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Student concern halts reduction in off-campus rebate

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While gathering at its annual winter meeting in Boston over the weekend of January 16-17, the Colby Board of Trustees approved the initial step in the "economic disincentive to live off-campus" addition to next year's proposed budget, developed by President William Cotter and Administrative Vice President Arnold Yasinski.

The Board approved a proposal to charge students a single comprehensive annual fee for tuition and discontinue the separate tuition, room and board charges which Cotter called "artificial distinctions which no longer reflect the current expenses." However, the Board did not vote on the accompanying proposal to reduce the amount of refund given to students allowed to live off campus, due to the unexpected recommendation by Cotter to withdraw this hotly contested proposal.

This additional proposal to the comprehensive fee plan had faced a heated debate at the December 11 Presidents' Council meeting, where Cotter had defended his plan of redistributing room and board payments

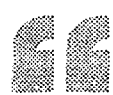
to students living off-campus based on how much he and Yasinski deemed necessary to live in Waterville. Currently students living off-campus pay only the tuition portion of bills, saving approximately \$3000 per semester, according to the College Catalogue. Cotter said he was concerned about the accounts he had heard about the money students were saving by living off-campus.

"One of the concerns we have [is] the huge increase in the number of students who want to live off-campus," said Cotter at the Presidents' Council meeting. "We're [presently] bribing students to live off-campus."

Cotter also compared Colby's refund for off-campus residence to similar colleges, like Middlebury and Bates, and found that their reimbursements were between \$3200 and \$3900, much less than Colby's approximate \$5700.

No matter what his defenses, Cotter's introduction of the disincentive plan caused an uproar at the Presidents' Council meeting. Aside from questioning the validity of this change, students expressed concern about the absence of student input and the timeliness of the proposal. Off-campus representative to Presidents' Council Brett Chardavoyne

'97 noted the lack of off-campus student input involved in the decision making and challenged the quoted \$150 that Yasinski had listed as a "reasonable" amount for a student to spend on rent in Waterville. Student Association (Stu-A) leaders expressed discontent that they were not informed of the issue until after



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- Stu-A President Joshua Woodfork

the last officially scheduled Presidents' Council meeting of the semester (December 4), as the December 11 meeting which centered around the issue was an unscheduled one.

The overall student concern seemed to be that the proposal was

not fully thought out and needed further investigating.

"I really felt that it was being pushed through when there were unanswered questions," said Stu-A President Joshua Woodfork '97.

Even Cotter later acknowledged that the added proposal to reduce the off-campus refund was "too rushed."

Student concerns fueled the fire for the withdrawal of the added proposal. The uproar made at the December 11 Presidents' Council meeting was echoed by Stu-A representatives at the Board meetings in Boston prior to Cotter's recommended withdrawal.

When asked about the proposals withdrawal, Woodfork commented, "I see this as a major coup for the student voice being listened to through the Presidents' Council and the students of the Board... This is an example of our being listened to and showing that we definitely do have power." Cotter agreed, saying, "It really was because of student concern."

Upon Cotter's recommendation to withdraw the proposal at the Trustee meeting in Boston, the Board agreed to hold to the current refund of \$5700 until the fall of 1999. A group,

probably the Financial Priorities Committee, will soon begin looking into the matter to come up with more accurate costs of off-campus living in Waterville. According to Cotter, he is looking in the range of a \$3500 to \$4000 refund.

Cotter said he joined Woodfork in urging that any rebate change be more coincident with residence hall renovations and additions. The \$16 million dormitory improvement plan will be near finished by the fall of 1999, the proposed time for a possible refund change. "They need to give something tangible before they take something away. Make dorm life better and make people want to live on campus," said Woodfork.

Discussions will continue about the possibility of further expanding the residence facilities in support of a move to a more residential campus. A committee on residential life is examining the possibility of an additional dorm, with apartment-style rooms, and will reach a decision by May.

On a positive note, Woodfork said that the decision made at the Trustee meeting is "an example of the students, Trustees and administration working together to come to an appropriate compromise." □

Strangers in a strange land

BY LIMI PERRY AND
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As second semester begins, we look at a slightly less bewildered, and slightly wiser garden variety of new freshmen. Jan Plan left us Colby veterans with an exciting rush as we were introduced to the 56 new members of the Class of '00 who spent last semester in foreign lands. Nikki Grasso '00 put it best when she expressed, "You get to

the dead of winter and you don't have a car to go skiing, and there are all these new people. It makes life more exciting."

From Cuernavaca, London or Dijon, they made their way to Waterville, Maine, to enrich Mayflower Hill. The good news is they seem to be happy here.

"Everyone was very welcoming and nice. I was immediately thrust into a friendly environment," mused newcomer Kelley Moore '00. One of the most frequent comments made about Colby is its welcoming,

friendly environment. Overall, our newest students mentioned the friendly dorm atmosphere as a positive aspect of being here.

Similarly, reactions to arriving for Jan Plan instead of in August were generally positive. Winter COOT was praised because it provided both a chance to meet and bond with the other Feb Fresh. Ben Urmston '00 noted that it provided time to become adjusted to the campus without all the stress. With his faith in God firmly established, Ian Smith '00 stated that faith alone comforted him during his first few weeks and that aspect of his adjustment wasn't semester dependent.

Of course, it wasn't all snowmen and slacking, there were some let-downs upon arrival. Liz Hart '00 spoke of Mexico's, shall we say, more liberal drinking laws. Thinking back on her time in Dijon, Liz Yates '00 remembered Paris' beautiful architecture and different atmosphere. Moore reflected on the significance of her experience: "How many [people] can say, 'I lived in London for three months when I was 18 years old?'"

