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Nocturnal Emission off air

Popular WMHB late-night talk show booted for repeatedly violating FCC regulations

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For the past four years, Paul Fontana '96 and Heather Moylan '96's WMHB radio show, *Nocturnal Emission*, has been aired every Sunday night at midnight. Since both are graduating seniors, this spring signifies the end of what many would call WMHB's most well-known and well-received show. The end of *Nocturnal Emission* comes after two other DJ's were dismissed from the station within the past two weeks.

Nocturnal Emission, usually on the air from 12-2 a.m. on Monday mornings, will no longer be heard on the radio, despite the weeks remaining in the academic year. The end came on April 15, when WMHB Assistant General Manager Greg Moody '97, accompanied by Security officers, entered the studio and shut down the station while Moylan and Fontana were broadcasting.

Fontana and Moylan were upset by the manner in which their show was ended, but not by the show's termination in general. "We just have a problem in the manner that they went about it," Moylan said.

According to Moylan, Moody pulled the plug on their show at 1:30 in the morning — just 30 minutes before the last show of *Nocturnal Emission* was supposed to end. "The drama was better than Arthur Miller," said Fontana.

Moody declined to comment.

According to Assistant Director of Security Dan Benner, Moody called Security and

requested that an officer accompany him to the station to investigate a comment that Fontana made in reference to alcohol in the studio. Moody was concerned with FCC regulations involving alcohol and the mention of alcohol on the air. Upon arrival at the

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station, Security officers asked the hosts to turn off the microphones, but then promptly left the station when they discovered that Fontana and Moylan had not been drinking. "Security's role was minimal," said Benner.

Moylan added that "they seemed reluctant to even be there."

According to Fontana, *Nocturnal Emission* had not fulfilled several other obligatory duties set forth by FCC regulations. "They were not unjustified in kicking us off the air," Fontana said. "It could have been done in a better way."

Fontana said that *Nocturnal Emission* was on the air for ten minutes before Moody pulled the plug. Just before Moody shut down the station, Fontana said, "If he shuts off the transmitter it would be really lame."

"It was the greatest ending possible for this show," said Fontana.□

Tuition raised to \$27,900 for 1996-97 academic year

Trustees approve 4.7 percent increase

BY KOL HARVEY
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With less than five weeks remaining in the 1995-96 school year, the trustees have approved a 4.7 percent increase in total charges for next fall. The increase, well above the rate of inflation, was approved at the trustees' meetings on April 12-14 and made public in a letter from President William Cotter on April 15.

Total charges for the 1996-97 academic year will total \$27,900.

Cotter said that charges are rising by the lowest percentage in 21 years. "The budget has no dramatic increase in programs, but it does not have any major decreases either," he said.

The price hike comes at a time when Colby is highly popular among prospective students and after an unusually high number of students were admitted to the Class of '99. According to Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Parker Beverage, the Admissions Office is set on a target of 500-505 students, including Feb. Fresh, for the Class of '00. Admissions has filled 176 places in early decision rounds, leaving over 1200 accepted students to fill "less than 300 [spots] for September matriculation," Beverage said. "The Class of 2000 will most assuredly be smaller than the class of 1999, unless we in Admissions have made a serious forecasting error. [However] Colby is so hot right now...

I honestly don't know what will happen."

Administrative Vice President Arnold Yasinski, calling the size of the Class of '99 "an aberration," said that Colby "budgets for 1,675 [students] on campus, and we adjust the size of the classes based on the total number of people." Yasinski explained, "One of the things the additional revenue from this year's class will be used for is the dormitory renovations. We are required by the board to budget, and aim, for a set number of students."

"The College, of course, does not intend to increase its enrollment, as Middlebury and Bowdoin are doing, and it does not intend to create a student surplus haphazardly, in order to generate more tuition dollars to underwrite college expenses," said Beverage.

The largest item in the budget is faculty salaries, which are slated to rise again next year by up to 3 percent above the rate of inflation. Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur said that the increase comes from Colby's desire "to ensure that the salary system at Colby is comparable to the best liberal arts colleges in the country... to attract and retain an outstanding faculty." According to Cotter's letter, the Board of Trustees strives to ensure that faculty salaries are in the top 5 percent of all four-year institutions.

"We have had a great emphasis on keeping our faculty salaries within the top five see *TUITION* on page 3

Academic Affairs Committee to review honors policy

Proposal would require senior independent project for departmental honors

BY MARIA THOMPSON
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A proposal before the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) would make the completion of a year-long senior project necessary in order to attain departmental honors. Students would work closely under the direction of a faculty member during their senior year to produce an individual project or thesis.

If approved, the proposal, issued by Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur, will go into effect over the next several years, most likely beginning with the current sophomore class.

McArthur feels that the implementation of senior projects would help systematize departmental policies into a "more consistent" College-wide program. Students will, however, have a choice to either use this project as a step towards honors within a department or to just graduate with the accomplishment of a senior project.

"This possibility of working

on a senior year research project with faculty will help to broaden the opportunities for students," said McArthur, a strong advocate of one-on-one work with faculty members. According to McArthur, the hope is that the proposed program of senior projects will encourage more students to engage in collaborative research with faculty, thereby providing for such students a more intellectual and academically vital culmination to their work in the major.

Student Association (Stu-A) President Tom Ryan '96 supports McArthur's proposal.

The proposal calls for the establishment of two elective courses within each department and interdisciplinary program offering a major. The classes — Senior Project I in the fall and its continuation, Senior Project II in the spring — would each carry four credits and be graded 'distinction,' 'pass,' or 'fail.' A list by title of all projects and theses would be included in the graduation program.

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Under the proposal, senior projects would be optional, but required of students wishing to complete the honors program in their major, according to McArthur. The honors program is separate from senior projects and requirements vary by department. However, in all cases, to achieve departmental honors, a completed senior project with a grade of "distinction" would be required.

McArthur believes that if suf-

ficient numbers of seniors choose to undertake a project, "a culture change within the entire student body" could result.

"The senior year should take on a new richness for the seniors who will be engaged in senior projects," said McArthur, "especially in the final semester as they bring their project to its conclusion."

In order to recognize the work of faculty members directing independent projects, the proposal provides for compensation in the regular faculty workload. Faculty members who direct five year-long projects can count that work as one of the courses in their five-course annual teaching assignment.

According to Lee Family Professor of English and American Studies Charles Bassett, this provision is not in the best interest of students. The most popular professors, those who seniors would request as directors first, would not be able to offer as many courses to underclass students.

"It's not that I have a problem

with the projects themselves," said Bassett. "I'm just worried about the ripple effect they will create." Also taking into account the implausibility of finding new, talented professors to replace those directing projects, Bassett worries that students will only be hurt in the long run, with fewer courses offered in their majors.

Associate Professor of Biology Frank Fekete recognizes "the immensely important role that research work plays in learning science." Fekete favors the proposal because it would "promote independent research." However, when he takes into consideration the relationship between the number of biology majors and the relatively low number of faculty, Fekete believes that "an increase in faculty could better accommodate more senior projects as well as maintain the level of course offerings."

The proposal will create additional costs that must gain not only AAC approval, but also Trustee budget approval before being implemented.□

News Briefs

U.S. Court of Appeals justice to speak on drug legalization

Today's Spotlight lecture will feature Chief Justice Juan Torruella of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, speaking on the U.S. government's war on drugs and the question of legalizing controlled substances. Torruella, who has worked for the National Labor Relations Board and served as the U.S. District Court Judge of Puerto Rico, was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1984. President William Cotter said that "this is expected to be a major national media event... [because] he will address the topic of drug legalization." (KH)

Colby Bookstore to honor recently-published faculty

The Colby Bookstore will be hosting a faculty author reception today at 4 p.m. The reception will honor faculty who have published books recently. The Government professors to be honored include Professor Cal Mackenzie, Associate Professor Tony Corrado, Assistant Professor Suisheng Zhao and Assistant Professor Deborah Norden. Other professors to be honored are Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Sciences Fernando Gouvea, Associate Professor of English Laurie Osborne, Assistant Professor of Music Steven Saunders, Associate Professor of Religious Studies Nikky-Guninder Kaur Singh and Assistant Professor of Economics Saranna Thronton. Refreshments will be served. (KH)

ITS adds Internet newsgroups

According to Information and Technology Services' (ITS) newsletter, *MooseChips*, Usenet newsgroups have been added to Colby's newfeed from the World Wide Web. The Usenet newsgroups are part of a larger category of newsgroups where computer users can post messages on a public electronic bulletin board on any of tens of thousands of topics. The Usenet newsgroups include the popular 'alt.' newsgroups, which contain subjects on hundreds of topics. The addition of the Usenet groups have increased the total number by 10,000 to over 14,000, according to ITS. Colby also maintains about a dozen of its own newsgroups, accessible to those on campus only, which include newsgroups for specific classes, selling goods, political debates, jokes and Macintosh computer news. A new version of Newswatcher is available on the General Server to read the newsgroups. (KH)

Weekend dorm damage report

Dorm damage reported by the Dean of Students Office for April 19-21: Grossman - Third floor bathroom dirty with toilet paper everywhere; first floor lounge dirty and sticky. Under investigation.

Johnson - A broken window. Under investigation.

Leonard - Vomit in a sink of the men's bathroom. Under investigation.

Marriner - Ernest Cummings Marriner plaque was ripped from the wall near the stairwell facing Leonard. The hall is being billed.

Perkins-Wilson - A window was broken on the third floor door. The hall is being billed.

West Quad - Robins lounge was excessively messy. Beer die table was left out in the lounge. Under investigation.

Williams - Water pipe between the second and third floor was tampered with. Under investigation.

Correction

The *Echo* incorrectly reported in the April 11 issue that Jen Blair '98 and Jesse Carlson '98 were charged for dorm damage resulting from parties they hosted the previous weekend in Piper and Grossman. Neither of the two were charged.

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Student Environmental Coalition to host Earth Day celebration

BY RENEE LAJEUNESSE
Staff Writer

An Earth Day celebration will be held Saturday by the Student Environmental Coalition (SEC). According to Stephen Higgs '98, president of SEC, the goal of the event is to "unite and bring together as many people from the center of Maine to celebrate our common natural heritage." Another aim, he said, is to educate and motivate citizens to lead environmentally conscious lifestyles.

Various activities are planned for the day-long celebration. Discussions will be led on environmental issues by regional activists. Greg Gerritt of the Maine Green Party will lead a talk entitled "Sustainable Economics: Creating an Economy that Works for Maine" in Arey 5 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. David Donnelly, of the Maine Voters for Clean Elections, will lead a discussion on clean-elections acts in the Foss dining hall from 2:45-3:45 p.m.

Colby professors are also involved in the event. Professor of

Economics Thomas Tietenberg will speak about on-market-based approaches to environmental protection in Arey 5 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Associate Professor of Science and Technological Studies and Physics James Fleming will lead a discussion on global warming from 1 to 2 p.m., and Assistant Professor of Government and Environmental Studies Beth DeSombre will speak on the financing of international environmental protection from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

A dozen Maine environmental advocacy organizations have been invited to set up displays on the Dana lawn, with presentations beginning at 10 a.m. and running throughout the day. The Chewonki Foundation will also be on campus, presenting programs on birds of prey and reptiles.

A tree planting demonstration will take place on the hill behind the president's house from 11:40 a.m. until noon, followed by a debate on the proposed referendum to ban clearcutting, planned for 1 p.m. in the Foss dining hall.

"Be The Change That You Want To See In This World," a film created by Betsey Burleson '96 for her senior science and technology independent project, will be presented twice during the day. According to Burleson, the overriding emphasis of the video is to "get involved. We can all be apathetic and say that there's too much and it's all very scary, but there are ways people can make contributions."

A bird walk in the Perkins Arboretum, led by ecologist Bets Brown, will leave from Lunder House at 7 a.m., while nature/ecology walks led by professional naturalists will meet outside the Student Union at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Numerous children's activities are also scheduled throughout the day, including storytelling, face painting, a puppet show, a sing-along and interactive games.

This year's Earth Day Celebration, being held in conjunction with the Foss Arts Festival, encourages participation from not only the Colby community, but from all of Maine. □

Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter recognizes work of volunteers

BY KATE E. DUNLOP
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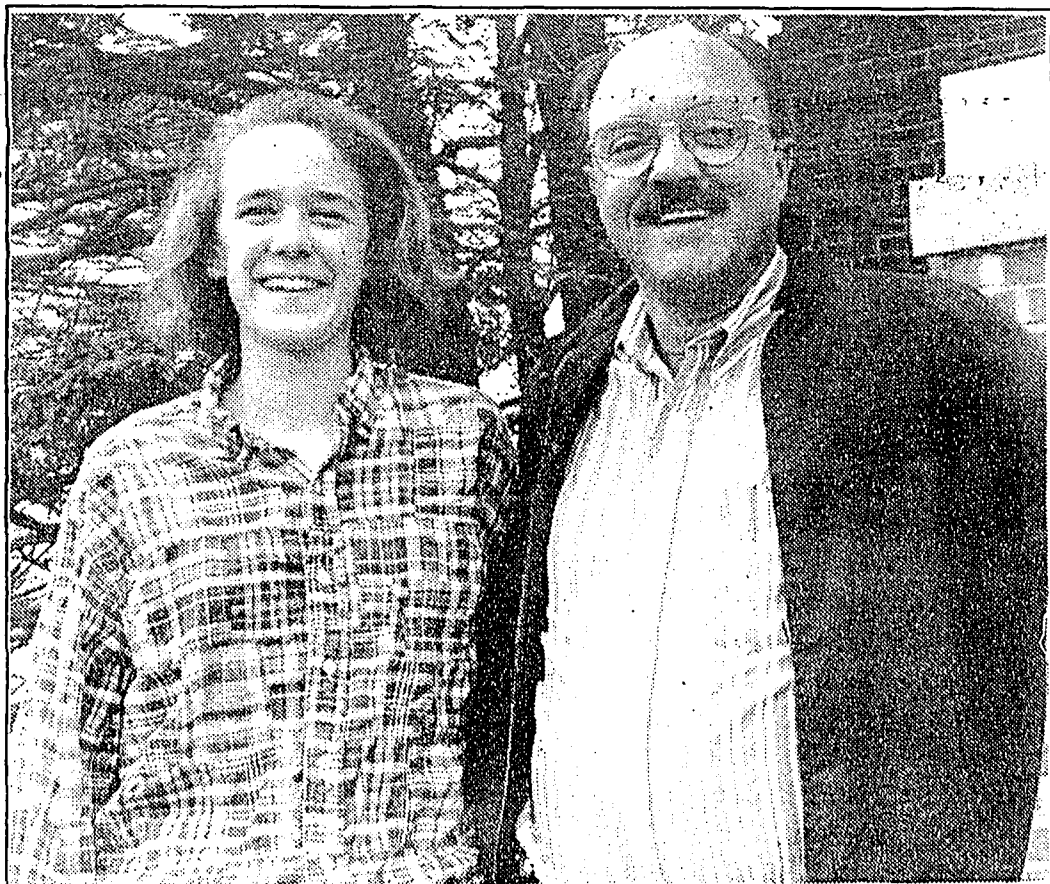
Laura Higginson '98 and Colby chaplain Father John Marquis were among those recognized for their hard work at the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter during the shelter's second annual awards ceremony last Monday.

