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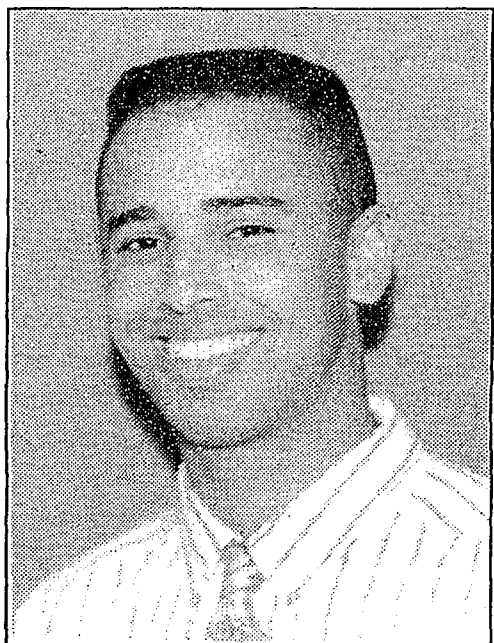
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Woodfork wins Stu-A presidency in runoff

Moulton, Sullivan, Wang fill out Stu-A Executive Board

BY KOL HARVEY
Asst. News Editor



Echo file photo

Josh Woodfork '97

The campaigning of candidates for Stu-A, commons and hall offices ended Wednesday after a second round of ballots determined the final winners. The Stu-A presidential ticket of Josh Woodfork '97 and Graham Nelson '98 emerged victorious after a runoff against Lawaun Curry '97 and Andy Kruppa '97.

Runoffs were also required yesterday for Stu-A social chair, cultural chair and treasurer, as well as Chaplin and Johnson Commons presidents and some residence hall presidents. Stu-A guidelines mandate that the winner receive over 50 percent of the vote, and thus necessitated the runoff in most multi-candidate races.

After the first round of voting eliminated Todd Poling '98 and Dan Noyes '98 from the Stu-A presidential race, the Woodfork/Nelson and Curry/Kruppa tickets were left fighting for the majority vote in Wednesday's runoff. Woodfork edged out Curry with 56.8 percent of the vote to take over Tom Ryan's job as Stu-A president next fall.

Nelson said that "it was tough to run the campaign without Josh around the whole time, but we had great support. We are looking forward to working with the people on Cabinet and in Presidents' Council this fall."

Curry said "I was thinking about it today and decided that the decision was now in the hands of the

students. They made their choice. I have mixed feelings about how the voting process was handled... but I wish the winners the best next year."

In the Stu-A social chair runoff, Chris Sullivan '97 edged out Brent Ryan '97 by a slim 3.4 percent margin. Early in the campaign, Ryan and Sullivan's advertising blitzes turned the four-candidate race into a two-man battle for visibility. Also, Patrick McBride '97 and Jonathan Foster '98 were eliminated from the race in the first round.

The five-candidate race for Stu-A cultural chair, while less visible, was also hotly contested. Anthony Rosenfeld '97, Kim Parker '97 and Emily Hinckley '99 were eliminated from the contest on Monday, setting up a runoff between Lis Pimentel '98 and Walter Wang '99. Wang took the seat with 60.9 per-

Stu-A election winners

Student Association Exec.

- *President / Vice President**
Josh Woodfork '97 and Graham Nelson '98 (56.8%)
- *Treasurer**
Tony Moulton '97 (66.3%)
- *Social Chair**
Chris Sullivan '97 (51.7%)
- *Cultural Chair**
Walter Wang '99 (60.9%)

Commons Presidents / VPs

- *Chaplin**
Chad Higgins '97 and Jenny Lawrence '97 (58.1%)
- *Johnson**
Chad Pimentel '98 and Jon Olinto '98 (53%)
- *Lovejoy*
Ben Langille '99 and Brad Sicchitano '99 (67.5%)
- *Mary Low*
Flannery Higgins '99 and Julie McMaster '99 (50.2%)

* asterisk denotes races decided in two-way runoff Wednesday

Class Presidents / VPs

- *Class of '97*
Brian Golden and Jess Miller
- *Class of '98*
Monica Staaterman and Jeni Spear
- *Class of '99*
Jonathan Sickinger and Heather Hunter

Hall Presidents

- *Grossman*: Jenna Desimone '99
- *Perkins-Wilson*: John Doyle '99
- *West Quad*: Cindy Lohmann '98
- *Pierce*: Lauren Axley '99
- *Trewoy*: David Burke '99
- *Goddard-Hogkins*: Josh Winkley '99
- *Drummond*: Loisa Williams '99
- *East Quad*: Nicholas Harvey '99
- *Piper*: Donn Downey '99
- *Heights*: William Barndt '99
- *Sturtevant*: Majel Martin '99
- *Leonard*: Jesse Dole '99
- *Williams*: Mikel Truman '98
- *Taylor*: Courtney Smith '99
- *Coburn*: Gina M. Espinosa-Salcedo '99
- *Mary Low*: Russell Young '99
- *Foss*: Peter Edwards '99

Campaign poster mania: There is a limit

While the campaign literature littering campus has seemed limitless, the Student Association (Stu-A) does keep an eye on candidate spending.

Teams running for either Stu-A or commons presidencies can spend no more than \$200, and individual candidates can spend no more than \$100, according to Stu-A Treasurer Brian Golden '97.

Spending limits apply to all forms of campaigning, including signs and the materials used to create them, flyers, table tents and other miscellaneous expenses. Alternative campaign techniques are included as well. Also included as costs are any advertisement materials that a candidate may receive discounted or free.

All candidates' financial receipts are due to Golden for evaluation 24 hours after the election. "[The candidates] turn in receipts from everything," said Golden, "and all costs are evaluated."

According to Golden, "If in the event that a party spends over their limit, the [Stu-A] rules state that they will be disqualified" and forced to resign their positions.

In recent years, there have been few problems with candidates exceeding their designated spending limits, according to Golden. "We try to keep careful track of all receipts and consider all aspects of campaigning," (A.G.)

cent of Wednesday's vote.

After a mix-up in the initial ballots, candidates for Stu-A treasurer Tony Moulton '97 and Adam Pearsal '98 were both on the runoff ballot. Both candidates were running as write-ins, but Pearsal's name appeared on the ballot in the first round of voting. The Stu-A election commission decided to place both candidates on the ballot in the second round to even out the race. On Wednesday, Moulton won with 66.3 percent of the vote.

In Chaplin Commons, Chad Higgins '97 and Jennifer Lawrence '97 edged out Harold Graves '97 and Galen Carr '97 with 58.1 per-

cent of the runoff vote to lead the six-dorm commons next year.

The four-way race in Johnson Commons came down to Ian Silverthorne '99 and Laura Houston '99 against Chad Pimentel '98 and Jon Olinto '98 in a runoff. In a tight race, Pimentel took the seat with a 53 percent of the vote.

In Lovejoy Commons, Ben Langille '99 and Brad Sicchitano '99 beat out Andy Weinstein '98 and Annie Flanagan '99 on Monday.

Also on Monday, Flannery Higgins '99 and Julie McMaster '99 edged out Rowan Keenan '99 and Leah Dering '99 in Mary Low Commons with 50.2 percent of the vote. □

Spanish Department to host Hispanic culture symposium

BY KATE E. DUNLOP
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For three days this weekend, 20 professors from colleges and universities across the country will come to Waterville to take part in Colby's first Hispanic culture symposium. Organized by Spanish Instructor Ivette Hernández and Assistant Professor of Spanish Betty Sasaki and sponsored by Colby's Spanish Department, the symposium will explore issues of Hispanic culture and identity from an interdisciplinary perspective of literature, art, history and politics.

"This is an intellectual and cultural gathering which was organized to address certain issues around Spanish identity and culture," said Sasaki. "I think that by bringing in scholars from around the country we're creating an event which people across the campus can take advantage of."

"We're very isolated and rarely see

people from other universities," said Hernández. "We wanted to bring [the speakers] here and have an exchange of ideas. The topic is very broad, we're presenting papers on gender, race, art; it covers everything from the fifteenth century to today, including the U.S. Latino."

Keynote speaker and literary and cultural critic Professor Julio Ramos of the University of California at Berkeley will follow the opening remarks of Professor of Spanish Jorge Olivares and President William Cotter with an address and a showing of his award-winning documentary, "La Promesa." The documentary explores the role of religion and religious cults in contemporary Cuban culture and politics.

"The College gave us support: Dean of Students Jeri Roseboro, the Women's Studies department, the Afro-American department, Dean of Students Paul Johnston and President Cotter, they all gave money and support and we thank them very much," said see SYMPOSIUM on page 6

Spotlight links dance, life

BY RENEE LAJEUNESSE
Staff Writer

Dancer, teacher and choreographer Bebe Miller delivered Thursday's Spotlight Lecture entitled, "Creative Process - Creative Culture." Miller, who has choreographed works for such companies as the Oregon Ballet Theater, the Boston Ballet, the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company and the Phoenix Dance Company in England, has received numerous awards and fellowships, including the National Endowment for the Arts, an American Choreographer Award, and two "Bessie" New York Dance and Performance Awards.

In her lecture, Miller spoke about the creative process of making a production and how this process fits in with life. "As a choreographer and director of a dance company, I've finally become used to the feelings of compromise and evolution that happens to those flashes, those wisps of ideas... and then make the journey from my head to the dancer's heads and bodies and towards the audience," she said.

In trying to convey to the audience the feelings she gets when creating a dance, Miller referred to an idea as a somewhat physical feeling in her body, at times a widening in the throat, before she can capture words for it. "It feels like a texture in my brain," she said. "That an idea has a feeling is something I've come to expect and to count on." Explaining these feelings to the dancers is simply the next step in the evolution of this creative process. "Part of this compromise is that a spoken vocabulary in English is the first limitation," she said.

Miller, expressing an increasing interest in how cultural aspects enter into the picture of her choreography, said that "the culture of who I am, who the dancers are, who you guys are, who the audience is" all play a part in her ideas.

Miller is an African-American whose dance company consists mostly of whites. Aside from occasionally feeling a slight involuntary apprehension of other's opinions and reactions to the racial mix, she says that this factor also has an effect on her choreography. "This see SPOTLIGHT on page 6

News Briefs

Next year's chem-free housing plan approved

According to Dean of Housing Paul Johnston, the final decisions on chem-free housing have been made. The chem-free halls for next year will be Pierce, Drummond, Averill, Marriner and Williams.

The Dorm Selection Committee, which is comprised of 16 students, four from each commons, recommended two proposals for chem-free halls to the administration on March 21. Dean of Students Janice Kassman, Stu-A secretary Angela Milardo '96 and Johnston, chose from the two proposals. The other suggestion for chem-free halls was Pierce, Johnson, Leonard, Sturtevant and Taylor. Both proposals accommodated the 240 students who will be living in chem-free housing next fall.

The Dorm Selection Committee also decided to keep Coburn as the quiet dorm. Lottery numbers for students signing up for the Mary Low Co-op, off-campus, chem-free, co-ed suites and quiet housing were posted outside the Dean of Students office on April 1. Computer generated lottery numbers for remaining housing will be distributed via mailboxes tomorrow. (KH)

Architects to hold student forum today

The architects working on the new dorm plans will hold an open forum on Thursday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Spa to gather student input on what to include in the new dorm. The plans are yet to be finalized, despite the fact that construction is set to begin this fall. During their visit to Colby, the architects will also be speaking with members of the Physical Plant Department as well as the deans to discuss details of the plan. Trustees visiting this weekend are expected to announce a final decision on the exact site of the dorm as well as consider plans for the new residence hall. (KH)

Sadoff presented with national poetry award

Professor of English Ira Sadoff has won the George Bogin Memorial Award from the Poetry Association of America. Sadoff, a poet and novelist, will receive the award at the 86th annual award ceremony at the New York City Public Library on April 19. The award is given to the authors of works with "freshness and originality in the use of language as well as a stand against oppression in all its forms." Sadoff's award-winning poems are from a collection to be published in May, 1997. He has already published four collections of poetry and a novel entitled "Uncoupling." (KH)

Picard awarded Watson Fellowship

Jill Picard '96 has been awarded a Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellowship for a year of study abroad upon graduation. Picard was one of only 60 college seniors from across the United States to win one of the \$16,000 fellowships. Picard plans to travel to Jamaica and Lesotho, in southern Africa, to look at the role of women in agriculture and economic development. The Colby senior, who organized her own sustainable development major, was one of 1000 students from 50 liberal arts colleges to compete for the scholarship. One student from Bates and two from Bowdoin also were awarded Watson Fellowships. (KH)

Dorm damage report

Grossman - First floor lounges, stairwells and bathrooms left sticky and dirty from Friday night's party; party host Jessie Carlson is being charged.

Piper - Lounge and stairwell left a mess after Saturday's party; party host Jen Blair is being charged.

Woodman - First floor lounge floor covered in beer, furniture left piled up; still under investigation. Artwork ripped off the walls; still under investigation. Trash scattered around the building following Saturday's party; still under investigation. (KH)

Colby clubs put on international festival

Colby students from around the globe will stage the International Extravaganza this Saturday. The event, which starts at 8 p.m. in the Page Commons Room, is put on by the International Club and will include a fashion show, dances, poetry reading, international music, the a cappella sounds of the Blue Lights and skits portraying the experiences of Colby's international students. (KH)

Roy expands horizons at Colby

BY LAUREN IANNOTTI
Contributing Writer

There has been a recent movement in the United States, according to many intellectuals throughout the world, toward a culture based on the glamorization of stupidity. Studies have shown that intellectual standards in our country are dropping and that blissful ignorance and incompetence are accepted as an auspicious way of survival in the U.S.

At Colby, however, there exist some of the last, true, uncompromising scholars who have devoted their lives to inspiring the same thirst for intellectual discovery in us that they themselves felt during their undergraduate study. Assistant Professor of English Anindyo Roy is one such instructor.

Roy was born, raised and completed his undergraduate and masters studies in Delhi, India. He then left his native land for the promising academic opportunities of the United States.

According to Roy, he chose to continue his studies in the United States because, "the graduate programs here are much more intensive. They really help you focus on what you want to do, and you get all the material you need in the libraries without having to deal with limited resources."

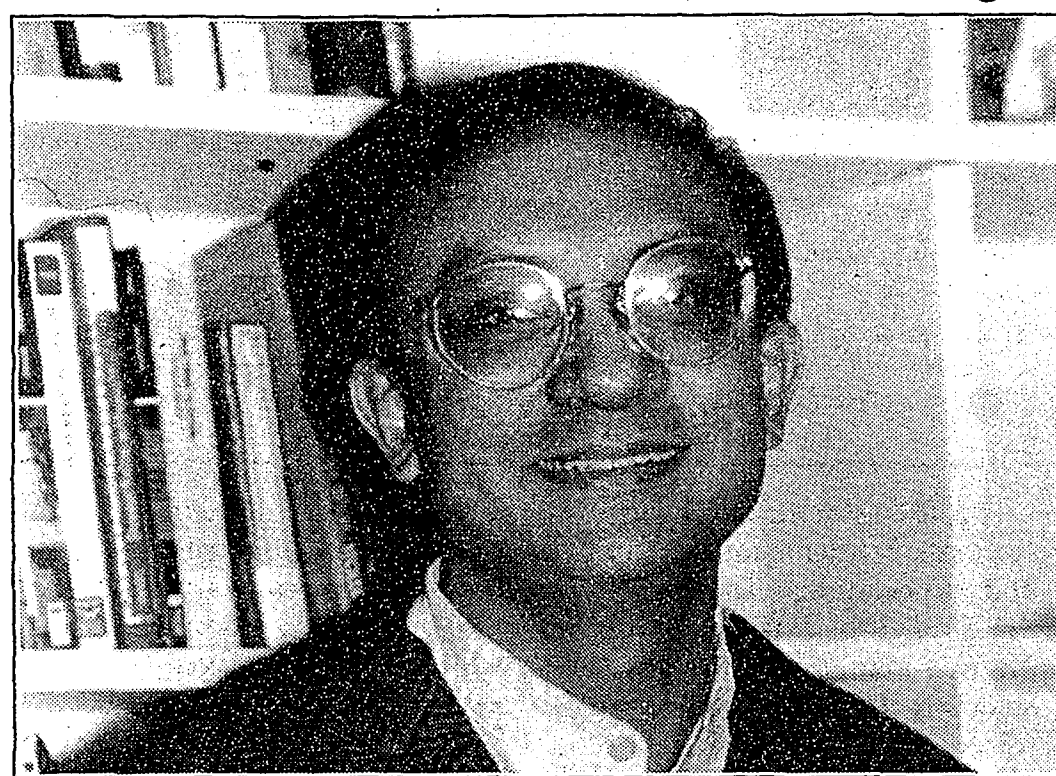
The chance to explore new avenues of research previously unavailable to Roy also drew him to America.