Jan Plan proved to be an exciting time as the Class of 2000 was finally united. They came from far-away places with pretty pictures and funny stories. But who are they really? The entire campus is ready to find out. □

Disciplinary action taken against several students over Jan Plan

BY KATIE QUACKENBUSH
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This past January, several situations involving Colby students occurred which required serious disciplinary actions. Many of these administrative actions seem to reflect continuing problems at Colby.

In December, four freshmen were charged with stealing holiday decorations from Kim's Wrecker Service and an Agway store, both located in Winslow, according to Lieutenant Richard Grindall of the Winslow Police Department. The four were consequently suspended for both the January term and second semester by Dean of Students Janice Kassman. Kassman's decision was made when she was "faced with an acknowledgment of guilt by the four students, and without any actual evidence that they were somehow less guilty because they were victims of upper-class pressure," according to a letter addressed to the Colby community from college President William Cotter on December 19, 1996.

On the morning of December 14, 1996, some forty members of the Colby football team and their coach, Tom Austin, met with Dean Janice Kassman to acknowledge that the

team had taken part in influencing the four students to steal the decorations. In light of the new evidence, Kassman reduced the sanction previously issued to the students to include only a January term suspension, public service and permanent disciplinary probation. Students also sent Kassman and other senior staff members a number of letters and petitions in support of the students.

Then in January, one of the four football players who had been suspended illegally returned to campus with a friend. When asked whether the rumor about the friend defecating in a female room in the Heights, Kassman could only say he was involved in an irresponsible but undisclosed incident in another Colby student's room. Due to this incident the student has been suspended for second semester.

In addition to this suspension, a Deans' hearing was held in January to determine a disciplinary course of action for an unnamed male junior. According to Kassman the student was disciplined for inappropriate behavior to staff persons and for violation of a chem-free contract. Due to considerations for confidentiality, Kassman would not disclose additional information. See **DISMISSALS** on page 9



Photo courtesy of Nathan Krauss

Celebrating a birthday under the palm fronds in Cuernavaca.



News Briefs

Colby to celebrate Black History Month

Colby's Black History Month program this year, "The Souls of Black Men: Crises, Challenges and Commitments," will examine the problems that black men face in contemporary society. The program of events began last evening with two film showings followed by a panel discussion with Maine corporate executives, state legislators, college faculty and political activists. Today's Spotlight Lecture will feature Robert Franklin, author and president-elect of the Interdenominational Theological Center, who will deliver a lecture titled, "The Souls of Black Men: A Contemporary Crisis." Author Daniel Wideman will read from his forthcoming book, *The Door of No Return: A Journey Through the Legacy of African Slave Forts*, on Sunday, February 16, at 7 p.m. in the Pugh Center. The February 20 Spotlight Lecture will feature Guy Ramsey, author of *Race Music: Postwar Black Musical Style from Bebop to Hip-Hop*. The musical play "Our Young Black Men are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care," by James Chapman, will be performed on February 21 at 7 p.m. in the Page Commons Room by Chapman's three-member company. Actor, artist and former NFL All-Pro wide receiver Bernie Casey will be at Colby on February 23 to speak in the Pugh Center on "The Souls of Black Men: Speaking Through Art." Numerous other events will be occurring throughout February in recognition of Black History month at Colby including discussions on race in Hollywood jazz films and the voices of black gay men. All events are open to the public, and admission is free. (RL)

Wellness Program Spotlights Eating Disorders

Today at 7:30pm, Alicia Quintano, actress and storyteller, will perform in Lorimer Chapel. Quintano's program "Love is Hell and other stories", part of the wellness series, will focus on body image, eating disorders and self-esteem. Quintano, who is recovering from a history of eating disorders, performs humorous and thought-provoking monologues which probe issues of power, control and identity. This program is open to the public, and is free of charge. (AM)

Faculty to vote on extended Spa hours for alcohol

The issue of extending the Spa's hours for serving alcohol was scheduled to go before the faculty meeting yesterday at 4:30 p.m. The Presidents' Council passed a motion on October 23 recommending that the Spa begin serving alcohol at noon, instead of the current 4 p.m. starting time. In November, the Senior Administrative Staff, which consists of President William Cotter and his seven main cabinet members, vetoed the proposal of extending hours. At the December 4 Presidents' Council meeting, Dean of Students Janice Kassman informed the Council that the prevailing belief among the Senior Administrative Staff was that the faculty was not in favor of having alcohol served in the Spa during times when many classes are still in session. However, the faculty never turned the proposal down. Student Association (Stu-A) President Joshua Woodfork '97 was scheduled to present the issue at the regularly scheduled monthly faculty meeting last night. The faculty was informed of the issue at their last meeting in December and were expected to vote on the issue last night. (RL)

SOBHU audit complete

BY ERIN M. DUGGAN
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The audit of Students Organized for Black and Hispanic Unity (SOBHU), requested by the Club Allocation Committee (CAC) at the end of first semester, seems to have raised more questions than it has put to rest.

SOBHU handled the audit internally, according to executive officer David Javier '97. The club came to an agreement with James Harris '98 and William Estrada '98, whose excessive "club" purchases were brought into question after the group realized their funds for the year (which Student Association (Stu-A) Treasurer Tony Moulton reported to be about double that of any other club, excluding WMHB) had been almost depleted by the end of first semester.