Founded by the Inter-Faith Council in 1990, the shelter is the only place in Central Maine able to provide emergency food, shelter and social services to displaced persons in need of assistance. According to Marquis, a member of the shelter's board of directors, at least 30 Colby students are involved with volunteer work at the shelter.

According to Marquis, volunteers go through a training program which informs them of the homeless situation in Maine, a brief history of the shelter, and some of the situations they may encounter working with the homeless, including mental health issues. Volunteers cook, clean, feed and welcome the guests to the shelter.

"[Homelessness] is growing. The Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter in Waterville is the only shelter in the whole central Maine area," said Marquis. "About 23 percent of the people that came last year had some kind of mental disability; they come out of state institutions and have no place to go. Joblessness is not helping the situation either. A lot of people can't pay their rent and everything and they end up with no place to stay."

Every segment of the population is vulnerable to homelessness. According to Marquis, many teenagers are kicked out of their homes by family members and have no place to live. Young mothers with children who have difficulty making ends meet often use the shelter.



Echo photo by Amy Rzeznikiewicz

Laura Higginson '98 and Father John Marquis were among those honored by the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter.

Increasing numbers of guests are coming from the immediate area, as opposed to being drawn to Waterville because of the shelter.

"A lot of them aren't your typical homeless person. They often times are young people in fairly good health who have lost a job and need a place to stay or may not have any family support," said Marquis. "Sometimes they're very well educated, computer literate people, who need time to look for a job."

The shelter has twelve beds and offers housing for up to five nights. In the case of overcrowding, the shelter pays for a hotel room for a guest. During a stay at the shelter, case workers help find a job, a place to stay and they get some help.

"It's not just a place to sleep. A lot of things happen while they're there," said Marquis.

Executive Director Gloria Blair-

Chapman opened the awards ceremony with a welcoming speech to those assembled.

"Without all of you the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter would not be able to exist today, we're so very thankful you are a part of our organization and hope that you will continue to be a part of it," said Blair-Chapman.

Blair-Chapman recognized the committee members, including Higginson, the Board of Directors and staff members.

Jorgensen's and You Know Whose Pub were awarded special plaques in recognition of their regular contributions to the shelter. Steve Gagnon and Lisa Foresly were awarded the Golden Spatula Award for expertise in the kitchen. Each volunteer received a certificate of appreciation and a rose. Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Judy DeFranco and Rita Eaton for their dedication. □

Proposal would increase pay for professors on sabbatical

BY GLORIA ROTTELL
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A proposal by Dean of Faculty Bob McArthur would alter Colby's existing sabbatical policy. The proposal, which is similar to policies that exist at Middlebury, Williams and Amherst, calls for faculty members on year-long sabbatical to receive 80 percent of their regular salary.

In addition, the proposal includes an increase in the number of temporary teachers, often known as "ABDs" (all but dissertations), hired to replace the faculty members on sabbatical.

According to McArthur, if the proposal is approved "faculty members will be able to take a year-long sabbatical at 80 percent of their yearly salary, under the condition that they will be expected to teach an additional course during the six-year period prior to the sabbatical year." McArthur added that "the option of taking a year-long sabbatical at 50 percent of their salary without the obligation to teach an additional course is still open to faculty members."

Under the current system, "faculty members who wish to take a year-long sabbatical only receive half of their yearly salary and are usually forced to turn to outside

sources such as grants for additional support," McArthur said.

However, recent cutbacks at federal funding agencies such as the National Endowment for the Humanities, Arts and Sciences, will make it more difficult for faculty to receive outside funding. Faculty members typically depend upon support in the form of grants in order to fund year-long sabbaticals, according to McArthur. Because these funds are not likely to be restored, there will be

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-Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur

fewer options for faculty members to take a sabbatical leave.

"In response to these federal cutbacks the new sabbatical policy has been proposed in the hope of making it possible for faculty to continue to take year-long sabbaticals," McArthur said.

According to Assistant Professor of Anthropology David Nugent,

faculty will address the proposal at a semester's-end meeting. Until then, faculty are unable to comment on the proposal's exact effects or on projected viewpoints.

If the sabbatical proposal is approved, departments and interdisciplinary programs will have to plan ahead so as to minimize having more than one faculty member away each year.

The proposal states that "there will be a small contingency fund available to be administered by the Dean and Division Chairs to provide coverage of courses that simply must be taught in the absence of a faculty member on sabbatical so that students will be able to complete their major or fulfill College requirements." Faculty members on sabbatical will not be replaced otherwise, said McArthur.

In this manner, students will be able to plan ahead and have between four to six years advanced notice of the faculty members who will be taking sabbatical. This would be beneficial to students, who would be able to plan ahead when they may take the courses that they need in order to fulfill for a major.

If the sabbatical policy is approved by the faculty and the Board of Trustees, according to McArthur, it will go into effect for the 1997-98 academic year. □

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percent, and we have actually done a little better than that partly because of endowed chairs... [who] have had salaries increased by \$6,000," according to Cotter. The end result is that Colby professors are the highest paid of all NESCAC schools, earning \$5,000 more than similarly ranked professors at Tufts, \$5,100 more than Bowdoin and \$9,100 more than Bates. The high salaries come despite the low cost of living in Waterville compared to urban schools. Cotter concedes that "there might be minor differences in costs of living, housing would probably be the variable that would be the most different."

Yasinski said, "We need to be able to compete in terms of what we offer with any similar college in the country. We cannot base what we do on the Maine economy."

In addition to salaries, faculty get fringe benefits. Included in the list is a retirement plan, health insurance, disability insurance, a college tuition benefit for children of faculty and staff (to be used at any institution, not just Colby) and flexible spending accounts which allow faculty and staff to put aside money before taxes for medical benefits or child-care "representing a 30-40 percent savings," according to Yasinski.

"There are a number of support services and funds available that allow the faculty to do their work in teaching and scholarship. They include various kinds of grant funds, travel funds, equipment funds. These are also part of our budget" said McArthur.

Yasinski specified that "there are faculty travel stipends, funds for computers, research and equipment funds, [and] use of facilities for families."

The Diversity Steering Group has recently brought to light a considerable pay gap of over \$20,000 between male and female full professors. McArthur said that "because there were relatively fewer women entering the academic profession the 1950s, 1960s and early 1970s, the number of women full professors is small... there are only six women... while there are over 40 men. Because the male professors have a considerably older age... their salaries are higher from seniority. There is no pay inequity... between similarly situated faculty."

Despite McArthur's confidence, he concedes that Colby has hired an outside expert to examine the situation and a report is expected in the coming weeks. Yasinski says that "there is a study of faculty salaries is being done now by an outside expert. We believe that that study will show that there is no significant inequity in salary."

President Cotter added that "that gap is essentially because there are so few female full professors, and they are junior in the ranks... Much of the salary determinant is based on seniority [due to] an across-the-board increase every year which is about at inflation, and... a merit increase on top of that every third year for three years. The longer you are there, the more they mount up. Most of the senior people getting the very high salaries are male."

The impending cap in new faculty which, according to Yasinski, goes into effect next year, could be putting pressure on departments to act before "we reach a steady state in terms of new people coming in." Because of a "pretty young faculty [Colby] will have fewer people retiring for many years," Yasinski said. This will likely cause additional tuition increases, as salaries rise with seniority at the college's standard 2-

3 percent above inflation. "We have to look at giving reasonable raises each year to attract the best people," Yasinski explained.

The cap on administrative and staff positions in place since 1988 will not allow any additional hiring to support the three new buildings currently under construction, including maintenance, cleaning and secretarial staff, Yasinski said. "We have to work smarter."

Financial aid is responsible for over 11 percent of the budget increase. Cotter explained in his letter that it is "because the graduating senior class had fewer aided students and a smaller average grant than we expect will be the case with the entering class." Yasinski said that grant aid has to be covered by the budget, and it is "a trend nationally that financial aid has gone up faster than student charge increases... and we expect that to continue. We have had increasing numbers of people applying for financial aid each year."

The renovations in the dorms to begin this summer will be funded, in part, by the budget increase. Yasinski said that the \$16 million plan for the new dorm and renovations "has to be funded from... borrowing... money in the budget and we are trying to raise some outside gifts."

The Stu-A budget, which funds all campus clubs and student organizations plus Stu-A and Commons social and cultural events, is going to increase as well. Yasinski made it clear that "we have an agreement with the Student Association... that we will increase the Stu-A budget... at the same rate as other 'non-compensation' budgets of the college" working out to 4 percent this year. □

World News

• Bell Atlantic, Nynex merge

Last Sunday, Bell Atlantic and Nynex corporations ended what had become a complex corporate agreement, signing one of the largest corporate mergers in American history. The two regional telephone companies merged after two years of talks to command what will be the second largest telephone company on the U.S., after AT&T. Analysts predict that the new company will dominate telecommunications up and down the Eastern Seaboard, contracting over 30 percent of the nation's long-distance calling. For consumers, the deal will have no immediate affects; however, the deal could result in 1,000 to 2,000 lost jobs.

• Syria, Israel continue struggle over cease-fire

Talks in Syria continue this week, but with little progress, according to both Syrian and Israeli officials. Both Syria and Israel insisted on a broader understanding aimed at ending the fighting for longer than a few days. According to U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, negotiations are hoped to reach a resolution ending almost two weeks of rocketing and shelling that have killed more than 100 Lebanese and have displaced hundreds of thousands. Christopher has drafted a proposal which he hopes will lead to both a cease-fire and a written understanding preventing further violence between Israel and Lebanon.

• Ex-Communists win Italian parliamentary elections

Returns from Italy's parliamentary elections pointed to a historic victory by the Democratic Party of the Left, formerly the Communists. The party's main coalition, the Olive Tree, represents a revolution in terms of a new Italian government. The victory signifies Italy's success in overcoming its Communist past and joining the political prowess of Europe's mainstream social democrats to emerge as a strong political competitor. The left side won despite recent allegations of its association with atheists, an idea not well received by Italy's Roman Catholic population.

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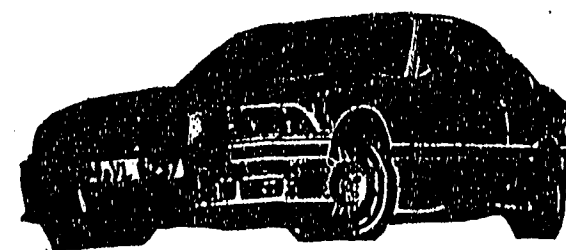
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Balance, variety, moderation keys to healthy eating habits

BY SUZANNE L. DELEA
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General nutrition is a topic that is receiving a great deal of attention lately as people are looking for ways to become more healthy. However, trying to instill life-long healthy eating habits can become difficult due to conflicting information or personal habits.

According to the International Food Information Council (IFIC), "experts agree that the key to healthy eating is the time-tested advice of balance, variety and moderation. In short, that means eating a wide variety of food without getting too many calories or too much of any one nutrient." The IFIC also provides ten tips that help describe in more detail, how to maintain this balance, variety and moderation so necessary to healthy eating habits. These ten steps are quoted directly from the IFIC and The American Dietetic Association:

"1) *Eat a variety of nutrient rich foods.* Our bodies require over 40 different nutrients for good health and no single food supplies them all. Daily food selection is quite diverse and should include bread, other whole-grain products, fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meat, poultry, fish and other protein foods. [Those who have opted for a vegetarian diet can get protein from potatoes, whole wheat bread, rice, broccoli, spinach, almonds, peas, chickpeas, peanut butter, tofu, soy milk, lentils, and kale.]

"2) *Enjoy plenty of whole grains, fruits and vegetables.* Surveys have shown that most Americans do not eat enough of these foods.

"3) *Maintain a healthy weight.* The weight that's right for you depends on many factors including your sex, height, age and heredity. Excess body fat increases your chances for high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, some types of cancer and other illnesses. But being too thin can increase your risk for osteoporosis, menstrual irregularities and other health problems. Physical exercise can help in maintaining a healthy weight.

"4) *Eat moderate portions.* If you keep portion sizes reasonable, it's easier to eat the foods you want and stay healthy.

"5) *Eat regular meals.* Skipping meals can lead to out-of-control hunger, often resulting in overeating. When you're very hungry, it's also tempting to forget about good nutrition.

"6) *Reduce, don't eliminate, certain foods.* It's worth remembering that people eat for pleasure as well as for nutrition. If your favorite foods are high in salt, fat, or sugar, the key is moderating the amounts of the food

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you eat. (An important point to stress, though, is that the body needs some amount of salt, fat and sugar to function properly. Eliminating one or more of these groups will lead to an unhealthy diet.)

"7) *Balance your food choices over time.* Not every food has to be "perfect." If you miss out on any food group one day, make up for it in the next. Food choices over several days should fit together into a healthy pattern.

"8) *Know diet pitfalls.* To improve eating habits, you first have to know what's wrong with them. Pay attention to the types of foods you're eating, then try to reflect upon what nutrients you may possibly be missing.

"9) *Make changes gradually.* Just as there are no "superfoods" or easy answers to a healthy diet, don't expect to totally revamp your eating habits overnight. Changing too much, too fast can get in the way of success. Begin to remedy excesses or deficiencies with modest changes that can add up to positive, lifelong eating habits.

"10) *Remember, foods are not good or bad.* Select food based on your total eating patterns, not whether any individual food is 'good' or 'bad.' Don't feel guilty if you love foods such as apple pie, potato chips, candy bars and ice cream. Eat them in moderation, and choose other foods to provide the balance and variety that are vital to good health."

Eating breakfast is an important part of a healthy diet. An article from *Food Insight* states that "al-

though all three traditional meals play a significant role in supplying the daily recommended levels of essential nutrients, nutritionists often cite breakfast as the day's most important meal and the foundation of healthy eating habits." According to the article, "despite these recommendations, millions of Americans routinely skip breakfast."

According to a report in *Cereal Foods World*, "one out of four women between the ages of 25 and 34 regularly skips breakfast. Other studies have shown that eating habits developed during childhood have the potential to last a lifetime. Thus children who tend to omit breakfast will most likely continue this dietary habit well into adulthood." Studies have also shown that eating breakfast is associated with improved strength and endurance in the late morning, along with a better attitude toward school or work.

"When you consider it's been eight or nine hours since you've had a meal, it's obvious that refueling at breakfast will make you feel and perform better during the day," said Diane Odland, nutritionist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Human Nutrition Information Service.

For those who are rushed in the morning and don't have much time, try eating a breakfast that requires minimal preparation time such as fresh foods, canned fruits, milk, yogurt, cheese, cottage cheese, ready-to-eat cold cereals and instant breakfast mixtures. Also, try celery stuffed with peanut butter or dried fruits, and if you're just not hungry try drinking juice. Something is better than nothing. One misconception about skipping breakfast is that a person will lose weight.

According to *Food Insight*, "there is no evidence that skipping meals will help you lose weight. In fact, studies show that most people who skip breakfast tend to eat more later in the day. Some even select more calorically-dense foods than those who eat breakfast."

