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## Futures varied and bright for Class of '96

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As the Maine winter sheds its cozy white blanket to make room for the muddy days of springtime, as the days grow longer, nights more sedated, and classes become less of a priority, as the Class of 1996 approaches its undergraduate deadline, many of the seniors ask themselves, "What am I going to do after graduation?"

After four wonderful years in the bustling metropolis of Waterville, it is time for seniors to pack their bags and make their way into the world. Their Colby education has equipped them with hands-on skills to begin forging futures. The word "future" brings all sorts of optimistic visions of success and happiness to a second-semester senior's head. But what are they up against?

According to Director of Career Services Cindy Yasinski, if you are not among those with some kind of plan, there is no need to panic. Time is on your side.

According to the Career Services Senior Baccalaureate Poll for the Class of 1995, taken at last year's commencement exercises, only 26

percent of graduating seniors had attained a full-time job at that time. "And the numbers are very similar from year to year," said Yasinski.

About two and a half years after graduation, a whopping 41 percent of the class of 1996 will probably have done, or will be in the process of doing, some type of graduate course work. The numbers get higher as time goes on:

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after 12 years, about 73 percent of students are expected to have taken graduate courses.

The decision to postpone graduate school is very common, and a good way to investigate career possibilities. Now may not be the time for every student to get into the fast track. According to Yasinski, "Colby students tend to be pretty level-headed and relaxed in thinking, 'This first job is probably not the job I'm going to keep forever, but it's a way to figure out what I want to do next, and if the graduate program I'm thinking about is really what I want to do. It's a way to get some money so I can start repaying my loans.'"

Meg Oliver '96, an art major see **SENIORS** on page 4

## Architects gather student input on plans; Trustees confirm pond site

BY GLORIA ROTTELL  
Staff Writer

Last Thursday architects from CBT Inc., the firm that is designing the new dorm on campus, held an open forum in the Spa to gather student input about design features desired in the dorm.

The trustees this weekend confirmed the dorm's site to the west of Johnson Pond, according to Associate Dean for Residential Life Jan Arminio. She said the plans for the dorm are not yet final and that this forum gave the student body "a way of expressing their concerns and suggestions for the new dorm."

"Our goal in designing the dorm is to encourage as many chance encounters between the students as possible," said architect Charles Tseckares. "Therefore, we are giving special attention to the design of living room spaces, window seats and stairwells. We hope to create an atmosphere in which students may interact in a relaxed setting."

Tseckares went on to present many views of the proposed dorm by displaying blueprints and floor plans. The dorm will house 140 students and will be composed of three equally-sized wings. According to the architects, the concept behind the design plans is to reduce student identity to a smaller group. Each wing—referred to as "houses" by CBT—will have a common living room and a small kitchen area. In addition, one wing will have an apartment for a faculty resident.

"We are attempting to give the



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**CBT architect Charles Tseckares, presents the plans for the new dorm and fields audience questions.**

dorm a more residential rather than an institutional feeling," said Associate Dean of Housing Paul Johnston. "One way we hope to do this is by putting different lighting fixtures in the rooms since many student complaints arise from the harsh fluorescent lights currently in residence halls."

Janice Kassman, Dean of Students, added that "not all of the

rooms will have the same shape, in an attempt to make the rooms more personal. We are also not going to have any built-in furniture so that students can move closets around as they wish."

Some special features of the dorms include 14- and four-student co-ed suites with shared living room areas. These students will essentially see **ARCHITECTS** on page 3

## Presidents' Council approves changes in class schedule Presidents also tackle Stu-A / COOT conflict, faculty gender pay gap

BY KOL HARVEY  
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Last Wednesday's Presidents' Council was casual, both in dress and manner. The council discussed and passed the new schedule proposed by the Academic Affairs Committee, orientation for council members at the beginning of the year and the Diversity Steering Group. The agenda was light due to Stu-A ballot counting earlier in the day and its preoccupation with the elections.

The council had the opportunity to ask additional questions of Jon Paris '96, a student member of AAC, regarding the new schedule proposal before they voted to pass it. According to Paris, the plan would distribute classes more evenly throughout the day and week, and offer a zone from 4

to 7 p.m. each day which would be free from all classes. The schedule has been initiated because of problems with the current system.

"As of right now, Colby has no set class schedule" Paris explained. The plan is intended to spread core classes out during the day to give students more choice. It is expected that 80 percent of the student body will notice no change in their schedule. The proposal now moves to the faculty meeting in May. If implemented, it would not take effect until the 1997-98 school year, but would undergo a shadow period next year. The schedule was adopted to allow for Spotlight lecture blocks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 to 1 p.m.

Stu-A President Tom Ryan '96 proposed a change in the Stu-A

bylaws to allow for an orientation program at the beginning of each school year for members of Presidents' Council. Currently the Stu-A Executive Board and Cabinet

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—Jon Paris '96

have such a program at the beginning of each year. The plan would give new and returning hall presidents the opportunity to meet each other before the legislative session began to go over parliamentary procedure and work on team-building. The idea comes after a fall in which many hall

presidents expressed concerns about not knowing their fellow members of Presidents' Council, little awareness of what was expected of them and no understanding of general procedures for running events or initiating legislation in the Council. Last November many hall presidents expressed concerns and criticized their council for its inaction.

The proposal calls for all elected Stu-A leaders to attend the training. The fact that the plan would not allow for exceptions such as sports or COOT trips brought heavy criticism from several presidents. Chuck Costanzo '98 said that "to deny the year-long opportunity [of being a hall president] for a few days of orientation does not make sense.... If [a student] is confident that he or she can both lead a COOT and be

a hall president, then let him or her make that choice." The proposal would effect at least two students next fall who have been elected presidents and are leading COOTs. Presidents were asked to talk to their dorm residents about the issue and come prepared to decide what to do at the next meeting.

Ryan gave a report on the Diversity Steering Group, focusing on the fact that "Colby has the worst pay gap between male and female full professors." Ryan reported that Colby has 50 tenured male full professors, while only 6 females with the same standing. Additionally, there is a \$20,000 pay gap between the two sexes. The next worst college has a pay gap of only \$9,000. The Diversity Steering Group is continuing to examine the issue. □



## News Briefs

### Nocturnal Emissions kicked off air

Paul Fontana '96 and Heather Moylan's '96 Nocturnal Emissions radio show was pulled off the air early Tuesday morning. Between 1:15 and 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday, WMHB's Assistant General Manager Greg Moody '97 and two security officers entered the studio and turned off the transmitter, taking the station off the air, according to Fontana. The end of Nocturnal Emissions comes just weeks before Fontana and Moylan's graduation and after four years on the air. The talk radio show, which flaunts the fact that it is WMHB's only trademarked radio show, focused on interviews and current Colby events. (KH)

### Academic departments show free films at Railroad

The Russian and German departments, along with the program in Science and Technology Studies, will sponsor two films at the Railroad Square Cinema. The drama "Meltdown," shown on Tuesday, treated the aftermath of the nuclear reactor explosion of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant ten years ago. A reception was held at 7:30 in which the film's sound producer, Viktor Lukash, and Russian journalist Marina Tarau discussed their own experience with the reactor disaster. The second film, *Luna Dogs*, to be shown today at 4:30, focuses on the life of a Russian orphan who is living with AIDS. A reception and discussion by co-director Lidia Polshchikova-Tumaeva and her daughter who starred in the film will be held in the Whitney Room of Roberts at 7:30. Both films are free and open to the public. (KH)

### Weekend dorm damage

Coburn - Mess in middle sink caused a clog; hall is being billed.  
 Drummond - First floor and basement ravaged after Pub on the Hill; under investigation.  
 Foss - Fire extinguisher glass broken and fire extinguisher missing; under investigation.  
 Goddard-Hodgkins - Toilet paper dispenser broken off in first stall; hall is being billed.  
 Heights - Vomit in dorm and cigarette burns in wooden floors; individuals responsible are being billed.  
 Johnson - Unreasonable mess (half-cleaned dried vomit, garbage, clogged urinal, etc.); individual responsible is being billed.  
 Marriner - Shaving cream and toothpaste on mirror, extra cleaning required; hall is being billed.  
 Mary Low - Vomit in second floor bathrooms; hall is being billed.  
 Sturtevant - Excessive mess (broken bottles, shaving cream, etc.); hall is being billed.  
 Woodman - Broken window pane; under investigation.  
 (source: Dean of Students Office)

### International Extravaganza well-received by Colby

Saturday the International Club's International Extravaganza in the Page Commons room received accolades from students, faculty, administrators and trustees alike. The extravaganza included dances, singing and a fashion show. Students presented skits regarding their experiences at the beginning of their Colby careers. Two French exchange students from Thomas College were added to the program at the last minute, singing a popular French song, "Couleur Café." Refreshments made by the students in the event were quickly consumed. (KH)

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## Students, counselors meet to address eating disorders

BY HEATHER GOLDING  
 Staff Writer

Patti Hopperstead, director of counseling services, held a meeting about eating disorders last Wednesday evening. A campus-wide e-mail was sent out by the Coalition for Political Action, inviting friends, roommates and lovers of people with eating disorders to attend the meeting on how to help them cope with the problem. Hopperstead has held the same meeting for the past five years, and was extremely impressed by the large turnout this year.

"I don't know if this is a good thing or not," said Hopperstead, questioning if the turnout indicates an increase in eating disorders or an increased desire by students to take an active role in helping friends with eating disorders.

Hopperstead began the meeting by asking the students if they were there out of concern for one specific person, or more than one person. The majority of those present indicated that it was the latter. Hopperstead started her presentation with an informative, 15 minute video on eating disorders. The video

showed women who have suffered from eating disorders and documented their personal difficulties, and eventual successes. The film also suggested several reasons why eating disorders are so prevalent in our society such as the images portrayed in the media, our competitive society and abusive relationships.

After viewing the video, three members of the Colby community shared their personal experiences with eating disorders. They answered questions regarding how to approach a friend with an eating disorder and shared their personal opinions on the issue. However, throughout the meeting, it was stressed that a friend should not be responsible for solving the problems that an eating disorder creates. Instead, Hopperstead explained that a friend should suggest that the patient see a doctor or a counselor at the Health Center. She stressed that you can not make them do anything that they don't want to do. You are being a friend by putting the issue out in the open, and making them aware of your concern, but you can't make yourself responsible for solving their problem, Hopperstead

added.

Hopperstead distributed a sheet of "Suggestions To Help Someone You Know Who May Have an Eating Disorder Get Treatment." Some of the suggestions for friends included getting support to avoid burnout by talking confidentially to a friend or counselor; remembering that getting help early can often leads to full recovery; recalling that the frustration, anger and annoyance that can be felt at times are the same feelings that the patients often experience; expressing concern about his/her problems; encouraging an appointment with a physician, counselor, nurse, or parent; and facilitating a discussion of feelings such as anger, sadness, low self-esteem, or loneliness.

Hopperstead stressed that eating disorders are a very serious matter, and should not be ignored for fear of offending a friend. Approximately 1,000 people die from anorexia nervosa a year, according to the video. As Hopperstead says, "It's frustrating because there is only so much you can do. Love cannot cure everything, especially an eating disorder." □

## Jonathan Katz explains history of heterosexuality

BY KENDRA AMMANN  
 Staff Writer

As a part of Gay Pride Week Colby welcomed Jonathan Katz, author of "The Gay and Lesbian Almanac and Gay American History," to speak at last week's Spotlight Lecture. In his lecture entitled "The Invention of Heterosexuality," Katz outlined the history of the term "heterosexual."

According to Katz, the evolution of heterosexuality has had a great impact on social perceptions of modern sexuality. "The invention and distribution of the word heterosexual helped to construct a historically specific system of [heterosexual] domination," said Katz.

"We assume heterosexuality to be universal, unchanging and historical," said Katz, but "the 'hetero' and the 'sexual' have not always constituted the norms governing women's and men's relations." Katz began his lecture by explaining that the terms "heterosexual" and "homosexual" were first created in the late 19th century. According to Katz, a normal sexual relationship in the late 1800s was a procreative relationship. "Deviating from the procreative norm meant deviating from your sex, but heterosexuals were also sex deviators, deviating from procreative sex," said Katz.

Katz affirmed that the perception of heterosexual perversion continued well into the 20th century. "In the first quarter of the 20th century, the heterosexuals struggled to come out, a public self affirming debut [that] the homosexual would duplicate at century's end," said Katz.

By the early 1920s, "doctors of



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

Jonathan Katz presented his lecture "The Invention of Heterosexuality" during last Thursday's Spotlight lecture.

the mind formed a powerful bureau of sexual standards constituting heterosexuality as the new national brand," said Katz. "Heterosexuality, as opposed to the procreative standard, became the norm."

"Contesting the sex conservatives, postwar sex liberals strove ultimately with success to expand the heterosexual ideal to include within the boundaries of the normal, a wider than ever range of non-procreative, non-marital and

extra marital behaviors," said Katz, an ideal which has continued to dominate into the modern day. "The hetero-homosexual is one of the major binary categories of society in the late 20th century."

"Challenging the ideal of a homosexual and heterosexual identity and contesting the notion of homosexual and heterosexual persons began as one early, partial resistance to the idealizing and inferiorizing of homosexuals," said Katz. □





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The Editorial Board of Testimony. front (l-r) Ann Carroll '98, Stephen Murphy '99, and Betsy Burleson '96. back (l-r) Kyle Potter '99, and Kristin Wildman '98.