"In India I got a very classical, colonial training in the canonical texts and traditions and I wanted to do something different," said Roy.

After completing his second Master's at Illinois State University and attaining his Doctorate degree at the University of Texas at Arlington, Roy taught for three years at the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. When his contract expired he had several offers, but, he says, Colby was the most appealing.

"I liked the overall profile of the department and their willingness to have me design my own courses and provide a new angle on the study of literature," said Roy.

According to Roy, at other colleges and universities he felt he had to fit into a pre-ordained slot. "I didn't get that feeling at Colby,"



Echo photo by Gretchen Rice

Assistant Professor of English Anindyo Roy.

he said.

After his first semester here, however, Roy found that the relatively open-minded administration was not the most impressive element of the Colby community.

"I've been struck by two things about the students," said Roy. "Number one is the effort and energy that goes into writing an essay, thinking about a topic, revising one's understanding of literature. Some students have clearly indicated that they are capable of doing that. And the other thing that struck me when I was teaching was that when students come to a class like theory, they come with certain pre-suppositions, and initially they resist a lot of the material."

According to Roy, quite a few students do change their minds, "and those who did produced very significant works by the end of the semester. I think there are students who are prepared and willing to do the work, and there are students who learn and come to the point when they recognize and understand that it really does make a difference."

Higher education opportunities in India are not terribly different from those in the United States, according to Roy.

"University education is subsidized throughout [India] and I think the social mobility we associate with the liberal societies of the West is happening now in India," said Roy. "If you are intelligent and competitive you can go to university and scratch out a career for yourself."

The social situation in India is

evolving as well. According to Roy, although the caste system has left an unfortunate legacy of social stratification, the movement towards equality has been gaining strength for some time.

"Things started changing at the turn of the century with the rise of the middle class" said Roy. "A person like me, I think, serves as some kind of symbol of the changes that have taken place."

"Thanks to AT&T and MCI International," Roy is rarely given time to feel homesick. "I have my research, my work, and very good friends here," said Roy. About every six months Roy also manages to travel home to attend literary conferences and lectures in Delhi.

For Roy, adapting to the cold weather of New England has been one of the greatest challenges.

"I was in Texas and someone said to me, 'At least you get to experience the change of seasons up there,' and I said, 'What change are you talking about? We haven't had a change in the past four months, it's been cold!'"

But the libraries of Boston often serve to warm him on winter nights. "For me it's really wonderful to be able to drive three hours and be in Boston and spend an entire weekend in the libraries," said Roy.

Professor Roy's intellectual voracity has led him to Colby, where he can be professor and student alike. Upon establishing himself as an international scholar, Roy hopes to return to Delhi to continue to contribute to the discipline of colonial and post-colonial literature in his native land. □

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Focus on Colby

By Mike Schoolman

Grade inflation: an increasing problem

Task force studies relationship between grade inflation, evaluation forms

BY MIKE SCHOOLMAN
Staff Writer

Professors hold a tremendous amount of power over their students. Students are subject to their professors' standards and expectations. The future of Colby undergraduates is determined by how they are evaluated by their professors. There is one significant deviation from this established power structure that occurs at the end of each semester—evaluation forms.

As students complete the evaluation forms, they are momentarily assuming a dominant role over their professors. Untenured faculty members are extremely aware of the implications these evaluations hold over their career. To what extent does faculty fear this power? Have junior faculty consciously or unconsciously adjusted their grading standards to appease students and receive more favorable recommendations?

There has been a dramatic rise in the grade-point average (GPA) of Colby students over the past 20 years. The median cumulative GPA of the senior class in 1967 was 2.38. By 1995 that figure had risen to 3.01. The percentage of students Dean's List has risen from 31 percent in fall, 1987, to 53 percent last spring. The number of students receiving 4.0s has seen similar increases.

The Task Force on Grade Inflation was formed last semester to address the possible causes of this rise.

A primary focus of the committee has been to assess the relationship between grades and student evaluation forms, according to Task Force member and Assistant Professor of Physics Charles Conover.

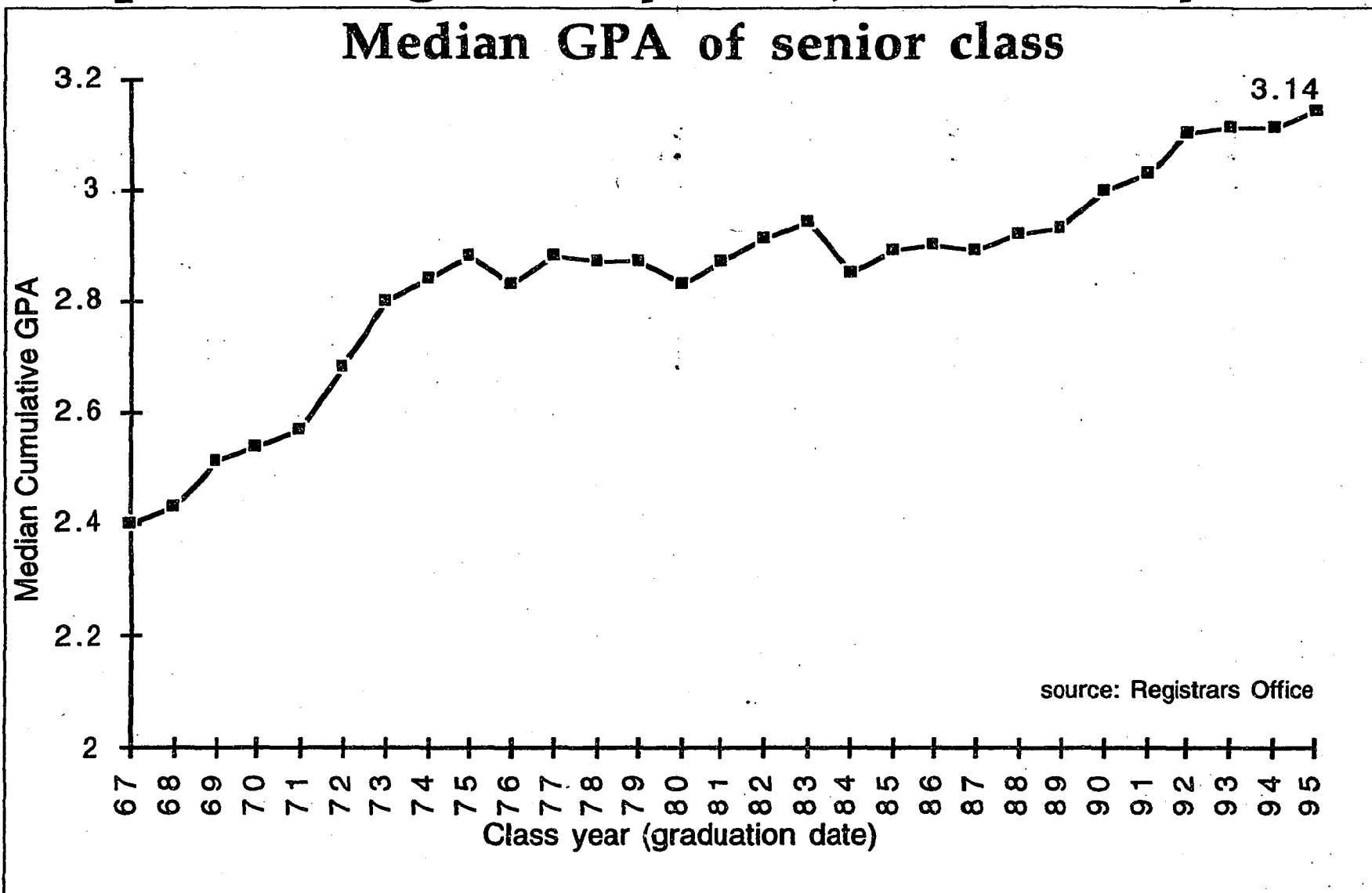
The chief objective of the committee is to ensure that students are receiving the grades they deserve, said Dean of Faculty Bob McArthur. "What I am concerned about is perceptions from faculty that they are not teaching as rigorously as they would like to teach. If faculty feels pressure to give grades students don't deserve, that is a concern," said McArthur.

"The task force has heard anecdotal evidence to the effect that some, perhaps many, faculty members feel that they cannot utilize the grading standards that they believe in because they fear that were they to do so, the ratings on their student evaluation forms would decline," according to the "Interim Report of The Task Force On Grade Inflation."

The evaluation process at Colby allows students to exercise power in a negative way, according to Visiting Instructor of Spanish Meriwynn Grothe. "Since students have so much power in the evaluation process, it can be intimidating," said Grothe.

Junior faculty on track for tenure often experience anxiety concerning the relationship between student performance and evaluation, according to Professor of English Ira Sadoff. "Seventy-five percent of younger faculty are concerned about low grades and evaluations affecting their potential tenure," said Sadoff.

"For incoming faculty members to give grades below the average, to expect more than the average, that person could potentially succumb to these pressures," said Associate Pro-



fessor of Economics David Findlay.

Elimination of the economic link between evaluations and advancement is essential, according to Sadoff. "I wish we could stop tying economic advancement to the student evaluation form and that they be used as teaching and learning tools for the teachers but not affect salary or promotion," said Sadoff.

The presence of this economic link could be preventing untenured professors from maintaining rigorous grading standards, explains Sadoff. "Given how subjective grades are, it is important that those issues be handled with fairness and without corruption, and the economic link tends to create both the impression of corruption and the opportunity for it," said Sadoff.

Higher grades inevitably result in more favorable recommendations from students, according to Sadoff. "The evaluation form, as it is, only addresses 'I'm doing well, I like it,'" said Sadoff.

Less favorable student evaluations can be viewed as a cause of poor performance, explains Sadoff. "If you were a student upset about your grade you would certainly consider using the evaluation form as a chance for revenge," said Sadoff.

The overall performance of the professor is the decisive factor in the evaluation process, according to John Brunero '98. "Since the recommendation forms are usually handed out before a significant percentage of the student's grade has yet to be determined, negative recommendations should not be

attributed to the failings of the student, but rather the shortcomings of the professor," said Brunero.

"If a student feels challenged and respects the professor, that is more important than the grade that you get," said Grothe. "If they feel that they have gained something out of the class they are not going to nail you on the evaluation."

"The bottom line is the educational experience that the student has, and if we have faculty who are giving grades higher than they otherwise would give or are less challenging than they otherwise would be because of how we evaluate the faculty, we have got to stop that," said Findlay.

The continuing rise in GPA is not necessarily a negative phenomena, according to Professor of Education Mark Tappan. "The academic abilities of Colby students have increased over the last five or six years and students are doing higher quality work and getting the grades that reflect that," he said.

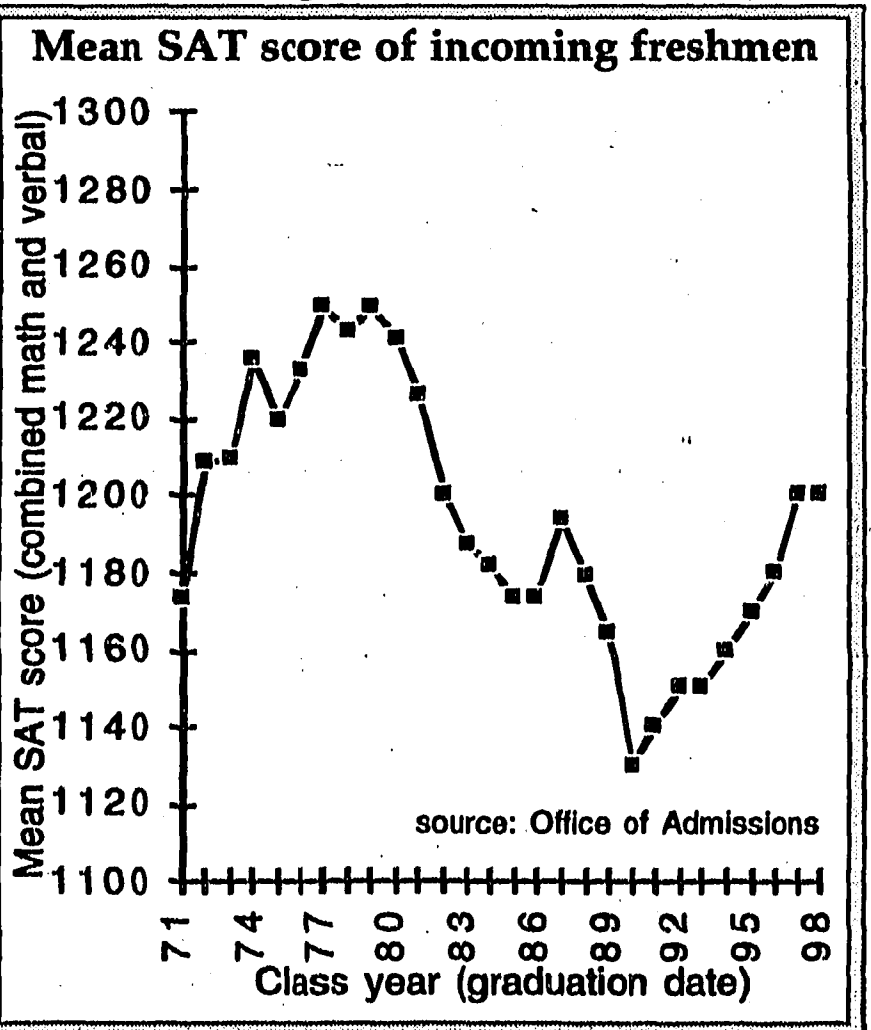
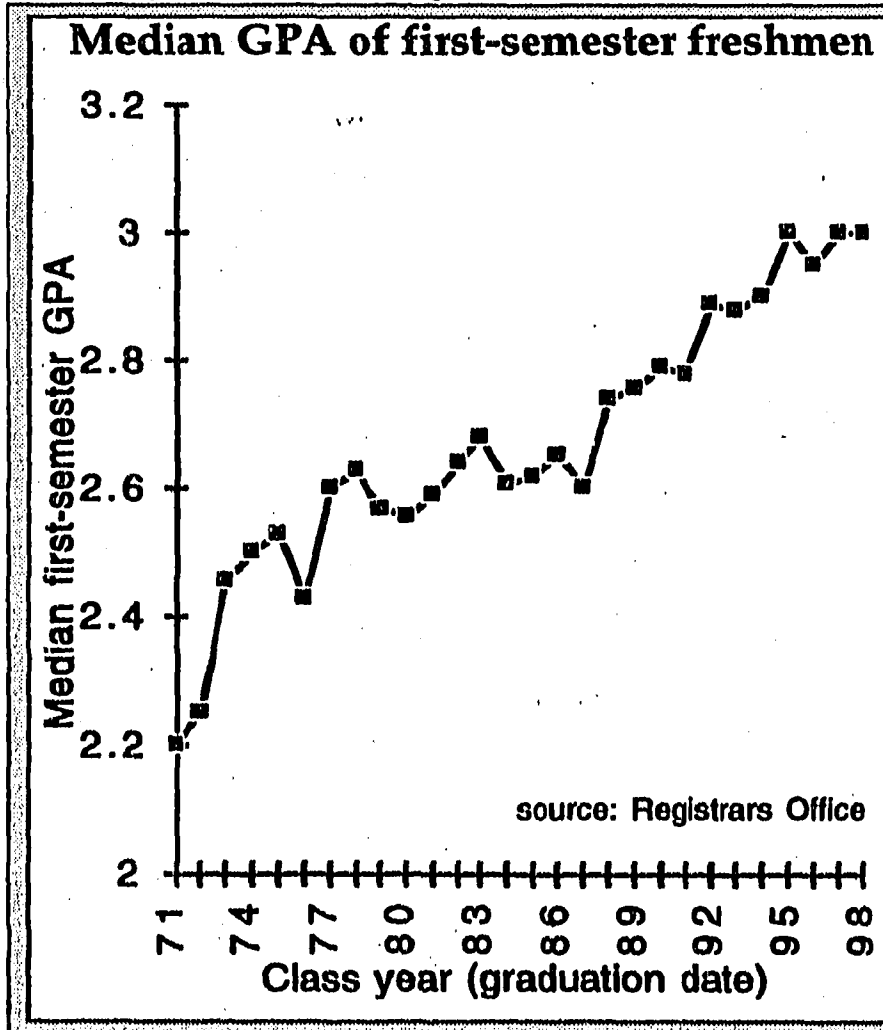
Findlay described the rise in GPA as "potentially troublesome." The average score of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) for Colby students has remained constant and that, according to Findlay, shows that there has not been any rise in student capabilities. "The key question is why SATs have remained flat while GPAs have steadily risen. SATs are imperfect, but that imperfection has remained constant," said Findlay.

