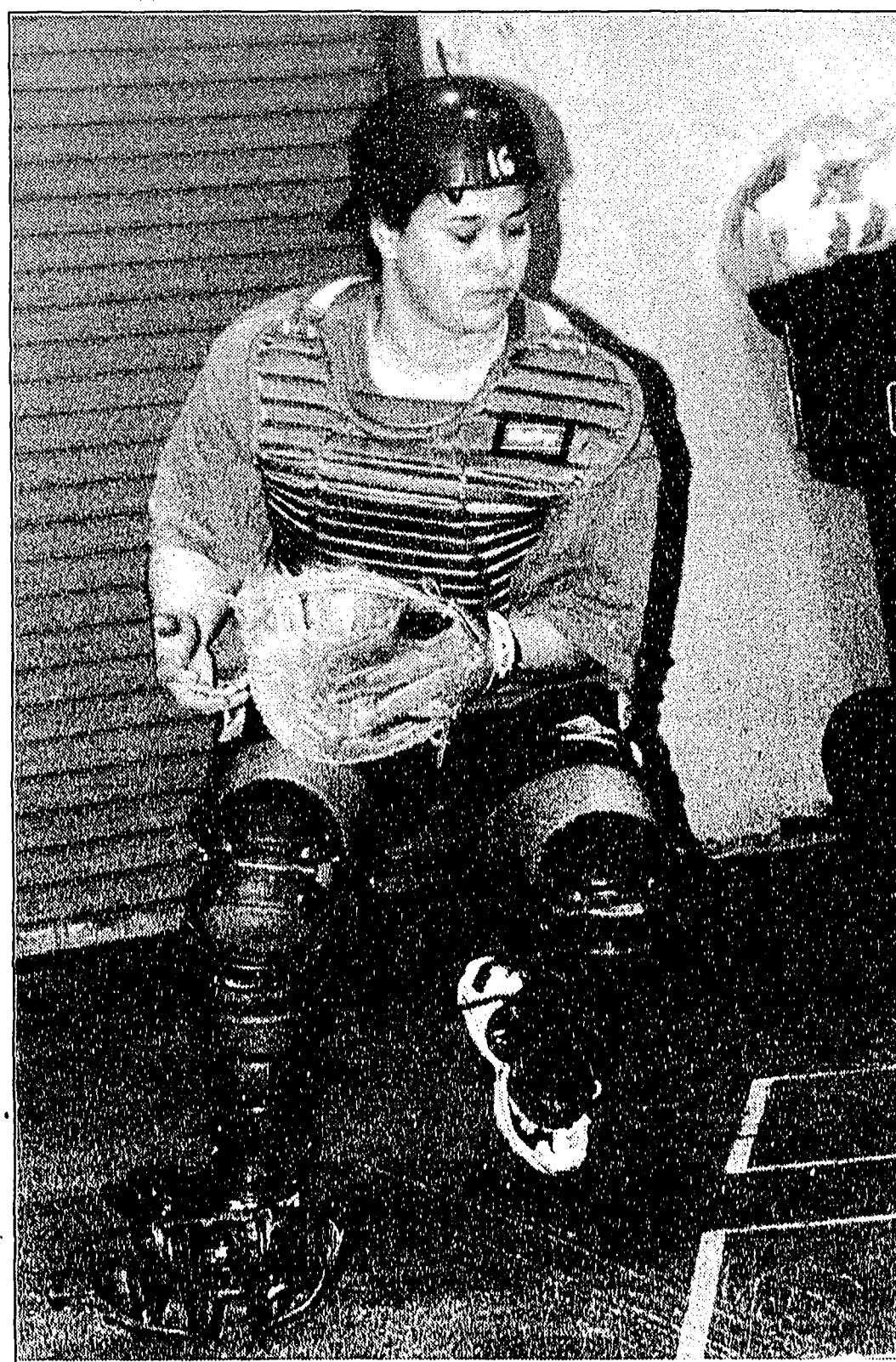
The team has set its sights high. "If we finish at .500 it will be a disappointment," said Ackley. "This team has the ability to go well above

.500 and make the playoffs."

"We'd like a record of over .500," said Holsten. "I think that's a reasonable goal."

The Mules will kick off their season over spring break in Fort Myers, Fla., competing against teams from across the country.

"We'll play some of our toughest competition down there," said Holsten. "We'll play SUNY-Buffalo twice, and they're one of the top teams in the country."