The resolution reached by members of SOBHU and the Club Allo-

cation Committee was comprised of eight motions made by executives and voted upon by members of the club. Motions that passed included:

- An attempt to gain monetary compensation for objects in question. Items not fully reimbursed will be donated to charity, and people responsible for their purchases will be held financially responsible for the reimbursement to SOBHU.

- Money allocated by SOBHU for Harris to attend a conference in Cincinnati if it cannot be retrieved, should be given to another member to attend, replacing Harris. Dean of Multi-Cultural Affairs Jeri Roseboro said she used \$500 from her discretionary fund to allow Harris to attend after SOBHU passed this motion.

- A stipulation should be added to the SOBHU Constitution on how the budget should be processed. Treasurer should inform the members of Budget situation on a bi-

weekly basis, or at every official meeting. An itemized list should be presented monthly of every expense.

- Every expense affecting SOBHU's budget should attain two signatures in all forms.

- Both the Treasurer (Harris) and the Liaison (Estrada) resigned from their positions.

The issue now facing SOBHU and Stu-A is what type of disciplinary action will be taken against Harris and Estrada (who is not abroad this semester). Moulton addressed Presidents' Council last night with the results of the audit, which found that the two did, in fact, use approximately \$600 of SOBHU funds for personal purchases. Moulton also said earlier that the first installment of the funds owed to SOBHU by the two was due on the first of this month. At press time, no course of disciplinary action had been decided upon and Moulton reported no repayment of funds. □

Free cable to come to campus

BY RENEE LAJEUNESSE
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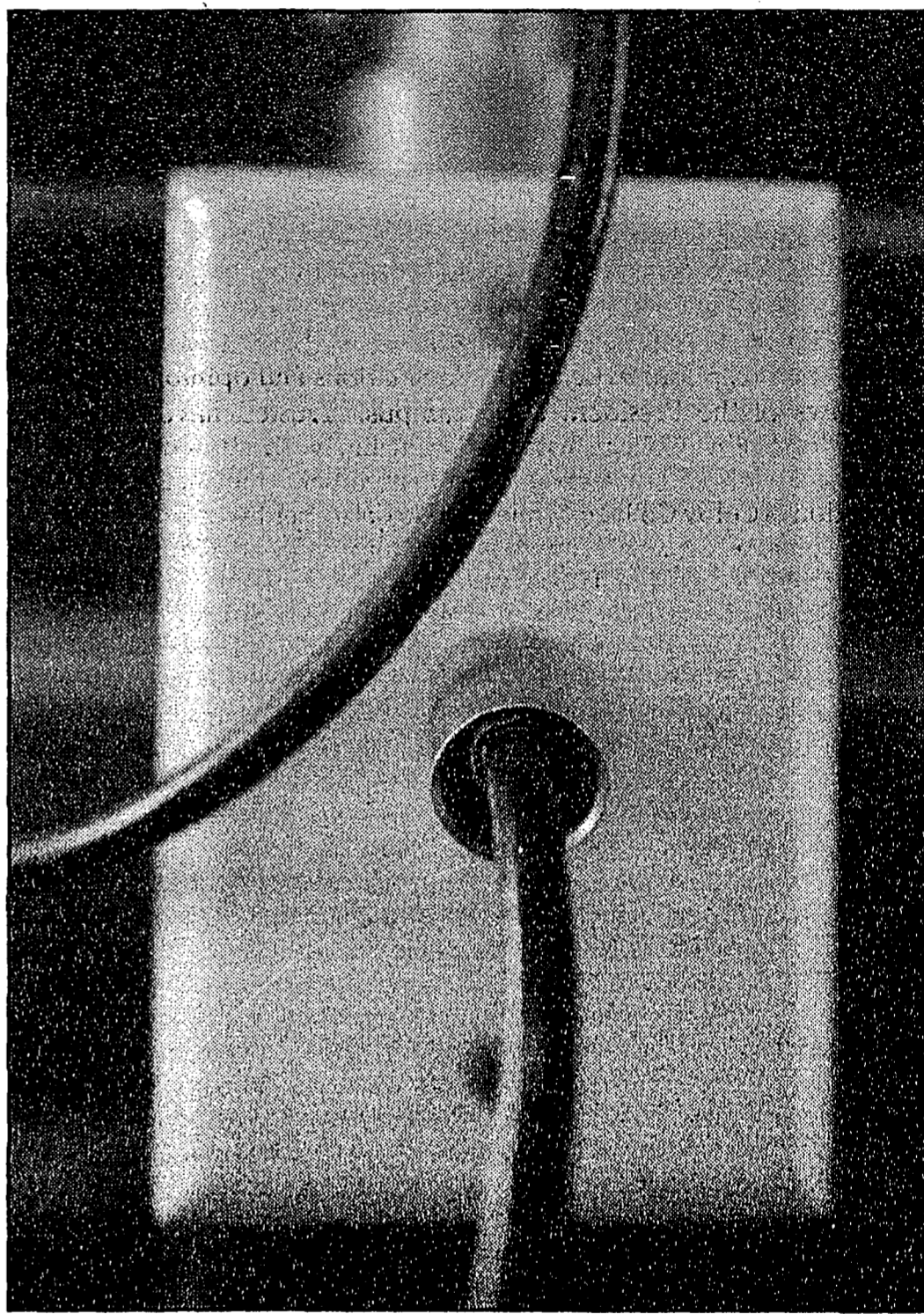
Colby students can look forward to free cable television in the fall of 1997. Student Association (Stu-A) Vice-President Graham Nelson '98 spearheaded the issue with Administrative Vice-President Arnold Yasinski and worked over January to confirm the broad outline of cable implementation on campus.