## Testimony promotes variety of issues

BY JAMES L. HARRIS  
Staff Writer

Testimony magazine, a publication sponsored by Students Organized Against Racism (SOAR), is scheduled to make a comeback by the end of the semester.

Testimony is a student publication whose purpose is to publish articles, poetry and essays by students and faculty that deal with political, social, personal and religious ideals. Testimony provides a forum for students to express their ideals, frustrations and hopes on issues that are relevant to campus life, the local community and the nation.

According to Steve Murphy '99, one of the organizers of this year's Testimony, "The purpose of Testimony is to allow people the opportunity to promote issues of importance to them like social, political, racial, gender and academic." Testimony is open to anyone who wants to express their view-

points and feelings about issues that affect them. Testimony is set up to provide widespread representation of the many different types of people at Colby.

Testimony was begun last year by a group of students from SOAR who felt the need to provide an open forum voice for people to express themselves on various issues that would otherwise not be seen or heard of in any other publications on the campus. Several such issues from last year's Testimony publication were racism at Colby, multicultural issues, poetry on various topics, and personal stories that dealt with death, suicide and self-empowerment.

"This year's publication will include poems and essays about social issues, eating disorders, religion, homosexuality and some political issues," said Murphy.

Testimony is being headed up by the following students: Stephen Murphy '99, Kyle Potter '99, Kristin

Wildman '98, Betsy Burleson '96 and Ann Carroll '98. Earlier this semester the group accepted submissions from the Colby community. After reading through all of the submissions the group has selected the submissions that they will publish.

According to Wildman, the group tried to pick the submissions that fit within the mission of Testimony. All of the submissions are different and special in their own unique ways. The submissions help to bring awareness to issues about which people need to hear.

"[Testimony] is an avenue for all voices. We don't censor. It's a representation of a lot of voices on campus that are not normally heard," said Wildman.

"We want people to be aware of [issues] that exist on our campus," said Murphy. "By being aware, hopefully people will take action to help others here on the Colby community and back in their respective hometowns." □

## World News

### • President vetoes measure banning type of abortion

Last week President Clinton vetoed a bill which would have banned a certain type of late-term abortions. Clinton expressed concern that women who need this type of late-term abortion for health reasons should have the access to it. They "should not become pawns in the larger [abortion] debate," said Clinton. According to Clinton campaign officials, this vote is likely to become an important issue in the presidential campaign because pro-life supporters condemn the procedure.

### • Israeli attacks drive refugees from Lebanon

Hundreds of thousands of refugees have fled from Lebanon as Israel warned of further bombing. Israel began attacks against Lebanon last Thursday, focusing operations against Lebanese Shiite Muslim guerrillas of the Party of God. Israeli officials contend that the steady escalation of the Party of God's recent attacks both against soldiers in the buffer zone and against settlement in northern Israel. The guerrillas have fought back with what has been reported as the largest number of rockets used in recent history. Israeli gunships continue to strike Party of God offices and shops and the estimated number of fleeing Lebanese is over 400,000.

### • Hospital blast in Pakistan may preview political battle

A bomb exploded Monday in Pakistan's only cancer hospital, killing at least six people and wounding 30. The hospital was opened 16 months ago and was dedicated to the mother of Pakistan's former cricket captain, Imran Khan. Recently, Kahn has reportedly said that he is on the verge of starting a political movement aimed at defeating Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. Investigations are still being conducted, but Pakistani officials say that evidence may point to members of Bhutto's supporting party.

### • States propose holding parents responsible for children's actions

As juvenile crime rates rise across the United States, states and localities are beginning to make parents legally responsible for the misbehavior of their children. According to The National Conference of State Legislators, at least 25 states have passed laws or expanded existing laws to increase parental responsibility. Opponents of this trend argue that it will contribute to the breakdown of the family.

### • U.S. puzzled over motives of North Korea in the DMZ

North Korean troops have entered the demilitarized zone which separates North Korea from South Korea. The troop movements violate the armistice signed at the end of the Korean War. Senior Pentagon officials believe this violation is a North Korean attempt to get the United States to negotiate a peace agreement without including South Korea. The Pentagon affirmed that any peace negotiations in Korea would include South Korea.

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be unrelated in the sense that they will draw their rooms in the regular lottery system and not as a group of 14. There will be two bathrooms for them to share as well. The rooms of four person suites have a similar living arrangement. However, these rooms will be reserved for juniors and seniors and will be drawn in the lottery as a group.

Two of the wings will have three floors and the third wing will have a fourth floor which will include a party space comparable to the Heights Community Room. There will be a terrace facing the pond and students can use this as an

entrance to the room as well as using the stairs through the building. This floor will also include bike storage, furniture storage and a kitchen area.

There will be effort taken to soundproof certain areas of the dorm, such as around the stairwells and the elevator. Also, the architects will be using division walls throughout the building which, "in response to concern expressed by students, will inhibit sound transfer," according to one architect.

According to CBT, another question raised by students was regarding the present road around the

pond. It has not yet been decided if this road will be removed or will remain. Various students attending the forum expressed mixed opinions on this issue. Some felt that the road should remain because of the already limited car access on campus, while others felt that keeping the road is not a necessity.

Architects answered questions and addressed student concerns for two hours. Their hope is to "allow greater student input, so that we may serve [student] interest to the fullest extent." Construction is still scheduled to begin sometime this summer. □

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## Off the Hill

**Amherst College**  
Amherst, Massachusetts

A recent assembly in an Amherst dining hall was overrun with at least eleven mice, set loose by unknown pranksters, according to the *Amherst Student*. Two people, including the dining hall manager, were bitten before the mice were captured. The manager was not at all amused by the incident and does not know if the mice came from a pet store or the biology lab. He received a tetanus shot.

Student Sean Sullivan '97 caught 7 of the mice. "It was the most bizarre dinner I've ever had in my life," he said. "My first thought [upon seeing the mouse] was, 'I should catch it.' So I leaned down and grabbed it by the tail" and put it in a styrofoam cup. Sullivan ended up "crawling around during Associate Dean of Students Moss' speech grabbing mice. They looked really scared." Sullivan has custody of eight of the mice caught. Two were released and one fatally crushed. Moss called the incident "in bad taste and a potential danger."

**North Central Bible College**  
Minneapolis, MN

Ice-fishing for a theology course? That's just what theologian David R. Nichols did for three weekends, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. According to Nichols, the New Testament has a lot of fishing imagery and he wanted his class to try the sport for that reason. Students had to write an essay describing how ice fishing might dovetail with ministry work for credit. "It sounds kind of funny, but this was a real academic experience," said Nichols.

**West Virginia University**  
Morgantown, WV

Omega Psi Phi was expelled from WVU for four years after a freshman who had been hazed reported the fraternity's activities to the police. The student was beaten, whipped and deprived of sleep and now suffers from a hearing impairment. The student may have to drop out of school to recover. Members of the fraternity charged with the beating will be tried by the university's judicial board. The national chapter of OPP suspended the university's chapter. (K.D.)

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## Don't be afraid to get help

BY SUZANNE L. DELEA  
Staff Writer

Have you known a friend who was so drunk that they needed to go to the Health Center, but refused? Have you ever felt you've been too sick to handle your own drunken state?

Fear of an incident being recorded on one's medical records, breath-a-lyzer tests, being forced to talk to someone about alcohol and sheer embarrassment are many of the reasons why people who need health care do not allow themselves to receive it.

The Health Center may be the safest and smartest place for a person who is suffering from the effects of too much alcohol. The Health Center is medically equipped with trained practitioners to help people who are sick and if in the most extreme of cases the Health Center does not have resources to help the individual in need, it will contact and transport the patient to a hospital or emergency room immediately.

Physician Assistant Alden Kent, a practitioner at the Health Center, meets with students who have spent the night at the Health Center due to intoxication. Kent conducts two confidential sessions discussing the student's relationship with alcohol.

"I want to help students," said Kent. "I want students to know that I am advocating on their behalf to the hall staff, faculty and deans. I have no desire to be a probation officer. I, in fact, want to keep students out of the deans' office. These sessions are not meant to be a pun-

ishment for what has already happened. In my experience, these sessions have given students both positive and helpful feedback about alcohol."

The Health Center welcomes anyone who needs health care assistance, but it is also the Health Center staff's job to inform and help prevent sickness so that bad experiences can be minimized. These sessions are the Health Center's way of helping students to become more aware of their own drinking patterns.

Once a drunken patient is ad-

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mitted, a breath-a-lyzer test is performed. Neither the Waterville Police nor the Dean of Students Office is contacted or gains access to the results. The test is a medical tool used to determine how intoxicated a person may be, so that proper health care can be administered. If the Health Center did not perform these tests, practitioners would not be able to accurately assess a patient's blood-alcohol level and health care would not be as efficient or precise. The Health Center keeps medical records on infirmary admissions but neither the Dean of Students Office nor the patient's family is contacted. The only time the student's family finds out about something is if a student goes to the emergency room or becomes a threat

to themselves. Families usually find out about visits to the emergency room when a bill is sent home.

Students may avoid the Health Center because they are concerned with the threat of disciplinary action being taken against them. Dean of Students Janice Kassman is only contacted if a student has become violent or destructive to people or Colby property (while intoxicated or not) or if a student has been admitted to the emergency room. The majority of students the Health Center treats do not fall into either of these two categories.

Students who drink must be constantly aware of their responsibilities, according to Kent. "If responsible drinking occurred at Colby, then we wouldn't be sitting here discussing it," he said. "The Health Center can be seen as a safety net for students experimenting with alcohol. Though the Health Center can help students regain their health, it does not condone or take responsibility for the choices students may make while under the influence. Ultimately, students are the ones who make the choice to drink. The Health Center or the administration is not shoving it down your throats. As with most anything, the privilege to drink can also lead to negative consequences if responsibility is not taken." □

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

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with a concentration in art history, is one such student. "I basically don't know what I want to do, so I plan to take some time off, maybe take a few courses on the side, and figure out whether I want to go to graduate school in art history," said Oliver. Oliver has used the Career Services Library, but has never taken part in the recruitment programs, as most museums and galleries aren't able to shoulder the financial burden of traveling to recruit employees.

"Fewer people are signing up for recruiters and fewer people are signing up for various interviewing consortia where there are real jobs that people interview for. Where in other years we've had 30 or 40 people sign up for that opportunity, this year we got 15 or 20," said Yasinski.

One senior who has benefited from on-campus recruitment is Patricia Benson, who recently landed a Strategic Consulting position with

Bain & Co. of Boston. Benson, an economics major, attributes her success to starting early and doing her homework.

"I guess because I started the job search in September there wasn't so much pressure then. People who are starting now feel a lot more pressure. But there are enough jobs out there for everyone if they're willing to put in the time and make the necessary contacts," said Benson.

A lot of students who have found neither temporary nor long-term employment feel the sting of that pressure when they hear about the success of their peers. Yasinski knows rooming situations where one student "gets this wonderfully incredible job and the others almost stop the [career searching] process because it seems so impossible that they would get something like that."

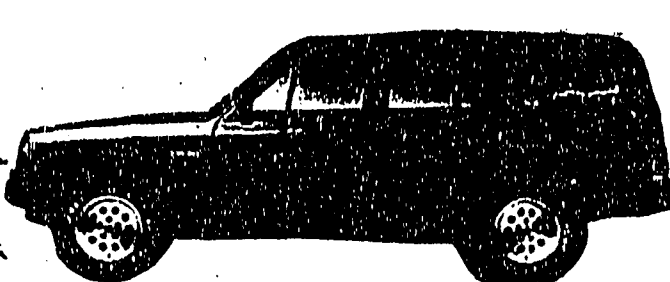
But this is not as common as one might imagine upon noticing the looks of chagrin on a rainy afternoon at the

Career Services Library. Some students have a much more positive attitude.

Eric Gordon '96, a chemistry major who is awaiting replies from numerous firms, says he gets excited when he hears of others' successes. "I've got a couple of friends who have already landed some pretty big jobs. I'm happy to hear it, especially when they get a good job, because it means the Colby product is marketable, and people want Colby students."

For many students who will leave Mayflower Hill without much more direction in their lives then when they arrived, graduation is not a thing to be feared, but celebrated with relief and with mirth. Colin Harrington '96, a government major to be employed at a Washington, D.C. investment house said of his unemployed friends, "I think even people who don't have jobs are just happy to be leaving Waterville for some other place they'd rather be." □

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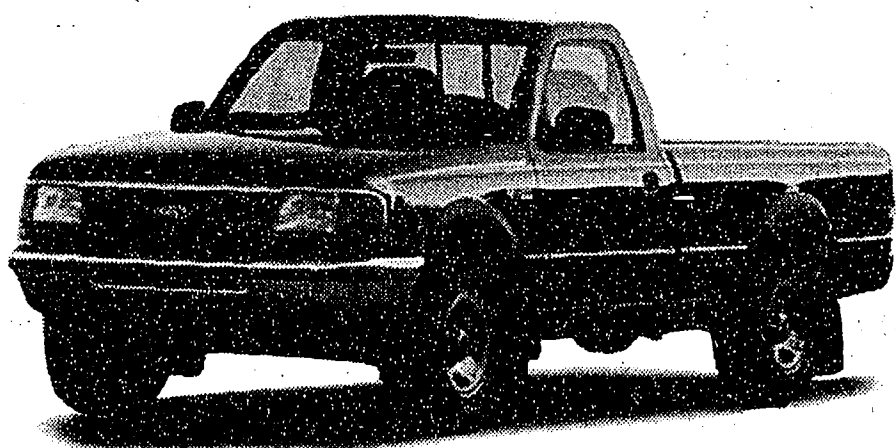
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# Arts and Entertainment

## "Faking It" does admirably being real

BY CATHERINE B. PAGE  
Staff Writer

"Faking It," this semester's one-act festival directed by Michael Coyle '97, was an extremely entertaining look at modern love and the presentation of self. First-time director Coyle picked three one-act plays from over 100 to focus on the idea of superficiality.