Echo photo by Mary Schwaalm

Catcher Becca Apollon '96 will be behind the plate for the softball team this spring.

"We're back on our feet," said Ackley. "Last year was kind of disappointing. We have a great freshman class and we should really catch some teams by surprise. It should be a good year." □

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## 1996 SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

### Ready to roll

*Veteran Colby baseball squad looks to launch season with successful trip south*

BY LUCAS PENNEY  
Staff Writer

The Colby baseball team finished last season with a 12-16 record, but returns eight of nine starters from the 1995 campaign. More importantly, the Mules have added significant depth to their pitching staff, which was worn thin just a year ago.

This year's talented squad will look to surpass last season's record, the best in nine years, and complete Colby's first winning season since 1987. The Mules will kick off the season over spring break with their annual trip to Fort Myers, Florida.

This year Colby's southern schedule (beginning March 24), has the Mules teamed up against a solid ECAC field. Opponents include Union College, Trinity College, Plymouth State, Hartwick College and Williams College, with each of the latter three teams reaching the ECAC playoffs last season. Head Coach Tom Dexter is looking for his players to come home to Mayflower Hill with a winning record

in Florida. This performance would place the Mules in excellent position for a playoff run when they begin their rigorous northern schedule in early April.

Returning for Colby will be a solid veteran outfield anchored by co-captain Jesse Wilcox '96 in left

field, who batted .281 with 19 RBIs last season, and co-captain Patrick J. McBride '97 in right field, who led the team in hits (29) and average (.312) last year. Fleet-footed center-fielder Todd McGovern '97, who led the team with a school record 21 stolen bases in 1995, will also return.

Anchoring the Mule infield at first base will be Jerrod DeShaw '97, who posted a .297 average and scored 23 runs last year. Harold Graves '97 will look to improve on last year's performance and step up big at second base. E.J. Anderson '97 will lead the infield at short-stop. According to Dexter, Anderson is one of Colby's most solid infielders and will bring back consistency with his team-leading on-base percentage of .426 of a year ago.

Third base will be covered by Mike Choate '97, who is coming off a great summer season with the Mid-Maine Marlins. Ben Russell '97 will don the tools of ignorance, as he prepares for his first season as the Mules starting catcher. Last year, at third

#### BASEBALL

• **Last year's record:** 12-16

• **Team goals:** Winning record and ECAC playoff bid

• **Head Coach:** Tom Dexter

• **Captains:** Jesse Wilcox '96, Patrick J. McBride '97

• **Key contributors:** Wilcox, McBride, J.C. Panio '96, Jason Kidwell '96, Ben Russell '97, Jerrod DeShaw '97, E.J. Anderson '97, Harold Graves '97, Mike Choate '97, Galen Carr '97, Todd McGovern '97, Gregg Forger '97, Glenn Forger '97, Mark Hachey '98

### Men's lacrosse kicks off season with split

BY JON OLINTO  
Contributing Writer

Relegated to the cramped confines of the Fieldhouse, the men's lacrosse team has split up in practices to prepare itself for the upcoming season. In a traditionally strong league, this spring's squad has the potential to fulfill some lofty expectations and finish at the top of NESCAC when May rolls around.

The team's potential was exhibited last weekend in New Jersey where the Mules opened up their season with two strong outings in a four-team tournament. In the first game on Saturday, Colby lost to a talented Western Maryland squad.

"The game provided some excellent individual play, and there was a dramatic improvement from the first quarter to the fourth," said Head Coach Dave Zazarro. "Also, the game put us in a lot of different emotional situations that we weren't used to. But, it was an important experience because we can use to build off of in the future."

Sunday Colby revealed much of its potential by beating a tough

#### MEN'S LACROSSE

• **Last year's record:** 9-6

• **Team goals:** Compete strongly in an extremely competitive league and ultimately earn an ECAC playoff bid.

• **Head Coach:** Dave Zazarro

• **Captains:** Brett Nardini '96, Brian Emme '97

• **Key contributors:** Nardini, Emme, Matt Hurlbut '96, Seth Blumenthal '97, Brian Frank '98, Nick Maumenee '98J, Matt Williams '99

Drew University team, 11-6. Leading 6-5 after three quarters, the Mules were led in the final period by the explosive freshmen tandem of Matt Williams and Tom Buchanon, who proved vital in the late offensive charge.