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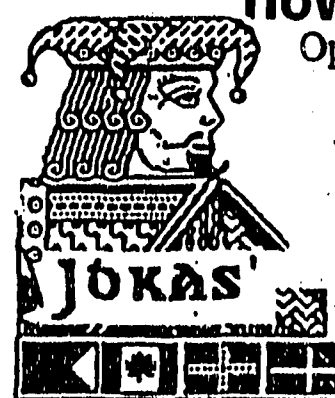
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Senior exit interviews assess the Colby experience

BY ERIKA AYERS
Staff Writer

What members of the Class of 1996 liked, disliked, loved and hated about their Colby years will all be aired in the upcoming exit interviews extended to the class by selected Trustees and members of both the faculty and the administration.

The opportunity to reflect on their experiences in a one-on-one interview format has been offered

to every senior class since 1990. Consistently 60 percent or more of each class has participated, according to Dean of Students Janice Kassman. Kassman calls the interviews "a positive way to assess students' educational experience."

The process has been so successful that the Dean of Students Office is trying to start evaluating students' experiences even earlier. This year, for the first time, a questionnaire was issued in January to first-year students. The questions were different

from those posed to the seniors and focused on aspects such as what surprised students, how Colby has lived up to their expectations and how they feel about Colby in comparison to how their friends feel about their respective schools. Kassman noted that "the first-year interviews were not as successful as the senior interviews, in terms of the number of responses," attributing that to the fact that this was the first year that a questionnaire was used.

Peter Hart, a Colby trustee and

national pollster, created a focus group of Colby senior men and women to interview. Their responses will be used to aid further research by Hart.

"It has been a very positive step to incorporate the trustees into the interview process," said Kassman. "Ordinarily, trustees only get the opportunity to meet with student leaders. However, this program allows them to be in touch with any Colby student. The interviews allow the trustees a greater connec-

tion to the Colby students and how they are feeling about their experience here."

Once the results of the exit interviews are compiled they will be summarized by Associate Deans Jan Arminio and Martha Denney and to the Student Association (Stu-A) president and vice president as well as to the members of the faculty and staff. Ninety-five percent of the senior class will be having their interviews in the upcoming weeks, according to Kassman. □

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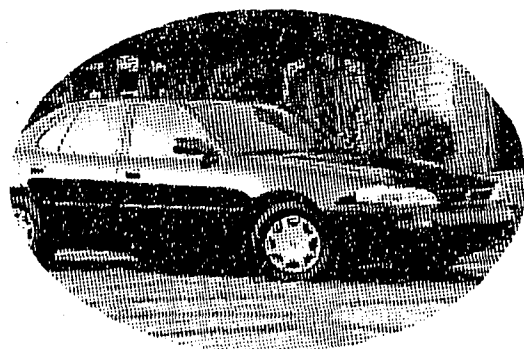
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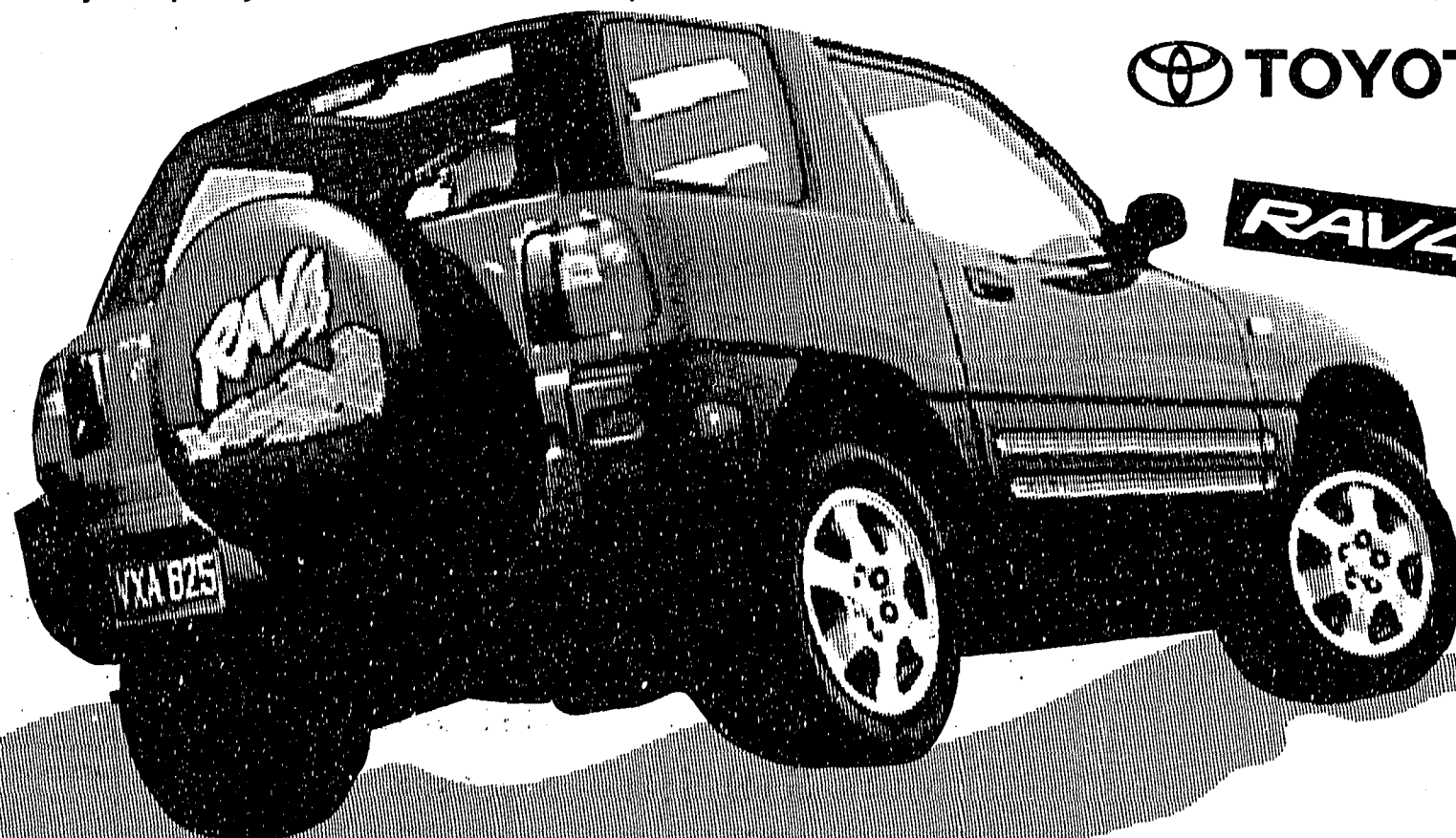
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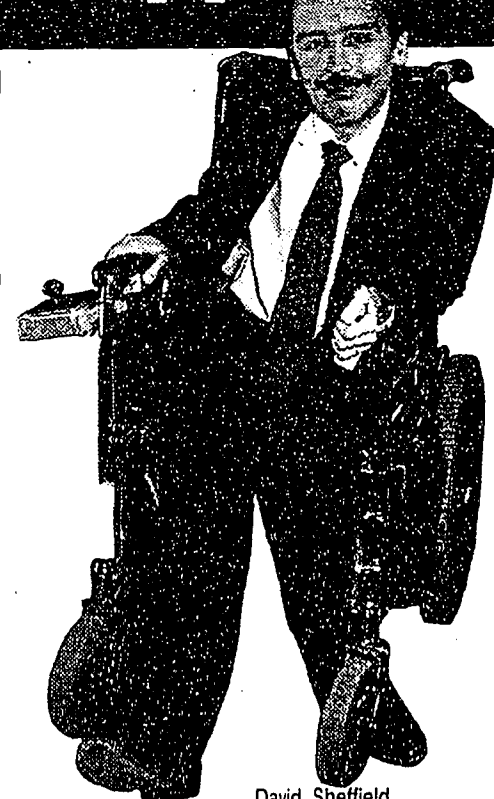
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Arts and Entertainment



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Kevin Landis '98 and Mackenzie Sullivan Dawson '99 play Danny Shapiro and Deborah Solomon in Mamet's "Sexual Perversity in Chicago".

"Sexual Perversity In Chicago" a sermon on modern-day relationships

BY ANNA GOLDSMITH
Staff Writer

"Sexual Perversity in Chicago" and "A Sermon" went up in the Cellar Theater in Strider this past weekend. "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" was written by David Mamet in 1976. In his play, Mamet explores the dark reality of sexual relationships.

Director Julie Gerry '96 chose to set the play in the present day. Discussing her decision, Gerry said, "I feel that the problems of intimate relationships are as relevant now, if not more than ever. Too often today relationships start with sexual intimacy and emotional intimacy uncomfortably follows. I feel we see too much of that at Colby College."

"Sexual Perversity in Chicago" was introduced after another play by Mamet entitled "A Sermon." Mamet wrote "A Sermon" as a pre-show for a 1979 revival of "Sexual Perversity...." The pre-show is perhaps one of the most interesting aspects of the entire performance. Clergyman Paul Coffey '98, walked out onto the minimalist stage (no props, just black and gray boxes of varying shapes and a wood-cut cityscape) and told the audience that "in 1939 a man puts a tooth in a jar of Coca Cola." After a long pause, he continues: "The next morning Hitler invaded Poland."

What at first seemed like random sentences strung together to create a humorous effect, soon deepens into a coherent explanation of life, love, death and relationships. Mamet's off-beat style of writing forces his listeners to

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think about the basic hypocrisy of humanity. For example, the clergyman tells us, "You can't go home and beat your wife for not taking out the garbage and then go be kind to whales" or "All of us are going to die, and no one believes it. If we believed it no one would go into the office; we'd call in sick."

Seemingly as soon as it began, the sermon was over and the main play began. It opened with Danny Shapiro, played by Kevin Landis '98, and Bernard "Bernie" Litko played by Steve Kidd '97 in an intense discussion about the woman Bernie hooked up with the night before that makes the typical "locker room talk" seem like bible group.

Essentially the play revolves around the relationship between Danny and Deborah Solomon, played by Mackenzie Sullivan Dawson '99. We see how their relationship progresses as it passes first through physical intimacy and then on to a strained emotional intimacy.

Each player is more or less a stock character. Deborah's bitter school-teaching man-hating roommate Joan Webber was wonderfully played by Laura Eichelberger

'99, while Bernie epitomized the womanizing, beer-drinking man seeking to recapture his youth. Finally there were star-crossed lovers Deborah and Danny, who hop in the sack the first time they set eyes on each other only to realize they have nothing more to say.

From that point Mamet takes the audience on a roller coaster ride of modern day relationships. We see everything from the strained conversations and the commitment questions, to the we-have-nothing-in-common arguments and the eventual break-up.

Instead of being a network of support, Mamet shows how oftentimes friends act as a catalyst for relationship strife. Joan is jealous of Deborah's relationship and therefore has only negative things to say about Danny. Bernie, while he compliments Danny on his choice of women, just doesn't like to see his friend become whipped, or so he says. The audience can gather that like Joan, he is a very bitter individual.

The play ends much as it began. Nothing has changed; nothing has been solved. Deborah and Joan are alone in their apartment and Bernie and Danny are on the beach oogling women. We don't know what it will take for them to change, or if change is even possible. None of these characters have the strength to overcome the adversity that befalls any relationship.

The actors did an admirable job portraying Mamet's predominantly fault-laden characters and creating a striking performance. It was an amazing show by all involved. □

Coen brothers defrost murder plan in *Fargo*

BY SCOTT M. ROTHMAN
Staff Writer

What do an Eskimo and someone from Minnesota have in common? They both like to ice fish. Eskimos eat several parts of whales. Many people in Minnesota are as big as whales. Eskimos use the family dog both as a pet and as a mode of transportation. Some Minnesotans live in houses that have wheels on them. Both Eskimos and Minnesotans giggle when someone says their name is Nanook.

According to the superb new movie from the talented Coen Brothers, one of the greatest similarities between these two peoples is that they both talk funny. In their new movie "Fargo," the Coen

Brothers decide to share their fascination with Minnesotan culture and its people's unique way of speaking by using it as a backdrop for a remarkable tale of murder.

Set in wintry Minnesota in 1987, "Fargo," like the state itself, is loaded with snow. In fact, this is probably the most white stuff you will ever see on film until they make a movie about D.C. mayor Marion Barry. A scheming car salesman in Minneapolis, Jerry Lundegaard (William H. Macy), has found himself so far in debt that he hires two ex-cons (Steve Buscemi and Peter Stormare) to kidnap his wife. Jerry is counting on his wealthy father-in-law (Harve Presnell) to pay the ransom money which he will in turn use to pay off his accomplices and the rest of his debts. However, Jerry's plan goes horribly wrong when the ex-cons kill three people, including a cop, while making their escape. The triple homicide brings Police Chief Marge Gunderson (Frances McDormand) into the fray as she slowly makes the connection between Lundegaard and the murders.

While devoid of any big Holly-

wood names, the casting of "Fargo" is flawless. William H. Macy nails the Minnesotan accent, as well as the nonchalant and unexpected wickedness of Lundegaard. Steve Buscemi and Peter Stormare bring an "Odd Couple" quality to their perfect performances as the two thugs hired to kidnap Jerry's wife. The real star of "Fargo," however, is Frances McDormand in her portrayal of Marge Gunderson. McDormand is phenomenal in capturing both the hysterical mediocrity of Gunderson's personality as well as the keen crime-solving abilities of the pregnant police chief.

Minnesota culture and its people's unique way of speaking are used as a backdrop for a remarkable tale of murder.

In many ways, "Fargo" symbolizes the realization of the potential that the Coen Brothers have shown in some of their past films such as

"Miller's Crossing" and "Barton Fink." Showing occasional flashes of brilliance in the past but rarely controlling them, "Fargo" is their most balanced and effective movie to date. Few directors experiment with their cameras like the Coens, and in "Fargo" the result of their efforts is fantastic.

The lesson of "Fargo" is that you should never judge a book by its cover. With the exception of Buscemi and Stormare, the main characters never appear capable of doing what you would expect. One look at Jerry reveals that Donny Osmond would have made a more convincing murder suspect. In Gunderson's case, it would seem that she would be more interested in daytime TV and Cheese Balls than scary criminals. However, in reality, Gunderson effortlessly solves one of Minnesota's most bizarre and gruesome murder cases all by herself. We rarely see such new and fresh characterization as we do in "Fargo" and it is from here that it draws its greatest power. "Fargo" is the first Coen film for the masses, even if many Americans might be horrified by their Midwestern compatriots. □

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Chucklehead to funk up Foss Arts

BY JUDY RING
A&E Editor

Chucklehead, a Boston funk-and-what-have-you band, will be bouncing into Colby at 2 p.m. on April 27 as part of the annual Foss Arts festival. This event will occur all day on the Dana lawn, and will also feature another Boston-based band, Bim Skala Bim. But Chucklehead certainly is not just another band, as proved by the success they've encountered over the last six years and the fabulous sounds on their latest album, "Fuzz."