The title, "Faking it," originates from a line in the second one act, "Date with a Stranger." Coyle chose this line because he felt it captured what each play portrayed: an outside look at the phony and fraudulent aspect in relationships that we find so often here at Colby. How often we find that we don't really know a person we are supposedly close to, and are too apathetic to be real. The idea of faking it was very personal to Coyle and his actors. Another entendre on "Faking It" refers to the actors themselves, who are in essence faking it through the pursuit of acting on stage.

The first play, "Lunch with Ginger," dealt with introspection and the task of trying to be intimate and open with people only willing to be fair weather friends. As the main character tries to express her ideas on the human race, her friends attempt to keep her conversation on shopping, coats, books, husbands and ear infections.

The one-acts moved into the issue of fake love with the play "Date with a Stranger." This wildly comical look at a horny and shallow couple breezed through an entire relationship in under thirty minutes.

The final one-act was "The Valentine Fairy," which portrayed the fact that despite mistakes and disillusionment, there is still hope as long as we can love and be true to ourselves.

"Lunch with Ginger," by Marsha Norman, captured several laughs although it was the most reflective of all the plays. Michele Machalani '99 was very relaxed and earnest in her portrayal of Ginger, a woman who Coyle saw as "waiting her whole life, but right on the verge of doing." Meg Belanger '99, Jodi Beznoska '98 and Emily Hoberg '99 all came up with extremely amusing characters and were not afraid to portray people who seemed shallow and not always likable. All four of these women are young and talented and are worth keeping an eye on as they hopefully work their way onto the Strider main stage.

"Date with a Stranger" by Cherie Vogelstein was absolutely hilarious. The decision to highlight the farcical element of the play drove home the complete absurdity of both characters. The central issue of this play mocked many of the relationships that we see in real life, and the vacuous attitude and things people say when they are not relating to each other honestly. Samantha Sarno '99 and Kenneth Pau Sarzynski '99 both handled farce excellently. Both were able to horseplay on stage without overacting or losing sight of their characters. Andrew Glos '97, mostly hidden behind his newspaper in a cameo as the businessman, nearly took the cake with his mere facial expressions and body posture as he responded to the buffoonery going on beside him.

However, the most impressive acting occurred in Earnest Thompson's, "The Valentine Fairy." Both Erin McConaughy '99 and Eugene Buono '97 proved to be extremely talented, portraying their characters with charisma, real emotion, and comfort with the stage. McConaughy was believably bitter and pained as the character Ingrid, a woman disillusioned with love and the tortures she puts herself through for love. Even her accent fit in perfectly with the character she played. Buono was truly remarkable in his portrayal of the sweet and slightly old fashioned Valentine Fairy. The entire air of his character was natural and consistent, and his costume of red pajamas with a pink tutu an absolute riot. The best moment of this play was when Buono turned to the audience and said that "everyone could use a good fairy," bringing home the overall point that sometimes we all do need help, and we do all need to be loved.

The technical crew did a great job with what they had to work with in the Coffeehouse: light bulbs and switches. All of the sets and props were accurate and well-chosen, but kept very simple for smooth and easy scene changes. The play definitely benefited from the warmth and intimacy of the Coffeehouse space, and would have had a very different feeling in the stuffy and dank space in the Cellar Theater. As a break from the Pinter pause and the usual Strider highbrow, "Faking It" was refreshing in its modern, humane, and most importantly entertaining look at issues relevant to Colby life. □

## Student art exhibition returns to Art Museum

BY ANNA GOLDSMITH  
STAFF WRITER

As any Bixler-bound student knows, the alcohol policy at Colby is not the only hot topic of debate on campus. When the Art Museum decided not to house the annual Student Art Show, students and faculty were up in arms. "Where will we go, if not here?" they asked.

The museum staff suggested that they try the Bixler Library for possible exhibition space, but this was not felt to be a suitable substitution. Security complications drastically limited other potential spaces, such as the suggestion that the student works be displayed in the Street of Miller Library.

According to Associate Professor of Art Abbott Meader, having the student art work housed anywhere but in the Art Museum would set an unacceptable precedent. In the past, the chair of the art department had final say in all museum activities, but now the museum director reports to President Cotter rather than the department chair, according to Meader.

Because of student and faculty pressure as well as the fact the Museum staff was unable to come up with an acceptable substitution space, an agreement was reached to hold the 1996 Student Art Show in the museum.

The show will be an exhibition the work of current and former studio art students. The show will be juried by the studio art faculty, and students will play a major role in the installation of the show.

Senior art major Meghan Myers '96 said that students "should all be proud of this show because it may not be happening next year."

The opening will be held on Friday April 19th from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the museum lobby. The Colbyettes and The Blue Lights will be performing and refreshments will be served. □



Max Perlich (l) and Noah Emmerich star in Ted Demme's *Beautiful Girls*.

Photo courtesy Miramax Films

## Beautiful headline in this here

BY SCOTT ROTHMAN  
Staff Writer

For many people, high school is a time in their lives that they are happy to forget.

However, there are those chosen few who relished those terrifying four years. High school was the best time of some people's lives — a magical period when they were still young and fancy free. While there have been plenty of movies made focusing on the three-ring circus that constitutes high school, few explore what happens ten years down the road. In his new film "Beautiful Girls," Ted Demme shows how the real world can present such a challenge to the promise and enthusiasm we possess in our teens.

Set in a small, insular New England town, "Beautiful Girls" tells the story of a group of friends who are all brought back together for their high school reunion. Through a haze of beer and good times, this eclectic group of guys learns all about the troubles in each of their lives, particularly concerning the women with whom they are involved. Love is a diffi-

cult issue, one that the guys in "Beautiful Girls" ponder and expostulate on for the duration of the film.

With its diverse and talented cast, you would expect bigger laughs out of this hip comedic drama. While funny at times, the actors' performances seem restricted by the failings of their script. They have the nifty Pez dispensers but no candy.

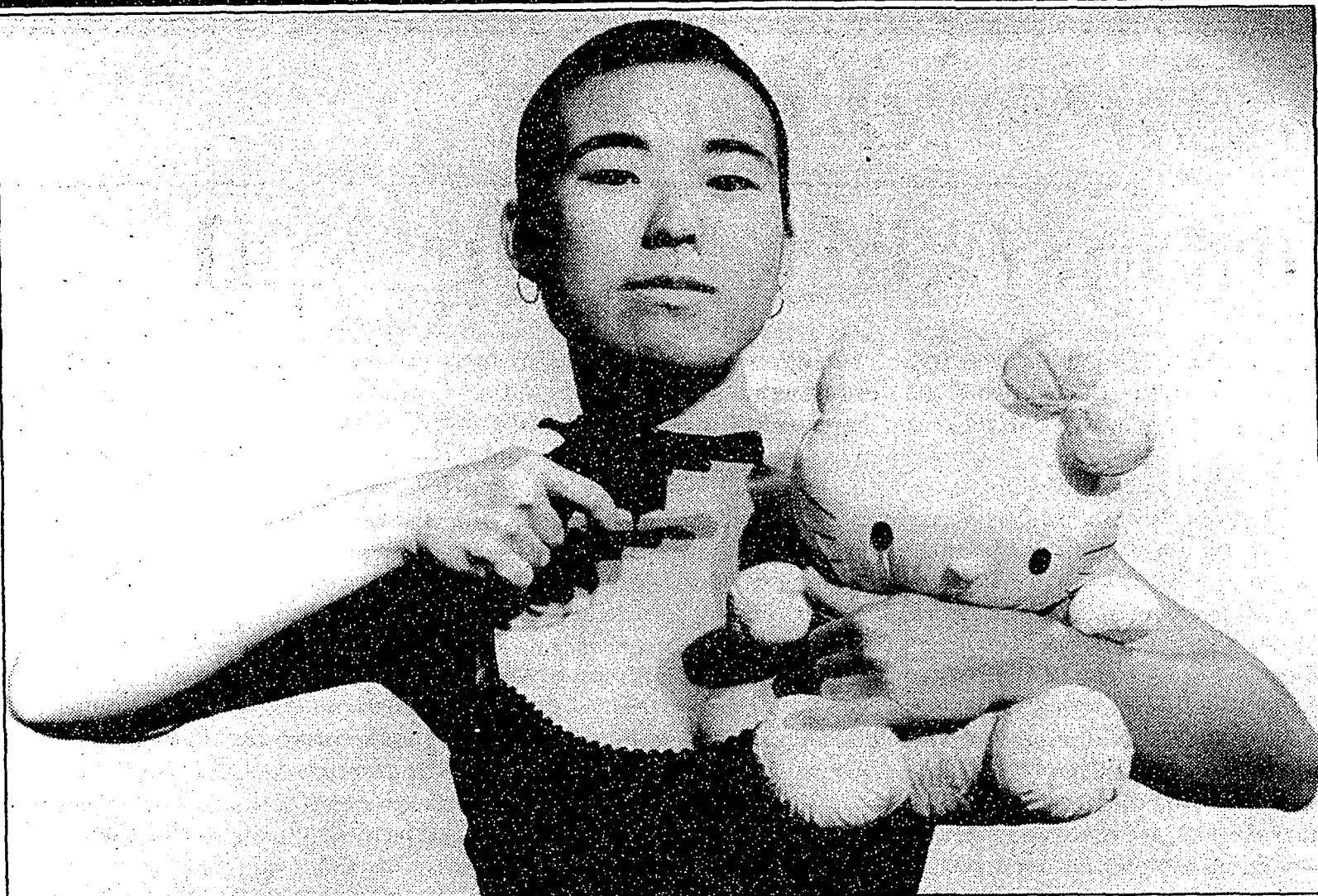
Michael Rapaport is hilarious as Paul Kirkwood, a snow plow, whose fascination with supermodels leads him to name his dog "Elle McPherson." Still searching for his star-making role, Matt Dillon gives an excellent performance as the "Birdman," who has trouble letting go of his glory days. Timothy Hutton is uninspiring in his portrayal of the struggling pianist Willie Conway. His character only comes to life in his conversations with his 13-year old neighbor Marty (superbly played by Natalie Portman). Portman's Marty is the best part of the film, and her performance shows a lot of promise for the young actress. Otherwise, Uma Thurman is just asked to be pretty and Rosie O' Donnell

to be funny, and both carry out their duties effortlessly. Here is a hint for Demme's next film: Less talk. More Uma.

In its depiction of life after high school and the disappointment of unfulfilled potential, "Beautiful Girls" is right on. In a way the movie is a "Big Chill" for the late-20s crowd. With the exception of Hutton, the interaction within the guys' tight circle is very realistic. Their emotions, struggles and personal setbacks appear very human, making them easy to relate to. However, for all the time spent with the characters, the audience never really gets inside any one of them.

At times, Demme seems more concerned with giving all of the actors enough screen time rather than developing their characters. Demme's film fails to churn up the real, honest emotions that make movies memorable. The end result is that the audience cares about what happens to the characters, but only in the way you care about a relative you rarely see. "Beautiful Girls" is an entertaining movie, but just like its main characters, it never fulfills its own promise or potential. □





Denise Uyehara will come to Mayflower Hill this weekend to present her show "Hello (Sex) Kitty: Mad Asian Bitch on Wheels."

## Ann Arbor Film Festival, "Hello (Sex) Kitty" visit Colby this weekend

BY JUDY RING  
A&E EDITOR

Colby will be graced by the opportunity to view some of the best short films in the country this week as the Ann Arbor Film Festival travels to Bixler for two evenings. According to Art Professor Abbot Meader, the 37th edition of the festival is "the most prestigious film festival of its level." The show travels around the country and is a combination of student, amateur and professional works.

The festival will begin for Colby on April 18 at 7:30 p.m. and continue at the same time on April 19. Each night features a different show, and a relaxed atmosphere gives the opportunity to come and go at any time in the evening. The Festival is being held in Given Auditorium and admission is free.

Also this weekend, Denise Uyehara will be presenting a combination of several art forms in "Hello (Sex) Kitty: Mad Asian Bitch on Wheels." In a show featuring humor, poetry, and no-holds-barred

commentary on a variety of controversial subjects, Uyehara will explain "what it means to be an Asian, a woman, a bisexual and a human being, not necessarily in that order."

Uyehara has visited many theaters across the United States as well as internationally and also appeared at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China. Uyehara will be appearing on April 20 at 8 p.m. on the 2nd floor of Roberts Union. Admission will be free. □

## Muralist Sol LeWitt collaborates with Colby students for campus piece

BY ANNA GOLDSMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Over one year ago in a meeting in New York City, Gabriella DeFerrairi, chair of the Board of Governors of the Colby Museum of Art, suggested that Colby hire abstract muralist Sol LeWitt to design a mural for the Colby Museum.

Shortly after, LeWitt voyaged from his home in the big city to visit our not-so-big school on the hill. Apparently, he liked what he saw and submitted two plans to be met with Colby's approval. The final selection is to be 27 feet long and 10 feet high, and will be executed on the wall opposite the Museum front desk in the lobby.