Artificially high GPAs could be a result of less demanding standards imposed by faculty, according to Findlay. "A number of students have told me that if a student came to them and needed to have an easy semester at Colby, to hypothetically take themselves off of academic probation, that it would not be difficult for these students to construct a four course load that would require relatively little work and a student would receive grades in the 'B' range," said Findlay.

"This perception that you can buy better evaluations can make it very difficult for an untenured faculty member to hold the line," said Findlay, explaining the pressure incoming faculty feel to artificially inflate grades. "There is statistical evidence, but also anecdotal evidence in terms of comments and statements made by faculty, to indicate that some of the faculty at Colby have altered their standards over time and also their grades in response to this perception," said Findlay.

The "Interim Report of the Task Force on Grade Inflation" encourages academic departments to discuss grading practices and standards. "Departmental discussion and the development of standards within departments and across the College will further remove barriers to the holding of rigorous standards by faculty," said the report.

Grothe said that the Spanish Department professors maintain a uniform standard in their grading. "The department is consistent in its grading and we do that in part to avoid having conflicts among professors. We all come to an agreement and set rigorous standards so there is no urge to inflate grades," said Grothe. □



World News

• FBI arrests suspect in Unabomber case

Last week Ted Kaczynski, suspected of being responsible for a string of a nearly 20 year bombing under the name of the Unabomber, was arrested in his remote cabin in Montana. Kaczynski, a former Harvard graduate and professor of mathematics at Berkeley, was turned into the FBI by his brother who found transcripts rhetorically similar to the Unabomber's manifesto. Kaczynski, a recluse who lived without running water, plumbing, or electricity and whose only means of transportation was an old bicycle had connections to both the areas where the bombs were sent as well as to the victims. Kaczynski's personality and physical build match those of the FBI sketch and character profile. If convicted of being the Unabomber, Kaczynski will be deemed responsible for 3 deaths and 23 injuries since 1978.

• U.S. Secretary of Commerce dies in Croatian crash

Last Wednesday Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 32 other Americans were killed in a plane crash in Croatia. The plane, an airforce T-43, slammed into a rocky hill during a heavy rain storm. All passengers were killed instantly. A memorial service for the victims was held in Croatia on Saturday. Brown and several other executives were traveling to the Balkans on a trade mission to restore peace and order through economic support. Officials say that the crash is believed to be weather-related and do not suspect outside tampering.

• Dole sees increase in popularity, still behind Clinton

Bob Dole has bounced back from a low ratings slump that plagued him early on in the election campaign. In the ratings Dole is shown to have more personal appeal than Clinton, although Clinton does remain ahead in the polls altogether. Dole has easily won the last two dozen Republican primaries. His success has been attributed to his ability to relate to the midwestern voters as he has placed emphasis on his own background. In the Times/CBS News poll Dole scored better than Clinton in several areas including moral values and direction of leadership.

• Polish protest construction of shopping mall at Auschwitz

On April 6, 100 Polish nationalist extremists marched outside Auschwitz carrying anti-Semitic banners to protest a recent ban placed on the construction of a mini mall on neighboring property. The group marched from Auschwitz to Birkneau in protest. Auschwitz survivors, Jewish organizations and Polish officials are responsible for the ban having objected to the shopping mall plans. Construction was suspended last Tuesday.

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Stu-A presidential candidates debate alcohol, diversity

BY KOL HARVEY
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On Sunday evening, the three tickets for Stu-A president and vice president participated in a debate moderated by current Stu-A vice president Tina Goudreau '98. Answering questions prepared by Goudreau, as well as several submitted by members of the audience, the candidates outlined their stances on several key issues.

Responding to a question about how to increase events on weekends, vice-presidential candidate Dan Noyes '98, running with Todd Poling '98, wanted to see "increased interaction between students, the administration, the deans... and the trustees to make the [alcohol policy] help us. We need to increase the number of events and pull people out of their rooms... through more campus wide events."

Presidential candidate Lawaun Curry '97 said that "there is not a lack of things to do at Colby; students just are not willing to get together and make things happen." Curry added that "we need to keep kegs in dorms, as they help develop school spirit."

Josh Woodfork '97, who is running for president with Graham Nelson '98, cited the need to "diversify the kinds of events we have on

campus, both with and without alcohol, and give people more choices of what kinds of things they want to do." Woodfork suggested comedians, musical groups, movies and plays as alternatives to the normal Page Commons room party.

All candidates were committed to increasing fines and punishments for those who cause dorm damage, while decreasing the responsibility of the innocent, as well as increasing the number and quality of chem-free events.

Responding to the question of why few female students were running for positions in Stu-A, and how to encourage more female participation, Noyes recommended changing the (widely ignored) "parliamentary procedure that we use in Presidents' Council... which is said to be biased towards males." Curry suggested more support services for females, especially in the areas of rape, assault and eating disorders.

Woodfork saw the problem extending to the administration as well. "Janice Kassman is the only female senior staff member, and she is also the only one who has to report to another member of the senior staff," he said. "This, along with the fact that most tenured faculty are men, shows that the bias against women goes beyond just the Stu-A."

None of the tickets had an out-

standing performance at the debate, and many students felt that they could have been better prepared. However, students were generally impressed with the level of activity this year as compared to previous years.

"This year was better than last year," said James Harris '98. "It was good to have a debate with three different tickets and be able to hear issues from all three groups. Diversity was a key issue, and I liked the issue of women's rights and the idea to pull in more trustees."

Johnson Commons President and Stu-A Social Chair candidate Chris Sullivan '97 felt that "in general the campaigns this year have been really good, while there have not been many women candidates, the enthusiasm has been excellent for every spot."

According to Director of Student Activities Ben Jorgensen, "it was a strong campaign this year, thanks to a wide spread of candidates and they all bring different and backgrounds to their positions." Jorgensen added that, compared to past Stu-A campaigns, "there are more people running."

"Last year almost nobody ran and a lot of the students were apathetic, but this year everyone seems to be involved and wants to do something to change what is going on," said Stu-A Social Chair Alex Chin '96. □

Birth control and emergency contraceptive pills provide protection against pregnancy

BY SUZANNE L. DELEA
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If ingested, both the birth control pill and the morning-after pill have the ability to overrule the female body's natural tendency to reproduce. The birth control pill, known simply as "the Pill," is one of the most accepted female methods of birth control.

The Pill is taken daily and is comprised of synthetically produced versions of the hormones estrogen and progesterone. These hormones work together to trick the body into thinking it is pregnant for three weeks out of the month. Specifically, these hormones work to prevent ovulation (the release of an egg from the ovaries), to make the uterine lining a hostile place for a fertilized egg to develop, and to promote a monthly shedding of the uterine lining. If a woman ingests the Pill regularly before having unprotected sex, it will reduce her chances of becoming pregnant to 0.3 percent, which is both an extremely effective and preventative method of birth control.

There are also pills that a woman can take as a last resort to prevent becoming pregnant within 72 hours after unprotected sex. According to the *Women's Health Update*, the morning-after pill is useful if a woman was forced to have sex, a condom broke or fell off during intercourse, she didn't use any birth control, her diaphragm slipped out of place, or she forgot to take her birth control pills. The commonly called morning-after pill is technically referred to as an Emergency Contraceptive Pill (ECP) because these it can be

taken anytime within the first 72 hours after unprotected sex has occurred, not just the morning after. This means that if unprotected sex took place on a Friday night, the morning-after pill could still be a viable means of emergency birth control on Monday morning. These ECPs are a double dose of birth control pills which changes the uterine lining and does not give a possibly fertilized egg the chance to implant itself in the uterine lining.

The important, take-home message about ECPs is that they should only be utilized as a method of emergency contraception. These pills are 75 percent effective, which is not perfect, but is much better than using no method of contraception at all. The exact number of pills a

useful to know and understand what this drug is and what can be expected in the future. This abortion pill is used most effectively during the first seven weeks of pregnancy. According to Planned Parenthood's *Women's Health Letter*, this abortion pill, first known as RU-486, and now known as mifepristone, is an antiprogesterin and "blocks a key hormone in pregnancy. Progesterone prepares the lining of the uterus for a fertilized egg, so implantation can take place. When progesterone is blocked, the lining of the uterus breaks down, menstruation begins, and the fertilized egg or embryo is expelled."

When taken with an additional drug called prostaglandin, the effectiveness of mifepristone increases from 65-80 percent to 96 percent. Prostaglandin causes the uterus to contract, which ultimately makes for a more effective expulsion of an embryo. Mifepristone is currently being studied as an emergency contraceptive/morning after pill.

The only method currently available in the United States to terminate pregnancies is surgical abortion. A few practitioners in Maine provide pregnancy termination or therapeutic (surgical) abortions. Contact your own health care provider or the Health Center for information. If there is a chance that you are pregnant the Health Center offers free pregnancy testing as soon as 10 days after a possible conception. □

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woman can take depends on the kind of pill being used. The Health Center has morning-after pills available.

Side effects are common while using ECPs, the most common of which are nausea and vomiting. Headaches, tender breasts, or a feeling of dizziness are also quite common, according to the *Women's Health Update*.

Aside from these two pills, there is one other type of pill that can be taken as an alternative to surgical abortion, although it has not yet been approved for use in the United States. Even though the abortion pill is not available, it may still be

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State-wide conference stresses AIDS education

BY ANDREW LITTELL
Contributing Writer

May 3 at the Millet Alumni House, a state-wide conference was held to discuss HIV/AIDS awareness at the collegiate level of education. The conference, entitled "Maine Higher Education and State HIV/AIDS Prevention Resources: Building Partnerships," was geared primarily to upper-level and peer educators.

"Students were not really targeted [to attend] this conference," said Colby health educator and nurse-practitioner Lydia Bolduc-Marden. "Primarily, it was a networking resource conference designed to benefit students."

Approximately 1,000 pamphlets and applications to the conference were sent to schools and organizations throughout the state in an attempt to gain a wide variety of viewpoints. Geoffrey Beckett, director of the Maine Bureau of Health's HIV/STD program and Kate Perkins of the Governor's HIV/AIDS advisory

committee were in attendance to provide information on how organizations on the state level could help higher education in their quest for greater awareness.

Also in attendance were Joann

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**-Lydia Bolduc-Marden,
Colby health educator
and nurse practitioner**

Meiser of the Maine AIDS Plan's community planning group, Denis Cranson, executive director of the Eastern Maine AIDS Network and Geoffrey Miller, Student Life/Health Educator at the University of Maine at Farmington. A group of students called Athletes for Sexual Responsibility for the Uni-

versity of Maine at Orono gave a demonstration to the conference on how they as a student organization tried to raise the level of awareness at Orono. According to Bolduc-Marden, all of these groups provided the wide range of ideas that the conference was looking for.

One of the most important ideas that was discussed at the conference was the idea of curriculum infusion, where AIDS/HIV awareness is heightened by infusing information into the core courses at the college, said Bolduc-Marden. Associate Professor of Biology Frank Fekete and Associate Professor of English Phyllis Mannocchi both bring AIDS/HIV awareness into the classroom through their basic courses.

A highlight of the conference was a speech given by State Senator Dale McCormick, a candidate in Maine's Democratic Primary for the first-district U.S. House of Representatives seat. In addition, three television stations were in attendance to record the conference. □

Did you ever wonder...?

Who gets all of the money students put into the washers and dryers on campus?

According to Paul Johnston, associate dean of housing, the Maytag appliances on campus are provided and maintained by Mac-Gray Services, based in Cambridge, Mass. Mac-Gray is

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money is turned over to Johnston, who then uses it to pay for the condoms in the condom machines in the dorms. Any difference is picked up by the Health Center budget.

This year's 25 cent price increase to one dollar for the washers was the first since 1985, when it increased from 50 cents to 75. (KD)

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Hernández.

"There was a sense in the Spanish Department that this was an event that should tie in with intercultural affairs," said Dean of Students Jeri Roseboro. "Even if people for whatever reason can't attend they should feel proud that we brought this activity to the campus. That's what makes my job really worthwhile."

The invited speakers are coming from California, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island, Oregon, Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire. Meals, lodging and payment are being provided through funds donated from campus organizations.

"Most of [the speakers] are young scholars and very accomplished in their fields," said Hernández. "It will be a great opportunity to see what work they are doing. It's important for people in our profession to have this meeting and hear what our colleagues are doing. We wanted to organize something that

everybody has an opportunity to participate in," said Hernández.

"Something like this rejuvenates you, validates you," said Roseboro. "We are isolated and events like this are important. And the students benefit from that."

According to Hernández, the symposium is applicable to many disciplines at Colby including Women's Studies and history, not just Spanish and Latin American Studies. The six sessions will be held individually as opposed to simultaneously so that everyone may take part in the entire symposium. All presentations will be made in English and are open to the public.

"We think that it will be a good experience for everyone," said Hernández.

"I really hope that the students are able to make their way over. I'm excited about it," said Roseboro.

The symposium will take place Friday through Sunday. □

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has something to do with how I start describing what these scratches in the back of my throat are."

Miller has traveled to South Africa twice to work with dance companies in Cape Town and Johannesburg. According to Miller, although missing the last fifteen

years of post-modernist dance because of cultural boycotts before the achievement of apartheid, "I found that their joyousness of being in the common arena, blacks and whites, was allowed to overcome them."

Once in South Africa, her racial apprehension about South

African's opinions of her and her company subsided. "Inclusiveness and multiculturalism—those words rang a little more true there." According to Miller, having the opportunity to see this racially aware culture was incredibly encouraging. □

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University of Wyoming Laramie

Some say Big Brother is taking attendance at the University of Wyoming, but most see the new computer-based surveillance system as advantageous, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

In recent years, about 400 out of 12,000 registered students have been no-shows and many students have become upset at being shut out of classes by people who never show up. The system was installed to keep track of student attendance and as an alternative to large deposit fees. According to the *Chronicle*, all students will now receive ID cards which they will be asked to run through electronic scanners on campus to alert administrators to their arrival.

University of Colorado Boulder

An eyebrow-raising slide show ended what had been "a positive and uplifting" International Women's Week at the University of Colorado at Boulder with an interesting attempt to equalize men's and women's sexuality, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

About 150 students watched the show, which turned out to be a presentation on male genitalia. The purpose, according to a member of the International Women's Alliance, was to demystify male sexuality.

"Women's bodies are exposed everywhere in the media. You don't see men's bodies exposed nearly as much," said Nandini Shah.

The university provided \$15,000 for the week's activities but none was used to sponsor the slide show.

University of Wisconsin Madison

Alcohol and 20 marijuana pipes were confiscated by the managers of a private dorm and students were not informed until after they left for spring break, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Students, outraged and supported by local politicians, had a choice of either paying \$25 to get their possessions back or having them turned over to police. The managers eventually apologized and returned the goods.

City alderman Brent Sieling said, "No landlord has the right to confiscate property."

"The whole thing is bogus," said one resident whose pipe was taken. "They used to just keep people's marijuana until the end of the semester, but now they're just trying to make money."