The winners of the 1995 Boston Music Awards for best independent album and best funk band bring together the kind of grooves that demand a dance party. Chucklehead is the eclectic type of college group that goes beyond the realm of contrived originality into flat-out great music. Fans of the Funkadelic style as well as hip-hop, jazz, R&B and acid jazz will all find something to like in Chucklehead's music. Featuring a laid-back horn section with the usual guitar/bass/keyboards/percussion setup, the band succeeds well at accomplishing an elusive goal: good soul and funk brought into the '90s.

Chucklehead's "Fuzz" album has some great moments, such as the tune "Retrosxy," an adventure in '70s-style funk with a strong bass line backing it all up. Hip-hop is thrown in a little more in a song titled "Big Stupid Song," a hyperactive mix of wild sounds. Chucklehead also has some fun with The Beatles' "We Can Work It Out," by implementing reggae/funk feel and throwing the lyrics back into the rhythm.



Photo courtesy of Summit Records

Boston-based band Chucklehead will perform at Foss Arts this weekend.

Chucklehead maintains a healthy sense of humor while making some serious music, as shown in the lyrics of the one-minute intro track to "Fuzz." Band member Eben Levy writes that "a baker's dozen of funk lazer imprinted on your silver platter/makes a good coaster if the music doesn't matter."

Chucklehead toured from Maine to the Rockies in 1995 and is continuing to travel this year. The

band was featured in the film "Sleep With Me," starring Eric Stoltz, Meg Tilly and Quentin Tarantino, and is currently working on its next album.

Chucklehead will be one of the many bands featured in Foss Arts this Saturday. A live performance by these makers of "Fuzz" promises to be more than the usual musical experience, and certainly isn't something to be missed. □

"The Dream of Water"

A journey of personal discovery

BY ELLEN PIGNATELLA
Staff Writer

"The Dream of Water," the Colby Bookstore's April Book of the Month, touches the hearts of its readers with an extremely personal account of one woman's experience with love, loss and memory.

Kyoko Mori is a Japanese-American woman who teaches creative writing at a small college in Wisconsin. Her memoir vividly conveys her conflicting, intense emotions regarding her race, her family and herself as she journeys back to her native Japan 13 years after her departure for the United States.

As Mori courageously confronts her tragic childhood, greatly damaged by her mother's suicide and father's brutality, she gradually liberates herself from the chains of loneliness and obedience which were forced upon her as a child. Her story embodies the necessary, yet difficult, healing process of the human spirit.

Throughout her account, Mori recognizes and learns to accept the losses in her life. Although she acknowledges the profound, inescapable effects of her past, she also discovers her own individuality and independence. In many ways, Mori's visit to Japan serves as a rite of

passage enabling her to relinquish her childhood naiveté and powerlessness for the strength and freedom of adulthood. Upon returning to Wisconsin at the end of her trip, she reflects, "I am continuing our legacy of loss which might, in the end, turn out to be a legacy of freedom as well."

"The Dream of Water" successfully emphasizes the importance of self-awareness and a sense of belonging in any individual's

life. After years of grief and guilt, Mori comes to understand that she deserves to feel angry and hateful towards a father who isolated and mentally

abused her as a child. In addition, she recognizes the cultural differences between her family and friends in Japan and her life in America, learning that such differences can be complementary rather than negative.

Mori relates her account with beautiful language, vivid imagery and sensitive observation. Realistic and bold, *The Dream of Water* speaks clearly about human pain, the struggle for personal identity, and most importantly, the unyielding strength of the human spirit. Capable of evoking strong emotions from its audience, Mori's memoir leaves its readers with a renewed faith in the power and preservation of the individual. □

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EDITORIALS

Tuition hike will prove good in the long run

Once again it is time to cry and complain about the annual tuition hike, despite the fact that every other comparable college in the region is engaging in the same practice. We certainly all realize that college education is expensive and becoming even more so. But as much as we expect the price of the Colby experience to rise every year, we still manage to come up with new reasons to complain about it.

The fact is, the percentage increase in Colby's tuition this year is below the average of our neighboring NESCAC schools, the Ivy League universities, and other prestigious colleges. This is an amazing fact in and of itself, considering all of the expansion that Colby has taken on. We have three new buildings currently in construction, with plans for a new dorm and dorm remodeling in the next year. Our faculty, at least in terms of tenured professors, is the best paid of all NESCAC schools. Admissions is once again overcome by the excess of students who want to attend Colby. Applications keep reaching record numbers and significant amounts of students keep committing to attend in the fall.

Perhaps the most important fact to keep in mind is that Colby will certainly become an even higher-ranked and more sought after school because of the steps it has taken to improve itself. The best professors, new buildings, and a tuition comparable to other schools of its class will not only attract excellent students, but it will also certainly help out in terms of endowment.

Nobody likes to hear that the price of their already-expensive education has risen once again. But in order to maintain present standards of excellence and seek to improve even more, it is logical that tuition will increase every year. In the long run, it is certain to make Colby an even better deal.

College needs to use money for students, not professors

In the real world, people are fond of saying that you get out of life whatever you put into it. If you work hard, you earn a well-deserved paycheck. However, college, people say, is not the real world.

This can be said in a broad sense, and not just applied to students. Professors who take leaves of absence to do research or write books are not in the classroom, yet at Colby they presently earn 50 percent of their regular salaries. This is all well and good; they are working to further their own educations, which in turn broadens their classes when they return. Recently, however, there has been a proposal to increase absent professors' salaries from the substantial 50 percent to a very impressive 80 percent.

Professors have been heard to echo many students concerning the amount of work they have to do. In addition to this, they often have busy family lives to juggle in the act. Teaching is far from an easy endeavor, and when doing so professors should be well paid for their work. But when they are not teaching at all, 50 percent should be sufficient pay. The proposed pay increase would be better used to attract qualified visiting professors to replace Colby professors who are on their leaves of absence.

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Letters

A time and a place for everything

I hate to belabor the point, but the manner in which we handle complaints against faculty, students and staff is an important issue, and I want to be sure my opinions are perfectly clear. I don't believe that circumstances ever warrant the discussion of alleged incidences of sexual harassment in public forums — unless those discussions are con-

ducted in such a way as to shield the confidentiality of the individual(s) involved. Shining the spotlight of a charge on a small group of individuals (e.g. faculty members in a specific department, faculty residents, or members of specific sports teams) rather than a specific person, does not adequately protect people's reputations. If it's necessary to

publically speak of such charges, (e.g. when talking about one's dissatisfaction with the harassment procedure) it's best to do so with only the most vague references to the persons involved (e.g. "a person on campus").

Saranna Thornton
Asst. Professor of Economics

Why I gave to Senior Pledge '96

My four years at Colby have not been entirely carefree. I'm sure there are times when you've heard me complaining just as loudly as the next person about various things. However, there are many positive things I have learned and done, including finding a major I really love, going abroad my junior year, and meeting all kinds of interesting and exciting people. I can honestly say that for every time I have felt angry, frustrated, or apathetic about something here at Colby, there have been many more times when I have been in awe of something incredible that I have just experienced or learned, have been encouraged and challenged, or have been helped and have found understanding. The most significant of that help has been all the grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study support that have enabled me to be a member of the Class of '96, despite the fact that my family simply did not have the resources for a college education, period — much less a Colby education.

I'm not the only one who has had

a subsidized education. Even if your parents paid the full tuition bill, they are still not paying the complete \$32,824 it costs per student per year at Colby. You have benefited from alumni support through the Alumni fund. That support has helped to keep your favorite professors here, has supported the academic programs which have prepared you to succeed in whatever you choose to do. Annual gifts from alumni, parents and friends touch us every day in everything we do at Colby. I'm very glad that over 42 percent of the class feels similarly motivated and has already made a gift this year. This means that I can feel assured that the Class of '96 will carry on the tradition of support and help to replenish Colby's resources for future students.

What I pledged to give over the next five years is not much. It will not put up a new building or endow a chair, but then again, no one expects that. What it does mean is that Colby's participation numbers will remain high. It gives Colby that much more evidence that its alumni care. Those

few dollars a year, though a drop in the bucket, will still help provide other students with the opportunity of a Colby education. In return, it feels good to have already given and to count myself among a support base of over 7,000 alumni who give each year. It also is an investment in my future. I'm doing my part to ensure that Colby maintains its good reputation and my degree is something I won't have to explain. Furthermore, it gives me the right to speak up and to voice my opinions about what Colby is doing and the decisions that are being made with my contribution.

This letter doesn't just address seniors. I urge other classes to draw upon their own experiences and not let the negatives outweigh the positives when it comes time to give. If you are unhappy, there is still time to seek out good experiences. For seniors who have yet to give, it is also not too late. Think about the time you have invested at Colby those last four years and what it has meant to you.

Maylene Cummings '96

Opinions

Grade inflation inhibits learning

BY DAN MACCARONE
Staff Writer

Last year Colby accepted its largest freshman class ever, and we all welcomed it with open arms, a few kisses and, of course, a smooth, cool beverage. What we didn't tell them about was the awful malady they would be subjected to when they got here: grade inflation.

It appears that many of us are not earning the grades we receive. It is horrible, isn't it? There you sit, on a warm Wednesday night, studying for your biology exam, convincing yourself, "I know what an enzyme is, I know what an enzyme is," when all of a sudden you glance over to the Echo and find that your studying is in vain. No matter how hard you try on your exam, you will probably end up doing better than you deserve. Life is just not fair, is it?

"Well," you decide. "I might as well chuck these books and go play pinball at the Spa." And why not? Your grade will not be accurate anyway. Even if you pull off a C on the test, it will be scaled to at least a B, right? What is the problem?

Grade inflation, as I see it, is every college student's dream: no work, and still you get a decent grade. The only arguments against it so far have been that maybe if a professor gives inflated grades, his

or her students will reciprocate with happy-go-lucky, favorable evaluations.

First of all, the problem with grade inflation is not the fact that students with high grades will give their professors better evaluations; that is just ridiculous speculation. The real trouble is that when grades are raised, the reflection of what the student has learned is misrepresented, which contradicts why you came to college in the first place.

Why do we all try to earn decent GPAs? To get into a good graduate school, right? But besides grad schools, who really cares that you failed your sophomore year Organic Chemistry final? No one. Not the company you work for after you graduate, not the guy working behind the counter at the McDonald's where you grab a quick breakfast at every morning, and not the guy who gets fired so you can take his place as you climb the corporate ladder. Well, maybe that last guy, but no one else.

So what is the point of grade inflation, or furthermore, grades? I suggest that an in-depth study be conducted into what exactly the importance of pulling all-nighters and stressing out over 50-page research papers is.

What really matters in life, after you finish this monorail trip through the world of academia, is

not what you know, but how you put your knowledge to use. Experience is what will propel you to the upper class. Well, that and perhaps a good job, some political connections, and maybe some good old-fashioned kissing up; those are the principles on which America was founded.

Anyway, after the research project into what is wrong with grades has been completed, I believe that there will only be one solution: abolish grades altogether. What? Can't believe your ears at such blasphemy? Think about it though, when do you really learn more: cramming for a macroeconomics exam, or sitting in class, listening to what your professor tells you?

In my experience, I have always come away from a class with more knowledge when there has been no stress factor. That way I can simply relax with the book in my arms, as I prepare to go to bed at night, rather than crunching up at my desk, reading under a dim lamp, and struggling to stay awake while my roommate sleeps peacefully, dreaming of little oocytes eating up prepositions.

Are we more concerned about grade inflation versus evaluations, or is the whole system in itself hypocritical to why we are here at college, a learning institution? □

Opinions

Colby Mac lab gone Club Med

BY WHITNEY GLOCKNER
Opinions Editor

So what I would like to know, is what is up with the weather. First we get snow in April, and that ain't right. Apologies to all you skiers, but snow just shouldn't fall after Spring Break. And then winter just wouldn't give up gracefully: sleet and hail, no. I realize that there is nothing that camp Colby can do about the weather outside, but what about inside?

If anyone on this campus had attempted to work in the mac lab on Saturday, they would have found that the

mac lab was temporarily being replaced by the Colby Sauna. It's good for the pores, it is like Bombay in April, it's the mac lab. Work on your resilience to extreme temperature changes, go to the mac lab.

The heat was on so high in the mac lab, that people were actually sweating at their seats. People were dropping like flies. No other part of the building boasted such balmy weather, not even the third floor of the library; I checked. But Colby is supposed to monitor the temperature everywhere, or so I am told. The dorms are monitored for steam and hot water, but needless to say, the mac lab was not being monitored.

So those of us who were in the mac lab (I will protect the identities of those who are a bit embarrassed to admit they were there) decided to call Safety and Security. They told us that they would call PPD and that the whole thing would be cop acetic in no time.

In the mean time we tried to do what we could. There was no way to turn down the thermostat, and two of the doors don't stay open because they are the really heavy and we couldn't get them to stay. We knew we were in the ninth circle. It is bad enough to have to be in the mac lab on a Saturday,

but at 80+ degrees, forget it.

An hour and a half later, we called again. We even told them that someone was dying of heat stroke (which they didn't believe). Again, they said they called PPD and they would check on the progress. No progress.

So I left for dinner and returned two hours later, to find the heat even worse. It had slipped out into the hall, and with few windows on the fourth floor it was unbearable.

Everyone deserted the mac lab in search of cooler climate.

So I called Safety and Security again. They then told me that

all we had to do was turn down the thermostat. Ah hah, there was supposed to be a knob on the thermostat. But apparently someone broke it off. So there was no way to turn the heat down. Qué bureaucracy!

The thing that really strikes me, is that in the four phone calls to security where we told them that we couldn't turn the thing down, they never once told us what would be the first step. So the problem remained unsolved, until Sunday.

Sunday the mac lab was considerably cooler, but was still toppin' out the thermostat at a crispy 80 degrees. One of the people in the mac lab that had no more faith in the system at this point called Safety and Security to ask them if they had any fans that they might bring down. They replied that safety and security didn't own fans and that they would definitely be looking into it on Monday.

So what is the moral of the story? Don't go the mac lab on Saturday afternoons? Never listen to Safety and Security when they tell you PPD is on the way? Don't do dorm damage outside the dorms? Enjoy the warm weather while you can? Who knows, but it sucks to be in the mac lab. □



Terrorism sanctioned by negotiation

BY MARC FAIRBROTHER
Staff Writer

For most of us in this world, there are two, and only two, guarantees in life: death and taxes. While some on earth may be fortunate enough to escape the latter, the former encompasses us all equally, indiscriminately. And while humankind has for centuries realized and accepted the guarantee of mortality, it is truly unfortunate that it sometimes comes as the result of someone's attempted expression of an idea or thought.

In recent times, it seems as though more and more people have come to realize the power of terrorism as a clear and concise method of conveying a point. This is something of which we all should be fearful. While the bombings of the World Trade Center in New York City and of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City may seem far from Mayflower Hill, do not forget that a random act of senseless violence occurred not long ago only a few short miles away on Silver Street. We are not immune from the evils of terrorism.

While we may all agree that terrorism has of late grabbed our attention and has seemingly become a wide-

spread dilemma with which we all must deal, we have failed to take steps to truly solve the problem. Why is it that the IRA broke a long-observed cease-fire and took to bombing the streets of London again? Why did (as alleged) a disgruntled former soldier—with ties to the militias which have been sprouting up all of the country in the past few years—find it necessary to rip apart a federal building with a homemade bomb, killing well over 160 people?