The November 20 Presidents' Council meeting dealt primarily with the issue of installing cable television on campus. This issue had been previously debated by last year's Presidents' Council, though it was never finalized.

At this meeting, the Council discussed the results of the campus-wide Student Opinion Poll, conducted on November 14. Out of the 1,055 students who voted in this poll, 730 favored the installation of cable on campus. When asked if they would be willing to pay a flat rate of up to \$15 per semester to cover installation fees, a lesser majority of students voted in favor, showing a reluctance on the part of some students towards the fee.

The Presidents' Council discussed both the controversial issues of the campus-wide cable fee and the possible negative effects cable might have on campus social interaction. In the end, the Presidents' council voted to support the installation of cable television by a vote of 13 in favor of the proposal to 10 opposed.

Nelson and Yasinski worked on the logistics of the plan over January, finding a place for cable in next year's proposed budget. The in-room service will include such major networks as ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox along with popular favorites such as ESPN, MTV and CNN. The service will be comparable to the current selections of channels on dormitory lounge televisions. When installed, students will be



Echo photo by Nathan Curtis

Cable will come freely to Colby next fall.

able to purchase a receptor box and premium channels which they will be billed for each month. The College will then receive a small percentage of the premium channel revenue to help offset the cost of the cable.

"Each student room will have one cable TV access connection (one per single, one per double, one per triple, one per suite) with Basic Plus service, which is what is available now in the lounges with cable service. Students must,

of course, supply their own cable-ready TV sets," explained Yasinski. "The cost of this service will be covered in the College's operating budget without affecting the level of total charges to students."


Nelson considers the installation of cable at Colby, what has been a priority of many Colby students, to be "a victory for Stu-A."

"We found the right medium of pushing and pushing the issue until it went through," said Nelson. □

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RECYCLE

The Board of Trustees... A mystery no longer

BY AMY MONTEMERLO
Asst. News Editor

In 1818, the Trustees of the Maine Literary and Theological Institution decided to establish an institution of higher education, now known as Colby College. Since the founding of Colby, the Board of Trustees has had a tremendous impact on the academic and administrative policies which govern the College. Despite the prominent role the Trustee Board undertakes in determining the major rules and regulations of the College, the specific actions and powers of the Board may remain ambiguous to many students.

According to President William Cotter, the Trustee Board is "the ultimate power in the institution." The Board makes the final, fundamental decisions concerning all major college policy matters. For example, Trustees hire and terminate administration and faculty. They approve all faculty appointments and finalize tenure and personnel decisions. The Board also sets all fees including approving the college budget. The Board, however, does not implement any policy decisions. The responsibility of carrying out approved procedure is delegated to the college administration.

Every major college and university maintains a Trustee Board. Colby is no exception. Article I of the Bylaws of the President and Trustees of Colby College establishes the Board of Trustees as a corporation of Colby College, while defining the rules concerning membership. Colby's Board of Trustees consists of President Cotter, as well as not less than twenty-four nor more than thirty-one Trustees. There are presently thirty-one members on the current Board of Trustees. Nine of these members are alumni representatives, elected by the Colby College Alumni Association. The

Board elects a head Chairman, currently Lawrence Pugh, and a Vice Chairman, currently Susan Comeau.

In addition to alumni members, two Colby faculty members and two students may be elected as representatives to the Trustee Board. The two current faculty representatives are Professor of French Adrianna M. Paliyenko and Professor of Religious Studies, Thomas Longstaff. The two student representatives are Student Association President Joshua Woodfork '97 and Vice President Graham Nelson '98. Although

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these four representatives are welcome to attend Trustee meetings, they are not members and may not vote. How then, are the best interests of the students and faculty of Colby College recognized?

According to President Cotter, student and faculty interests and opinions are considered important and are recognized by Trustee members. In making policy decisions which affect the Colby community, the Trustee Board looks for recommendations and opinions from the campus. "Trustees have a direct relationship with students and faculty members...they are very much up to date about what's happening on campus," said Cotter. Trustee interaction with students and faculty occurs primarily through standing committees. These are permanent councils, many which directly involve Colby administration, alumni council representatives, faculty and students. Colby students currently serve on five of these types of committees. These include the

Student Affairs Committee, which employs the Commons Presidents, the Nominating Committee, the Physical Plant Committee, the Educational Policy Committee and the Information Technology Committee. Standing committees generally meet at the same time as the Trustee Board. There are currently four trustee meetings a year; the Board convenes in the fall, winter, spring and at commencement. Each Trustee Board meeting typically occurs on a weekend, where Friday and Saturday mornings can be devoted to standing committee meetings and discussions.

The Board of Trustees has significantly evolved since the establishment of the College. Many of these changes have increased the level of democracy and representation on the Board. A majority of these changes have occurred in the years since 1979, when President Cotter was elected. Cotter acknowledges an increase in the number of students, faculty and especially alumni representatives on Trustee committees. According to Cotter, there presently is a "closer working relationship between the Board of Trustees and the alumni council." The overall diversity of the Board has also increased in the last twenty years. There is a significantly higher number of female and minority Trustee Board members and it has become less geographically inclusive. In the past, the Board has been primarily composed of members from Massachusetts and Maine, whereas two Trustee members are currently from overseas.