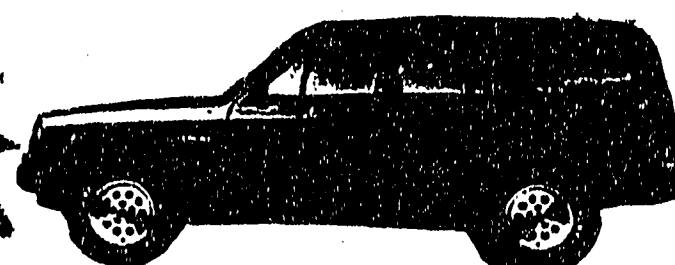
A dorm staff member maintains that there was nothing illegal about the search, and that drugs and alcohol are prohibited in the building under the lease agreement. From now on, however, the management will give students more warning of upcoming inspections and will avoid scheduling them during breaks.

What People Are Reading on College Campuses

1. *Snow Falling on Cedars*, by David Guterson
2. *Primary Colors*, by Anonymous
3. *The Rainmaker*, by John Grisham
4. *Waiting to Exhale*, by Terry McMillan
5. *The Celestine Prophecy*, by James Redfield
6. *The Calvin and Hobbes Tenth Anniversary Book*, by Bill Watterson
7. *Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot* by Al Franken
8. *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen
9. *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, compiled by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen
10. *The Glass Lake*, by Maeve Binchy

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Arts and Entertainment

Sense and Sensibility gives vintage Austen

BY SCOTT ROTHMAN
Staff Writer

Two things come to mind when thinking about Jane Austen: gratuitous sex and violence.

A pioneer of nineteenth-century literature, Austen knew that the only way to keep her readers' interest was to litter her novels with plenty of descriptive, raunchy action. Forever testing the boundaries of decency, Austen wrote of naked circus clowns, gun-toting midgets, and bizarre references to sex such as "doin' the nasty."

In truth, most of Austen's novels are far less titillating than all that. While not as exciting, Austen seems to have made quite a name for herself without delving into the trashy. In fact, Austen's novels are best known for their restraint and civility as can be seen in Ang Lee's faithful screen version of *"Sense and Sensibility."*

"Sense and Sensibility" is a story about two sisters' search for love and happiness. The movie begins with the passing of Henry Dashwood (Tom Wilkinson), who by law passes his impressive estate to the son of his first marriage, John (James Fleet), and his snobby wife, Fanny (Harriet Walter). However, this leaves his current wife (Gemma Jones) and her three daughters with barely anything to live on. Stripped of their home and status, the four women move into a small country cottage to begin their new lives. Complicating matters is the eldest daughter, Elinor (Emma Thompson), who has fallen in love with Fanny's brother Edward (Hugh Grant), only to see him exiled to London by his disapproving sister. Elinor is left to watch as her younger sister, the free-spirited Marianne (Kate Winslet), becomes irreversibly smitten with the dashing young Willoughby (Greg Wise). Caught up in the complex worlds of high society



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Thompson shines in *Sense and Sensibility*.

and love, the two women experience great pain before realizing romantic fulfillment.

The cast of *"Sense and Sensibility"* is solid throughout. Although appearing a bit old for her character, Thompson does a commendable job as the strong but plain Elinor. Thompson also received an Oscar for writing the screenplay. Winslet is excellent as the passionate Marianne, but may owe her Oscar nomination to a weak year for supporting female roles. While Grant plays the same charmingly awkward gentlemen he

always does, Alan Rickman departs from his previous characters. Best known for his villainous roles in *"Die Hard"* and *"Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves,"* Rickman does a surprisingly gentle turn as the tortured Colonel Brandon.

Remaining loyal to the original, both Thompson's screenplay and Lee's direction echo the controlled momentum of Austen's novels. At no point in the movie is the audience shocked, horrified or ecstatic, yet it remains interested to see and guess what

will happen next.

The lack of spontaneity in the film is due, in part, to the novel itself. Austen wrote of a world where emotions such as love were always downplayed and exposed only at the most appropriate of times. Luckily, the story is strong enough to maintain the audience's attention throughout. *"Sense and Sensibility"* is a movie with few faults, thanks to Lee, and will allow those unfamiliar with Austen to get a real sense of her work. □

calendar for a rural planet

on this planet

Colby Jazz Ensemble
April 13 at 8 p.m.
Lorimer Chapel

Senior Recital
Emily Graham, soprano
April 14 at 2 p.m.
Lorimer Chapel

100 Works from the 20th Century
in the Museum's Collection
beginning April 15
Colby Museum of Art

Sculptor Jody Pinto
April 10 at 7:30 p.m.
Given Auditorium

off this planet

Bowdoin

25th Annual Performance by the Bowdoin Dance Group
April 12 and 13 at 8 p.m.
Pickard Theater, Memorial Hall

UMaine at Orono

Worlds of Wonder
Planetarium Show
Sunday, April 14-May 5 at 2 p.m.
Wingate Hall

Student Art Juried Annual
April 12-May 1
Carnegie Galleries in Carnegie Hall

Don Stratton and the UMA Jazz Trio
April 12 at 12:15 p.m.
Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union

The String Trio of New York
April 13 at 8 p.m.
Hutchins Concert Hall

films

Stu-A Film
"Grumpier Old Men"
April 11-13 at 7 and 9 p.m.

"Sense and Sensibility"
Railroad Square Cinema
April 12-25 at 6:45 p.m.
April 13-21, matinee at 1:15 p.m.

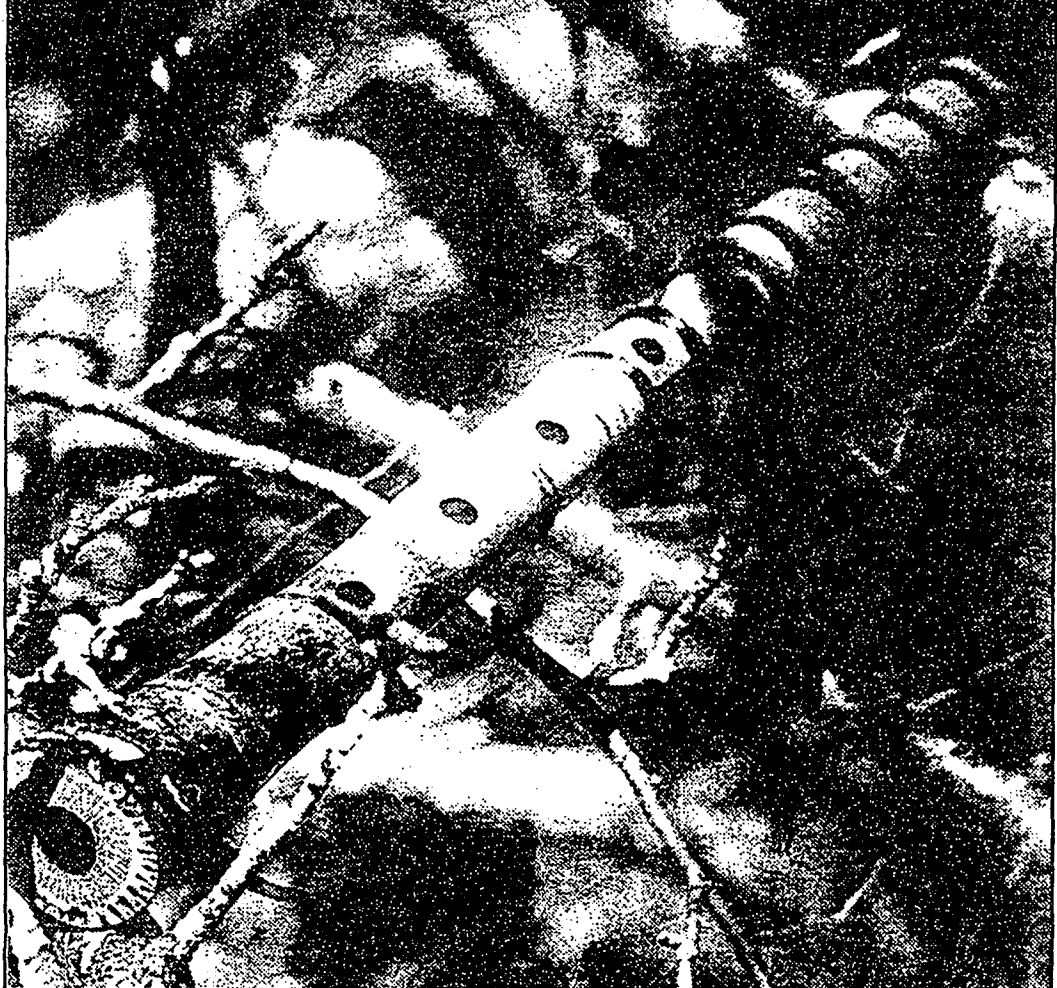
"The Postman"
Railroad Square Cinema
April 12-18 at 7 and 9:05 p.m.
April 13-14, matinees at 2:40 and 4:45 p.m.

"Rumble In The Bronx"
Railroad Square Cinema
April 12-25 at 9:20 p.m.
April 13-14 and 20-21, matinee at 4 p.m.

MUSIC OF JAPAN

ALPH SAMUELSON, SHAKUHACHI

MASAYO ISHIGURE, KOTO



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Ralph Samuelson brings 'Music of Japan' to Colby.

Samuelson's 'Music of Japan' a unique Chapel performance

BY JUDY RING
A&E Editor

Ralph Samuelson, a world-renowned musician in the Kinko school of shakuhachi, and koto instructor Masayo Ishigure, artist-in-residence at Wesleyan University, presented both ancient and contemporary sounds in "Music of Japan" in Lorimer Chapel Saturday night.

Robed simply in black and gray and seated in a chair with notes laid out on a piano bench in front of him, Samuelson, a graduate of the World Music Program at Wesleyan University and also a student in Japan, introduced the audience to the shakuhachi with "Oshu Sashi," a piece that implies dedication or an offering to Buddha. The slow, airy notes varied in pitch and vibrato, landing somewhere between a recorder and flute sound. The changing tension was very meditative. The shakuhachi sometimes achieved a striking fullness and clarity, particularly in some of the high and very low tones.

In the next piece, "Kurokami" ("Jet-Black Hair"), Samuelson was accompanied by Ishigure on the koto for an interesting combination of the two instruments mingled with voice. An eerie, semi-unison was achieved between the three musical voices. The physical curiosity of the koto presented a fascinating visual display. Ishigure was forced to stand from her usual sitting position throughout the piece in order to reach notes on the massive stringed instrument. The throaty lyrics clashed against the varying vibrato of the shakuhachi and the ringing stringed instru-

ment.

Ishigure then performed solo for "Sanka," *Song of Exultation*. This piece was presented as a very contemporary piece, written by Tadao Sawai in 1979. The work utilized more Western tunings and rhythms. Ishigure unleashed beautiful sounds from the complexly bridged and balanced wood instrument, beginning with a run down the many strings and a waterfall of notes. Eastern-sounding chord tones were mixed with more familiar Western progressions. The piece was an interesting change from the previous piece, using more of both hands to create a piano-like dual feel as she used the traditional picks on her right hand and plucked more tones with her left. Syncopated sounds were woven in towards the end to provide a striking contrast to the usual Eastern sound.

Samuelson returned from the intermission solo with "Shika No Tone," or "Distant Cry of the Deer," a song said to mimic the sound of deer calling to one another in the forest. The duo completed the evening with another three-part tune featuring two *waka* poems from the tenth and twelfth century.

Samuelson provided a commentary on the instruments used as well as some humor about the complexity of tuning the koto throughout the concert, and seemed well-at-ease presenting a type of music that most are unfamiliar to. The duo of world musicians provided an intriguing and beautiful evening of music during the Easter weekend, even though featuring sounds largely unheard in the mainstream. □

Matthews' work another type of roadside attraction

BY ANNA GOLDSMITH
Staff Writer

Being a professor has its perks. Sure, you have to spend endless hours preparing lecture notes, knowing full well that half of the time your hard work will be met with sleepy-eyed stares or vacant, puzzled looks. But there is a light at the end of the tunnel. That light is called a sabbatical.

A sabbatical is to professors what Jan Plan is to students (or at least what Jan Plan is intended to be). It is a time for professors to focus on their own studies, write, or in Professor of Art Harriet Matthews' case, seek creative inspiration in a foreign country. Matthews, who teaches drawing and painting at Colby, spent the summer of 1992 on the island of Samos and then took her sabbatical in Greece, where she rented an apartment in the heat of Athens during the 1993-1994 school year.

The most striking feature in her work is her ability to master the two very different mediums of sculpture and drawing. Initially it is hard to believe that the same artist was able to create extremely detailed cityscapes as well as romantic, welded steel sculptures. The pensive viewer, however will see that parallels abound.

The most obvious commonality is Greece itself. Matthews traveled extensively throughout the country, and her nine welded steel sculptures all relate to those travels. She was particularly inspired by the small roadside shrines she observed throughout the countryside.

The city of Athens served as a backdrop for her fascinating cityscapes, and more specifically the rich view outside her apartment window. The drawings are executed in pen, ink, graphite and colored pencils.

At times the drawings are void of color, but in other cases they are

awash with greens and warm accents of earth tones that peep up unexpectedly. Yet color in her paintings, as well as her sculptures, is used as an accent rather than a focal point. Most attention is given to the intense observation of detail and her emotional connection with this foreign land.

Matthews' sculptures have the same small scale, attention to detail and use of color as her drawings. In her sculptured "roadside shrines," Matthews uses collage, Greek letters, small drawings and icons to create these fascinating works. Everything is exquisitely organized and charming as one might imagine a roadside shrine to be.

Matthews' works, including nine sculptures and almost 60 drawings created from the summer of 1992 through this February, are currently on exhibit in the Art Museum. The exhibit will run through April 21. □

"Lieutenant Nun" tells of remarkable real-life journey

BY ELLEN
PIGNATELLA
Contributing Writer

The Colby Bookstore's Book of the Month for March is "Lieutenant Nun: Memoir of a Basque Transvestite in the New World," a translation of the account of Catalina de Erauso, a Basque woman who at the age of 14 escaped her traditional fate of becoming a nun, dressed as a man, and traveled the Americas participating in Spanish conquest of the land.

Set in the first half of the seventeenth century, Catalina's story serves as a historical guide as well as a proclamation of female liberation. Having abandoned her role as a female, Catalina storms into the social and political turmoil within the Spanish empire to engage in the duels, murders and gambling of the period.

In fact, many times throughout the account, Catalina's depiction of her own brutality forces the reader to question Catalina's character and life. Her fearless assertion into a dangerous, male-oriented world undoubtedly warrants admiration, yet can one find any justification for her violent behavior?

"Lieutenant Nun" reveals itself much in the manner of a travel journal. As the narrative focuses on events and actions, a reader must consider the emotions and attitudes Catalina was forced to relinquish upon her escape. In this manner, the book effectively engages the reader in its characterization, allowing him or her to ponder Catalina's reasoning and inner self. Was her

Catalina's story serves as a historical guide as well as a proclamation of female liberation.

journey initially terrifying? What effects did her murder of her own brother have upon her? What were her sexual preferences? The preface and introduction to the narrative offers some insight to these questions, yet one may derive more from Catalina's work if it is supplemented with these writings rather than prefaced by them.

The conclusion of Catalina's journey offers hope and satisfaction about female liberation and human redemption. For as Catalina ultimately reveals her identity not only as a woman but also as "an intact virgin," the respect she has gained from society allows her to continue her life in freedom under the disguise of a man. In addition, returning to the nunnery, Catalina repents her ill-doings, thereby professing herself as a model of courage and strength. □

GOING OVERSEAS?

The U.S. Department of Transportation has a Travel Advisory and Airport Safety Hotline (1-800-221-0673) to advise international travelers of potentially dangerous airports and countries.

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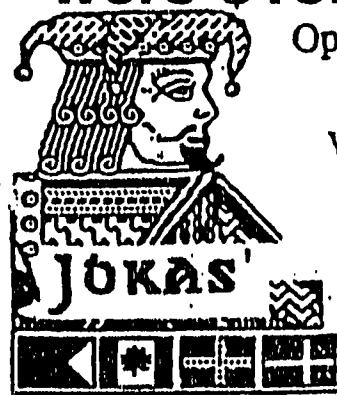
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EDITORIALS

Adhere to Stu-A election guidelines

While many student are attempting to raise the level of student awareness and involvement on campus, it is rather disheartening when Stu-A seems to encourage the already present apathy on campus.