Perhaps these people are just sick and we just have to face the fact that we live in a world filled with members of the Club of Insanity and Paranoia. This appears to be the approach that most of the world has taken to date in dealing with the increasing problem of terrorism—and yes, it is a major societal problem. The world has seen leaders that have boisterously proclaimed that they will not negotiate with terrorists, and more recently we have seen an American Congress and President work to pass a tough new anti-terrorism bill.

Arguably, these measures are noble. If society decides that the best way to deal with terrorists is to negotiate with them after the fact, then the

only lesson terrorists learn is that terrorism works. Therefore, we as a society must continue to be intolerant towards terrorist activity.

However, instead of focusing upon the acts of terrorism themselves, in order to truly rid the world of such vicious violence we must look at why these acts take place. Perhaps the detonation of homemade bombs is the only method of expressing minority ideas that terrorists feel they have in modern society. Undeniably the First Amendment protection of freedom of expression does not include the senseless taking of life, but it does include the protection of minority view points. If terrorism is taking place today because terrorists feel as though they have no other means of expression, anti-terrorism bills will do little to detract from these people the motive to strike again.

Terrorism must not be tolerated. However, for society to truly live in a violence-free world, perhaps it is time we review our responses, and their effects, to the actions of seemingly senseless terrorists. And after we have addressed this issue, then maybe we should try to do something about taxes. □

Students on the Street

What would you do with the \$1,260 by which Colby raised your tuition for next year?



Dave Javier '97
"I would hire my own personal masseuse for finals."

Harris Eisenstadt '98
"I would buy a new set of drums. Then I'd really be psyched to do my work."



Robyn Osborn '99
Lyndall Schuster '99
"Go to Mexico. It's warm there and there's no drinking age."

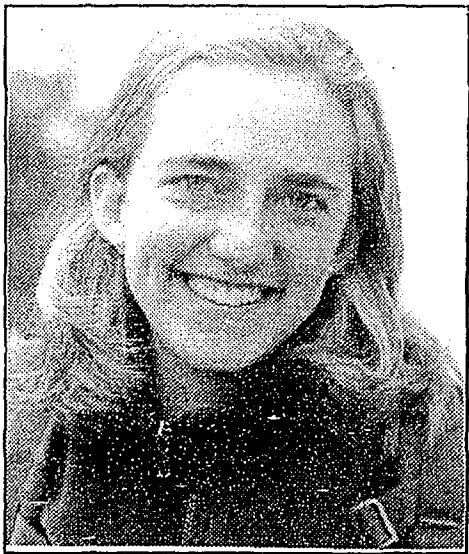
Andrew Litell '98
"I would take my juggling show on the road."



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NESCAC Baseball Standings		NESCAC Baseball Pitching Leaders		Scoreboard		NESCAC Men's Lacrosse Standings		NESCAC Women's Lacrosse Standings	
School	Record	Player	Record	ERA		School	Record	School	Record
Amherst	16-6	Ian Downs (Amherst)	2-0	1.69		Middlebury	9-0	Williams	9-0
Williams	11-6	Brock Safranoff (Amherst)	2-2	1.80		Amherst	7-1	Conn. College	9-1
Tufts	13-9	Joe Rowbottom (Hamilton)	4-2	1.99		Williams	6-1	Middlebury	8-1
Wesleyan	13-10	Jeff Taglienti (Tufts)	4-1	2.36		Conn. College	7-2	Tufts	8-2
Bowdoin	10-8	J.C. Panio (Colby)	3-0	2.50		Bates	6-4	Colby	6-2
Bates	6-6	Graham Callaghan (Amherst)	5-0	2.57		Colby	5-5	Amherst	6-3
Trinity	11-12	John Kowalczyk (Hamilton)	2-1	2.60		Trinity	5-5	Hamilton	7-4
Colby	9-10	Dave Kenney (Bowdoin)	1-3	2.92		Bowdoin	4-5	Bowdoin	3-2
Hamilton	8-11	Chris Snow (Bates)	2-2	3.00		Wesleyan	4-6	Trinity	4-3
Middlebury	6-11	Jeff d'Entremont (Bowdoin)	3-3	3.04		Tufts	4-8	Bates	2-3
						Hamilton	2-8	Wesleyan	2-4
NESCAC Baseball Batting Leaders				NESCAC Softball Standings					
Player	Average	Player	Average	School	Record	School	Record		
Mike Ranieri (Trinity)	.458	Jerrold DeShaw (Colby)	.409	Williams	21-5	Colby	5-7		
Mark McCormick (Bowdoin)	.438	John Maletis (Middlebury)	.393	Tufts	21-8	Trinity	3-6		
Chris Lembo (Trinity)	.428	Geoff Spies (Amherst)	.390	Amherst	10-8	Wesleyan	7-19		
Keith Poopor (Amherst)	.418	Jon Churchill (Wesleyan)	.380	Hamilton	10-9	Bates	1-10		
Josh Carroll (Amherst)	.410	Matt Klump (Hamilton)	.379	Bowdoin	6-6				

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Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood
J.J. Eklund '97.

things off very well in the offensive end," said Assistant Coach Tom Austin. "We missed too many passes and stopped taking quality shots."

Trailing by a goal, the Jumbos exploded, scoring three unanswered goals. But the Mules never quit as Kasprian scored her only goal of the day on a pass from Leah Bernstein '98 with 6:37 left to play, bringing the Mules to within one.

It was too little, too late, however, as the Bowdoin defense held on to seal the 6-5 victory.

Pope played well once again, managing 15 saves in the losing effort. Sicchitano and Kasprian each balanced one goal each with superb overall play. Marchant also continued her outstanding defensive play, holding Tufts' leading scorer, who was averaging close to six goals per game, to just two scores.

Unfortunately, in addition to taking the loss, the Mules were severely hurt by the absence of Kelley, their second-leading scorer, who did not dress for the game due to an injury. Amanda Birdsong '99, also a regular starter, sprained an ankle during the game and was unavailable for most of the contest.

On Monday, the Mules (6-2) faced off against Endicott College (1-5). In an offensive explosion, the Mules routed Endicott, 22-1. Colby racked up a total of 54 shots, including 22 goals and nine assists. Stacy Joslin '97 scored twice and dished out four assists, while Eklund continued her tear, scoring four times while adding one assist. Vicki Tseng '99 scored three goals while Bernstein added four goals and an assist.

Colby will host Plymouth State College today at 4:00 PM. □

THE ALCOHOL IN THE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

RECENTLY CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF COLBY STUDENTS. THE MEAN RESPONSE FOR EACH OF THE QUESTIONS IS MARKED WITH AN "X" ON THE LINES BELOW.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

How comfortable are you with students' drinking habits at Colby?

1 2 3 4 5 6 **X** 7 8 9 10 11
not at all extremely
comfortable comfortable

Given what you know about Colby students, how comfortable do you think the average Colby student is with students' drinking habits at Colby?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **X** 8 9 10 11
not at all extremely
comfortable comfortable

How interested are you in participating in non-alcoholic events?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **X** 8 9 10 11
not at all extremely
interested interested

How interested do you think that average Colby student is in participating in non-alcoholic events?

1 2 3 4 5 **X** 6 7 8 9 10 11
not at all extremely
interested interested

How important would you say alcohol should be to an active social life at Colby?

1 2 3 4 5 6 **X** 7 8 9 10 11
not at all extremely
important important

How important do you think the average Colby student would say alcohol should be to an active social life at Colby?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 **X** 10 11
not at all extremely
important important

ACE 1996, letting you know.

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of kept me in shape. Lacrosse is nice because it's something I'll be able to do after college."

Men's lacrosse Head Coach Dave Zazzaro isn't one to complain about Nardini's decision to pick up the relatively young sport. A three-year starter, Nardini has anchored the Mules' defensive front, typically shutting down powerful opposing offenses while leading the Mules through successful campaigns in each of the last four years.

"Brett's been an impact player for four years with us," said Zazzaro.

"He's been asked to cover the best opposing attack man consistently over the past two years and has done an outstanding job. He has that innate ability to make the players around him better. We're a much stronger team with him."

After such accolades for his athletic ability, especially in such adrenaline-driven sports as football and lacrosse, one might suspect Nardini to be the prototypical, always-intense, fight-till-you-drop kind of athlete. As a matter of fact, he is exactly the opposite.

"I'm always joking on the field and off the field," says Nardini. "I always take a relaxed attitude and I never really get strung out about things. I love to joke around, which drives the coaches crazy sometimes."

As long as he continues to succeed as he has on the field, Nardini's coaches will let him do anything he likes.

"He has things in perspective," said football Head Coach Tom Austin. "Brett doesn't take himself too seriously. He has a god-given ath-

letic ability. He has given a lot to our program."

Next week, Nardini will be presented with the E.W. Millett Award, which is given annually to the male and female athletes in Colby's senior class who have made the most outstanding athletic contributions during their careers. Nardini, who earned first team all-NESCAC honors last fall, was also named to the honorary first teams in the ECAC and New England Division II and III combined, as chosen by the New England Sports Writers Association.

After leading all of NESCAC in receiving on the gridiron last fall, Nardini is in position to garner even more recognition this spring as he is considered an All-American candidate in lacrosse.

Yet throughout all of his success upon Mayflower Hill as Nardini has improved every year in each sport, at one time even changing positions in lacrosse, there has remained one constant, something that has been with him every step of the way, since the days of Pop Warner and Little League. That constant is his parents. Alfred and Jean Nardini, both of whom can be seen without fail at every one of their son's football and lacrosse games, even during the week, consistently travel at least three hours to watch their son play, almost never missing a contest.

"My parents are so involved in everything," says Nardini. "They come to every game. They've also gotten involved in both [football and lacrosse] programs as far as getting kids to come here from our area."

Asked about how important the Nardinis have been to the lacrosse team's overall well-being, Zazzaro recalled one instance when he jokingly expressed his sentiments to Nardini: "I don't know who we're going to miss more, you or your parents."

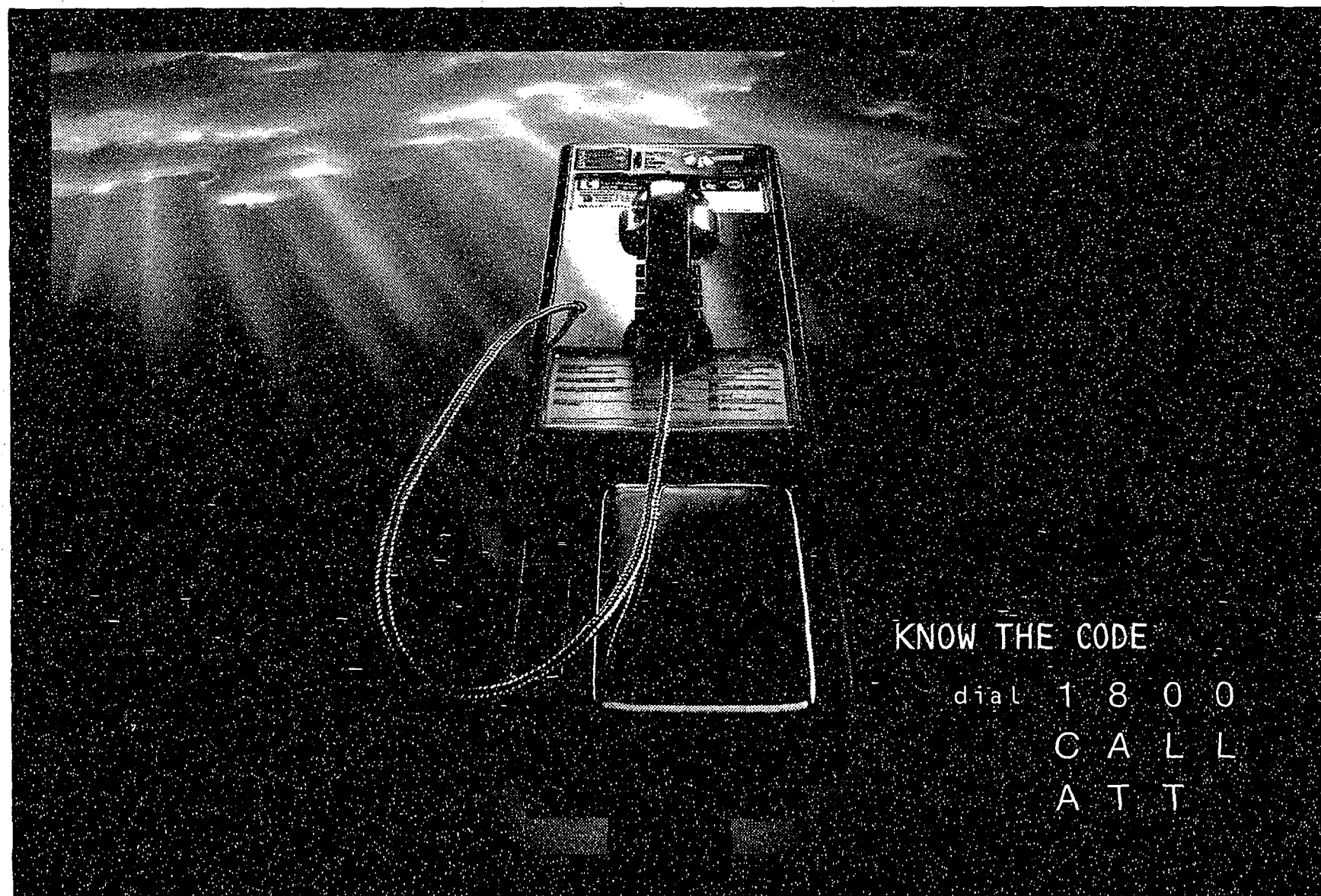
"His family is dynamic," said Austin. "When we're on away games they bring everyone cookies and drinks. They're very supportive. They were kind enough to lend us their son for four years."

As Nardini prepares to enter the real world, most likely in the business field, he also readies himself to bid farewell to a community that has more than appreciated his presence over the past four years. Austin and Zazzaro both echoed the sense of loss that the Colby community will feel once Nardini has graduated.

"Brett been a treat to coach all the way through and through," said Zazzaro.

"He's a delightful young man, a great guy to coach," said Austin. "We shall miss him."