LeWitt has a unique approach to art. He believes, "a blind man can make art if what is in his mind can be passed on to another mind in some tangible form."

What does this mean for Colby? To begin with, it means that LeWitt will not be visiting Colby again until the mural is complete. Instead, Colby purchased a one-of-a-kind scale model of the mural that LeWitt created specifically for the Art Museum. It also means that along with LeWitt's assistant, who is

flying in from New York, the actual execution of the work will be done by senior art majors Kristin Bowles '96 and Stephanie Sack '96.

Sack and Bowles, the only two students in the upper-level Painting V class, were selected by Painting Instructor Fred Lynch. The entire process must be completed in seven days using LeWitt's design and explicit instructions. The students are putting off their other classes for the week of April 22 and anticipating 10-hour days.

"I think we're going to be up on ladders all the time just sponging paint," said Sack. But more than just sponging paint, both students recognize that this is a very unique opportunity to be a part of the hands-on process of creating art.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to come and watch the process. The artists will begin work on April 19 and be completed by April 30, just in time for the May 1 unveiling. In addition to the mural there will be an exhibit in the Jette Gallery entitled "Sol LeWitt Drawing."

A lecture entitled "Sol LeWitt and Minimalism" will be presented by Phyllis Tuchman on May 1, at 4:30 p.m. in Given Auditorium. All are welcome. □

## calendar for a rural planet

### on this planet

"Hello (Sex) Kitty: Mad Asian Bitch on Wheels"  
performance by Denise Uyehara  
April 20 at 8 p.m.  
Roberts Union, 2nd floor

37th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival  
April 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m.  
Given Auditorium

Fiction Reading by Ralph Lombreglia  
April 18 at 11 a.m.  
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### off this planet

#### Bowdoin

"Creating an Exhibition:" lecture in conjunction  
with "Context Considered: Perspectives in American Art"  
April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

#### UMaine at Orono

Bob Dylan  
April 22 at 9 p.m., April 23 at 8 p.m.  
Maine Center for the Arts

Bangor Symphony Orchestra,  
Oratorio Society, and University Singers  
April 21 at 3 p.m.  
Hutchings Concert Hall

Percussion Ensemble and University Orchestra  
April 23 at 8 p.m.  
St. John's Church, Bangor

Collegiate Chorale Spring Concert  
April 24 at 8 p.m.  
Orono United Methodist Church

### films

"The Never Ending Story"  
Railroad Square Cinema  
April 19-21, matinee at 12:50 p.m.

"Sense and Sensibility"  
Railroad Square Cinema  
April 19-25 at 6:45 p.m.  
April 19-21, matinee at 1:15 p.m.

"Richard III"  
Railroad Square Cinema  
April 19-25 at 7 p.m.  
April 20-21, matinee at 2:35 p.m.

"Beautiful Girls"  
Railroad Square Cinema  
April 19-25 at 9:05 p.m.  
April 20-21, matinee at 4:45 p.m.

"Rumble in the Bronx"  
Railroad Square Cinema  
April 19-25 at 9:20 p.m.  
April 20-21, matinee at 4 p.m.



## EDITORIALS

## Clarifying room draw, again

Four weeks ago the *Echo* commended Associate Dean of Housing Paul Johnston for publishing a room draw schedule and information sheet. Unfortunately, our praise seems to have been a bit premature.

The sheet, which all students received in their mailboxes, promised that "more detailed information related to the general room draw will be published after spring break." So far, this information has not been made available and room draw remains as much of a mystery as ever.

The calendar that we found to be so helpful turned out to be completely inaccurate. It slated alternative-living room selection (quiet hall, Mary Low Co-op., co-ed suites and substance free halls) for April 15-17, this Monday through Wednesday. However, selections actually took place the first week after spring break, and even those students involved were not well informed of the scheduling change.

The dates that were established on the calendar weren't followed and the process is no less confusing to students than before. It also seems that freshmen are as confused as ever about commons retention and other more basic aspects of room draw.

To make this process as easy and clear as possible, the *Student Handbook* should include a comprehensive room draw section that explicitly describes every last detail of the room draw procedure; from lottery number generation to sign-ups to actual room selection, there needs to be a resource to help students understand how, why and when the system works.

Of course, all of the handbooks and calendars in the world are no good if they provide false information.

## '96-'97 Stu-A should act now for successful year

While the beginning of the 1996-97 school year is still almost five months away, it is time for the newly-elected Stu-A Cabinet to start working. An early beginning would insure a smooth start in September. Rather than utilizing the fall to organize and familiarize, real work could be accomplished.

A few suggestions include: lofty and unattainable goals/campaign promises such as "improving communication" or "creating community" would be more effectively replaced by concrete solutions such as inviting the Dean's Office to Presidents' Council on a monthly basis. Instead of promising broad accomplishments, which are often unattainable, the newly elected Stu-A Cabinet should focus on making small changes which will build to an overall goal. It is better accomplish little than to accomplish nothing at all.

Josh Woodfork and Graham Nelson's plan of splitting Stu-A into separate legislative and social branches sounds like a good first step toward a more effective Student Association. Hopefully, action will be swift on this proposal and Stu-A can get right to work instead of spending all of first semester trying to make the split and accomplishing nothing else.

In short, if the new Stu-A gets to work now and remembers not to bite off more than it can chew, maybe it can ultimately deliver on some of those lofty campaign promises.

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## Letters

## Speak against sexual harassment

I am writing this in response to Saranna Thornton's letter entitled, "Pursue grievances confidentially." Since I am the one that spoke, I feel that I should respond to her letter which "disturbed" me. I would first like to say that I am very disappointed that Ms. Thornton's letter was the only writing that even mentioned the Open Forum. Since many students did not, or were unable, to attend, the issues discussed should have been written about in the *Echo* in order to let the student body know what was addressed. As for Ms. Thornton's letter, I am sorry that she feels that I "defamed the reputations of all the male faculty residents," for that was not my intent. I feel that Ms.

Thornton did not listen to my opening statement where I said that in looking through Colby's sexual harassment policy, I have found many gaps in the policy that needed to be addressed. Yes, I did acknowledge that I knew of cases that went through Colby's "grievance procedure," but then felt revictimized for they believed that Colby did not take them seriously or truly help them. In saying that I knew of cases where the Colby's procedure did not work for them, I was using that as a foundation for my questioning, bringing the issue from individual cases to a campus wide issue: that the existent policy does not work and we must change it in order to protect future students.

Ms. Thornton reverses this, reducing the general to the particular, which was not what I did, nor was it my intent. Also, for Ms. Thornton to imply that I should have explicitly stated the names, contradicts what she says in her next paragraph, saying that grievances should be kept confidential. Again, Ms. Thornton did not listen to what I said. The multiple women that did complain did so confidentially, and it got them nowhere. The women I know who have followed the procedure to which Ms. Thornton refers have found it to be ineffective, protecting the administration, not the victims.

Beth Wallace '96

## Grade inflation: a complex problem

I was misquoted in Mike Schoolman's article on grade inflation in the April 11 issue of the *Echo*. I did not say that "the academic abilities of Colby students have increased over the last six or seven years and students are doing higher quality work and getting the grades that reflect that." I did say that grade inflation is a complex phenomenon to which many factors undoubtedly contribute. One of those factors may be the increase in academic skills and abilities, and the more sophisticated habits of mind, that I have witnessed in Colby students over the past five years (qualities, by the way, that are not well measured by the SAT). In any case, to attribute grade inflation solely to the inability or unwillingness of junior faculty to maintain their pro-

fessional standards and integrity in the face of student pressure (i.e., giving higher grades in exchange for positive course evaluations) not only demeans junior faculty, but also oversimplifies a problem that demands a much more nuanced and multidimensional analysis. As a member of the Task Force on Grade Inflation, I hope that both faculty and students will take this opportunity to begin a dialogue about these important issues that will lead to greater clarity and understanding for all concerned.

Mark Tappan  
Associate Professor of Education and Human Development

## Evaluations earned, not bought

Dear Faculty Members: You can't buy us off with high grades. Our evaluations reflect your teaching ability...not our GPA. Colby students have the integrity to make honest judgments and are not biased by

their grades. We are above the concept of "I'm doing well, I like it." Bribery brings about an inherent lack of respect. Your evaluations will reflect our respect if you open up new ideas, demand high quality work and

refuse to give everyone an A-/B+. In short, if you are concerned with your evaluations (and you should be), challenge us, don't baby us.

Conrad Saam '96

## Thanks, Colby Emergency Response

I am writing this letter to compliment Colby's Emergency Response Team. This past Sunday morning, I found myself in an emergency situation. As I was cleaning the snow off my car in the Hillside parking lot, my parking brake failed and my car started rolling down the hill. While I was attempting to stop it, my arm became trapped between two cars. I was unable to move the car or my arm. I called for help and almost immediately people came to help. Within minutes Security, an ambulance, CER as well as others came to assist me. I want to thank everyone

for responding so quickly — the two guys from Hillside (I'm sorry I don't know your names), Security, Kevin Haussman, Josh Fishkin as well as other members of CER. Because of everyone's quick reactions, there was minimal damage done to my arm. I was truly impressed with and grateful for everyone's efforts. It's comforting to know that Colby has such an effective and caring response team and that help is very close by.

Kathy Alexander '96

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# Opinions

## White Heterosexual Christian Male Month

BY WHITNEY GLOCKNER  
Opinions Editor

The remark usually goes something like, "We have Jewish Awareness Month, Black History Month, FeministFortnight, Les/Bi/GayPride Week and AIDS Awareness Week; why don't we ever have White Heterosexual Christian Male Month?" The answer usually involves various cries of support and laughter from some and heckles and defensive answers from others: "Every day is White Heterosexual Christian Male Day," or "Because we are trying to throw off oppressions of all kinds and white heterosexual Christian men just happen to represent all of those forms of oppression."

Well, for a moment, I would like to indulge the white heterosexual Christian male model. What events

would take place in White Heterosexual Male Month that would actually prove productive enough to have such a month? I am not talking about a month where we throw political correctness out the window and give workshops on harassment techniques, I am talking about an actual productive month devoted to actually exploring the positive avenues to break the negative model of the white male.

There must be some redeeming qualities to the white male and I believe that anyone can name at least a few that they admire for one reason or another. To begin to list the positive images of the white male would take far more than a month. However, to list the negative would take just as long. The question remains: how can the white male who is devoted to positive action be accepted in a world that fears and hates so much of what he stands for?

What sorts of comments might come out in a forum devoted to men who feel thwarted in their efforts to produce positive change in a world where the white male is nothing less than hated as social oppressor, cruel capitalist, warmonger and patriarchal egoist? It is hard to believe that all men are comfortable with this image of

themselves.

What kinds of stories might we be able to tell about the men in our lives who should be raised up as examples of peace and justice seekers? In this academic environment we should not be tearing down the white male to make a place for the oppressed and unaccounted for. We should not even be giving time to Rush Limbaugh and the Pope, but rather we should be broadening our images of the white male to include people like Seamus Heaney and Robin Williams. Think to yourself of all the white men on this campus that you admire yourself; I imagine the list is long.

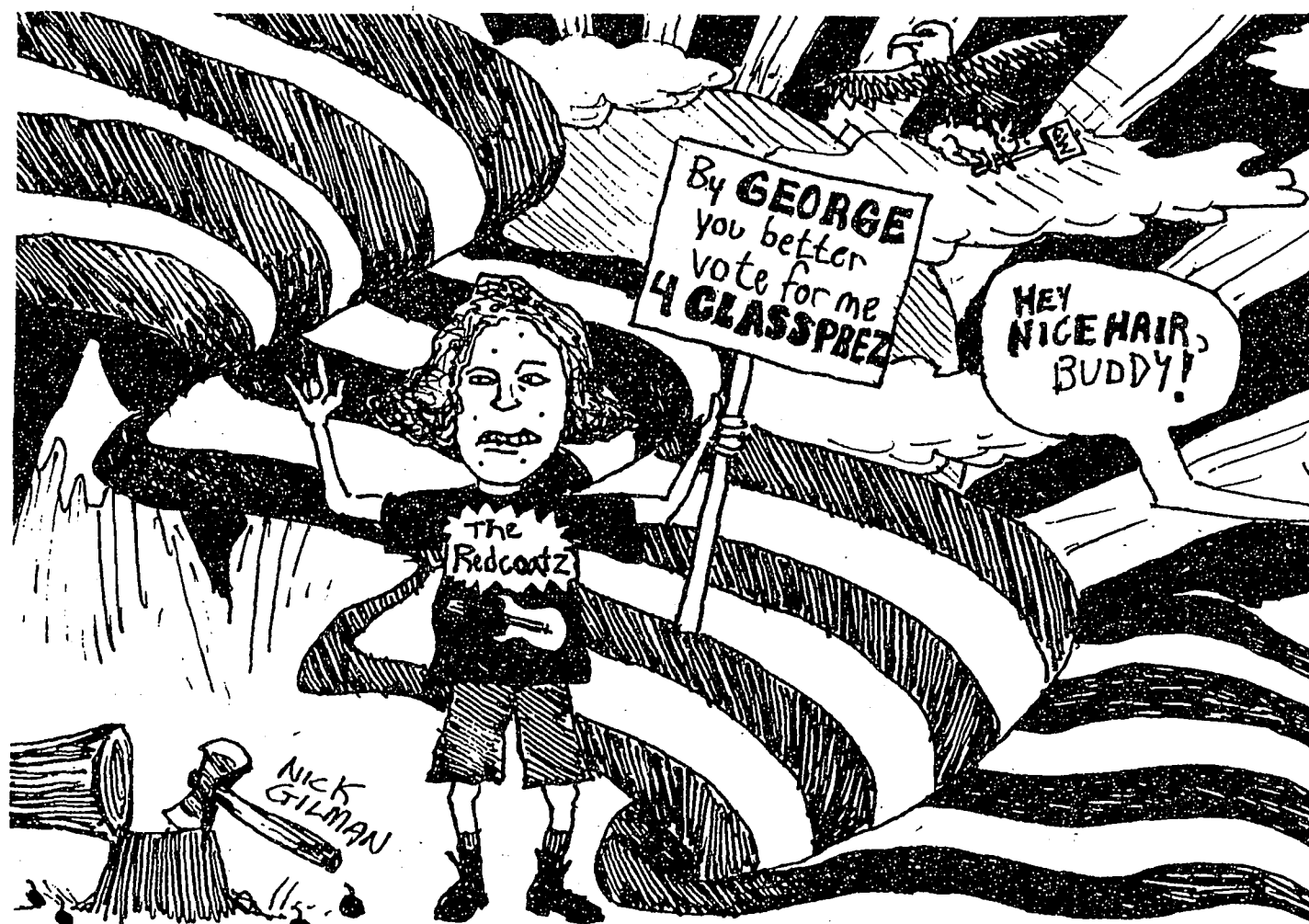
It seems that the white male is just

as much a product of society as anyone else. The only difference is that the white male has had the pole position in the race. Can you really blame him for not

wanting to give up that power position? At some level that is that for which all the minority groups in society are looking. Granted, the white male is less than graceful in the ways he holds power over others, but it is not human nature to give it away.