In the recent Stu-A elections many candidates, including all three tickets for president, campaigned rigorously on the platform of a greater student voice in administrative decisions. Yet this year's Stu-A allowed names of people who turned in late applications to appear on Monday's ballot. Candidate for treasurer Adam Pearsall '98 turned in his nomination form 3 days late and still got on the ballot, much to the dismay of Tony Mouton '97, who was running as a write-in after being told he couldn't be added to the ballot after the deadline. Numerous hall president positions had no candidates at the nomination deadline. Monday, however, there were names on the ballot.

Students who are not committed enough to get application material in on time are not showing the initiative and ambition necessary to adequately serve the student body. Moreover, candidates who truly want to participate in student government at Colby and generate change could be prevented doing so because less serious and less committed students are given the chance to be elected.

Nevertheless, the real victims of the situation are the misinformed student body. By smearing the ballot with late applicants, Stu-A is misrepresenting the candidates' reliability and violating students' faith.

Deadlines should be absolute. Otherwise there is no point in even pretending to have them. When they exist and are not adhered to, apathy is given a second chance, a chance which it does not deserve.

Put an end to Colby's communication overload

Monday, some 1,700 Colby students went to their mailboxes and peered in before turning the lock, excited by the apparently influx of mail that lay behind the locked window. However, for many, the abundance of mail was not due to the thoughtfulness of family and friends, but rather to the multitude of election mass-mailings. Everyone had seen the posters in the Student Union, in their hallways, on their stall doors, read the table tents in Dana, Foss and Bobs, received the first, maybe even second batch of colorful election reminders by mail.

Election time is one reminder of Colby's communication overload, but similar cases can be seen throughout the year. Students daily check their mail, sorting through the contents as they slowly walk towards the blue recycling bin. This fall's "No On One" phone-a-thon crashed Meridian Mail. And, more recently, the use of mass e-mailing by the Coalition for Political Action has cluttered Eudora folders across campus.

Broad dissemination is essential to keep students well-informed, but methods of doing so at Colby have far exceeded their usefulness. Often, students do not even take the time to read the many flyers that appear in their boxes and around campus. Colby students do not need to be hand fed all of the time—posting announcements through mediums intended for the public consumption, such as Moosenet and Mooseprints, will be more effective and reliable.

Letters

Pursue grievances confidentially

I am very disturbed by remarks that were made near the end of the Spotlight/Open Forum of Thursday, March 21. Specifically, a female student expressed concerns regarding alleged acts of sexual harassment by a faculty resident, without explicitly naming the individual involved. As a result, her comments had the impact of defaming the reputations of all the male faculty residents.

I believe that all members of the Colby community have the right and responsibility to pursue any grievances they have against other members of the community. However, it is absolutely vital that grievances be pursued in a manner that does not unnecessarily harm people's reputations. Specifically, pending allegations should never

be discussed in public forums unless they are discussed in a manner that preserves all parties' rights to confidentiality. Anything else violates the rights of both the accused and the accuser to "Due Process" and our community cannot ever condone behavior contrary to this objective.

Colby does have a sexual harassment grievance procedure that can be activated by any person who feels victimized. The procedure is thoroughly explained in both the student and faculty handbooks and should be followed scrupulously by all members of our community.

Saranna Thornton
Associate Professor of Economics
Faculty Resident, Mary Low

Help promote HIV awareness

As our final project for Phyllis Mannocchi's "American Dreams" course, we are producing a documentary on HIV/AIDS and college students. We hope to create a film that can be used by other schools as an educational tool to help raise awareness and understanding about HIV. Women and college-age adults are the fastest growing group of people infected with the virus. We want to help stop this statistic before it becomes even larger, and we hope to enlist your help in doing so.

We have already conducted sev-

eral interviews with people living with HIV, family members of people infected with the virus, and those people who work to support and care for people who are living with AIDS. Yet we feel that an important part of our documentary should come from the Colby campus. If you would like to share your experiences as someone who is HIV positive or if you have loved or cared for someone college-age with HIV please contact us. We will guarantee anonymity. Any information that we obtain will be kept confidential.

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Carrie Allen '96
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Stop smoking – save your life

Over the last few years, I have noticed more and more members of the Colby community smoking cigarettes. This concerns and saddens me.

An overwhelming amount of evidence over the last few decades has demonstrated without doubt that smoking cigarettes leads to cancer, heart disease, and numerous other deadly and debilitating conditions. If every American smoker quit today, the Social Security system would be on the rocks within a few years

because of all the people who would have otherwise died but lived to collect benefits.

In many cases, cigarette smoking doesn't just kill people, it makes the last years of their lives hell. Ask the former tobacco-industry lobbyist who is now in the prolonged process of dying from throat cancer. He'll tell you how it feels; and yes, he is resentful and remorseful.

The cigarette industry has acknowledged that it manipulates the level of nicotine to make sure people

stay hooked. Make no mistake about it: nicotine is a highly addictive drug. But the longer you're on it, the harder it is to stop. If you need help, the Colby Health Center can provide it.

If you smoke now, quit today. If you smoke occasionally — say on weekends — don't touch another one. It is literally your life that's at stake.

Lenny Reich
Professor of Administrative
Science

Opinions

Budget debate much needed

BY JOHN DALY
Staff Writer

On March 29, Congress and President Clinton agreed to another temporary spending bill which would allow the federal government to continue to operate without a budget for the 1996 fiscal year. The temporary spending measure is the twelfth such bill approved this year, as the United States government has now gone almost seven months without finding compromise or signing an agreement on an overall budget.

There seems to be little urgency on the part of Congress or the president to reach an agreement any time soon, which means the budget debate will likely be a central issue in the 1996 elections. Americans have by-and-large been upset with the lack of progress on a budget agreement and the resulting government shutdowns. However, before the

Americans should consider whether the budget debate has been worthwhile.

budget debate is finished Americans should consider whether the budget debate has been worthwhile. Because the budget decision will impact federal spending in areas such as Medicare, education, the environment and resolving debate on plans for a balanced budget, the debate over the budget is worth having, and should be continued until a satisfactory agreement can be reached.

The stalemate on budget negotiations which has produced the two government shutdowns and the temporary spending measures rather than a comprehensive budget is an indicator of how important the issues being

considered are. Plans for a balanced budget, which would impact federal government spending in the future, need to be carefully considered before an agreement governing future spending is adopted.

Likewise, careful consideration should be employed when evaluating the future of government spending in areas such as health care, the environment and education. The role of the government and federal spending in these areas divides Americans and their representatives on ideological lines. This is especially apparent amongst the freshmen Republicans from the 1994 election, who are unwilling to compromise on a number of budget measures, particularly plans for a balanced budget amendment which was proposed in the Contract With America.

President Clinton, while agreeing in principle on the need see *BUDGET* on page 12

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Opinions

Stu-A needs more power – let them make a difference

BY WHITNEY GLOCKNER
Opinions Editor

The election is done, and of course the right team won. And now that they have won, what can they expect to accomplish in their short tenure? Not much. They could get the Beastie Boys, but that was just a suggestion. This is not an assumption that the new Stu-A cabinet will not accomplish much as the president and vice president, but rather that the president and the vice president do not really have much power to begin with.

They are manipulated at every turn by the administration, and it is accomplished so skillfully that they do not have any real understanding of it until their term is nearly over. In three years as a reporter, I could not count on all my fingers and toes the amount of time that I have been told, "We cannot tell you that yet." And it is around every March that Stu-A and the students really start to get angry that policies are instituted that were formed without nearly enough student input.

My humble advice to all of Stu-A and Presidents' Council is this: Piss off the administration. Ruffle some tail feathers, make them squirm just a little, and don't let them push you around. Throw your weight around; there are more of us than there are of them. Do not consider any of them your allies, assume that they talk out of both sides of their mouth. I do not mean to make enemies out of the administration, but show them that you will not be trampled on.

Every presidential campaign in my time here has emphasized communication with the students.

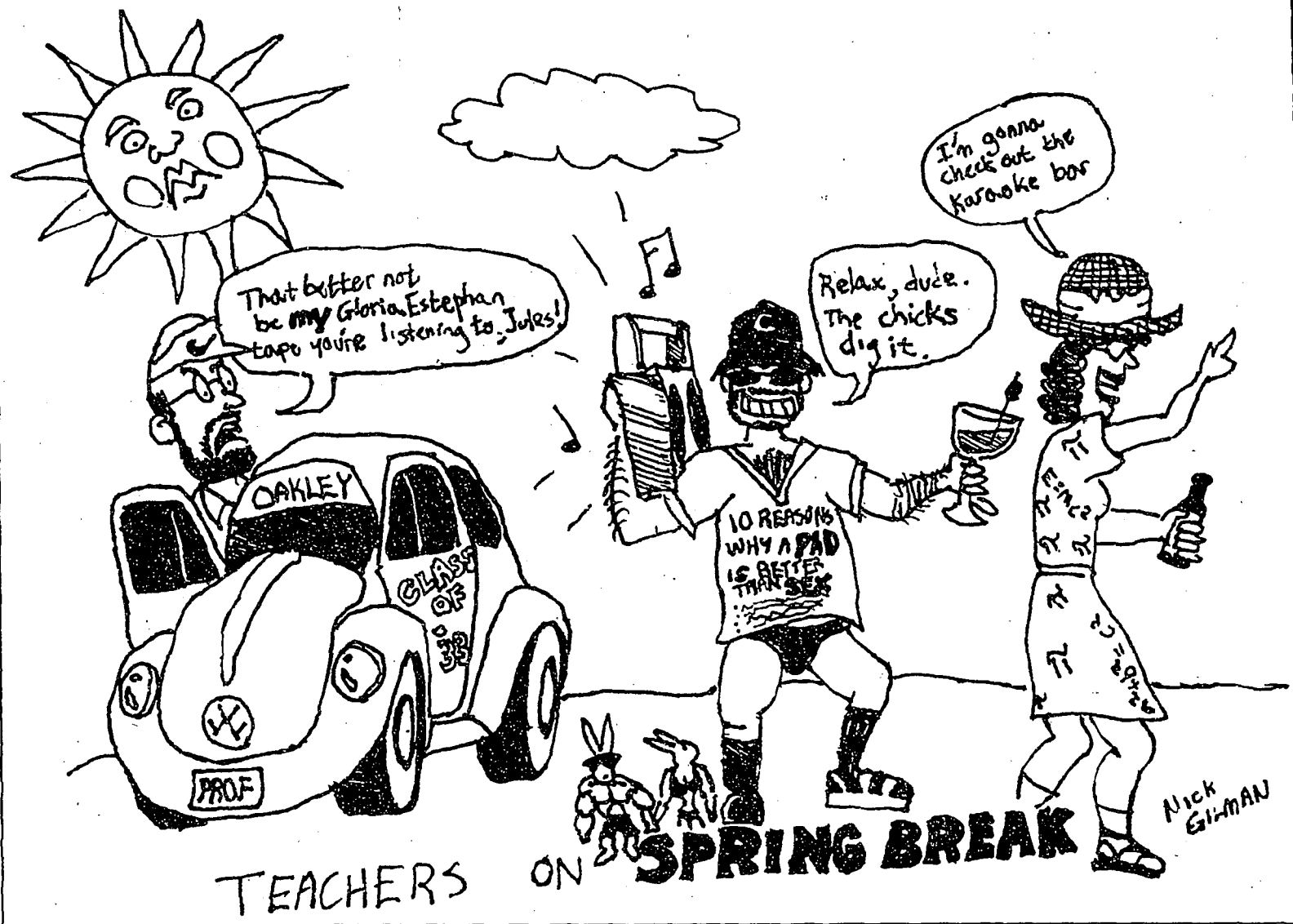
What? Bill Higgins '93 or Marinel Mateo '94? Brian Raffetto '95 did a considerably better job, and Tom Ryan '96 tried. If you are going to be serious about communication then don't just talk about it. That is not communication, that is talking out your @\$\$\$. Kick your hall presidents there instead and make them earn that sweet triple. Try and organize club leaders into another forum that can meet once a month to collaborate and act on issues on campus.

The suggestion made by Woodfork and Nelson to separate the social and legislative branches of Stu-A is essential. Stu-A spends all of its time placating the students through social activities, but if they

had two separate staffs, they would be able to spend as much time working on policy and student life.

The vice president should head up the legislative branch, organizing and motivating the Presidents Council to get things done, while the Social Chair makes the campus rock (Incidentally, Scott Parker '93 bankrupted the social budget half way through the year, but he did a fantastic job of organizing a committee to help him with all the events. Tap the freshman, they are still high from decorating for the prom).

The Cultural Chair should go between both branches and work to bring the two together. And the Treasurer should just be diligent and make sure they don't run out of money. With this structure the president has his fingers on the pulse of both, but can be left with more time to actually get things done with the administration. But it was only a suggestion. □



Go crazy, let the mud fly

BY MARC FAIRBROTHER
Staff Writer

Just names and faces. That is all. Modern Stu-A campaigns relate names and faces only. Arguably, when Colby students cast their ballots, a majority of the time they probably either vote for a candidate who they know personally, or for one whose name has been plastered all over the campus so much that it just seems to leap off the ballot when they vote. But a quick exit from the Student Center after voting leaves the elections behind for yet another year. Dust in the wind.

The campaigns for Stu-A offices were this year much like they have been in the past: less than memorable. Having only a single week in which to campaign is, nonetheless, a good idea: anything longer would undoubtedly result in a student electorate fed up with the entire process. Undeniably, attempting to make your way across campus without being inundated with reams of flyers and bed-sheet posters is utterly impossible. It is with a sigh of relief that the endless lists of cam-

paign promises and smiling mug shots are finally removed from the doors of Dana and the fire escapes of the Row. But in the end, the whole week is simply forgettable.

What Colby really needs is some excitement in its elections. Hearing that a candidate has years of experience or is filled with enthusiasm and unrivaled ideas is, frankly, boring. While Stu-A elections are important, they are not so serious that we have to treat them like campaigns for President of the United States. Maybe we should have a little more fun with our elections. Some creative campaigning is just what is needed at Colby to help energize the campus and involve the electorate.

Perhaps the campaign rules should be adjusted to allow such things as campaign commercials on Moosenet. Instead of talking about what happened to Ross and Rachel on "Friends" last night (or, more realistically, in addition to talking about what happened to Ross and Rachel on "Friends" last night), perhaps the student body could discuss the latest Stu-A Presidential ad.

"Did you see the latest ad by Poling and Noyes?"

"Yeah. It had a Lamar Alexander-esque approach to it. The plaid shirt thing seems to be working for them."

And, while few are willing to admit it, negative advertising is interesting. It draws people in. While there should be no place for negative ads with blatantly false information, negative ads which point out documentable faults in the competition can provide a useful service and should be welcomed as a part of the normal campaign. Modern Stu-A campaigns do to some extent incorporate negative ads, but only subtly and to no great extent, and never with vicious attacks. Colby lacks the excitement that negative campaigns bring. Let's introduce it: let the mud fly.

Campaigns have the potential to be enlightening and entertaining. Currently, the Stu-A campaigns are truly neither. They rarely induce the student electorate to become involved or excited. Perhaps the has come to restructure the rules to allow for more creative campaigning. □

Professors on the Street



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Elizabeth Sagaser
"Silence is the worst. The other one I really don't like is court appearances for speeding."



What is the best excuse you've ever gotten from a student?



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Jim Boylan
"Professor Boylan, I didn't even know I was in your class."



Laurie Osborne
"I couldn't get my paper in because I had an Echo deadline."

Echo photos by Jennifer Atwood

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for such measures as a balanced budget amendment, has been unwilling to compromise on specific measures, as well as some general principles, with the Republicans. Such ideological differences need to be con-

sidered and worked out before a suitable compromise can be reached and progress can be made towards passing a budget.

The current impasse between the parties is not the ideal scenario for debating budget policy,

but it is more appropriate than an unsatisfactory and hasty settlement of these issues. This is a debate about important issues which will effect the future of federal spending, and is certainly worth having. □

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of the sixth tied the game up. USM squeaked out a 7-6 win with an unearned run in the eighth inning. Jason Kidwell '96 pitched a strong game through six innings, giving up only two earned runs while striking out six. Designated hitter Gregg Forger '97 and shortstop E.J. Anderson '97 both collected RBI's for Colby. Forger is currently hitting at a .353 clip while Anderson is batting .313.