For the thousands that have watched Nardini succeed week in and week out, year after year, and those that will forever appreciate his relaxed and friendly demeanor as a pleasant person to be around, we shall miss him too. □



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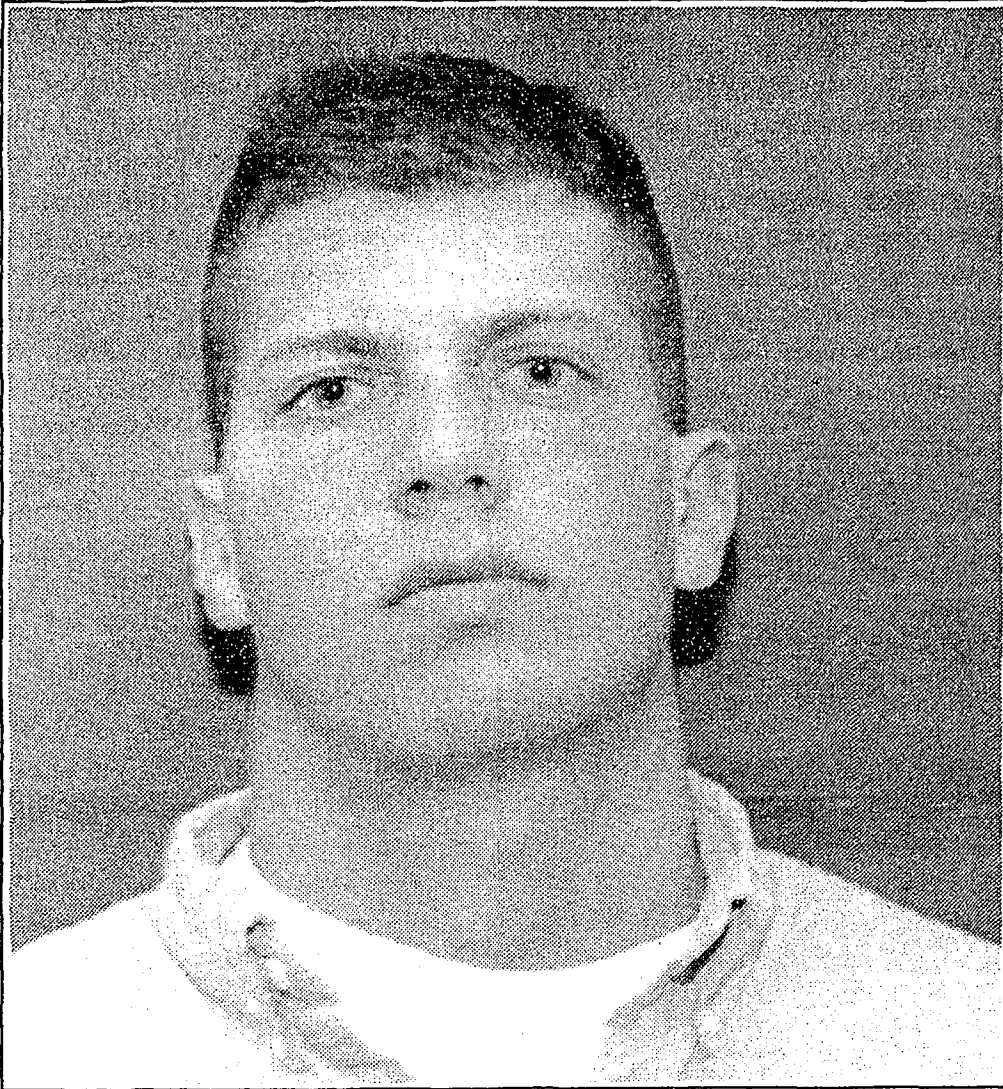
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**SHE DOESN'T HAVE
ENOUGH MONEY TO
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Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott two weeks ago canceled the Sportsticker service that provided updates on other Major League Baseball games. Schott, a notorious miser who has flirted with a racist reputation as well as having been known to let her dog, Schottzie, relieve itself on the Reds' home field, legitimized her cost-cutting move — the service cost \$350-per-month — by saying fans shouldn't be interested in other games while watching the Reds. In an attempt to keep everything at Riverfront calm, a local bank offered to pay the monthly charge. (Baltimore Sun)

DEVASTATOR

of the week



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

J.C. Panio '96

Panio, the leading pitcher for the Colby baseball team, continued his mastery of opposing offenses as he pitched eight strong innings last Saturday at Middlebury in the Mules' come-from-behind 8-7 victory. Panio, from Scarsdale, NY, allowed only two earned runs while scattering ten hits and striking out nine. Now at 3-0, Panio leads the team in ERA at 2.50 and is second in strikeouts with 13. Having defeated the likes of Plymouth State and UMaine-Farmington this season, Panio has thrust himself into the spotlight as one of the Mules' top pitchers, as well as one of the best in NESCAC, as he is among the league leaders in pitching.

This Week's All-Mule Pack

Jerrold DeShaw '97

The starting right fielder for the baseball team, DeShaw, continued his season-long tear at the plate, going 3-5 while knocking in the winning run in the Mules' 8-7 extra-inning win at Middlebury. DeShaw, from Burlington, VT, is leading the Mules in batting with a .409 average and in hits with 27 in 19 games. DeShaw is second on the team in runs scored and stolen bases with 14 and 11, respectively.

J.J. Eklund '97

Eklund, the scoring leader for the women's lacrosse team, added at least a hat trick in a loss to Connecticut College, an 8-7 win over Bowdoin, and a 22-1 rout of Endicott. Eklund, from Denver, CO, scored at least three goals in each game while boosting her season point total to 40. In the Mules' most recent victory against Endicott, Eklund netted four goals and added one assist, giving her 17 goals and six assists through eight games.

Brian Emme '97J

Emme, a co-captain from Rancho Santa Fe, CA, scored five goals as the men's lacrosse team rolled over Bates last Thursday, 15-6. This past Sunday, Emme netted two goals in the Mules' 14-6 loss to Connecticut College, bringing his total number of goals scored over the past three games to nine. In 10 games this season, Emme is fifth on the team in scoring, with 13 goals and two assists for a total of 15 points.

Jen Pope '96

Pope, the starting goalkeeper for the women's lacrosse team, was named NESCAC player of the week for her performances in wins over Bowdoin and Endicott as well as a tough loss to Tufts. Versus Bowdoin, Pope, from Needham, MA, made 15 saves as the Mules squeaked out an 8-7 victory. Last Saturday versus Tufts, Pope made 16 saves as the Jumbos nipped Colby, 6-5. Through eight games this season, Pope, presently the top goalie in NESCAC, has saved 113 of 150 shots, giving her an impressive save percentage of .753. Pope's goals-against average is also stellar, as she is currently only allowing an average of 4.75 goals per game.

Men's track victorious once again

BY JOEL GROSSBARD
Staff Writer

Last weekend, the Colby men's track team faced Bowdoin and Southern Maine in a triangular meet held on Mayflower Hill. Colby won the meet by earning 94.5 points from some impressive individual performances while Bowdoin finished second with 80 and Southern Maine lagged behind with 22.5.

Co-captain Matt O'Connell '96 competed in eight different events and compiled 19.25 points, almost twenty percent of Colby's overall total. O'Connell finished second in the long jump, the triple jump and the high jump events. He placed third in the high hurdles, intermediate hurdles and pole vault events. In the javelin, O'Connell finished fourth. He was also a member of the victorious 4 x 100 relay team.

"Matt is a real skilled athlete," said Head Coach Jim Wescott. "He had a great day."

Co-captain Don Saucier '96 also lived up to his billing as one of the team's top athletes, competing in six events while performing admirably in all of them. Saucier won the high hurdles and was a member of the winning 4 x 100 relay team. He finished second in the 100 meter sprint, the 200 meter sprint and the pole vault. He also placed fourth in the long jump. Saucier finished the day with a combined total of 13.25 points.

Other winners for the Mules included Dave Palmieri '97 (intermediate hurdles), Chris Bunge '99 (100 meter sprint and 200 meter sprint), Dave Brenneman '98 (400 meter sprint), Craig Jude '99 (hammer throw) and co-captain Dan Rheume '96 (javelin).

One of the most exciting individual performances of the day, according to Wescott, came courtesy of Pat Fournier '98.

"Pat's main events are the 5000 and 10,000 meters," said Wescott.

"I wanted to give him a break from his specialty for one day. It would be a mental change and it would give him a chance to work on his speed."

Fournier competed in the 1500 and 800 meter runs, and fared better than expected. He finished second in the 1500 meter run, with a time of 4:06.14, which qualified him for the New England Division III Championships on May 4 at Williams. Fournier also finished fourth in the 800 meter run. Even after those finishes, the overall outcome of the meet was still in doubt; Wescott was forced to make a decision.

"The outcome of the race was still in doubt after Fournier's two races. I decided to put him in the 5000 meters in order to pick up some more points. He won the race, and it was very exciting."

Fournier's first place finish put the Mules over the top, helping them win the meet in exciting fashion. □

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Softball rises above .500 with four-game winning streak

BY BOB ELLINGER
Asst. Sports Editor

Riding a four-game winning streak, the women's softball team has accumulated a 9-8 record to climb above the .500 mark for the first time in two seasons.

Before starting their run of four in a row, the Mules were upended last Thursday by the University of New England by a score of 13-8. UNE jumped out to an early lead by scoring seven runs in the first inning. However, the Mules rallied to take an 8-7 lead, but UNE scored six unanswered runs to finish off Colby by five runs.

"We threatened throughout the entire game," said Head Coach Jen Holsten. "We just couldn't get the runs late in the game and UNE was able to pull away."

Meaghan O'Neil '96, Steph Patterson '99, Rebecca Appolon '96, and Ann Mortenson '98 all had multiple hits in the game. Mortenson also crushed a home-run.

After the loss to UNE, the Mules traveled to Gordon to play a double header last weekend. Colby dominated Gordon all day, coming away with two easy victories, 16-8 in the first game and 10-2 in the second.

In the first game the Mules' offense was spread out over all six innings as the squad tallied 11 hits. Karen Ackley '96 pitched the complete game to pick up the win and raise her record to 4-0 on the season. In the second game the Mules banged out ten hits, all singles. Pitcher Robyn Maco '98 shut down

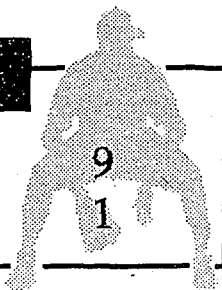
the Gordon offense, scattering just five hits.

Overall, Colby walked 21 times in the doubleheader, and according to Holsten, Gordon's wildness was the story of the game. Patterson again had a big day at the plate, collecting five hits in eight at-bats while Kayla Baker '97 went four for eight at the plate to help lead the Mules' offense.

"We played well [against Gor-

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Husson



don]," said co-captain Ackley. "It was a good all-around day. We hit the ball well and played good defense. It was nice to have two big wins like that."

On Tuesday the Mules hosted a double-header against Husson and again came away with two victories. In a wild first game Husson jumped out to an early lead and found themselves ahead 7-0 going into the bottom of the fifth inning. After a relatively unproductive previous four innings, the Mules' offense finally found life in the fifth. With two runners on, Appolon belted a home run over the center field fence to cut the score to 7-3.

In the sixth the Mules offense was in full effect. After four straight singles by Lauren Graham '97, Emily Hinckley '99, Mary Schwalm '99,

and Patterson, the Mules found themselves down by three runs with the bases loaded. Consecutive two-run doubles by Appolon and Mortenson netted four runs for Colby. A five-run sixth inning completed a huge comeback as the Mules won the game in the last half-inning.

Ackley again pitched a complete game for the Mules to register her fifth victory.

After the exciting first contest, the Mules quickly disposed of Husson in the nightcap as well. With the momentum carrying them from the first game, the first five hitters singled en route to four first-inning runs and a Colby lead. In the third, the Mules scored three more runs to take a comfortable lead, allowing them to cruise to a 9-1 victory.

Joan Giblin '98 pitched a four hitter for Colby to pick up the victory. Patterson, Appolon, and Baker each had four hits on the day while Mortenson chipped in with three.

Defensively, Patterson has been a standout all season at second base. Heading into the Husson double-header, she had collected 36 put-outs and 35 assists while only making one error. Holsten credited solid defense as one of the main reasons why the Mules have been more successful this season than last.

Yesterday the Mules hosted cross-town rival Thomas College in a doubleheader. This weekend Colby will travel to Massachusetts for a doubleheader against Tufts on Saturday and a single game against Brandeis on Sunday. □

OFFSIDES

Wiffleball season is here

BY GALEN CARR
Sports Editor

After what has seemed like an eternity, warm weather has at last found its way to Mayflower Hill, hopefully having decided to stay. As the grass turns from a dead brown to a luscious green, we are reminded of how good it feels to actually be able to enjoy the earth, the air and the sun, while the doldrums of another cruel Maine winter melt away in the pleasant warmth of spring.

Now that spring is finally here, we don't all have to stay holed up in our rooms, intent on avoiding the wrath of Mother Nature. It is now time to enjoy life; time to throw down a blanket and catch some rays; time to roll down the windows in your car and feel the wind on your face; time to toss a Frisbee around in your bare feet; yes folks, the time has come to begin playing Wiffleball.

The Wiffleball, invented a long time ago, was created by an intellectual autopolish salesman who hoped that anyone who wanted to would be able to throw a curve ball without hurting themselves. Resembling a baseball, the ball itself, a hollow globe made of tough resilient plastic, is distinguished by six equally spaced slits on one of its hemispheres, thus allowing it to follow a curved path when thrown properly. Since its invention, the Wiffleball has flourished as one of America's favorite good-weather pastimes, as even the average Joe can be made to look like he knows what he's doing out there on the mound.

So, as we enter another Wiffleball season on the back lawn, across an old driveway or in an empty parking lot, it is inevitable that countless tales are dredged up from the days of old by those who love the game. Yes folks, as Wiffleball returns, so does the seasonal phenomenon known as Wiffleball lore, to which even I have personally contributed.

Formerly a serious Wiffleball ace myself, I need barely hear the unique "wiffle" of that white plastic sphere to be reminded of what is surely one of the most improbable happenings in the history of the game.

It was about ten years ago, just another mid-summer day at my buddy Chad's house, and we were passing the time, as we did whenever the New England summer would allow, by competing in a one-on-one Wiffleball extravaganza. Definitely a daily occurrence, our Wiffleball games were consistently heated affairs; battles fought until our bodies could take us no further; contests in which life and limb were risked in attempts to secure victory; confrontations so serious that the only world that existed for us during the game was between the foul lines.

The summer sun beat down upon our homemade diamond, where the hemlock trees in center field and the stone wall in right represented the most common spots where the ball left the yard. If you really got a hold of one and sent it over the trees and on to the road on the other side, you were allowed and sometimes encouraged to exclaim amazedly at the monstrosity of your round tripper.

The sweat dripped off my face,

dropping onto the lawn like water from a leaky faucet. I was at bat in the late innings of yet another tight game, and the intensity was building with every wiffle that crossed the plate. After two straight foul balls, I knew Chad was going to reach back for something extra in an attempt to notch the strikeout. He stared across the plate, his eyes like glass, his mind working to find the pitch that would set me down and end the inning. Finally, he entered his windup, an experienced veteran cool as could be amid such a pressure-packed situation. At last he delivered a hard slider that found its way over the outer half of the plate. I swung. Then it happened.

The skinny yellow plastic bat connected with the Wiffleball so solidly that I was sure it was bound for the road, maybe further; a home run of Ruthian proportions. Yet in mid-flight, as the ball screamed towards its inevitable destiny, it disappeared in mid-air. Just like that, the Wiffleball was gone. Suddenly, at that instant of confusion, a dark brown object slowly twirled to the grass in center field. It looked suspiciously like a piece of dark leather. The ball was gone. We watched, awestruck, as the object landed on the ground with a soft thud. Slowly and with great precaution, Chad and I made our way over to the mysterious object that had seemingly appeared out of thin air. As we leaned over to get a closer look, we saw a small sparrow lying on its back among the freshly cut grass clippings. The sparrow was dead. Standing up, we looked at each other incredulously, not believing what had just occurred. A Wiffleball, in mid-flight after being hit at a particular angle by a yellow plastic bat, had struck and killed a sparrow in mid-air, also in mid-flight and also traveling at its own particular angle.