Perhaps the most recent change on the Board of Trustees is the establishment of a Colby Overseers Committee. This new council serves as an Advisory Council to the President, and to the college as a whole. The current fifty Overseers serve on various academic and administrative committees for four year

World News

Clinton calls for school reform

President Clinton made the first of several stops in his Educational Reform Tour earlier this week. He brought his message of reform to the Maryland General Assembly on February 9, asking lawmakers to "lead the way" in initiating the reforms. "National leadership can point the way," Clinton said. "It can move barriers out of the way that have prevented our states, our cities and our people from solving their own problems."

Military blunders

U.S. military jets accidentally used radioactive bullets in training exercises near Okinawa, Japan, over a year ago, yet the news of this was not presented to the Japanese government until last December. The exercises were conducted on an uninhabited coral island 62 miles from Okinawa between December 1995 and January 1996. Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told the media, "It is more regrettable that the U.S. delayed reporting the incident, rather than the fact they had used radioactive bullets."

Star Wars returns to theaters

Star Wars has returned 20 years after its original debut to captivate yet another generation of movie-goers. Director George Lucas has revamped the film, adding scenes and computer-generated characters and restoring it to screen print the way he had previously envisioned it to look. The redone *Star Wars* grossed over \$22.7 million in tickets sales last weekend alone and is expected to beat the all-time domestic best-seller *ET* before it leaves the theaters.

Recycling Junk Mail

Junk mail is a problem the post office deals with everyday. John Marier, environmental coordinator for the U.S. Postal Service stated, "Rather than throw that in a landfill, what we now do is recycle it." The Postal Service has rescued so much potential trash from the landfill that it is now one of the U.S.'s largest recyclers.

Compiled by Jennifer-Jo Multari from the February 10 New York Times.

Spotlight lecture features radio host David Brancaccio

BY REBECCA POLLARD
Staff Writer

The 1997 Spotlight Lecture series successfully began last Thursday, as a near-capacity crowd filled the Page Commons Room with hopes of finding some insight into the frightening and often confusing world of money and financial matters.

Former Waterville resident and present host of the National Public Radio show "Marketplace," David Brancaccio combined his economic insight with an effervescent knack for anecdotal stories to entertain and inform the Colby audience.

Brancaccio began his lecture by recalling his past and present personal experiences and frustrations with money; the non-traditional introduction was a witty way of approaching this otherwise serious topic. His main point of advice stemmed from the letters BYOB, which stand for Be Your Own Boss. He advised taking charge of one's own financial situation as the key to at least relative economic success.

Brancaccio, whose first radio broadcasts aired on Colby's own radio station WMHB, also worked summers at Colby and even at-

tended pre-school in Lorimer Chapel. He eventually proceeded

Two years after completing graduate school, Brancaccio and his



David Brancaccio

Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

to gain his bachelor's degree in history and African-American studies from Wesleyan University and his masters degree in journalism at Stanford University.

wife managed to save \$17,000 by "cutting corners," and not succumbing to the urge to spend money. At Thursday's lecture, he advised the audience that "it's very easy to rationalize spending money." The trick, according to Brancaccio, is to resist the urge for material goods and rather decide how to spend money efficiently, responsibly, and in some cases, profitably.

Currently, Brancaccio is writing a book titled, "The Money Trip," which probes several key areas of finance that most people are likely to encounter. These options may include temptations or

terms. Almost all of the present members of the Trustee Board have served on the Overseers Committee. Cotter describes this committee as a "training ground to be a Trustee." It also serves to provide Trustee members with more experience working at Colby and interacting with students and faculty.

As a whole, Colby's Trustee

Board is a very important and influential organization. Many of the Board's decisions directly affect Colby students, faculty and administration, and have historically been interpreted by the student body in both positive and negative ways. The Trustees last met in Boston over the weekend of January 16-17. □

necessities, consequences or entrepreneurial paths. For example, one may be tempted to try their luck in Las Vegas as a means of "getting rich quick," or experimenting with the fast-paced world of Wall Street as ways to handle one's money.

Other more conventional economic options include school loans, traveling, real estate options (both personally and as investment sources), as well as the popular prospect of starting one's own business. See BRANCACCIO on page 9

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A Jan Plan spent singing the praises of hand planing

BY ERIC SANDLER
Features Editor

In place for over five years, the Woodworking Jan Plan is the kind of course that makes January different from the rest of the year on Mayflower Hill. Founded by Dr. Alan Hume and taught at the woodshop in the Colby-Hume Center, Woodworking provided ten students from all classes the opportunity to take a break from the books.

Dr. Hume traced the origin of the course back to 1982 when he first began his relationship with the College by hosting pre-meds for summer-long internships which allowed them to see if they were on the right career path. The program evolved into Jan Plan internships as well. When he decided to retire, Dr. Hume planned "to move from a wood turner to a furniture maker. With my role as a teacher, I wanted to be able to teach the joys of wood-working." Hume further reflected

that a lack of off-campus diversions hurts the educational process. By sponsoring woodworking he "want[s] to do for Colby students what teachers did for me in my lifetime."

Initially, the program was taught by outside instructors, but as that became too expensive, Hume took on the responsibility of teaching the course himself. Now the course has further evolved so that two student instructors provide valuable aid and experience. A foundation grant led to the establishment of metalworking in the same shop, a move he praised as providing "valuable interaction between the students in the two courses." The metalworkers and woodworkers collaborate on an interdisciplinary project that provides some small improvement to the shop.

Motivations for enrolling in the course boiled down to two primary reasons: most of the participants were excited about doing something non-academic for Jan Plan, but even

more than that was the opportunity to learn a new skill and be creative. Sarah Molly '97 selected the program because she "wanted to do

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There's nothing like the smell of maple in the morning.