On Friday, the University of Maine at Farmington (2-2) visited Mayflower Hill. Behind the pitching of J.C. Panio '96 (2-0), Colby crushed the Beavers, 10-2, as Panio went six innings, while giving up only two earned runs and fanning three. Forger had a tremendous day at the plate, with two home runs and four RBIs, capping off a 3-5 day. Outfielder and co-captain Pat

McBride '97 (.386) and Anderson each added a hit while first baseman Greg Domareki '99 (.333) went 2-5 with a solo homer.

Saturday's doubleheader against St. Joseph's College (7-8-1) was the Mules' first winning weekend of the season as they took two from the Monks, 6-1 and 5-3. In the first game, Colby started pitcher Galen Carr '97 (2-0), who went the distance in the seven-inning affair, giving up only three hits and one earned run while striking out seven. Outfielder Jerrod DeShaw '97, who is leading the team in hitting at .425, had two hits and scored twice while second baseman Mike Choate '97 (.364) added a hit and two RBIs. McBride chipped in with a double and an RBI for the Mules.

Colby's second game against St. Joseph's featured freshman pitcher

Brian DiBello (2-0) on the mound. DiBello hurled five strong innings while compiling three strikeouts in what appeared to be a very small strike zone, according to Dexter. Center-fielder Todd McGovern '97 (.293) went 2-4 with a run scored while Choate added 2 hits. Domareki contributed an RBI single. Relief pitcher Alex Parrillo '99 came into the game in the sixth inning with two on and one out, and escaped unscathed, preserving the Mules' 5-3 lead. Parrillo went 1 2/3 innings to record his second save.

"We hit the ball really well this past week and executed the defensive plays when we needed to," said McBride.

Colby will travel to Plymouth State College on Saturday for a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.

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physical therapy and athletic training within the New York Yankees farm system. Weston spent one season with the Yankees Class A team in Oneonta before being promoted to Double-A Albany for three years. However, he left the pro ranks for Colby in December, 1992, when Adams was promoted to the top position, leaving a full-time position open. Weston has now been at Colby for three full years and is currently working on his masters degree at UMaine.

"One of the reasons that I came back to the college level was the well-roundedness and the attitude of the athletes," said Weston. "The athletes at Colby have a real willingness to compete at this level and it's a lot of fun to work with kids at this level."

"There is real enjoyment in seeing kids getting better and we are able to see the results here. With the Yankees, if someone was really hurt, they'd be shipped out and you wouldn't be able to see them progress."

Heather Vonasek, the rookie of the trio, is a 1994 graduate of University of Connecticut, where she obtained her B.A. in exercise science. After a brief sojourn at Lee County Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers, Fla., Vonasek accepted a position at Colby in November,

1994. She is the only female trainer, but that fact means nothing when it comes to whom she treats.

"We all take [the athletes] regardless of who they are," said Vonasek. "At the end of the day, the trainers exchange info so the coaches will have a point of contact."

"My original goal was to work at the collegiate level. The student-athletes here really keep you on your toes and challenge you mentally. They ask and initiate questions so we are forced to mentally prepare ourselves for that. In a clinic or in high school, patients don't ask why. The students here are great because they do well with the athletic part, yet incorporate the entertainment level."

The three trainers are seemingly always at work, sometimes putting in 80-90 hours per week. Despite these long tours of duty, they each approach their job with enthusiasm and vigor every day. Each morning, the trainers handle appointments through the Health Center because the work load was getting too hectic for the Health Center staff. At the Athletic Center, they have an appointment schedule between 1 and 3 p.m. for non-varsity athletes until 3:30, when it's time to go to work on Colby's top athletes.

"We are doing everything we can and try to see everybody we

can," said Weston.

"There has been a push for another trainer, but there are also pushes from other departments for equipment and more staffing, so we are competing with them," said Adams. "We have a state-of-the-art facility so it's great for us in that sense."

"Time-management is tough for the student-athletes," said Vonasek. "It's tough to increase rehab times because it gets to be a heavy load. The services are a great benefit to all non-student athletes, however. It's something I didn't have in college and I encourage people to take advantage of it. We have a large volume, so people have to be patient, but we are willing to work at it."

Despite the consistently long hours and heavy work load, the trainers encourage everyone who may need assistance to not think twice about utilizing the facility. The dedication that Adams, Weston and Vonasek bring to the students and to their jobs helps to assure people that use the training room facility that they are receiving some of the most highly-regarded advice and physical therapy that the area has to offer.

The assurance that one is in good hands is invaluable, and in Colby's training room, the experience and

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"We're really psyched," said Sicchitano. "In Colby history we've never started out 4-0. This weekend is really big for us. Traditionally, we've been beaten pretty badly by these teams, but I think we're a lot stronger this year."

According to Godomsky, the team is "off to a great start this season with the biggest weekend ahead of them. The offense has sparked us and come into its own. The freshmen have really stepped up and have learned the college game well."

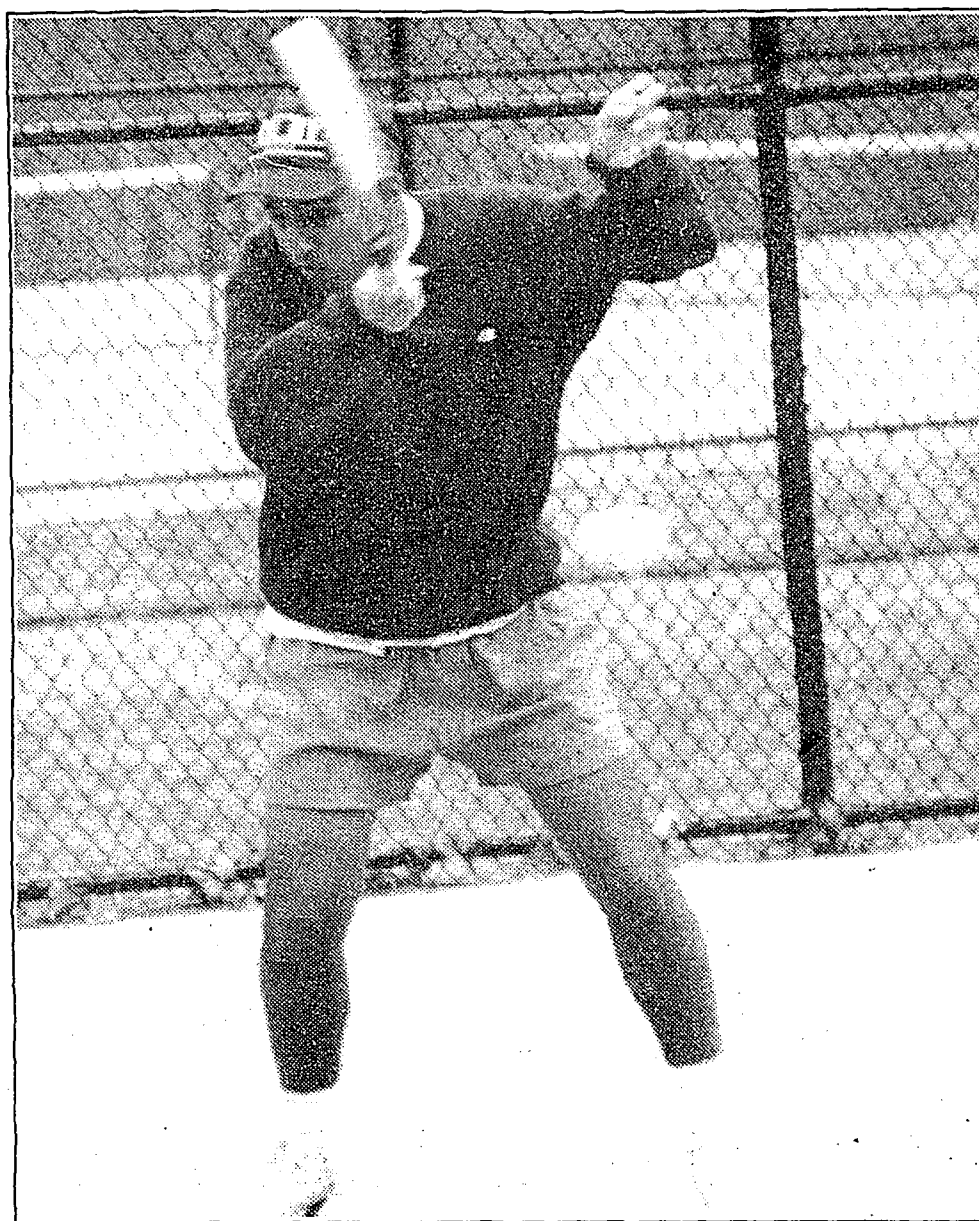
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Gerry Perez '96

The top gun for the men's tennis team, Perez has been nothing short of spectacular this season, having not lost a match thus far. Perez, the Mules' top-seeded player in both singles and doubles matches has yet to drop a single set. In Hilton Head, SC over spring break, Perez posted a perfect 5-0 singles record as well as an unblemished 5-0 doubles record with wins at the top spot over Trinity, Carnegie-Mellon, Hartwick, Joilet and Oberlin. Currently, the senior co-captain's overall record stands at 12-0 as he looks to steamroll his remaining opponents on Colby's northern schedule.

This Week's All-Mule Pack**Gregg Forger '97**

The junior designated hitter led the baseball team as the Mules swept three games over the weekend from the University of Maine at Farmington and St. Joseph's College. Forger crushed two tremendous home runs in Colby's 10-2 win over UMF while racking up four RBIs. His second round-tripper, estimated at 430 feet, exited Coombs Field via center-field, the deepest part of the Mules' ballpark. For the season, Forger leads the Mules in home runs with three, is second in RBIs with 10, and is fourth on the team in hitting with a .353 batting average.

Joel Grossbard '98

As the fifth seeded player on the men's tennis team, Grossbard has gone undefeated in his singles matches thus far this year, posting a 5-0 record. He won the deciding match in Colby's 4-3 victory over NESCAC rival Trinity in Hilton Head, SC over spring break, coming from behind to take the match in three sets, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2. Grossbard is currently 11-1 overall in both his singles and doubles matches.

Rebecca Apollon '96

This senior catcher led the softball team to a 3-5 record during the team's trip to Florida over spring break, while hitting at an impressive .423 clip. In Colby's first victory, Apollon knocked a grand slam. She followed up her game-breaking home run during the following games by going 4-4 and 2-2 against Mt. Scenario of Wisconsin and nationally ranked SUNY-Buffalo, respectively.

Colby men's track runs well at Tufts meet

BY BOB ELLINGER
Asst. Sports Editor

Last weekend the Colby men's track team put in a very strong performance by finishing fourth in an eight-team field at the Tufts Invitational.

Host Tufts won the meet with 226 team points and was followed by Bates (161 points), Connecticut College (72) and Colby (68). Bentley, UMass-Lowell, Brandeis and Holy

Cross rounded out the field.

Pat Fournier '98 continued to run well as he placed first in the 5000-meter race. Fournier's time of 15 minutes, 19 seconds qualified him for the New England Division III meet.

Dave Palmieri '97 placed second in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 58.84 seconds. Head Coach Jim Walcott was pleased with Palmieri's performance.

"His time was a really good one

for a race so early in the season," he said. "Dave has learned to alternate legs this season, with either leg going over the bar, and that is really helping him do well this year."

Rebounding from a strained hamstring suffered last week, Dan Saucier '96 raced very well, according to Wescott. Saucier finished second in the high hurdles in a time of 16.08 and ninth in the 100 meter in 11.79.

Conrad Saam '96 also scored points for the Mules in two events.

Saam finished second in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, one inch. He also placed seventh in the 100 meter race with a time of 11.73.

Brad Smith '96 scored points in the field events for the Mules with a javelin throw of 161 feet. The final point-scorer for the Mules was Chris Bunge '99, who placed sixth in the 200 with a time of 23.64 and placed eighth in the 100 with a time of 11.78.

The Mules competed at Tufts without two key athletes. Matt

O'Connell '96 and Tony Callander '99 both missed the meet due to injury, but both are expected to return for next week's meet, when the Mules travel to Bowdoin to compete in the State of Maine Championships, which Wescott calls the "first important meet of the season."

"I guess over all heading into the state meet this Saturday we are in good shape," Wescott said. "We are the defending champs, so we have a good hope of doing well." □

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Women's track exceeds expectations

BY ERIKA AYERS
Staff Writer

The Colby women's track team started its season with a bang and hasn't slowed down since.

The Mules concluded their spring break week with a non-scoring meet at Tufts on March 30, which yielded several impressive performances. Many of these strong showings by various members of the Colby squad secured various opportunities for them to participate in the post-season.

Despite unfavorable weather last Saturday, the Mules dominated their most recent meet

at Tufts. The meet included teams from Bates, Bentley, Brandeis, Holy Cross, Tufts, and UMass Lowell. Colby had little

trouble sweeping the meet as they scored a total of 173 points. Bates, the Mules' closest competition, was a distant second with 110.

"I think our team is well ahead of where I expected us to be at this point," said Head Coach Deb Aitkin. "The Florida spring break trip had a tremendous impact on our training and has put us in a favorable position."

According to Aitkin, the performance of Liisi Linask '96 was the highlight of Saturday's meet. Linask qualified for the provisional standards for nationals in the javelin, with a throw of 130 feet, 7 inches, surpassing her previous best by five feet.

Cindy Pomerleau '97 also placed well, winning the shot put and the long jump while placing in the 100-meter hurdles. Pomerleau's overall point total for the heptathlon event placed her in contention to win a spot at nationals.

Carrie Califano '96 also made her mark in her respective events, placing second in the high jump at the height of five feet, and third in the 400-meter hurdles, an event in which she qualified for the ECAC and New England Championships.

Aitkin also praised Colby's sprinters and distance runners and noted the strength of the women's 4x100 relay which is currently undefeated with a time of 50.74 seconds.

"Rachel Ehlers '96 performed admirably as well, lowering her times in both the 100 and 200 meters. Her split places her in the top New England sprinters in the 200 meters," said Aitkin.

Ehlers placed third in the 100 meter sprint on Saturday. Shannon Baker '98, Robynn Fortner '99 and Ehlers all qualified for ECACs on Saturday, each achieving personal bests in the 100 meters sprint.

"We were also very pleased to have Kara Patterson '97 back after being injured for the past season and a half. She was a strong addition to the meet," said Aitkin.

Patterson blew away the competition, finishing first in the 3000-meter run with a time of 10 minutes, 52 seconds.

"Kate Driscoll '98 and Liz Fagan '97 also ran well," noted Aitkin. "There have been many surprises on our team. I am confident that Colby is going to come out with some great performances. Both the seniors and the underclassmen on the team are doing tremendously well which makes us a very strong contender."

Colby looks to continue its winning streak on Saturday at 12:30 p.m., when the team hosts its first home meet Saturday against Bates, Bowdoin and MIT.

Women's Track

Colby
Bates

173
110

How much wood can a woodsman chop?



Julia MacDonald '99 wields her axe in the vertical chop event.

Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

OFFSIDES

Boston's year has finally come

BY GALEN CARR
Sports Editor

Sitting on the couch in my father's living room, I revelled in the almost uncontrollable, bubbly energy that pulsed throughout my body. My fists strangled the purple material on which I was sitting. It took everything I had to hold myself down to my seat. My hands acted as a straitjacket, suppressing my fervent urge to let everything go, to jump up in the air and scream and yell like a wild, untamed, crazed lunatic. If everything had gone right, with the passing of just a few seconds I would have been able to let it all go.

Undoubtedly one of the worst misfortunes in the history of mankind, I was never allowed to unleash these burning desires; to swim in this pool of celebration; to bask in the glory of 68 years of pent-up frustration now erased; to witness the riddance of one of the most infamous records of futility in the history of modern sport.

I was 11 years old, and I was barely succeeding in stifling every urge to begin a premature celebration all over my father's living room. The Boston Red Sox, my favorite baseball team and the heart and soul of my life's interests at the time, were one strike away from winning the 1986 World Series against the New York Mets. I had been planning exactly how I would rejoice when the final strike crossed the plate; visualizing how I would react when the inevitable conclusion followed its course.