If the white male is just as much a product of society as anyone else, we are doing men a disservice by not allowing them the proper space to explore their own image in society without having to be defensive. Perhaps a class should be offered to match the much-loved Female Experience in America, called the Male Experience in America.

The fact remains that a good number of men in America and the world over would not respond to any effort to deconstruct stereotypes of white men. Power is comfortable to hold, and it is easy to allow groups like SOAR, SOBHU, The Bridge, Hillel and the Women's Group to go on holding their forums and lectures and pass out their ribbons without ever really acknowledging their demands and needs. Whether White Heterosexual Male Month would be successful or not is dubious. But the question is no longer unanswered: here is your month — do with it what you will. □



## Beauty standard breeds unhealthy perfectionism in Colby women's athletics

BY AMY MONTEMERLO  
Contributing Writer

It's 3 p.m. on a Monday, and what seems to be the entire female population of Colby is crowded into the weight room.

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characteristics are most often found in sports that place emphasis upon body size, such as running, skating and gymnastics. Women involved in these sports are more apt to develop eating disorders and exercise addictions simply because of the nature of their sport and its stress on performance, agility and speed.

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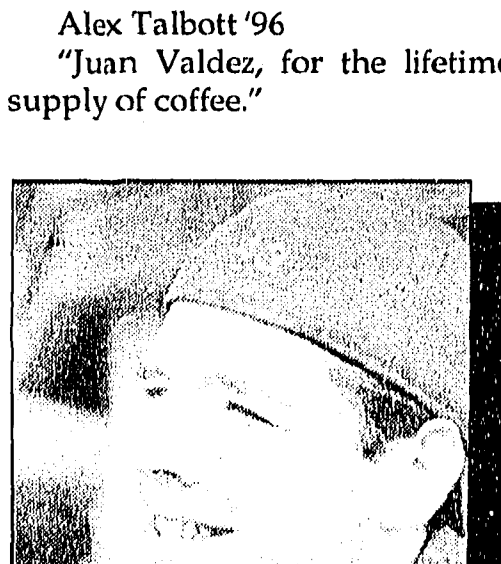


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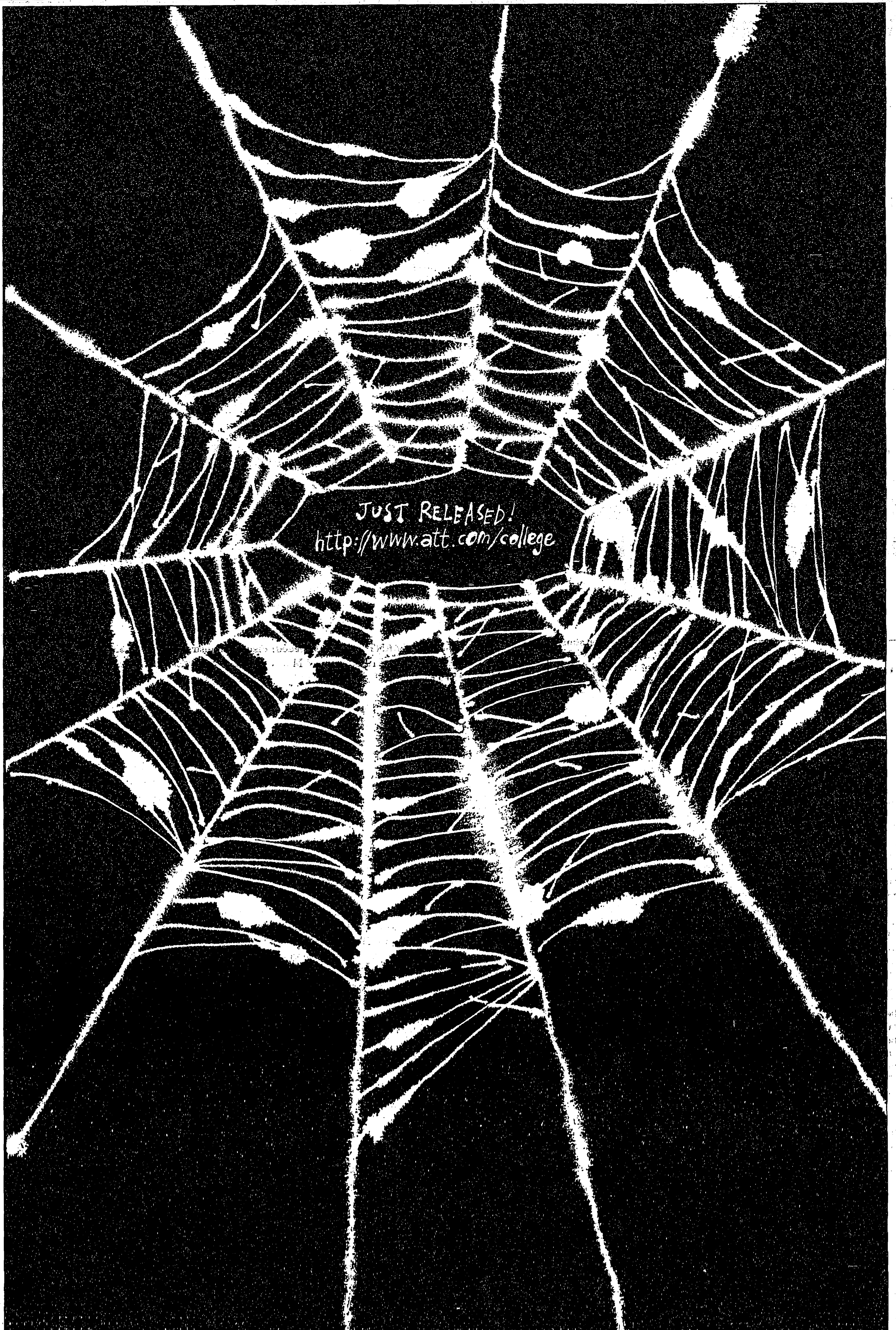
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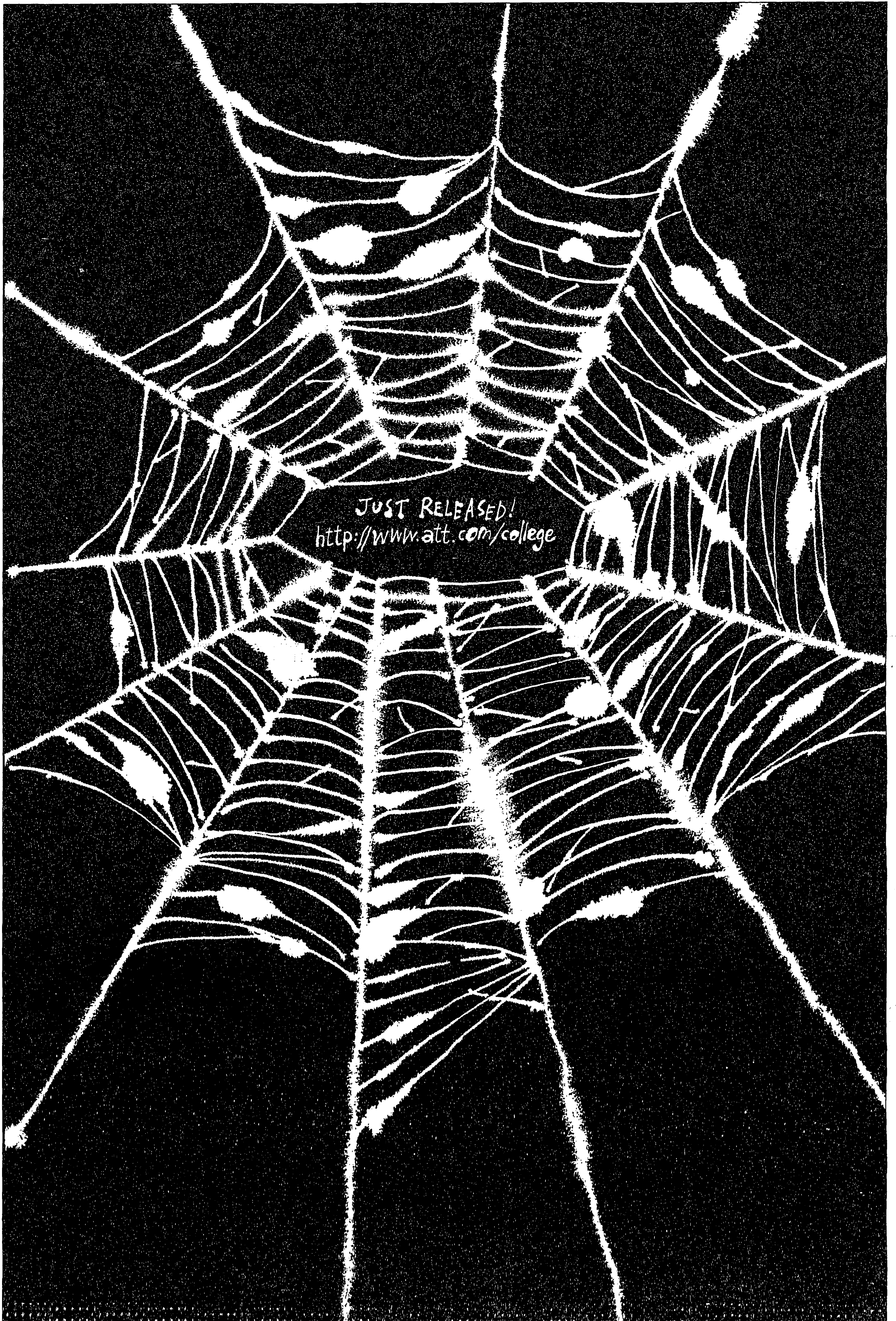
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Continuing its streak from spring break, the Colby women's track team has won yet another meet with a series of impressive individual performances.

Last Saturday the Mules hosted and won a meet against teams from Bowdoin, MIT and Bates. Head Coach Deb Aitkin called her team "outstanding," while commending the Mules on finishing ahead of Bowdoin, Colby's most formidable opponent thus far in the season.

Colby won the meet with a total of 238 points while Bowdoin came in a distant second with 199. MIT and Bates followed with 82 and 80 points, respectively.

"We really saw a lot of breakthrough performances at this meet," said Aitkin. "Finally having some good weather really contributed to Colby's overall success." Aitkin also attributed Colby's early success to, "the team's hard work and determination as well as the lack of injuries."

Cindy Pomerleau '97 dominated for Colby, winning both the high jump, the 100-meter hurdles, and the shot

put. Pomerleau also placed second in the long jump and the javelin. In addition to placing in the top three consistently, Pomerleau achieved several personal bests with a 100-meter hurdle time of 16.3 seconds, a 200-meter sprint time of 27.89, a javelin throw at 97.4 feet, and a distance of 39.2 feet in the shot put. Pomerleau will compete in the heptathlon next Saturday and hopes to secure herself a berth at nationals with a strong performance.

Competing for the first time in the 5000-meter run, Farrell Burns '98

placed second and qualified for the NESCAC and NCAA Division III Championships.

Robynn Fortner '99 finished ahead of the competition in the 100- and 200-meter sprints; winning the 100 with a time of 12.84 seconds and the 200 in 26.98 seconds. Fortner also anchored the 4x100 relay and qualified for all post-season meets in each of her events.

According to Aitkin, the Mules posted "incredibly fast times for so early in the season."

Aitkin praised her runners, noting

the performances of Carrie Califano '96, Kara Patterson '97, and Shannon Baker '98. Califano placed fourth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:10.99. Patterson ran a personal best in the 3,000 meters, while so far qualifying for everything but Nationals. Baker secured a third place finish in the 200-meter sprint by also posting a personal best. Heather Sanders also ran well, finishing second in the 400-meter run.