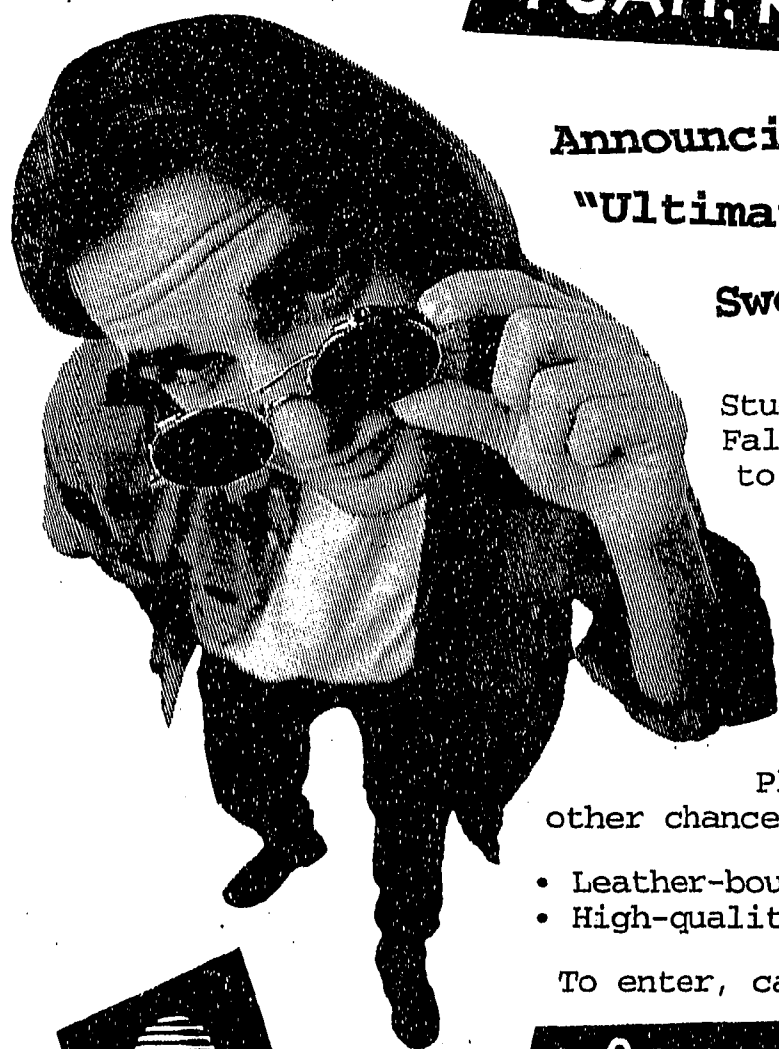
To consider what had just happened was mind-boggling. The sparrow had met its death in an occurrence that could probably not be repeated again, ever, even if it was attempted. Supposedly, the actual odds of this particular type of death occurring again stood, at best, at about one in a trillion. Had the pitch had been thrown a millisecond later, had I hesitated to scratch my back, had Chad had waved at a fly in his face, the sparrow might have already arrived at its destination even as I sat there and considered the matter. It was all so preposterous that I began to laugh hysterically, in utter disbelief. When I calmed down, Chad and I dug a small hole and buried the unfortunate bird, and then took the remainder of the day off in recognition of what had surely been an honorable existence.

Thus, as the good weather warms the frozen tundra and the Wiffle equipment is retrieved from the attic, I tap into the great reservoir of Wiffleball tales with the intentions of officially kicking off the new season on an exciting and anticipatory note. It's time to get back out on the green grass and throw that funny little noisemaker around. It's another year in the history of the game, and another opportunity for you to make your contribution to what has become known as Wiffleball lore. □

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Women's track slowed by injuries at Bowdoin meet

BY ERIKA AYERS
Staff Writer

All hopes of a season unmarred by injury were abandoned by the women's track team last Saturday at the Aloha Relays at Bowdoin. Colby finished a distant fourth after placing consistently in the top two in their previous meets. The Mules, who were looking to defeat Bowdoin for the second week in a row, finished behind UMass-Lowell, Bowdoin, and Mt. Holyoke as they totaled 97 points. UMass-Lowell and Bowdoin scored 169 and 167 points respectively while Mt. Holyoke finished with 157.

Head Coach Deb Aitkin attributed the loss in part to the fact that star Cindy Pomerleau '97 competed in the heptathlon and not in the open events in which she would have been able to compile more points.

"Because she was a heptathlon competitor, the points Pomerleau scored in the individual events were not counted towards the overall score," said Aitkin. "This dropped our total by approximately 40 points."

Colby's success was also hindered as their two top athletes, Farrell Burns '98 and Robynn Fortner '99 both fell victim to illness and injury, respectively.

Burns was out of Saturday's meet because of a health problem which is currently being examined at Mid Maine. Aitkin was "unsure if Burns would be able to make it back for ECAC's or if she would be able to compete again."

Fortner pulled her hamstring in the last leg of the 4 x 100 relay, while the team was on its way to their best time.

"I am unsure when Robynn will be back," said Aitkin. "She suffered a serious injury on Saturday. She will definitely not be competing at Saturday's ECAC Championships which will put a large hole in the team as Robynn is a key player."

However, all was not lost on Saturday for Colby. In an impressive individual performance, Pomerleau dominated the meet with a stellar showing in the heptathlon. Pomerleau not only defeated her closest competitor by over 1,200 points, she qualified for the NCAA National Championships with a solid total score of 4,345 points, well over the automatic entry standard of 4,200.

"Pomerleau's performance was the highlight of the meet," said Aitkin. "She had a tremendous day."

Kara Patterson '97, and Amy Montemerlo '99 also ran well. Patterson placed sixth in the 1500

meter run.

"We've been so careful with Kara since the injury," said a pleased Aitkin. "We haven't done a lot of speed workouts or training for the 1500. All things considered, sixth is a very respectable place."

Montemerlo cut her time significantly in the 3000 meter run while qualifying for both the ECAC Championships and the New England Division III Championships.

"Amy had a great time," said Aitkin. "With Saturday's time of 10:59.15, she could place at NESCAC's."

Sonja Noll '98 placed second in the hammer throw and Liisi Linask '96 placed second in the javelin, maintaining her overall rank of ninth in the nation.

"Overall this wasn't the same meet as last week," said Aitkin. "We are missing key people heading into the championship which will make placing in the top three hard for us. Without Burns and Fortner we can realistically aim at placing fourth or fifth in the ECAC. All we can work on now is dropping peoples times in preparation for the meet."

The Mules will travel South to compete in the NESCAC Championships at Amherst this weekend.

Mule Kicks

Men's rugby beats Amherst

The men's rugby team travelled to Amherst to face the Division I Lord Jeffs for the first time in Colby history on Saturday, April 13. The Mules, considered a Division II rugby team, entered the contest as the underdog. After taking a 3-0 lead off of a penalty kick, the Mules saw Amherst rack up two quick scores as the Lord Jeffs went into the locker room with a 14-3 halftime lead. Yet with all the odds staring them in the face, the Mules refused to give in. In an amazing turnaround, Colby exploded for three second-half scores en route to a surprising 20-19 victory. Last Saturday, the Mules tied UMaine-Orono, 13-13, putting their overall record at 2-0-1. This weekend Colby will travel to Providence for a Division II tournament.

Los Lobos crowned I-Play basketball open league champions for 1996

Two weeks ago, the Los Lobos I-Play basketball squad proved to have the focus, tenacity and court savvy necessary to bring home the championship in the team's inaugural season. Led by the capable coaching hands of Glenn Forger '97 and Jaime Harris '97, the Los Lobos rode an impressive three-game winning streak to the championship over Peck. Led by the suffocating defense and timely rebounding of Gregg Forger '97, Jon Parker '97 and Sean Handler '97, as well as the sharp-shooting of Doug Ellinger '97 and Mike Outslay '97, the Los Lobos had a slim three-point edge at the half. In the second half, Seth Blumenthal '97, John Ginn '97, Jerrod DeShaw '97, Ben Lester '99, Chris Sheehan '99, Rob Chisholm '99, Ian McGinn '99 and Tony Callander '99 picked up right where the starters had left off, increasing the Lobos' lead to 11 points as they cruised to the I-Play crown.

Picture This: It's Saturday. Two weeks 'till classes are done. It's sunny. Birds are chirpin', kites are flyin', bands are playin', people are hangin'. Joey's got the all-campus barbecue fired up. It doesn't get much better. "What's this strange and wonderful event?" you ask.

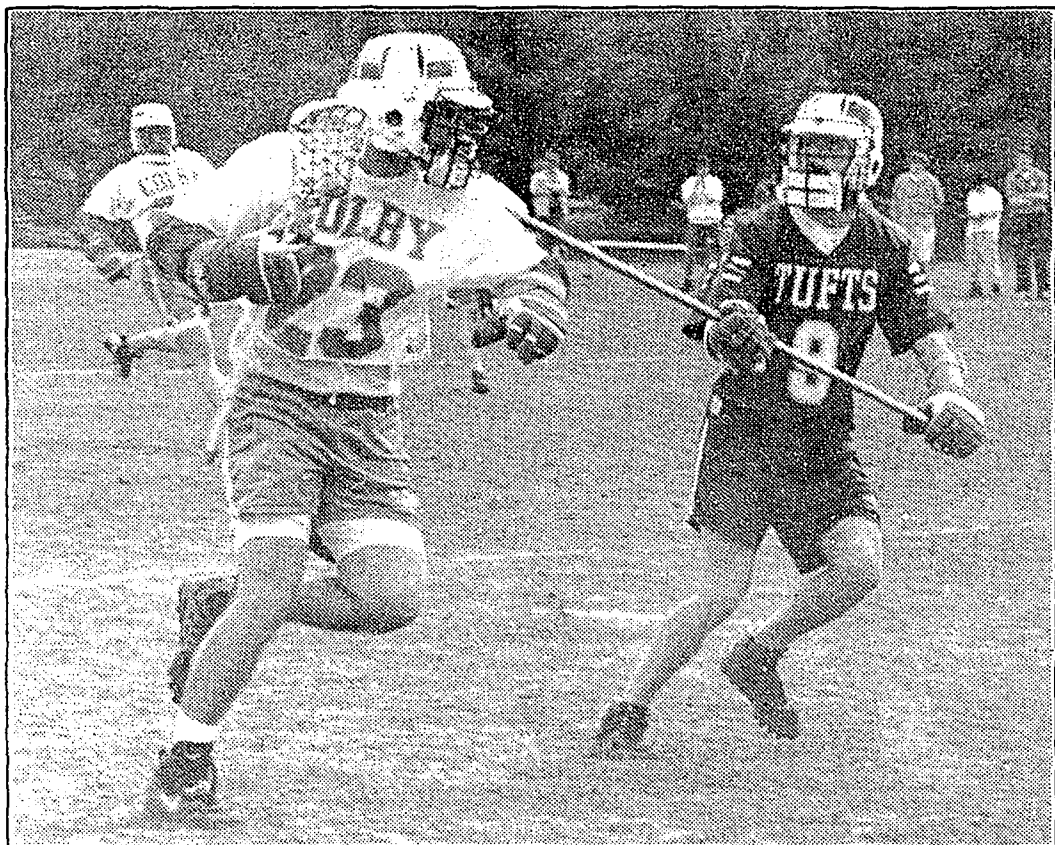
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Attack Matt Hurlbut '96 elbows his way through Tuft's defense.

Men's lacrosse team experiencing their ups and downs

BY JON OLINTO
Contributing Writer

Beginning with last Thursday's match-up against Bates, the men's lacrosse team endured a grueling three game home stand over a span of four days.

In the opener of this arduous series, Colby played possibly its best lacrosse of the season as the Mules dismantled their CBB nemesis, Bates. Dominating the contest from the outset, Colby erupted for an early offensive explosion that left the Bobcats reeling while facing an insurmountable lead. A brilliant offensive attack combined with the mighty Mule defensive front earned Colby an impressive 10-0 lead at the end of the first half.

"We came flying out of the gates and we never looked back," said Head Coach Dave Zazzaro.

The second half proved no different from the first as the Mules rolled to a 15-6 victory. As it has throughout the season, the Colby defense put together another strong game as the dominating trio of Brett Nardini '96, Nick Maumenee '98 and Dave McGill '99 held the Bates attack scoreless for a remarkable thirty five minutes. However, Nardini suffered an untimely injury late in the half that could keep him out of action for the next 10 days.

Co-captain Brian Emme '97 performed brilliantly, leading the offensive charge for the Mules as he tallied five goals and an assist while freshman sensation, Matt Williams, continued his assault on opposing defenses by burning the Bobcats for a pair of goals and four assists. In a contest that saw eight different Colby players score, the Mules emerged with an important win that brought the squad's record back to .500, at 4-4.

"The Bates game was extremely important because it was our first win in April and it provided us with a psychological boost that we really needed," said Zazzaro. "Also, it was really important that we got off on the right track in our stretch of three games in four days."

With only a day of rest before squaring off against a talented Tufts team, the Mules showed no signs of exhaustion as they jumped out to an early lead and entered the intermission with a 5-1 edge. In the second frame, Colby netted five more goals in the third while the defense unit and goalie Brian Frank '98 held the Jumbos scoreless for

the quarter. After trading a few goals in the final period, the Mules held on to secure a convincing 12-5 victory.

According to Coach Zazzaro, the key to the Colby win should be largely attributed to the outstanding effort of his midfield corps.

"The biggest factor in deciding the outcome was that we controlled the midfield by playing tough and hustling on every play," said Zazzaro. Overpowering the opposing Tufts midfielders, the Mule middies were paced by Peter Kugeler '99 who netted a hat-trick, Emme, who contributed two goals, and Clay Houchin '98, who tallied a goal and an assist. The Mules' offensive surge was also fueled by Matt Hurlbut '96 who chipped in with a hat trick of his own.

With Nardini sidelined, Zazzaro was able to uphold his squad's strong defensive play by shifting Brad Selig '99 from his long stick midfield position to join Maumenee and McGill on defense. Once again, Frank was steady between the posts as he stopped 21 shots.

However, suffering under the fatigue of competing on two of the previous three days, the Mules were sluggish in Sunday's battle against a potent Connecticut College squad. The explosive Camel attack immediately seized advantage of Colby's slow start, but the Mules fought back to close the gap, narrowing the Connecticut lead to 7-6 at the half. Yet the Camels proved to be too much for the Mules as they shut out the Colby offense for the entire second half en route to a 14-6 victory.

"On Sunday we just didn't have the fire-power that we usually have," said Zazzaro. "Overall, it was a good effort because we had one strong half. But in the second half the fatigue set in and Connecticut took advantage."

One bright spot for the Mules was again the play of Emme who netted two goals, bringing his total to nine over the course of the grueling three game set. Frank also submitted another solid performance in net with seventeen saves.

Despite the loss to Connecticut College, hopes continue to run high as the Mules consider the possibility of a post-season berth.