Alas, the game's outcome is now well-known and regarded as one of the most heartbreaking finishes in baseball history. Just one strike away from glorious victory, the inevitable became the impossible. New York won the game and subsequently the Series, and I was left sitting on the purple couch with

tears streaming down my face, enveloped by my father's consoling arms.

Ten years later, the Red Sox have still not won a World Series and their fruitless streak has reached frightening proportions as it enters its 78th year. The streak has seen countless seasons marred by season-ending, dream-crushing collapses after such promising starts, and has never seen the boys from Beantown so close to winning it all as they were in 1986.

Yet as the second week of the 1996 season draws to a close, I am ecstatic that Boston is currently in last place in their division and not doing a whole lot to convince anyone that they will rise in the standings. Ecstatic? Their pitching has been downright awful, as the staff has looked suspiciously like the successful organizers of a world-wide walk-a-thon. As for Boston's highly-touted hitting abilities and supposedly fearsome lineup, they have shown less ability at the plate than the Bad News Bears. No one is hitting well, as they have made each opposing pitcher look like he belongs in the Hall of Fame.

So, another season of baseball in Boston gone down the tubes? Should Sox fans hope with all their might that the streak ends as soon as its 79th year? Do they just write this season off immediately and be glad that they at least will avoid the heartbreak that chronically plagues Boston's baseball heroes?

The answer to all of these questions is: absolutely not. That's right folks, the baseball deities have decided that the time has come for the die-hard fans of Red Sox Nation. This is in fact the year. The Sox will go all the way, and all of New England will be enraptured in a maniacal, albeit victorious, frenzy come October. The Boston Red Sox will win the 1996 World Series, and among others, thoughts about what could have been had it not been for Bucky Dent,

Bill Buckner, and the Curse of the Bambino can all be laid to rest.

How, might you ask, are the Red Sox going to go about winning this year's World Series, considering their present standing? Why, it's obvious, as clear as the sparkling diamonds decorating a World Series ring. Instead of going through what has seemed to become an annual ritual, starting the season off on the right foot and raising expectations around New England to astronomical levels only to flop sometime in mid-September, this year's version of Boston baseball has finally got it all figured out.

This year, the Red Sox have decided to start off slowly, very slowly, and have all the supposed "experts" write them off before the season is even half over. Then, with an unprecedented streak of victories, good health and all-around remarkable fortune, the Sox will cruise through the second half of the season, into the playoffs and through the World Series as if somehow possessed. It's that simple.

All the excuses such as bad luck, curses, etc. will have been milked dry as they take care of all their losing this spring, not this fall. By the time the Sox start winning, there will be absolutely nothing standing in their way. Sorry, New York. Maybe next year, Baltimore. Cleveland, you're good, but not good enough. I can't believe they didn't figure this out 78 years ago.

This year, I will watch the Red Sox win the World Series and vent all my frustrations that I could not let go one evening 10 years ago. All the heartbreak, all the confusion, and all the pain will finally find its way out of the hearts of the die-hard Sox fans, and I will cherish the moment for as long as I live.

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The Best of the Boys of Summer

These teams are Major League Baseball's strongest this season

BY BOB ELLINGER
Asst. Sports Editor

Though a snow storm blanketed Mayflower Hill earlier this week, signs still point to a brighter time that is fast approaching. The pond is melted, the birds are chirping, and baseball is in the air.

Despite the temperatures still hovering near freezing here in Maine, major league cities across the country are in the throes of early season pennant fever, where even Milwaukee Brewer fans hold some hope. Here are some of the best bets of teams to be still playing when the snow comes again in October:

AL East

This division has easily been the most powerful and interesting one in the last few seasons. After bulking up their lineup in the off-season, the Baltimore Orioles should win their first division title since 1983. Success has followed the Orioles new manager, Davey Johnson, throughout his career; this year should be no different. The Orioles pitching is anchored by one of the most consistently dominating pitchers in the nineties, Mike Mussina, who could have a monster season en route to his first Cy Young Award. The defense and offense is top notch, centered around the best short-stop and second basemen in history-Cal Ripken, Jr. and Roberto Alomar.

However, Baltimore is by no means a lock to win the division with Boston and New York lurking close by. If Boston's pitching holds up or New York's clubhouse stays stable (that is, if George Steinbrenner keeps quiet), either club could win the division, the pennant, or even the Series.

AL Central

Without a doubt, Cleveland is the club to beat in the American League. They had virtually no holes in their roster last season when they compiled a league-leading 100-44 record. This season could be very painful for Cleveland foes as the Tribe acquired veteran .300 hitter Julio Franco and powerhouse pitcher Jack McDowell in the off-season.

The Chicago White Sox are probably the second-best team in the division. While they might not be able to challenge Cleveland for the division title, they might be able, with solid play, to steal the wildcard spot from one of the eastern teams. The rest of the division—the Royals, Brewers, and Twins—will all battle to stay out of the division's cellar.

AL West

This division is up in the air. The California Angels, Texas Rangers and Seattle Mariners are all strong enough to win the division. However, all three are probably in a tier slightly below their eastern counterparts, and all three could finish below .500. With a starting lineup that includes Mark Langston, Chuck Finley, Jim Abbott and Steve Ontiveros, the Angels should get

quality pitching and should win the division. Texas lacks pitching depth though their potent offense of Juan Gonzales, Ivan Rodriguez, Dean Palmer and Will Clark may be able to carry them through. The Mariners, after losing some key free agents from last year's division winning squad, will no longer be able to lean on Randy Johnson for the pitching duties and will finish third in the division.

NL East

With its legendary pitching staff of Greg Maddux, John Smoltz, Tom Glavine and Steve Avery, the Atlanta Braves again will win the east handily. Their pitching depth and the potent, young line-up make them the clear team to beat in the National League. Their talent and proven success will again carry them to the World Series.

Though Atlanta is the best team in the league, the New York Mets and the Florida Marlins will both win plenty of ball games. Both teams' chief nemesis is their youth, as each squad will rely on talented yet unproven players in pivotal positions. Nevertheless, each club has the potential to capture the wildcard spot, and if the Braves underachieve or are injury-plagued, they could capture the division title.

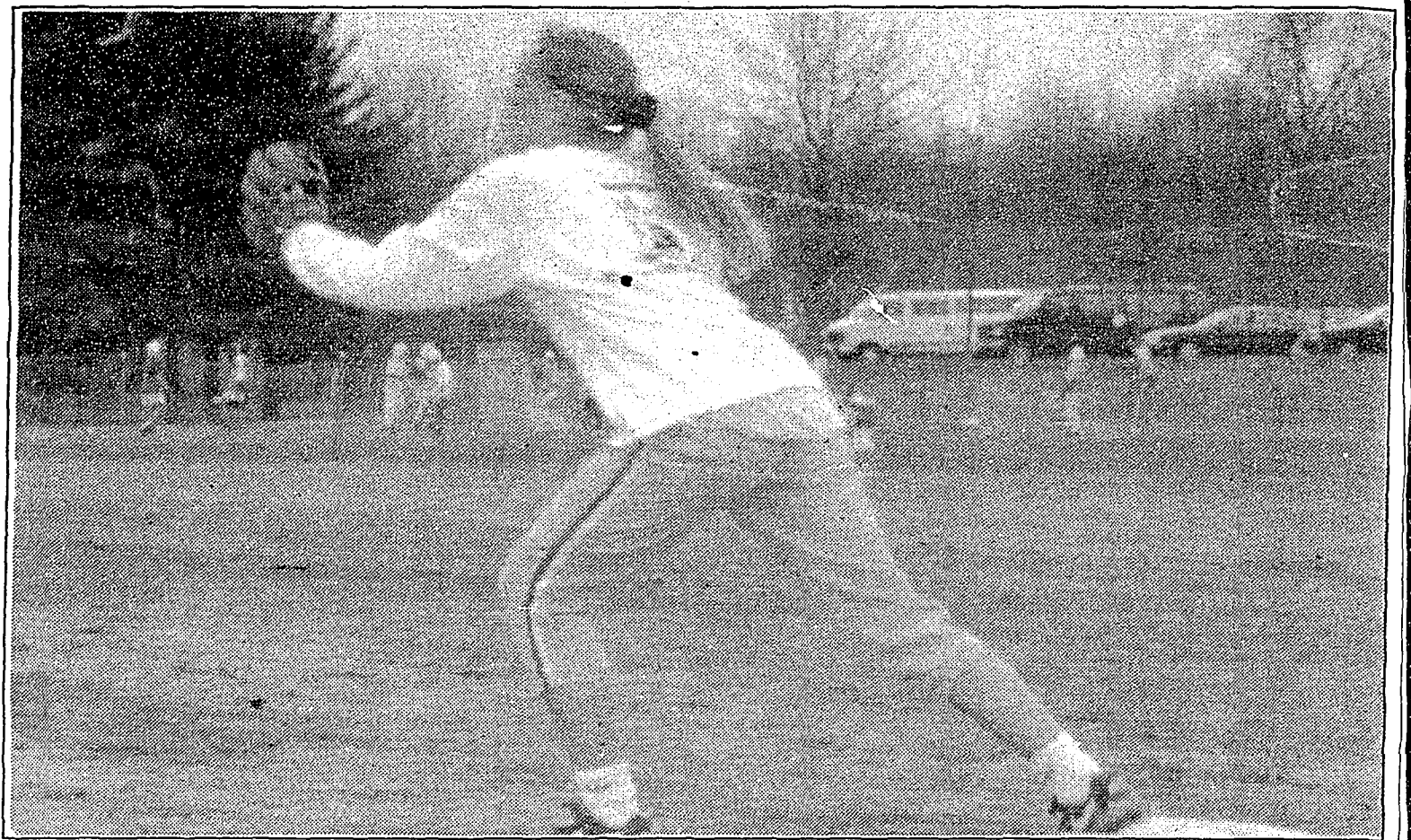
NL Central

This division is probably the most open in baseball. With off-season acquisitions Tony LaRussa, Ron Gant, Andy Benes, Gary Gaetti and Royce Clayton, the St. Louis Cardinals have improved the team's management, hitting, and pitching and sit now as the front-runners. The Astros and the Reds both have legitimate shots at winning the division, but the Astros' pitching is very questionable and the Reds aren't strong enough all around to challenge deep into the summer. The Chicago Cubs could surprise everyone in this division. After finishing above .500 last season with a 73-71 record, the Cubs have Ryne Sandberg back and could steal the division title late in the summer.

NL West

With a solid pitching staff and an improved defense, the Los Angeles Dodgers should dominate this division. Their pitching staff anchored by Pedro Martinez, Hideo Nomo and Tom Candiotti is the second best in the league, and it could allow the Dodgers to challenge the Braves come playoff time. If the thin Dodgers team is plagued by the injury bug, the San Diego Padres, possibly the most improved team in baseball, could take the division. Don't look for the Rockies to repeat last season's run to the playoffs as their pitching is too just too weak.

The final verdict? Come October, look for Baltimore to beat Cleveland by riding on the shoulders of Mussina, Ripken and Alomar. The Orioles will win the pennant and go on and lose decisively to Atlanta in the World Series. □



Echo photo by Mary Schwalm

Kirsten Stoller '99 reaches for a throw.

Softball improving rapidly

BY PETER SHAPIRO
Staff Writer

Even though the Colby women's softball team compiled a 3-5 record on their annual southern trip to Florida over spring break, the sub-.500 mark belied some outstanding team and individual performances.

Colby opened their season with a doubleheader against Plymouth State College. The Mules came up on the short end of a 12-7 score in the first game, but rebounded to take the second by a 10-9 margin.

In the Mules' first victory, Joan Giblin '98 recorded the win on the mound while Emily Hinckley '99 came in to close out the seventh inning and record the save. However, offense was the story. Catcher Rebecca Apollon '96 broke the game open in the fourth inning as she slugged a grand slam. Meghan O'Neil '96 complemented the Mules' attack with three hits while Steph Patterson '99 added two.

The following day Colby continued its winning ways with a 19-3 romp over Mt. Scenario of Wisconsin. Karen Ackley '96 pitched a complete-game three-

hitter. Apollon went 4-4 at the plate, while Ann Mortenson '98 complemented the offensive outburst with a 3-4 day.

"Everybody played really well," said Head Coach Jen Holsten. "Everybody hit."

The second game that day was a different story, as the Mules squared off against nationally ranked

"We just need some experience. We're a young club and we'll come around, especially our hitting."
Head Coach Jen Holsten

SUNY-Buffalo and lost 5-0. Robyn Maco '98 took the loss on the mound as she was the victim of a lack of run support. Apollon completed a perfect day at the plate by going 2-2, giving her a total of six hits for the day. Over the entire trip Appelton hit an impressive .423.

Colby played its first error-free game of the Florida swing, against Southampton, but lost a nailbiter, 1-0. Offense was tough to come by, as

the Mules could only muster five hits. Maco went the distance on the mound, again as the unfortunate recipient of no offensive help. In that day's afternoon game, Colby faced MIT and won convincingly, 11-2. Ackley pitched a four-hitter while Jane Chamberlain '99 picked up three hits for the Mules. Apollon and Mary Schwalm '99 had two hits apiece.

The final day of the Mules' trip pitted Colby against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in the morning and a rematch with SUNY-Buffalo in the afternoon. The Mules bats seemed to take the day off, however, as Colby could only come up with two hits in each game, both of which were losses.

Overall, Holsten was pleased with the team's performance over spring break.

"We played some top teams. Our defense was much improved over last year and our hitting, which was a little rough at times, should come around. We just need some experience. We're a young club and we'll come around, especially our hitting."

With a starting lineup that includes four freshmen, improvement on both sides of the ball seems inevitable for the Mules. □

Scoreboard

1996 NESCAC Baseball Standings

School	Record	Pct.
Williams	9-3	.750
Amherst	12-5	.706
Bowdoin	8-4-1	.654
Tufts	8-6	.571
Wesleyan	9-7-1	.559
Colby	6-6	.500
Bates	2-2	.500
Hamilton	5-9	.357
Trinity	5-11	.313
Middlebury	3-7	.300

1996 NESCAC Men's Lacrosse Standings

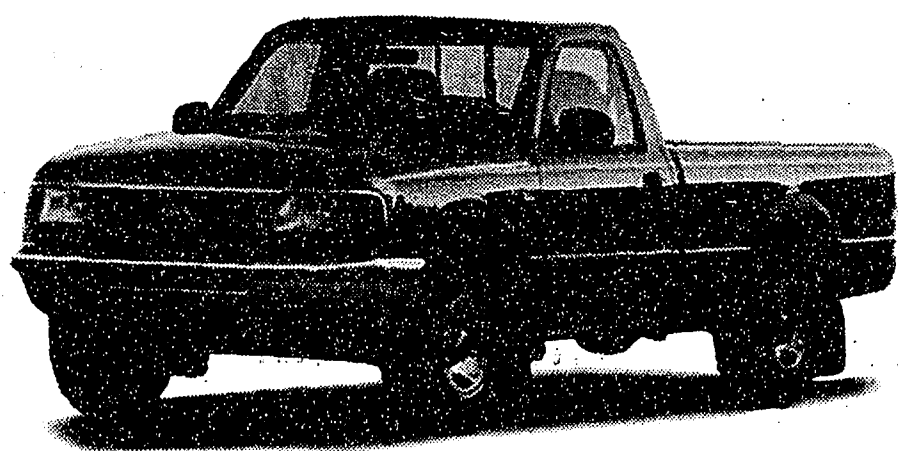
School	Record	Pct.
Middlebury	6-0	1.000
Amherst	5-0	1.000
Williams	4-0	1.000
Corn. College	4-2	.667
Trinity	4-2	.667
Bates	4-3	.571
Tufts	4-4	.500
Wesleyan	4-4	.500
Colby	3-3	.500
Bowdoin	1-4	.200
Hamilton	1-4	.200

NESCAC Batting Leaders

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Mike Ranieri (Trinity)	.484
Ari Friedlander (Bates)	.462
Josh Carroll (Amherst)	.458
Andy McPhee (Middlebury)	.444

Brett Matthews (Wesleyan)	.429
Jerrold DeShaw (Colby)	.425
Bryan Symmons (Tufts)	.421
Jon Churchill (Wesleyan)	.414
Doug Gentile (Tufts)	.412

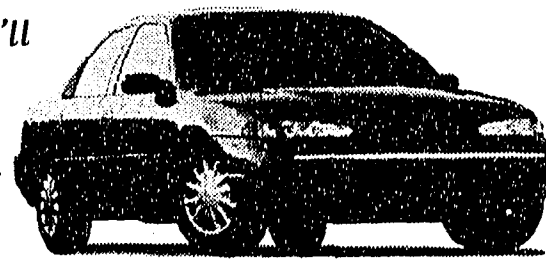
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Game, set, match: Men's tennis is a perfect 5-0

BY KEVIN THURSTON
Contributing Writer

The Colby men's tennis team returned to Mayflower Hill after a successful spring break trip to Hilton Head, SC, where the squad played impeccably, posting a 5-0. In addition to their southern success, a sound victory last weekend over Colby-Sawyer has gotten the Mules off to their best start in years.