-Josh Waldman '99

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something just completely fun." Seeing the program as "an opportunity to create with my hands," Peter Shapiro '99 enrolled in the course.

At the end of the month, students seemed pleased with the program. All seemed to agree with Dr. Hume's assessment that the program provided students with "an opportunity to learn things about themselves they never knew."

Josh Waldman '99

noted, "there's nothing like the smell of maple in the morning." Commenting on the chess board and pieces he created during the program, he said there was something truly beautiful about having something a person created with his or her own hands. Sarah Molly spoke of the "sense of accomplishment [that comes from] doing all the work and having something tangible at the end." Tracy Freuder, one of two freshmen in the program, spoke of the camaraderie of the group and the sense of community. Of course, no one complained about the lack of homework.

One of the unique aspects of the course is the two student instructors who assisted Dr. Hume in conducting the course. Hume described their role as "absolutely essential" and continued by saying "they make all the difference in the world." Shapiro agreed, stating that it was "essential to have student instructors in the class."

Frank Struwe '99, one of the

instructors, described his role as "peer teaching... providing experience on a level without an authority figure." He praised his fellow students in the program, saying the "workmanship was impressive."

As long as students remain interested in the course, its future looks bright. Struwe commented, "If students show an interest, Colby will facilitate it." Dr. Hume said he would like to see either a student group take over running the program, a step already foreshadowed by the student instructors, or to interest a department in taking responsibility for it. However, he noted, "its hard to find a department to take it over."

In a not so little shop about seven miles from Mayflower Hill, a sense of community was fostered among the sawdust and shavings. The fact that everyone had something they were proud of at the end of the month was icing on the cake. □

All that lovey-dovey stuff

BY MOLLY FRASIER
Staff Writer

For many, Valentine's Day is spent agonizing over lack of love while eating chocolates in an empty dorm room. They are contrasted with the happy couple exchanging candy and whispering sweet nothings into each other's ears. Whatever happens this Friday, Cupid's arrow will certainly be flying over the weekend in search of couples-to-be. According to Stu-A, there will be a Valentine's Day semi-formal, on Friday the 14th (of course) held in the Student Center. If you don't have a special friend at this point, the dance is a perfect excuse to partner up and do-ci-do. Although if one does go stag with a group of friends, avoiding Cupid's pesky arrow may be more difficult.

Students have many different reactions to the holiday. Valentine's Day is bound to look more appealing if one is already attached, but as student Sean Hogan '99 said, "Valentine's Day is a day to spend with someone special and if you don't have anyone then it is a day to find someone special." Most students agree with this assessment and all agree that Cupid can be downright nasty if he forgot to come to your dorm room. Woodman resident, Sunil Thakor '99, said of Valentine's Day, "It is the one day each year that reminds me how much my love life sucks." There are lots of reminders out there; it is a very commercial holiday: candy hearts with their little messages or

sappy cards for star crossed lovers. Stu-A Treasurer Tony Moulton '97 observed, "My impression of Valentine's Day is that it is the biggest scam of the century. Hallmark and floral shops get more action than I do."

Choosing a method to celebrate is as personal as opinions about the day itself. According to one student, tomorrow will be just like any other Friday night. "Valentine's Day

to receive gifts as well."

Some students are less ambivalent towards Valentine's Day, conceding that the more valentines, the more fun. Hillary Lerch '99 said, "The semi-formal on the 14th is a good excuse to wear my little red dress and my new red shoes." Many use the holiday as a reason to go out and have an exceptionally good time if single; for couples it is a reminder to give gifts to a loved



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

There are many ways to celebrate Valentine's Day.

and I have never really had a good relationship. It is not as fun as Christmas and Halloween." The holiday can be fairly tiresome and quite boring if you are not celebrating it. As Moulton said, "There should be a special day for those who are single

one. "It's not Valentine's Day, it's Victoria's Secret Day," said Melissa Murphy '99.

Stereotypically men pay less attention to February the Fourteenth than women. Dominic Giardrone '99 helps prove this theory with his comment: "It is never a big deal unless you have a girlfriend."

However you spend Valentine's Day, there are plenty of people who share your sentiments. "Valentine's Day is a wonderful time to tell people you love them, how much you care, [and] to spend time with them," stated Courtney Ilgenfritz '00. For freshman Katie Harrington, this weekend will be a fun one.

"This year Valentine's Day will be great because this is the first day my stalker ex-boyfriend hasn't called me," Harrington said.

However, not everyone is wearing a red dress tomorrow night. Chris Sheehan '99 disclosed, "Valentine's Day is a perfect excuse to wear my red bikini briefs." □

Running on empty: combating the problem of eating disorders

BY ALEX HOWARD
Contributing Writer

I wrestled for four years when I was in junior high and high school. I can remember how important it was for everyone to make weight for each meet; if you were over your weight class, you couldn't wrestle. My teammates would live on rice, pasta and water: sometimes spending three hours in the weight room and on the mat working out. Several of my friends had

what now I can recognize as eating disorders. While most of the time this sort of problem is primarily associated with women, eating disorders can affect anyone.

Anorexia nervosa and bulimia are two common disorders. Anorexia is analogous to self-starvation. People affected by anorexia often are extremely thin, and may be subject to more serious physical and psychological health problems as the disorder progresses. Bulimia commonly presents itself as a cycle that begins with eating food high in calories. What follows is purging by self-induced vomiting, laxatives, fasting or over-exercising. The American Anorexia and Bulimia Association writes that anorexia and bulimia strike one million American women every year. Of these, 150,000 die of anorexia.