"Now we're 5-5 and very much alive in the hunt," said Zazzaro. "If we can win our next four games, we are going to make a great case for entering the post-season." □

Men's tennis impressive in weekend sweep

BY KEVIN THURSTON
Contributing Writer

The Colby men's tennis team extended their highly productive spring campaign last week, coasting to victories over the University of Southern Maine and Salem State on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively. Currently, the Mules' record stands at an impressive 8-2 following their most recent win.

On Tuesday versus Southern Maine, Head Coach John Illig diluted his lineup for the benefit of better competition, allotting half of his normal starters a one-day hiatus.

"They (USM) are a traditionally weak club, but this year they are especially so," explained Illig.

Even without their top players, the Mules dominated. After torching the Huskies in doubles, Colby lost only two games overall in their singles matches as they coasted to a 7-0 swash-buckling win over the Huskies. The victory for Colby was their first on Mayflower Hill this spring.

On Wednesday, the meet at Salem State turned out to be a much closer affair. The Mules dug themselves a hole early, dropping all three doubles matches. Yet heading into singles, the Mules were down but not out. Under this year's new scoring system, the team that takes two out of three doubles matches is now awarded only one point instead of two. Thus, Colby needed to win just four out of six matches to capture a victory.

However, sporting a reflection of their resilient play on the road (7-0 through last week), Colby staged a remarkable comeback. Co-captain and second seeded singles player Dave Tedeschi '96 started off the Mules' charge with an inspiring 6-3, 6-2 victory which tied the score of the meet at 1-1. Sixth seeded Chris Davis '99 followed by pounding his opponent in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3. Third seeded Darrin Ylisto '97 and fifth seeded Joel Grossbard '98 each endured long, grueling matches, but both managed to come out on top. The persistent Grossbard fell be-



Echo file photo by Jill Huntsberger

Doubles partners (l-r) Staunton Bowen '97 and Captain Gerry Perez '96 during last weekend's tournament.

hind after the first set, yet maintained his composure and fought through foot pains to win 6-7, 6-1, 7-5. His victory boosted Colby's lead to 3-1, and Ylisto's hard-nosed 6-3, 6-7, 6-1 triumph iced the win for the Mules.

"After losing in doubles, I think it kind of woke us up a bit," said Grossbard. "The USM meet may have compromised our focus."

With the outcome of the Salem State meet already decided, top-seeded Gerry Perez '97 took the court against rival Tom Sjobeag for individual bragging rights. In perhaps Perez' best match of the year, the Mules' maestro subdued the savvy Swede in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1, avenging a loss at the hands of Sjobeag two years ago.

Thus, the Mules led 5-1 with one match remaining, but fifth seeded

Andy Meeks '96 came up short in the meaningless contest, bringing the day's overall score to 5-2.

"We found ourselves in a bad way after the doubles, but in the end this turned out to be the only time in the last three years that we beat Salem State by more than one match," said Illig.

Once again, the standout for Colby was Perez, who has continued to show why he is one of the best racketman in all of New England. Playing against the best each team has to offer at the number one position, Perez has run his season's record to an astonishing 10-0. Grossbard has also been stellar at the number five slot, evidenced by his untarnished record of 9-0.

This weekend the Mules travel to Williams to compete in the NESAC Championships. □

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Colby endured a scary moment in the fourth inning when starting pitcher Carr '97 was knocked out of the game after being hit by a line drive. However, Nate Bradley '99 (1-0) filled in admirably on the mound, giving Colby three solid innings while recording his first victory. Scott Welch '99 entered the game in the seventh inning and shut down the Panthers as he recorded the final two outs.

The second game of the twin bill, also the final game of the three-game set, would turn out to be the most exciting. After five innings, Colby trailed 7-1, but an offensive explosion in the top of the sixth, as well as a tremendous second wind from starting pitcher J.C. Panio '96 (3-0), lifted the Mules to the extra-inning victory, 8-7.

"McBride pulled us together before the start of the sixth and told us that we had to believe we were a good team," said Panio. "After that I think we all believed him and we just

went out and played like we knew we could."

Down 7-1, the Mules rallied in the top half of the sixth inning, putting four runs on the board, cutting the Panther lead to 7-5. A string of singles by Russell, third baseman Harold Graves '97, Domareki, McGovern and McBride pulled Colby to within two runs going into the seventh inning. In the top half of the final frame, a miraculous two-out, two-run single by Welch tied the game at 7-7, forcing Middlebury to bat in the bottom half of the seventh. Panio held the Panthers in check, giving the Mules another chance to bat in the eighth. With one out, DeShaw stroked a double to left-center, scoring McGovern for the game-winning run as the Mules held on, 8-7.

"It was nice for once to be on the winning side of a close game," said McBride. "We have been in five games that have been decided by one run and hopefully this will set a precedent for games to come."

With respect to the Mules never-

say-die offense, the story of the game was a team-pitching leader Panio, who managed to hold the Panthers



Jerrod DeShaw '97.

scoreless while the Mules racked up seven unanswered runs. Panio, sporting the team's lowest ERA at 2.50, allowed only two earned runs while striking out nine.

On Wednesday, the Mules attempted to keep their playoff hopes alive as they host nationally-ranked University of Southern Maine. Bowdoin College will visit Mayflower Hill on Friday. The Polar Bears are also ranked among the top 10 teams in New England. □

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The comeback kids Baseball rallies to win three of last four, brings record to 9-10

BY LUCAS PENNEY
Staff Writer

With a 6-9 record and hopes to finish the season well enough to earn themselves an ECAC tournament bid, the Colby baseball team needed to come up with some big wins last week. Post-season ambitions helped ignite a fire under the Mules' hides as they picked up key wins against Husson College and Middlebury College this past weekend, putting them at 9-10 and keeping their ECAC hopes alive.

Last Thursday, Husson visited Coombs Field, and the Mules sent them packing as Colby won, 10-9. It was a see-saw game which saw numerous lead changes and both teams battling as if it were their last contest of the season. The Mules put on a hitting exhibition with five players contributing at least two hits. Center fielder Todd McGovern '97 (.304) went 3-5 with three singles and a stolen base. Third baseman Mike Choate '97 (.268) was 2-4 with 2 RBI's while first baseman Greg Domareki '99 (.295) contributed three hits. Co-captain and left-fielder Pat McBride '97 (.357) added two hits and three RBI's including a key two-run triple. Gregg Forger (.281) knocked in the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning while going 2-5.

On the mound, Alex Parillo '99 (1-2-2) recorded his first win of the season while pitching two-thirds of an inning. Mark Hachey '97 (0-2) started the game on the mound for the Mules, pitching the first six innings while giving up seven runs on 13 hits. With two on and one out in the top of the ninth

inning, Galen Carr '97 (2-0-1) closed out the game while picking up his first save, getting the next two batters on ground balls as the Mules held on.

On Friday the Mules traveled to Middlebury and suffered what would be their only letdown of the weekend losing to the Panthers 4-3 in nine innings. With several key players battling a nasty stomach flu, Colby's bats remained silent as they could muster only five hits. A defensive battle which saw the Mules successfully execute several key pickoffs; Colby's lack of offense proved

detremental.

Brian DiBello '99 (2-1) pitched the first seven innings while scattering nine hits and giving up just three runs. Jason Kidwell '96 (0-4) came on in the eighth with the score knotted at 3-3, but the Mules could not stave off the Panthers as Middlebury scored the winning run on a fly ball in the bottom of the ninth. Bright moments for the Mules included McGovern, who had one hit and two RBI's while shortstop E.J. Anderson '97 also added a hit while scoring twice.

On Saturday the Mules had a chance to avenge their close loss as they squared off against the Panthers in a doubleheader. Colby was able to get back on the winning track as they beat the Panthers in the first game, 9-5. McGovern had a hit and three stolen bases, upping his season total to 14 thefts in 19 games. Catcher Ben Russell '97 added two hits in three at-bats, while Choate chipped in with one hit. Right fielder Jerrod DeShaw '97, who is leading the team in batting, upped his average to .409 as he went 3-5.

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Women's lacrosse ices Polar Bears

BY TONY PASQUARIELLO
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The Colby women's lacrosse team entered last Wednesday's contest at Bowdoin with an impressive record of 4-1. A riveting 60 minutes against the Polar Bears was characterized by potent offensive play and outstanding goal keeping as Colby prevailed with a thrilling 8-7 victory. However, the following Saturday, Colby hosted Tufts University at Seaverns Field and were defeated 6-5, dropping their overall record to 5-2.

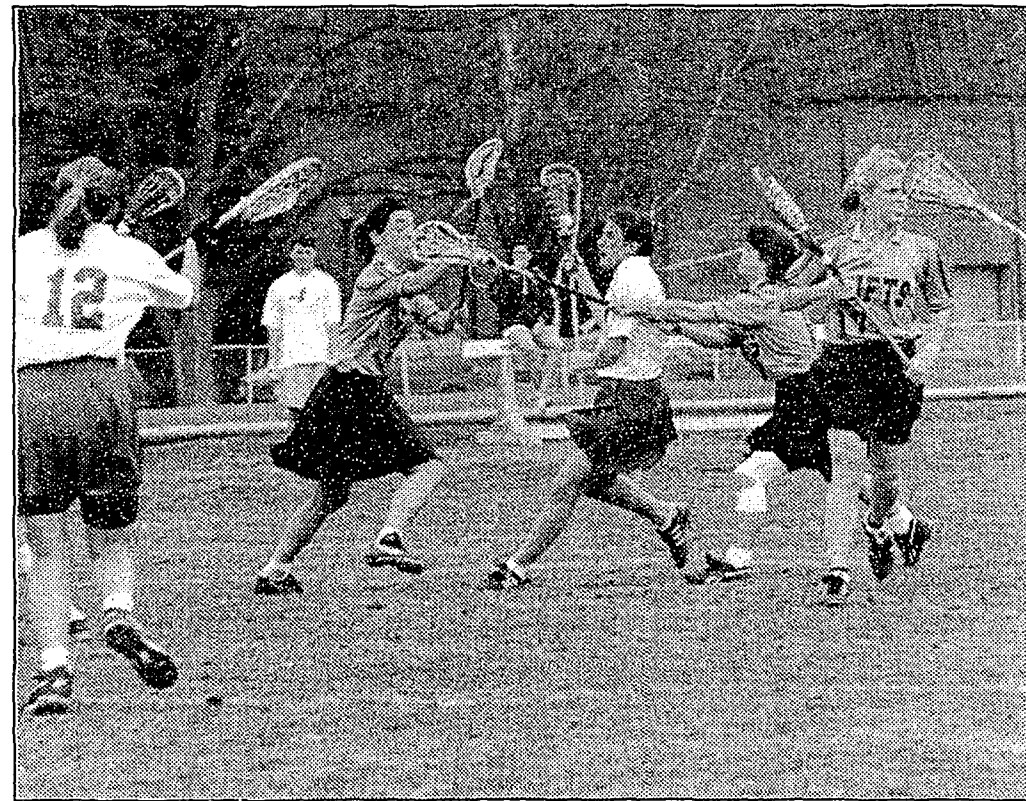
Traveling to Brunswick to face the Polar Bears loomed as a formidable task for the Mules, considering the fact that Colby had just come off their first loss of the season and hadn't beaten Bowdoin since 1991.

The game got off to a quick start as Bowdoin netted the game's first goal almost immediately. However, Colby quickly responded with five straight goals of their own. Bowdoin then countered with two goals. After 30 minutes of play, the Mules led 5-3 at half-time.

In the second half, Bowdoin came out strong, scoring three unanswered goals to take a 6-5 lead. However, at 15:12, Caroline Kasparian '99 scored her first goal of the season to knot the contest at six.

"It was a big goal for Caroline, and for the team at that stage in the game," said Head Coach Heidi Godomsky.

But just three minutes later, the Polar Bears struck again, taking a 7-6 lead. What had begun as game of offensive streaks and bunched scoring had slowly evolved into a give-and-take second-half. With just under ten minutes remaining in the game, Cindy Kelley '96



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Women's lax lost to Tufts Saturday after a win over Bowdoin.

notched her second score of the game, tying the contest at 7-7.

With just 3:24 left to play, the Mules changed the momentum for good as forward Abby Healy '99 set up co-captain Amie Sicchitano '96 with a beautiful pass for the game-winner.

Other highlights for Colby included J.J. Eklund '97, who continued to pace the Mules with her second hat trick in as many games. Godomsky also praised the defensive play of Kara Marchant '97. "She played superbly, literally marking her opponent out of the game." Marchant was covering Bowdoin's leading scorer, who could manage only tears on the sideline as she went scoreless on the day.

Also providing a great effort was the play of goalie Jen Pope '96, who saved 16 of 23 Bowdoin shots.

"Not only had Bowdoin already beaten Tufts, but it was our first victory over Bowdoin in five years," said Godomsky. "It was a great, exciting win for the team."

On Saturday the Mules faced arguably their toughest opponent of the season thus far facing Tufts. Previously ranked as high as third in the NCAA Division III women's lacrosse poll, the Jumbos were coming off a loss to Bowdoin. Still ranked among the top ten teams nationally, Tufts proved themselves worthy of such accolades as they defeated Colby 6-5.

A drastic change from the high-powered offense displayed in the previous game, the first half of this battle was characterized by stingy defense by both squads. In fact, during the game's first twenty minutes Colby held Tufts scoreless. At the half, the Mules clung to a narrow 3-2 lead.

After the break Tufts opened with the game-tying goal in a half that would exemplify their true talents. After taking their final lead at 4-3, the Colby offense would soon fall victim to an overall lack of quality play. "We didn't finish see **WOMEN'S LAX** on page 10

Cool as can be

A perennial leader of the football and lacrosse teams, Brett Nardini '96 brings his college career to a close

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The name rings a bell as it booms from the speakers across the yard lines of Seaverns Field. The name is familiar amid the locker rooms of every NESCAC school as opposing teams comprise their plans to contain him. Familiar to the athletic departments of Division III schools all across New England, the man has become virtually a household name upon Mayflower Hill, where his accomplishments and contributions have made such a deep impression upon the Colby community that he will not soon be forgotten.

The man is Brett Nardini '96, the star tight end for the football team last fall and a co-captain and leading defense man for the men's

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lacrosse team this spring. A four year veteran of each team, Nardini led all of NESCAC football in receiving last fall while earning various post season awards for his performance. A government major and administrative science minor, Nardini has been succeeding on the football field since he was as small as the last two syllables in his last name.

Yet unbeknownst to many, Nardini is far from being just a star on the football field.

After learning the game from his father Alfred, who was his football and baseball coach in Scituate, MA for both Pop Warner and Little League, Nardini picked up the game of lacrosse during his freshman year at the Kent School, a college preparatory school in Connecticut. Since lacrosse had not been available to him while he was in public school, Nardini chose to play it as he saw no real future for himself in baseball.

"I started playing lacrosse because I couldn't play baseball," says Nardini. "I wanted to try something else. I didn't really find it very hard to pick up at all. I fell in love with it right away. It's not like football where you take 30 seconds between plays."

"Lacrosse has helped me out a lot. It's kind see **NARDINI** on page 11



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Brett Nardini '96.

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