The first two contests of the season were nail-biters over Carnegie-Mellon and NESCAC rival Trinity, both resulting in 4-3 Colby victories.

"We won our first two by one match each, and that has set us off on a lucky tone," said Head Coach John Illig.

In the opener, the Mules took advantage of a costly mistake by Carnegie-Mellon, who arrived at the meet after the scheduled starting

Men's Tennis

Colby
Colby-Sawyer

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time. The ensuing penalty gave Colby 1-0 leads in each of their three doubles matches, which provided them with an edge for the rest of the day. Top-seeded doubles partners Gerry Perez '96 and Staunton Bowen '97 and the pair of Darrin Ylisto '97 and Chris Davis '99 staked the team to a 1-0 lead heading into the singles matches. Perez and Joel Grossbard '98 controlled their opponents in singles, and Bowen's 6-1, 7-6 effort captured the team's first victory.

Against Trinity, Colby won two out of three doubles matches to go up 1-0 into the singles matches. Perez and Ylisto polished off their opponents at the number one and number three spots, but the second, fourth, and

sixth positions all dropped tough losses. With just one match left to decide the overall outcome, it took a gritty, come-from-behind 2-6, 7-6, 6-2 victory from number five Grossbard to oust the Bantams.

"Joel is our most fit player on the team, so when he won the second set tie-breaker to send his match into the third set, we had great confidence that he'd win," explained Illig.

The next match saw the Mules stifle Hartwick College, 6-1, and shut out Joliet and Oberlin Colleges, 7-0, to finish off their week in South Carolina.

"The team played fantastic tennis," said captain Dave Tedeschi '96. "There were some close matches early that could've gone either way, and we came through."

Saturday the team traveled to Colby-Sawyer and picked up win number six with another solid showing, a 7-0 dismantling of the Granite Staters.

"We played well again, but Colby-Sawyer is not as tough as we'll see," said Tedeschi. "The meat of our schedule is ahead of us."

The individual standout thus far has been Perez, who is Colby's top seed in both the singles and doubles matches. According to Tedeschi, Perez has been "phenomenal," dominating his opponents with near flawless play. The Mules' ace hasn't lost a set this spring. Grossbard has been outstanding as well, undefeated in singles with an overall record of 11-1. Tedeschi, Ylisto and Bowen all sport winning records, as does Andy Meeks '96, who is 4-2 in his singles matches.

"Our schedule gets tougher from here on out, so the goal of the team right now is to keep together and finish strong," said Illig. "We are striving for a winning season, and a high finish at NESCAC's. The team will play matches with Brandeis and Connecticut College at home this weekend."

Mule Kicks

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team posted a 3-2 record during their spring trip to Hilton Head, SC. In their first two matches, the Mules came up short twice to nationally ranked Skidmore and Depauw, losing each match 5-4. However, Colby bounced back to sweep its next three matches decisively with wins over Carnegie-Mellon (7-2), Oberlin (6-3) and West Georgia (8-1). The Mules' overall record, which includes match play from last fall as well as this spring, now stands at 10-3. A win against Skidmore would have assured Colby (ranked twelfth nationally) of a trip to the NCAA championships in Kalamazoo, MI. Remaining matches for the Mules include Williams and Wellesly April 27.

Woodsmen

The Colby woodsmen's team hosted the 1996 Mud Meet at Mayflower Hill on Saturday. Individuals, pairs and teams from Colby, the University of New Brunswick, Unity College, the University of Maine and the University of New Hampshire participated in such traditional logger events such as axe-throwing, pole-climbing and buck-sawing. The University of New Brunswick swept both the men's and women's events while Colby finished third in each division. An alumni team including Ben Jorgensen '92, Josh Eckel '94 and Katje Vanderhoeven '95 also participated, turning in admirable performances. The Colby men's team won the chain throw event and finished second in the chop-split combo, while the women won the chain throw as well while finishing second overall in the vertical chop.

Men's lacrosse solid over break



Echo file photo

Brian Emme '96 during a game against Amherst last season.

BY JON OLINTO
Contributing Writer

While the majority of students used their Spring Break to escape Waterville and spend a week relaxing upon sun-soaked beaches, the Colby men's lacrosse team endured a vacation of hard work as the Mules faced three extremely formidable squads in New York and Pennsylvania.

In the first game of the trip, Colby was pitted against a talented Rochester Polytechnic Institute team whose vaunted offensive attack merited the Engineers a preseason ranking of 24th in the nation. However, the Mules immediately proved that they possessed the skills to compete against any Division III team they might come across when they started the game by exploding with three unanswered goals. RPI, however, fought back to an 8-8 tie and, with just one minute remaining in the contest, the Engineers scored again to secure a 9-8 victory.

Despite the loss, Colby displayed flashes of brilliance that revealed the potential for the strong season.

"We did a good job defensively and we had timely scoring, but we couldn't break the game open when we needed to," said Head Coach Dave Zazzaro. "Overall, it was a good learning experience that helped us to improve over the course

of the week."

In Colby's ensuing matchup, the Mules trekked to Pennsylvania where they were scheduled to face strong teams from Swarthmore and Haverford. Against Swarthmore, Colby came out a bit sluggish but the squad's senior leaders carried the team, leading a relentless surge in which the Mules scored seven

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unanswered goals. Heading the group of veterans was John Smith '96, who spearheaded a potent offensive attack by scoring five goals. However, a pesky Swarthmore squad kept the game close for the entire first half. Colby emerged from the locker room in the second session to score four consecutive goals and then relied on a strong defensive corps, anchored by Brett Nardini '96 and Nick Maumenee '98, to preserve the 12-8 victory.

The team rounded out their trip by squaring off against Haverford College, where the Mules posted their best effort of the week. Offensively, the squad placed continuous

pressure on the wavering Haverford defense. Leading the way, Matt Hurlburt '96 burned the opposing goalie for four goals while Matt Williams '99 showcased his skills by chipping in with one goal and four assists as the Mules rolled to a 14-7 win.

"In this game, we pulled it all together and played hard and played together for the entire four quarters," said Zazzaro.

After returning to campus, the team practiced in the anticipation of an upcoming game against NESCAC nemesis Amherst. In last Saturday's battle, the Mules found themselves locked in a defensive struggle at halftime with Amherst holding a 2-1 edge. On the defensive end, Colby was led by the brilliant goalkeeping of Brian Frank '98, whose quick stick repeatedly denied the threatening Lord Jeff attack. At the same time, the physical play of the line of Nardini, Maumenee and Brian McGill '99 kept Amherst's offense at bay. However, after a quick Colby score to start the second half, the Lord Jeffs answered with four straight goals that left the Mules reeling, opening the door for Amherst as they escaped with a 9-6 victory.

"The Amherst game is history," said Zazzaro. "Now we have five straight home games in which we control our own destiny."

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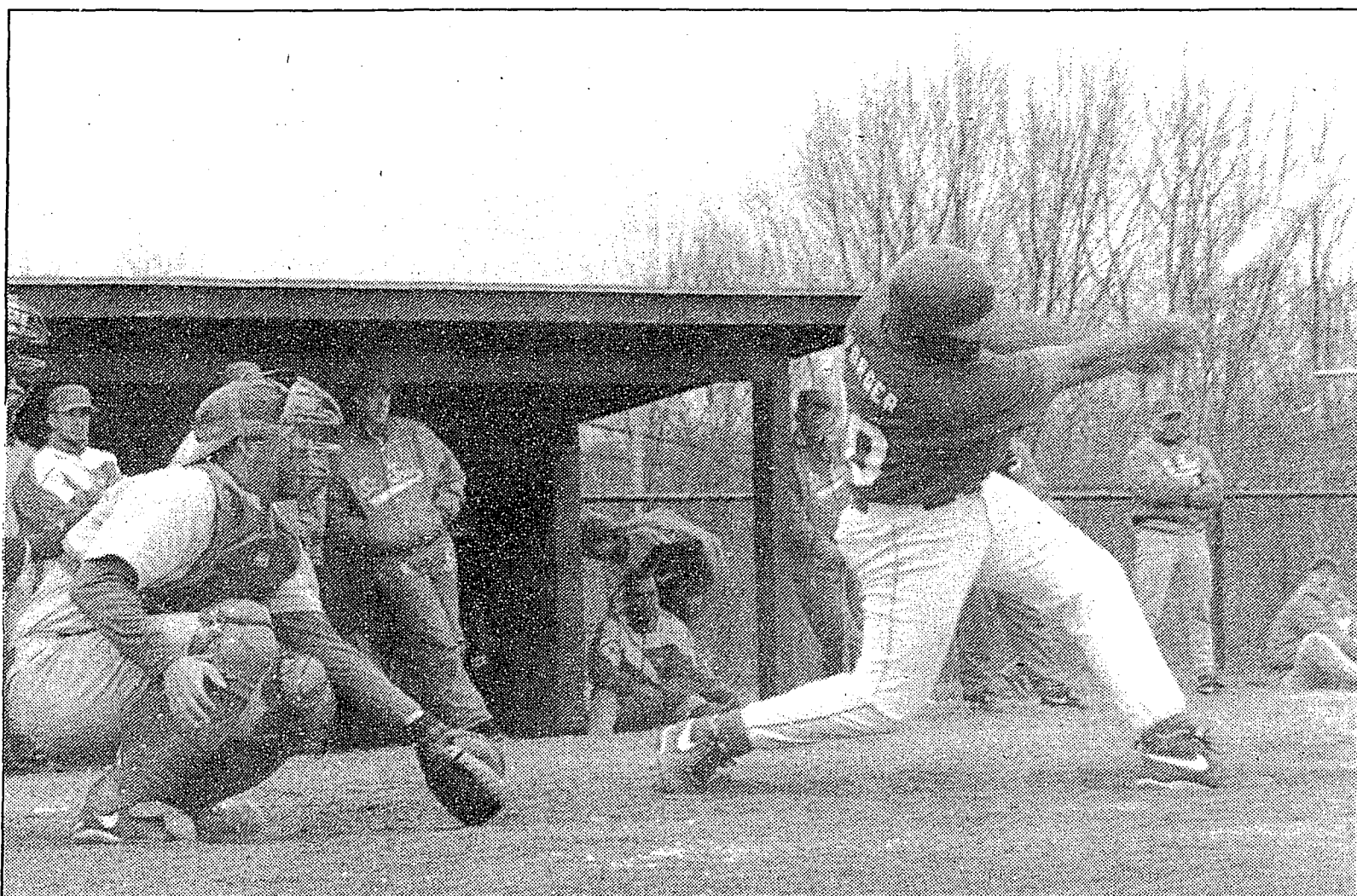
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Greg Forger '97 makes contact during a double header versus St. Joe's.

Home Sweet Home Baseball returns from Florida to sweep three straight at Coombs Field

BY LUCAS PENNEY
Staff Writer

The Colby men's baseball team has been extremely busy lately. Starting the season with solid play in Florida, but with a mediocre 3-5 record to start their northern season, the Mules could have packed it up. Instead, Colby fought back last week, winning its last three games with timely hitting and strong pitching, bringing their record back to .500 at 6-6 overall.

The Mules' trip to the Sunshine State turned out a bit cloudy as three of their losses were by two runs or

Baseball

Colby	6	1
St. Joe's	5	3

less, in games which the Mules had kept the lead into the late innings. Throughout the week, Colby was matched up against some of the best competition from the east, including NESCAC rivals Trinity and Williams. During their stay in Ft. Myers, the Mules recorded wins over Union College, Trinity and Plymouth State, while they were a few runs away from returning with a winning

record.

"We had three solid wins and we hit the ball really well, totalling a .360 average for the week as a team," said Head Coach Tom Dexter. "We were in every game and this was the most competitive Colby has ever been in Florida since I have been here."

The Mules' northern schedule began last Thursday as they travelled to face the nationally-ranked Huskies of the University of Southern Maine. After a five-run sixth inning, the Mules led USM (9-4-1), 6-4, but a costly error in the bottom see **BASEBALL** on page 13

Women's lacrosse off to best start ever

BY JOEL GROSSBARD
Staff Writer

The Colby women's lacrosse team is off to its best start in team history at 4-0. An outstanding achievement in itself, the record is nothing compared to how the Mules have outscored their opponents, combining for 60 goals in four games to just 15 for the opposition. Outscoring the opposition by a total of 45 goals speaks for itself in terms of domination.

Over spring break, the team traveled to Virginia and won both games they played. The Mules defeated Longwood College by a score of 14-6, and then went on to blast Randolph Macon, 11-3, sending them back to Mayflower Hill off to a quick 2-0 start.

Last Thursday Colby traveled to MIT, with hopes of improving to 3-0. These hopes quickly became reality as the Mules romped. Colby's offense exploded, erupting for 22 goals, as they rolled, 22-2. Top performances came from co-captain Amie Sicchitano '96, who netted four goals while dishing out an assist, and co-captain Abby Smith '96, who added a pair of goals from her defensive position. Two freshmen contributed as well, as Kerry Olson scored twice while Caroline Kasparian chipped in with two goals and an assist.

"The MIT game wasn't really much of a challenge," added Sicchitano. "They weren't very skilled."

Last Saturday the Mules traveled to Springfield College, which looked to be their first real test of the season. Colby struggled somewhat in the first half as they went into the lockerroom with a slim 5-2 lead. But the Mules came out strong in the second half, taking complete control of the game en route to a convincing 13-4 victory.

"Springfield was a very exciting win for us, as it was our first real test of the season," said Head

Coach Heidi Godomsky.

"We were up only 5-2 at half, but we were fired up in the second half and controlled the game."

Key contributors in the win included

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defensemen, Abby Smith, who scored two goals while adding an assist, and Tammy Smith '96, who netted one goal. Christie Brown '99 was also impressive, as she exploded for four goals and an assist while Stacy Joslin '97 complemented the attack with three goals and an assist. Goalkeeper Jen Pope '96 had 12 saves for the Mules in net.

This weekend the Mules will go up against the two toughest teams they will have faced thus far this season. On Saturday, April 13, they will compete against a talented Connecticut College team who is currently 6-1. On Sunday, they will tackle a Trinity squad with a 2-2 record, with one of their wins coming against Connecticut College.

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In good hands

Sports Profile

Colby athletes know they are safe under care of Tim Adams, Tim Weston and Heather Vonasek

BY PAT MCBRIDE
Staff writer

Every day, hundreds of student-athletes visit the training room for various reasons. Some are in-season athletes who need to heat a sore body part, some are out-of-season athletes rehabilitating a nagging injury, and still others are members of the Colby community who can count on the friendly and expert service provided by the three trainers who seem to be forever on call.

Tim Adams, Tim Weston, and Heather Vonasek are the people who

keep the training room — which sometimes looks more like a subway station — up and running. Led by Head Trainer Adams, the training room and the athletes who use it are blessed with the services of these three individuals who are there every day a sport is in session.

Adams came on board at Colby in 1980 as a part-time assistant and became full-time three years later. A graduate of Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy, Adams began his physical therapy work out of Northeastern at a hospital in Augusta. He took a part-time job at

Inland Hospital while also working part-time at Colby before the full-time slot opened for him. In December of 1992, Adams was promoted to the head trainer position on Mayflower Hill.

"It was a lot different working with Colby students," said Adams. At the hospitals "the patient load was not young athletes and the motivation was more varied. Colby students are much more motivated and want to get better as soon as possible."

Weston, a 1988 graduate of UMaine-Orono, began his work in see **PROFILE** on page 13



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(L-R) Tim Weston, Heather Vonasek, and Tim Adams provide care for student athletes.