While an interest in being fit is healthy, a person with an eating disorder has internalized the message that thinner is better, until this focus interferes with their quality of life. This sort of obsession needs to be recognized as an illness. Any sort of intervention needs to be made in a delicate way, as well. Any sort of comment on someone's weight is going to be a no-win situation. If you say that your friend looks slim, he or she may take it as affirmation of the disorder, while someone informed that they have gained some weight,

even if in a positive way, may panic and get in more trouble.

The way that men relate to women, especially in commenting on how attractive or unattractive a woman is can be very influential in the body standards that an individual sets for herself. As a population, Colby students seem to spend some quality time in the fitness

center. The physical standards that are set by someone may not be attainable by everyone. Finding a natural equilibrium for

yourself in terms of levels of exercise and eating habits is important.

Still, some people may have trouble achieving the proper balance. If you have a friend whom you are concerned about, talk to him. You may be the first, the third or the tenth to do so; eventually someone is likely to get through. According to Patti Hopperstead, M.A., "Every year, a few students have to take time off from school because of eating disorders." Do your best to make sure that you or your friends are in the comfortable majority.

You can find more information of eating disorders on the internet or through the Health Center. Patti Hopperstead runs a support group for people with eating disorders, and can be called at x3394 for an appointment. Tonight, Alicia Quintano will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. in Lorimer Chapel about the many issues surrounding eating disorders. All are welcome to attend.

Sources: "Eating Concerns", published by the Garrison-Foster Health Center

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Despite warnings from Attorney General Dan Morales, William Hobby, chancellor of the University of Houston system, has said he intended to continue offering race based scholarships. The controversy stems from a ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals stating that the goal of maintaining a diverse student body does not justify the use of racial preferences. Since the matter has not been finally settled by the Supreme Court, lawyers for the UH system have recommended keeping the system in place. Ray Bowen, president of Texas A&M expressed his support for Hobby, stating "Emotionally, I think he is right. I think the position he takes is interesting, and I hope it sustains and becomes the norm in the state."

University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

The Sigma Chi fraternity has recently stirred controversy with its initiation ritual. Responding to local complaints, police found 30 students with Confederate flags and uniforms and a six foot cross that they later burned. The local sheriff reported that the cross burning was legal because it was not used as intimidation. Apparently, the ritual is intended to commemorate the fraternity's Civil War founding. James Moeser, university chancellor, reported he was "greatly disturbed" by the incident. Leaders of the fraternity have said they may change the ritual.

Brigham Young University
Provo, Utah

Brigham Young recently fired a professor whose local Mormon bishop would not certify his spiritual worthiness. In 1995, the university, which is wholly owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, adopted the policy. Steven Epperson, the history professor in question, said he had not been certified because he missed church on a few Sundays when he was serving breakfast to homeless people. The university has stated that it expects faculty to be "faithful members of the church," but would not comment on the specifics of the firing.

Norwich University
Northfield, VT

A jury awarded a former cadet of the nation's oldest private military college \$2.2 million after it found he was hazed. The student said he was hazed for the two weeks he was enrolled at Norwich, finally fleeing from the campus at night. Norwich officials investigated the charges and disciplined several students. However, officials of the school have said they will appeal the verdict. □

Compiled by Eric Sandler

OUT TO LUNCH

Bringing Charlie Bassett back to Bob's

BY ERIC SANDLER
Features Editor

Although it is generally accepted as undisputed truth that every professor at Colby is absolutely stellar and tops in his or her respective field, some names seem to appear time and time again in answer to the question "Who is the best professor here?" Charlie Bassett is not only one of these names, he is the only professor that students have actually written letters to the *Echo* about this year, lamenting his one-semester absence and omission of his short stories class. Beloved by students and faculty alike, Professor Bassett represents that part of Colby which continues to make it a desirable choice for students all over the country. I sat down with the man over sandwiches in Bob's to talk about the Integrated Semester, his sabbatical and Colby in general.

Overall, "excitement" was the word of the day when discussing Colby's new Integrated Studies program. As has been previously reported, Professor of History Rob Weisbrot has organized four courses surveying the period 1919-1945; this program has been selected by 13 students as their course of study for the spring semester.