Strong performances were also to be turned in by the field athletes. Sonja Noll '98 won the hammer throw with

a toss of 123 feet, nine inches. Meredith Coulson '99 placed second in the triple jump and third in the long jump as she qualified for the New England Championships in both events. Yawa Duse-Anthony threw the shot put 32 feet, 8 inches, a personal best, which her landed a fourth place finish in the event.

On Saturday, the Mules travel to Bowdoin for the Aloha Relays, about which Aitkin says "there will be tough competition as Bowdoin will definitely be looking for revenge." □

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The Brandeis and Connecticut College matches were the first to be played outside on Mayflower Hill this spring. So far, the team has had to compromise with Mother Nature and practice inside the majority of the season. Last week's match with Bowdoin was postponed due to inclement weather and will be replayed later this spring.

"The snow seems to have slowed our momentum a bit," said Ylisto. "We really haven't had the chance to play consistently outdoors."

"We're comfortable with where we're at," remarked Head Coach John Illig of his club's 6-2 record. "Our biggest goal is still ahead of us: to have a strong finish at NESCACs."

The Mules played host to the University of Southern Maine on Tuesday and visited Salem St. on Wednesday. Results were unavailable at press time. □

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Patterson will return to her customary position on the starting line of the more familiar 1500-meter run when Colby visits Bowdoin for the Aloha Relays on Saturday. She will be returning to the event that she loved so much and the one that established her as an All-American before injuries tried to take control of her promising career. Now the toughest obstacle that has stood in Kara Patterson's way has been overcome. She can once again return to concentrating on what she does best — win. □



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# Softball splits versus UMF and Bowdoin

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Following a 3-5 start in Florida, the softball team began its northern season with two splits in doubleheaders against UMaine-Farmington and Bowdoin.

Last Friday the Mules traveled to UMF to face the undefeated Beavers. In the first game of the twin bill, UMF lived up to expectations, beating the Mules handily, 11-0. However, in the second game the Mules rebounded behind strong pitching and timely hitting to win 6-4.

After scoring no runs in the first game the Mules jumped onto the scoreboard early in the second game. With hits from Meghan O'Neil '96, Rebecca Apollon '96, and Ann Mortenson '98, Colby scored three runs in the first inning to take the early lead. The Mules completed their scoring in the fourth when hits by the trio of O'Neil, Apollon, and Mortenson again tallied three runs.

O'Neil, Apollon, Mortenson, and Kayla Baker '97 each had two hits while Mary Schwalm '99 and Sarah Frechette '96 added one apiece. Joan Giblin '98 pitched for the Mules while picking up the victory.

After their split with UMF on Friday, the Mules traveled to Bowdoin to play another doubleheader on Saturday. Colby won the first of the two hotly contested games, 5-4, while the Polar Bears won the second, 7-6.

O'Neil continued to hit well as she led off the first game with a solo home run in her first at-bat. She also singled in the third and drove in a run with another single in the sixth.

Baker's two run double, Frechette's RBI single, and junior Steph Patterson's sacrifice fly provided the rest of the offense for the Mules. Karen Ackley '96 continued to pitch well, as she has done all season long, upping her record to a spotless 3-0.

The second game proved to be closer than the first as the teams battled nine innings before the Polar Bears came out on top.

The Mules offense was productive but missed some key opportunities to put the game away as Colby hitters stranded 15 runners on base.

"We kept them in the game," said Head Coach Jen Holsten. "We should have won."

Patterson collected three hits for the Mules and Mortenson had four. Robyn Maco '98 pitched five innings before being relieved by Giblin in the sixth.

"We are playing well and really solidly on defensive, but we just need to execute," said Holsten. "Things are going much better than last year, and the kids feel that."

With their record of 5-7, the Mules hosted St. Joseph's yesterday. Results were unavailable at press time. Today the University of New England squad visits Mayflower Hill. □

## Colby men's track impressive at Bowdoin

BY JOEL GROSSBARD  
Staff Writer

Going into last Saturday's meet at Bowdoin, the Colby men's track team knew that in order to be successful, a large number of athletes would have to compete in a considerable number of different events. Considering the Mules' relatively small numbers, this looked to be a tall order. However, judging from the overall results, the Mules performed mightily, exceeding many expectations.

The meet was scored two different ways, as it was composed of two separate events altogether. Colby, MIT, Bowdoin and Bates competed in the Quad Cup Meet, while the State of Maine Meet was composed of Colby, Bates and Bowdoin.

MIT took first place in the Quad Cup, compiling a total of 69 points. Bates came in second with 48 points, with Colby following closely at 46 points. Bowdoin finished last with 44 points. In the State of Maine Meet, Bates finished first with 71 points while Colby and Bowdoin tied for second with 60 points each.

Individually, Colby saw many impressive performances from its team members, according to Head Coach Jim Westcott.

"I knew that lots of people would have to participate in a lot of events, and I knew that we had the athletes to do that," said Westcott.

Co-captain Matt O'Connell '96 and Conrad Saam '96 both showed flashes of brilliance in their multi-event performances. O'Connell, who holds the Colby record for the indoor pentathlon, participated in seven dif-

ferent events. He won the triple jump and was part of the victorious 4 x 100 relay team. O'Connell finished second in the high hurdles, the intermediate hurdles, and the high jump. He also placed third in the javelin and the long jump.

Saam also showed great stamina throughout his various performances as they earned him the title of most valuable field performer for the day. Saam, who held Colby's outdoor decathlon record until last year, won four out of the five events he competed in, including the 100 meter sprint, the 4 x 100 team relay, the pole vault, and the long jump. Saam finished in second place in the 200 meter sprint.

Other impressive performances included Chris Bunge '99, who won the 200 meter sprint and was also a member of the winning 4 x 100 relay team. Bunge also finished second in the 100 meter sprint. Dave Palmieri '97 won the intermediate hurdles and finished third in the high hurdles. Dan Rheume '96 placed second in the javelin for Colby.

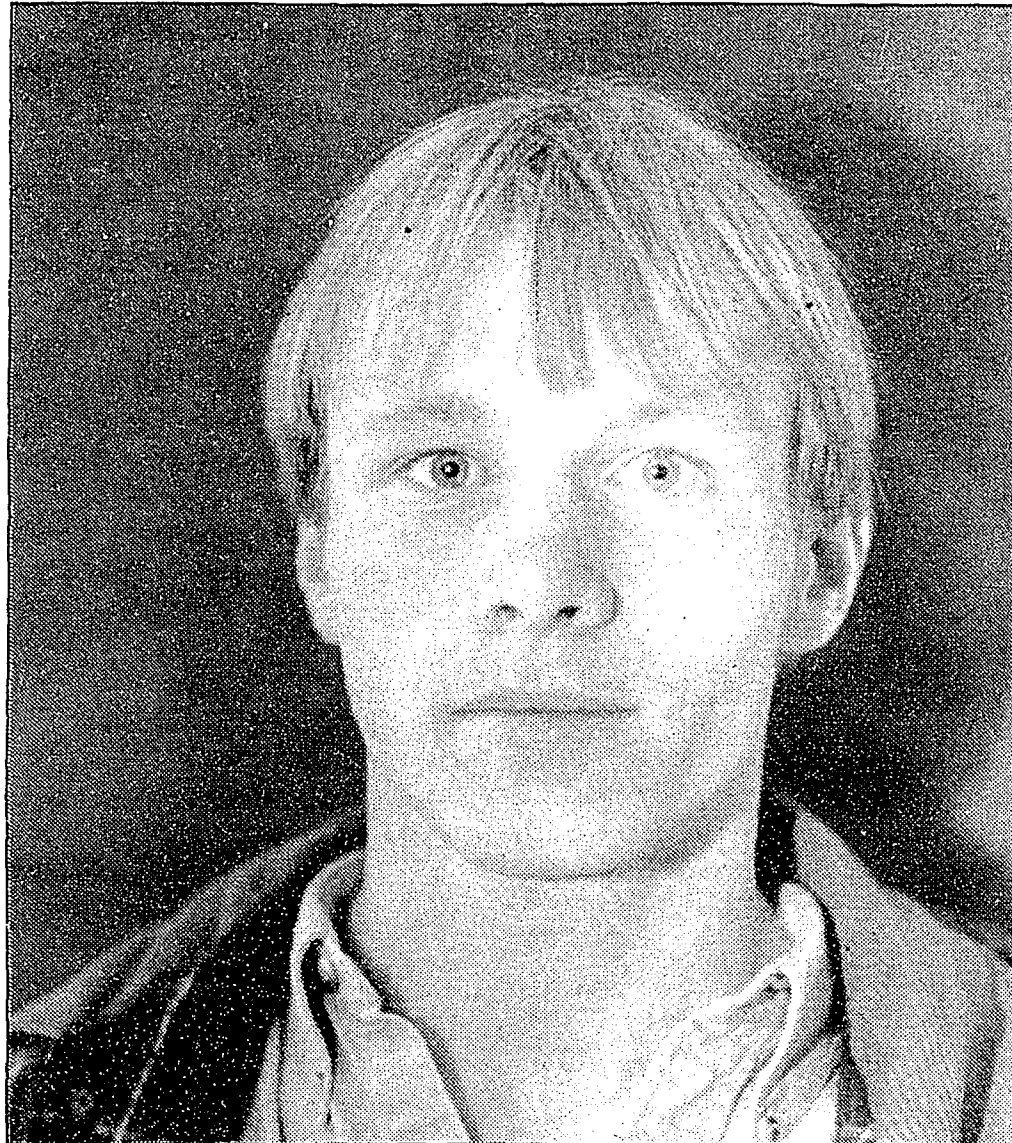
Two other Colby athletes turned in impressive performances, qualifying them for the New England Division III meet at Williams in the beginning of May. Pat Fournier '98 and Sam Harris '98 finished back to back in second and third place, respectively, in the 5000 meter run. Fournier's finished in 15:11, while Harris crossed the line with a time of 15:20.

"There were many exciting performances," said Westcott. "The team displayed a lot of team spirit and enthusiasm."

This Saturday, Colby will compete in the CBB relays at 11 a.m. on Mayflower Hill. □

## DEVASTATOR

of the week



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### Conrad Saam '96

Last weekend Saam led the men's track team to impressive showings in both the Quad Cup Meet and the State of Maine Meet, both held at Bowdoin. Competing against athletes from MIT, Bowdoin and Bates, Saam finished first in four out of the five events in which he competed. The multi-talented Saam, who held the Colby decathlon record until last year, was named most valuable performer of the day. He won the 100-meter sprint, pole vault, long jump and the 4x100 relay while finishing second in the 200-meter sprint.

## This Week's All-Mule Pack

### Matt Williams '99

An attack for the men's lacrosse team, Williams has been putting up some impressive numbers in his first year playing for Colby. Last Saturday versus Trinity, Williams netted two goals and dished out one assist in the Mules' 7-6 loss. For the season, Williams leads the Mules in scoring with seven goals and 14 assists, totalling 21 points in just seven games.

### Brian DiBello '99

In just his third start on the mound for the men's baseball team, DiBello pitched eight impressive innings versus Plymouth [NH] State College in the Mules' 2-1 extra-inning loss. DiBello scattered eight hits and four walks while striking out two. With more offensive support, DiBello could have easily ran his record to 3-0 after his gutty performance. In four appearances this season, DiBello is 2-1 with a 4.50 ERA.

### J.J. Eklund '97

Second on the women's lacrosse team in scoring, Eklund has been a big reason why the Mules have gotten off to such an impressive start. At 4-1, Colby outscored the opposition in its first four contests by an average of 11 goals. Last Saturday versus Connecticut College, Eklund scored three goals as the Mules came up short by a score of 9-7, suffering their first setback of the year. For the season, Eklund has netted nine goals while dishing out five assists for a total of 14 points.

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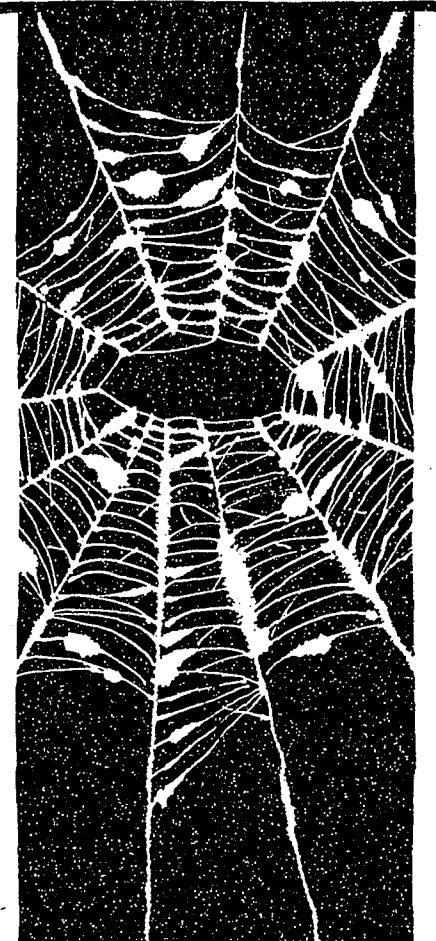
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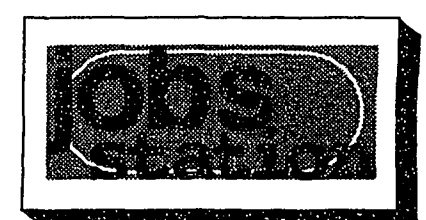
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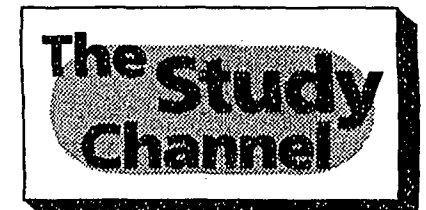
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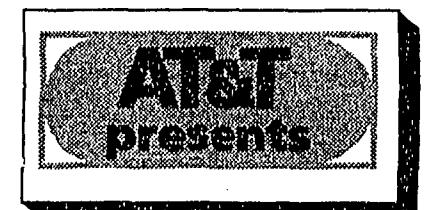
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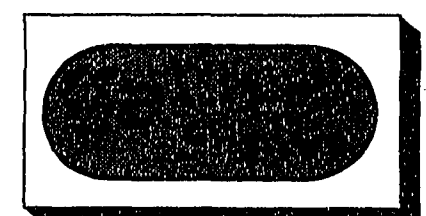
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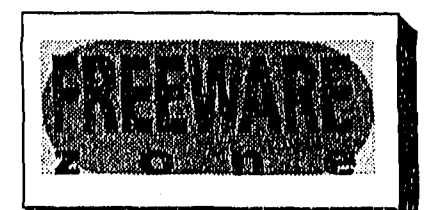
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# OFFSIDES

## What's with the weather?

BY GALEN CARR  
Sports Editor

Over the past two weeks, it has become increasingly obvious that there is a serious problem here at Colby.