Brian Frank '98 performed brilliantly between the posts as the Mules goalie, repeatedly stoning the attacks of the imposing Drew

## Colby women's tennis ranked twelfth in nation

BY GALEN CARR  
Sports Editor

Currently ranked twelfth nationally in NCAA Division III and third in the Eastern region, the women's tennis team is looking to extend its recent success on the court into May and the NCAA Division III national tournament.

The Mules have never received a bid for the national tournament, nor have they previously been nationally ranked. To qualify for nationals, the Mules must maintain a national ranking of 14 or better.

Having played a substantial portion of their season in the fall, the Mules are currently 7-1 heading into the spring campaign. Their only loss came at the hands of Amherst, who is currently ranked fifth in the nation. During the autumn months, Colby also placed third out of 26 teams in the Division III New England Championships.

During spring break, the Mules will travel to Hilton Head, SC, where they will compete in matches against the likes of Carnegie-Mellon, West Georgia, Oberlin, Baker and DePauw, which is ranked 17th nationally. Last year, the Mules' first at Hilton Head, Colby returned to Mayflower Hill with a 5-0 record.

This year, on the return trip from Hilton Head, the Mules will make a stop at Skidmore to compete in what looks to be their most

TENNIS	
Women's Tennis	Men's Tennis
• <b>Current record:</b> 7-1, #12 national ranking, #3 regional ranking	• <b>Last year's record:</b> 5-8
• <b>Team goals:</b> qualify for the NCAA tournament in Kalamazoo, MI	• <b>Team goals:</b> to finish among the top six teams of NESCAC
• <b>Head Coach:</b> John Illig	• <b>Head Coach:</b> John Illig
• <b>Captains:</b> Courtney Marum '96, Rachel Kleinman '96	• <b>Captains:</b> Dave Tedeschi '96, Gerry Perez '96
• <b>Key contributors:</b> Marum, Kleinman, Jessie Anderson '98, Kim Cheah '99, Maghan Flanagan '99, Heidi Tyng '99	• <b>Key contributors:</b> Tedeschi, Perez, Darrin Ylisto '97, Staunton Bowen '97, Joel Grossbard '98

important match of the season. Skidmore, ranked fourth in the East region, looks to be the lone obstacle in the Mules' run at an NCAA tournament bid. As only the top three teams from the East region are chosen to participate in nationals, the Mules must top Skidmore in order to solidify their chances of earning a trip to Michigan this spring.

"It's a toss-up," said Head Coach John Illig on his team's chances for success against the Thoroughbreds. "We need to gain momentum in Hilton Head and then peak at the end of the week."

The singles lineup for the Mules will fea-

ture standout Kim Cheah '99. Cheah is currently ranked twelfth in the East region, while also currently holding the title of Maine State Champion. During spring break, Cheah will have a chance to boost her ranking as she will face Carnegie-Mellon's ace, who is ranked second in the nation. The Mules' second seed will be Jessie Anderson '98 who is currently ranked 22nd in the East region. Meghan Flanagan '99, co-captain Courtney Marum '96, Heidi Tyng '99 and co-captain Rachel Kleinman '96 round out the top six singles players for the Mules.

On the doubles side, Cheah and Marum

will pair up as Colby's top team. The pair is ranked 17th nationally. Anderson and Tyng will compete as the Mules' second-ranked pair.

The men's tennis team is gearing up for what looks like a challenging spring. With 11 matches on tap, many against tough NESCAC opposition, the Mules are hoping to improve on last year's record of 5-8.

Earlier this fall, the men played matches against MIT and Middlebury. Coming up short against both, Colby's record stands at 0-2, as fall records carry over into the spring.

During spring break, the men will also travel to Hilton Head to participate in matches against Carnegie-Mellon, Trinity, Hartwick, Principia and Oberlin. The trip will be the tenth annual southern excursion for the team, and they hope to return successful.

For the Mules to succeed, they will need to start the spring season off on a positive note with a strong start at Hilton Head, according to Illig. In addition, last year's top player, Staunton Bowen '97, must stay healthy as he nurses a recurring hip injury. Co-captains Dave Tedeschi '96 and Gerry Perez '96 must provide strong leadership as well.

This year, the Mules' singles lineup will consist of Perez as the Mules' number one seed, Tedeschi second, Darrin Ylisto '97 third and Bowen fourth. The top two pairs for doubles matches are Perez and Bowen at number one, and Tedeschi and Joel Grossbard '98 at number two. □