This problem has nothing to do with academics. It has nothing to do with alcohol. It doesn't even have anything to do with the White Mule, a subject of constant ridicule and controversy throughout New England for years. Within the past week, this dilemma has reared its ugly head on more than one occasion and forced the innocent citizens of Colby to take into *serious* consideration as to what must be done to solve it.

I am concerned, of course, with our consistent and recently unsuccessful battles to contain the ruthless decree of Mother Nature. Last week no fewer than six of our athletic contests were postponed by Maine's glorious "spring." Spring? After wading through enough snow last week to necessitate donning an entire snowsuit, I began to wonder, yet again, why I chose to attend a school situated in such an unforgiving and totally unpredictable environment.

On April 10, covered in a cold blanket of white, Waterville wore a disturbing resemblance to 'Some Place A Lot Colder Than Waterville.' Lest you forget, April is considered a spring month here in central Maine. However, from what I've experienced over the past three years, Mainers ought to seriously reconsider their seasonal conceptions. It really wouldn't be that difficult. To describe them in chronological order, one need simply say, "winter, winter, winter, and a warm, pseudo-spring-like period that arrives sometime in mid-July." Last week, when the rest of the country enjoyed green grass and rising temperatures, there was no sense in anyone even trying to kid themselves that spring had arrived in Maine. The fact was, it just plain hadn't.

Unfortunately, the fact that we would be better off playing our spring athletics schedule on a glacier somewhere in northern Greenland has left virtually every Colby athlete wondering if they will ever be able to complete their "spring" schedules. Alas, the time has come for the brilliant chieftains of NESCAC to realize that you just can't play sports like baseball, lacrosse and track in sub-zero temperatures amid a foot of fluffy white stuff. On game day, we shouldn't have to dress like we're about to conquer Mount Everest when we're on the playing field in mid-April.

The time for change has come. It has never been more apparent that something must be done to resolve this quandary. For the administration, trustees and wealthy friends of Colby, the moment to take action has arrived. The Constitutional rights of Colby's spring athletes need to be recognized. The resolution lies within your all-powerful and eternally generous hands.

All that is needed is capital; lots of capital. With the appropriate resources, Colby College can become the frontrunner in NESCAC athletics; the example by which all standards are set.

To begin, it has become all but undeniable that to have any hopes of playing baseball in Maine before the coveted warm spell arrives in mid-July, a domed stadium must be constructed somewhere on campus. Holding no fewer than 40,000 Colby crazies and complete with air-conditioning, its own Big G's deli in the upper deck in center field, specialized barbeque pits every five rows and an 100-yard Jumbotron scoreboard that supplies only the clearest instant replays, the addition of the "Muledome" to Mayflower Hill is a definite must. This way, baseball, in all its fragility and preciseness may forever be played at Colby completely free from the terrors of Mother Nature while offering comfort and luxury to even its most dedicated fans. Hey, if we can raise six million dollars for a new science building, what's \$100 million more?

For the lacrosse team, plans call for a heavy-duty electrical wiring system to be placed underneath their field. This system will work to keep the terra firma at a consistent temperature of 58 degrees, thus melting any type of frozen precipitation that might choose to land on it. The concept will be similar to those used in the heated driveway and the invisible dog fence. The dog concept is optional and comes at no extra charge. When a player goes out of bounds, the collar around his neck emits a low-voltage shock, assuredly keeping him between the lines for the remainder of the game. Where might the power to do all of this come from? It's simple. With the installment of 600 extra-large solar panels on the roof of the Muledome, what little sunlight there is will be quickly harnessed and transformed into heat through specialized converters perfected within our own Physical Plant Department. Total cost: \$2.5 million. That's less than half the cost of the new science building.

Finally, the track teams will be able to compete in spring-like conditions with the addition of a brand new, cutting-edge, top-of-the-line nuclear heating converter system. By collecting the energy released through nuclear fission, special oversized fans installed around the track will blow hot air rising from in-ground heaters across the field, melting all precipitation in its way and creating a most agreeable climate. At just \$47 million, Colby will not only have the best track and field facility in NESCAC, but will also have a popular new beach-like facility, sure to attract countless sun-starved, chill-ravaged tropics-lovers to enjoy the clean, white sands of the long jump pit. It can double as an underground nuclear test facility for those who don't think they are getting their money's worth out of the new six million dollar science building.

With these plans put into action, Colby athletes can rest assured that Mother Nature will not be able to infringe upon them any longer.

It's mid-April and there was snow on the ground just days ago. It's about time we did something about it. □

## NESCAC teams need support too

BOB ELLINGER  
Ass't Sports Editor

There is a definite aura around major college sports.

Somewhat grounded in college life, student athletes, whether they play basketball, lacrosse, swimming, or football, compete at a level that is far beyond the conceivability of most spectators. Sometimes these athletes are full of mistakes; yet on some days they come as close as possible to perfection.

The aura of Division I sports is much like that in professional sports. In both cases they impact society and serve a cultural role in the community and in the home. If we use the same standards, sports at Colby serve virtually no purpose to the community in which it exists.

On a larger scale apart from Colby, professional and university athletics bring communities together. Specifically, at large state universities, athletics provide a sense of school spirit and unity that may otherwise not be achieved given the size and diversity of the community. However, Colby does not need to rely on this crutch to unite the school as the small student body provides that unity and closeness.

National and Division I sports, on a simple level, provide entertainment. To some ardent fans they may even be a vicarious form of living, or some fans may use these sports to



make money. These sports add, whether positively or negatively, to culture and serve a purpose in a larger context of society. Conversely, the Colby sports scene provides nothing to the larger society, nor does it need to.

It seems that many students, in fact possibly a significant majority, have very little interest or no interest in Colby athletics. I attended only two sporting events this year that have drawn large crowds from the student body. Many people attended the Homecoming football game, but unfortunately most of the crowd was outside the stadium tailgating. However, during the Colby-Bowdoin hockey game that aura of college athletics did come to Mayflower Hill. Preceding the game the campus was buzzing and during the game the rink rocked as the student body, the faculty and the community came together to cheer on the White Mules. It was the one time all year where the essence of professional sports came to campus. However, for the remainder of the year the student

body, in genuine Colby style, remained largely apathetic to the overall sports scene.

In professional and Division I there is at least an emphasis placed on winning. In the pro's you win and make money or you lose your job. In competitive Division I colleges there is less of a need to win, though there still is a desire to do well to move on to the next level (e.g., the pro's or the Olympics) or represent your college on a national scene. In most cases at Colby, there is no hope of moving on to the next level, and there really is no external pressure or reward to win as the NESCAC doesn't even keep standings.

So sports at Colby do not bring together the school in unity, they do not and cannot offer anything to their fans, either emotionally or financially. Hardly any of the athletes (outside possibly squash and women's hockey) are, compared to the other college's athletes, very gifted and probably none of them will move on to another level in their sport. The college and the league do not put a premium on winning. On the whole the student body feels a sense of apathy toward Colby sports.

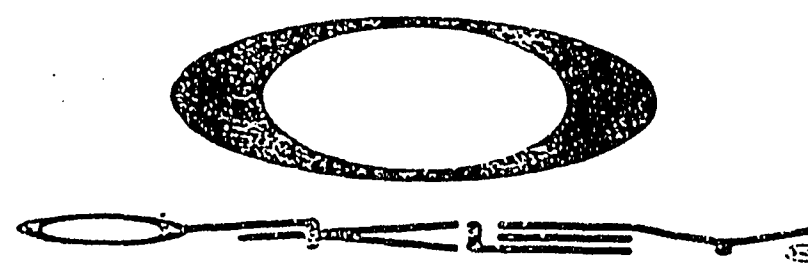
Other than to the athletes and coaches competing, the Colby sports scene is practically purposeless. In that statement lies the beauty of Colby athletics. That is why I follow them, that is why I write about them. □

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# Baseball slumps, dropping two in final innings

BY LUCAS PENNEY  
Staff Writer

The baseball team continues to struggle with their hopes of putting together a good enough record to qualify for the ECAC playoffs. After winning three straight games last weekend, the Mules have since dropped three in a row, losing the last two in heartbreaking fashion, each by one run, both during the final innings.

The Mules' recent slide began last Saturday at Plymouth [NH] State College, where they lost the first game of a double-header, 8-1. With the game deadlocked at 1-1 going into the fourth inning, Plymouth State scored once in the bottom half and never looked back. While the Mules could only muster three hits, they were up against one of New England's best Division III pitchers in Aaron Dostie (3-1). Left fielder and co-captain Pat McBride '97, right fielder Jerrod DeShaw '97

and second baseman Mike Choate '97 accounted for the Mules' offensive output.

On the mound for Colby was senior hurler Jason Kidwell, who pitched 4 2/3 innings, giving up four runs, three of them unearned.

"We had a tough day hitting against one of the best pitchers in the East," said pitcher J.C. Panio '96. "Jason gave us solid pitching but Dostie was just too much."

However, the nightcap was a different story as the second game of the twinbill went to extra innings. Again suffering from a lack of offense, Colby lost a nail-biter, 2-1, in the Panthers' last at-bat. The Mules had a great opportunity in the fourth inning when they loaded the bases with one out but failed to score anyone. With the score tied at 1-1 in the bottom of the eighth inning, the Panthers capitalized, scoring the winning run on a ground ball through the hole past a drawn-in infield.

"This was a tough way to lose," said Head Coach Tom Dexter. "We have played well against almost all of our opponents and we're going to get a break one of these games."

The bright spot for Colby during the second game was the performance of pitcher Brian DiBello '99. DiBello pitched an outstanding game, going the distance for his first complete game while giving up only eight hits. Center fielder Todd McGovern '97, Choate, first baseman Greg Domareki '99, and catcher Ben Russell '97 each had one hit apiece. Team batting leader DeShaw also added a hit to bring his season average to .385.

On Monday afternoon the Mules traveled to Brunswick to face the Polar Bears of Bowdoin. This game was also decided in the final inning, in this case the ninth, as the Mules once again returned home on the short end of a one-run game.

Going into the sixth inning

Colby led Bowdoin 5-0 thanks to a two-run dinger by Russell in the second inning. The home run was his first of the season and preceded a three-run outburst by the Mules in the fifth inning. Starting pitcher Galen Carr '97 was strong, keeping a two-hitter alive into the sixth inning, but the Polar Bears' offense recovered, scoring four runs, two of them unearned, while cutting the Mules' lead to 5-4.

Going into the eighth inning the Polar Bears were clinging to a 6-5 lead, but Russell tied the game with a two-out single to right, knocking in his third run of the game.

With two on and one out in the bottom of the ninth inning, the Mules committed a costly throwing error to third base, allowing the winning run to cross the plate as Bowdoin escaped with a 7-6 victory.

"This was an absolutely heartbreaking way to lose," said Russell. "Bowdoin made some timely hits

and we made a couple untimely fielding errors that hurt us down the stretch."

Russell was the highlight for the Mules amid what was an otherwise dreary afternoon as he totalled three hits while knocking in three runs.

The Mules will play Husson College today at 3 p.m. at Coombs Field. Colby will then hit the road for a three-game series against Middlebury College starting on Friday.

"While we have lost some really close games, those should start turning in our favor and we hope to start that this week," said co-captain Jesse Wilcox '96.

Dexter hopes to bring his troops back to campus Saturday night with their record back up to .500, which seems like a definite possibility if the Mules are able to eliminate the costly mistakes that have come to hurt them in the late-game situations. □

## Men's lacrosse nipped by Bantams

BY JON OLINTO  
Staff Writer

As unseasonably cold temperatures brought a mid-April snow storm to Mayflower Hill, the Colby men's lacrosse team was forced to cancel last Wednesday's scheduled contest against Plymouth [NH] State. Once again unable to practice outdoors, the Mules were forced to finish their week of practice within the confines of the Fieldhouse, where they prepared for a weekend battle with NESCAC rival Trinity College.

Rebounding from last weekend's tough loss to Amherst, Colby dominated the game against Trinity from the opening face-off, erupting for a quick two-goal lead at the outset. However, a pesky Trinity offensive attack responded by picking apart Colby's defense, scoring twice to knot the contest at 2-2 midway through the second quarter. Colby responded with a surge of its own at the end of the half to capture a 3-2 lead at intermission.

While the defensive trio of Brett Nardini '96, Nick Maumanee '98 and Dave McGill '99 silenced the Bantam attack, the Colby offense widened the gap with another

score. However, Trinity struck again with two unanswered goals to tie the game at 4-4. The Mules entered the fourth quarter with a two goal lead. Yet the potent Mule offense began to stumble as it was unable to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities and was shut down by an aggressive Trinity defense.

"We had chances but we just weren't finishing our shots in the final quarter," said Assistant Coach Rob Gioia.

The Bantams continued their gritty assault upon the Colby defense and, with five minutes remaining in the game, Trinity had tied the score at 6-6. Forcing overtime, Trinity quickly captured victory by netting the sudden-death game winner, leaving the Mules to endure a tough 7-6 loss and dropping their record to 3-4.

Despite the final score, Colby dominated the game at both ends, according to Assistant Coach Christian Johns.

"Overall, we controlled the game," said Johns. "But, we just couldn't deliver the knock-out blow when we needed to."

Offensively, Colby was led by talented freshman Matt Williams, who continued to terrorize the op-

position, tallying two goals and an assist on Saturday. In addition, Clay Houchin '98 emerged to provide a strong offensive performance as he netted an important goal in the Mule effort. Colby also received goals from John Smith '96, Ben Liston '99 and Justin Gadbois '99.

The midfield was powered by the relentless play of long stick Brad Selig '99, who consistently applied pressure on the Bantam defense. Another bright spot for the Mules was Ben Johnson '98, who has proven himself one of the elite face-off men in NESCAC.

Defensive stalwarts Nardini, Maumanee and McGill once again played brilliantly. Over the last six games, the line has held the opposition to fewer than nine goals per game. Goalie Brian Frank '98 also contributed another outstanding performance as he compiled fifteen saves, many of which were from point-blank range.

"Overall, we're pleased with the effort," said Gioia. "So far this season we've been in a lot of really close games, but now we have to turn these one goal games into victories."

Colby will face off against Bates today at 3:30 p.m. at home. □

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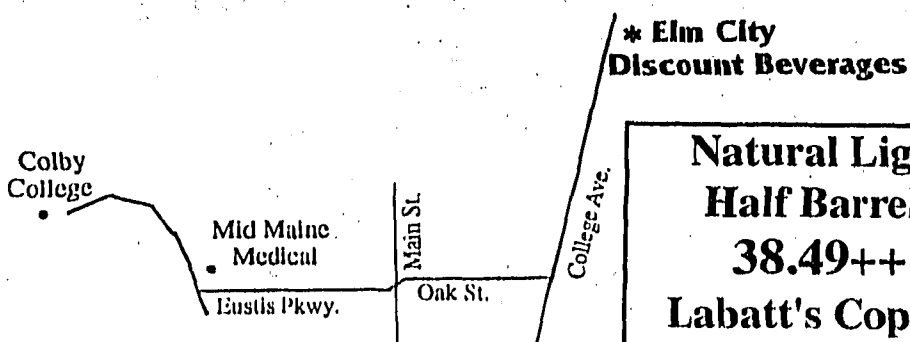
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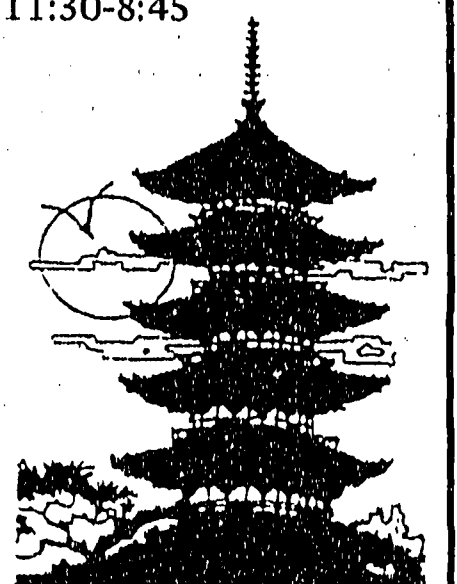
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## Women's lax win streak snapped

BY TONY PASQUARIELLO  
Contributing Writer

After winning the first four games of the 1996 season, the women's lacrosse team suffered their first setback of this year's campaign last Saturday to the Connecticut College Camels, 9-7.

Entering their home opener with an undefeated record of 4-0, the Mules were on a roll, having defeated their previous opponents convincingly by an average margin of 15-4. Relying on an explosive offense, Colby had previously embarrassed the likes of Longwood (14-6), Randolph-Macon (11-3), M.I.T. (22-2) and Springfield (13-4).

Having their first two games of the weekend canceled as result of snow, the Mules offense sputtered in the beginning on Saturday as they struggled throughout the entire afternoon.

"It was a big game for us," said Head Coach Heidi Godomsky. "We were undefeated and on a roll. When looking at the schedule, however, Connecticut was our first real test. Coming into the weekend they were ranked seventh in NCAA Division III."

Colby was plagued by both a terrible first half and the perpetual lack of the score-at-will firepower they had so amply displayed in their previous matches.

"Having never traditionally played well against them, we were extremely nervous," said Godomsky. "We displayed this throughout the first half, and got down early."

However, the Mules picked it up after the break, battling back to



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

**JJ Ecklund '97 slides this one past Conn. College goalie during Saturday's game.**

tie the contest with less than 8 minutes left to play. In fact, Colby had outscored the Camels 4-1 in the second half when co-captain Amie Sicchitano '96 scored to tie things up at 7-7. But, just when it looked like the momentum would shift in favor of Colby, the Camels answered immediately. Connecticut quickly responded with the game-winning and go-ahead goals, sealing a 9-7 victory.

"Despite our poor performance, it really was a pretty good game overall," noted Godomsky.

J.J. Ecklund '97 paced the Mules with three goals, while freshman Christy Browning added two. The play of Alice Zecher '98 was the highlight on the defensive end for the Mules, according to Godomsky.

"We played a very good team," said Assistant Coach Tom Austin, summing up the afternoon. "In addition, we didn't play our type of

lacrosse until the second half. Fortunately, we came out of half-time committed to sustaining a great effort, and we did. Late in the game, however, we just didn't make the big plays we needed to."

"Nonetheless, there were some very good signs. We reached down and played hard for a full sixty minutes. It was a disappointing game, yet at the same time encouraging as to what we are capable of accomplishing the rest of the year."

Things won't get any easier for the Mules, who travelled to Brunswick to face Bowdoin yesterday. Results were unavailable at press time. Despite a 2-3 record, the Polar Bears dropped a close one to Connecticut, 16-15. In addition, Bowdoin has also defeated Tufts, who is ranked third nationally in Division III. The Mules will square off against the Tufts Jumbos this Saturday at 4 p.m. on Seaverns Field. □

## Nobody's perfect Men's tennis finally beaten

BY KEVIN THURSTON  
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After racing out to a perfect 6-0 record this spring, the Colby men's tennis team dropped two tough meets at home last weekend both by only a single match.

The Mules came up on the short end twice, losing 4-3 to both Brandeis and NESCAC rival Connecticut College. The totals from both matches saw the Mules split the singles matches 3-3, but lose two out of three doubles matches.

Against Brandeis, No. 3

doubles partners Darrin Ylisto '97 and Chris Davis '99 carved out an 8-7 victory. However, the normally reliable tandems of No. 1 Gerry Perez '96 and Staunton Bowen '97, and No. 2 David Tedeschi '96 and Joel Grossbard '98 were dissected in dramatic fashion, both losing their matches by a single game. Tedeschi and Grossbard were edged 8-7, while Perez and Bowen suffered a heart-breaking defeat, losing 9-8 in a third set tie-breaker. For the Mules' top duo, it was their first loss of the spring.

After the doubles matches, Colby trailed 1-0 heading into singles play. No. 1 Perez recovered admirably to post his seventh singles win, 6-1, 6-4, while No. 4 Bowen went the distance, sweating out a 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 triumph. No. 5 Grossbard also won,

7-6, 6-4, but it just wasn't enough for the Mules as the rest of the squad failed to come up with another singles victory.

"I feel we were a stronger team than Brandeis, which made that loss even more difficult," said Ylisto. "Personally, I feel somewhat responsible because I should've beaten my opponent, and I didn't. They played better tennis than we did that day."

The Connecticut College meet marked a return to form for the partnership of Perez and Bowen. They played their best doubles match of

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the year, dispatching the Camels' top combination of Ross Demond and Gian Giordano 8-4, to whom they had lost 6-3, 7-6 last fall. However, that win would be the only bright spot for the Mules in the doubles department. Colby's number two and three slots lost 4-8 and 5-8, respectively.

On the singles side, Perez, Bowen and Grossbard were all victorious. Perez and Grossbard both endured long, three-set matches to remain unblemished in singles this season, both at a flawless 8-0. Bowen played excellent tennis to win his contest in straight sets.

"Conn. College is very strong, especially in doubles," said Ylisto. "We really had our see **MEN'S TENNIS** on page 11

## On the right track Sports Profile

### Patterson rebounds from career-threatening hip injury

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Injuries are very common in sports. However, coming back from career-threatening injuries successfully is very uncommon. This spring, Kara Patterson '97, is showing the collegiate track establishment that she is not an athlete who succumbs completely when things are not going her way.

As a first-year runner in 1993, Patterson competed for the cross-country, indoor and outdoor track teams. During those seasons she made a strong impression on collegiate track enthusiasts across the nation as she qualified for the NCAA Division III Nationals while competing for each of the three teams. Patterson was named an All-American in cross-country and in the 1500-meter run during outdoor track in the spring. After such a dominating first year, the future for Patterson seemed bright.

During her sophomore year, Patterson once again competed for the cross-country team but sustained a career-threatening injury when it was determined that her right hip was plagued

with tendinitis. She spent the rest of the 1994 season as a spectator, as she was unable to participate in the either indoor or outdoor track seasons.

"It was really frustrating," said Patterson. "I would ride the bike for hour after hour in the weight room while the team practiced below. It was very tough for me."

Patterson spent the fall semester of this year in Australia, continuing to rehabilitate her knee in hopes of completing a comeback during the 1996 track seasons. However, yet another setback occurred down under when she was involved in a traffic accident that led to a condition in her knee known as bursitis. However, the injury did not deter her desire to run the way she once knew how.

When she returned to Colby in January, she was well down the road to recovery.

"Beginning in January I started to run three days a week," said Patterson. "[Track Head Coach] Deb Aitken mapped out a running schedule for me. She started me off slowly at very short distances so it was quite a change from what I was used to running before the injuries. I'd add a half-mile each

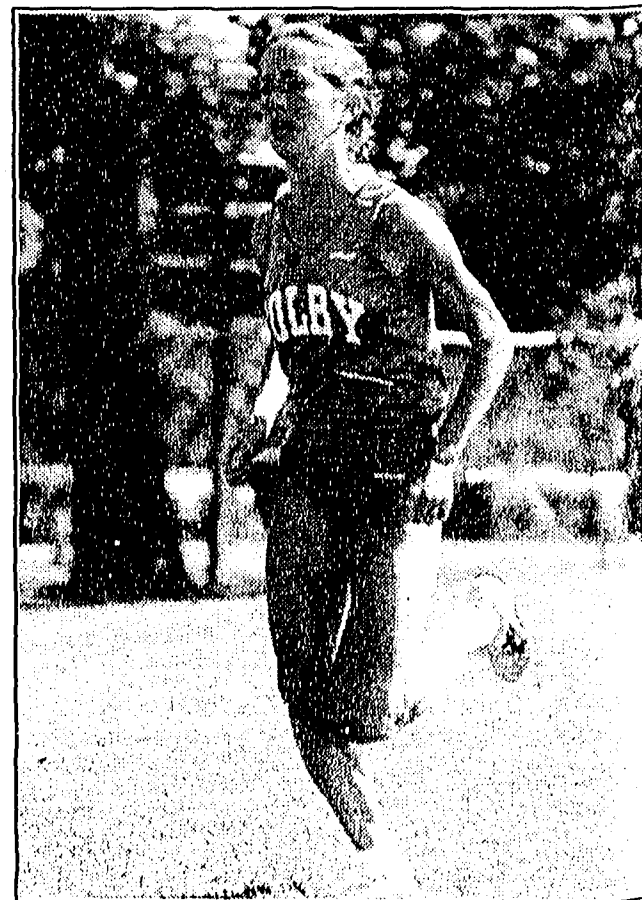
week and ride the bike as well."

By the time the Colby women's track team traveled to Orlando, Florida for training during spring break, Kara had already spent a week participating in workouts for five of the planned six-day routine. Her hopes for a comeback were quickly on its way to becoming a reality.

Days before a meet at Tufts on March 30, Patterson met with Aitken and discussed the possibility of running in the meet. It was finally agreed that Patterson would compete in the 3,000-meter run. She placed fifth in the event after having not run a single race for nearly two years.

"It was frightening on the starting line because I hadn't raced in so long," said Patterson. "I also had never raced in a 3000 before so there really wasn't any pressure. I wasn't sure if I could remember to run like I once had."

The following weekend, the Mules returned to Tufts, and once again Patterson was slated to compete in the 3,000-meter run. This time she finished first. Her comeback was complete.



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**Kara Patterson '97.**

"It felt so good to be back," said Patterson. "It feels good to be wearing the Colby uniform again. I didn't really have any expectations this year. I just wanted to be able to race again. I'm just glad to be a part of the team and see **PATTERSON** on page 11