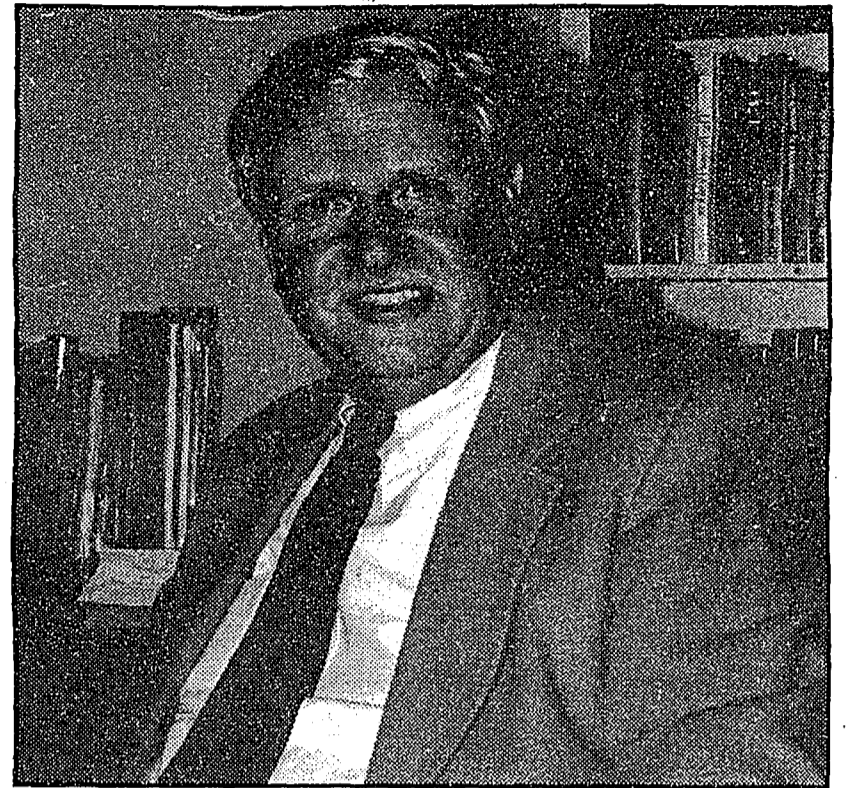
"I have been involved with interdisciplinary stuff . . . mostly American studies since the early 70s," Bassett reported. He explained the while there was the "Center for Coordinated Studies" in the early '70s, "never anything as sweeping or comprehensive as the Integrated Semester." Also, he acknowledged his love for the period, especially "any opportunity to teach John O'Hara."

Quick to praise the students in the program, he acknowledged that it wasn't for everyone, especially students pursuing hard science majors. The Integrated Semester "is

not for the guy who knows exactly what he wants with his whole college career mapped out." Reflecting that the program might be a little scary for it's virgin class, he still feels that it's a fabulous opportunity unique to Colby. "I've grown fond of this place, because they're letting me do things they don't do on more traditional campuses."

Hopefully making things less scary is the relationship the four professors have with each other. Professor Bassett spoke warmly of Weisbrot, calling him "one of my really best friends." Professor of Music Paul Machlin was praised for his "strong support of the American studies program." While acknowledging he did not know Professor of Physics Charles Conover as well as he knows the others, Bassett recalled "he taught with me [during] a summer program" and referred to him as a "really smart guy."

Shifting from the Integrated Semester to his semester-long sabbatical, Professor Bassett provided an



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Professor Charles Bassett

update. He's been down at Penn State sorting through and cataloging two boxes of unpublished material left by John O'Hara upon his death in 1970. "I've found another 20 unpublished stories, a novella and plays that read better as short stories." Now that he has finished reading all the material, his goal is to interest a university press in publishing O'Hara's final works.

His trips to Pennsylvania provided an opportunity to reflect on what make Colby different from large public universities. "I keep getting lost and the library [system] is enormous with various branches." He related the story of when, after a guest lecture to a literary criticism class, a student approached him and

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Deck the halls! Stolen over-the-shoulder-boulder-holders, lacy unmentionables strewn about Foss

BY CHARLES COSTANZO
Staff Writer

Love, death, nature, God and underwear humor have been essential elements of the human existence for eons. A bizarre manifestation of the latter occurred Saturday night in Foss and Woodman as ladies undergarments were found strewn through the hallways and adorning every doorknob. Panties and brasieres of all shapes, styles and sizes lined the long corridors leaving countless Fosslings confused. The most remarkable aspect of the late-night phenomenon was the bewildering amount of underwear used to create such a bawdy spectacle. An investigation by Foss/Woodman hallstaff uncovered the perpetrators of the practical joke and, inadvertently, the twisted origins of all the undergarments.

The perpetrators, a group of five to ten Colby students and Waterville residents, were exploring the dormitory. According to sophomore Doug Hickman, "We (the large groups of kids who decorated Foss

so thoroughly) were just on an adventure and downstairs was all just open." Their adventure took them into the sub-basement of Woodman below the laundry room where they found a garbage bag of ladies undergarments.

“They were all Victoria’s Secret and expensive stuff. Maybe there’s some big black market for underwear.”
-Peter Manning '98

A disturbing twist is that Foss and Woodman women have complained of lost underwear. Signs urging the thief to stop were also posted in the laundry room last semester. The bag was found behind the storage section of Woodman among beer cans and two torn pages from a pornographic magazine.

"I think its pretty frightening that

someone has been stealing it and stashing it. But they were all Victoria's Secret and expensive stuff. Maybe there's some big black market for underwear," conjectured Wooman HR Peter Manning.

The prank was seen by residents as harmless and funny. "I thought it was a good laugh for non-uptight people," said third floor resident Diego Muilenburg '99.

Kids were in the halls late Saturday night marvelling at the strange occurrence. However, as word has spread of the garbage bag in the basement, students are expressing concern, "It's probably some sort of fetish thing. Some sicko was obviously making a collection," said a somewhat disgusted third floor resident Melissa Knight '99.

Questions as to the identity of the "sicko" will probably go unanswered. Nothing is known as to how old the collection is. It appears that the perpetrators of Saturday night's prank, who had to clean up their underwear display, will not face any disciplinary action. □

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reported that her 30 student class was "the smallest class she had ever had at Penn State." He further stated that "situations like talking with professors make this a special place" and went on to speak warmly of the

many friendships he has formed with students. Finally, he spoke of the support he received from the entire community after his wife's death; Bassett especially mentioned the "400 cards I received from students" and

the dinner invitations that keep him out of the house at least five nights a week.

Finally, we discussed his plans for the future. He looks forward to his final two years on the faculty

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especially the opportunity to devote time to students. His plans include offering a course in Modern American Fiction, and, yes, the famous American Short Story course at least once more. □

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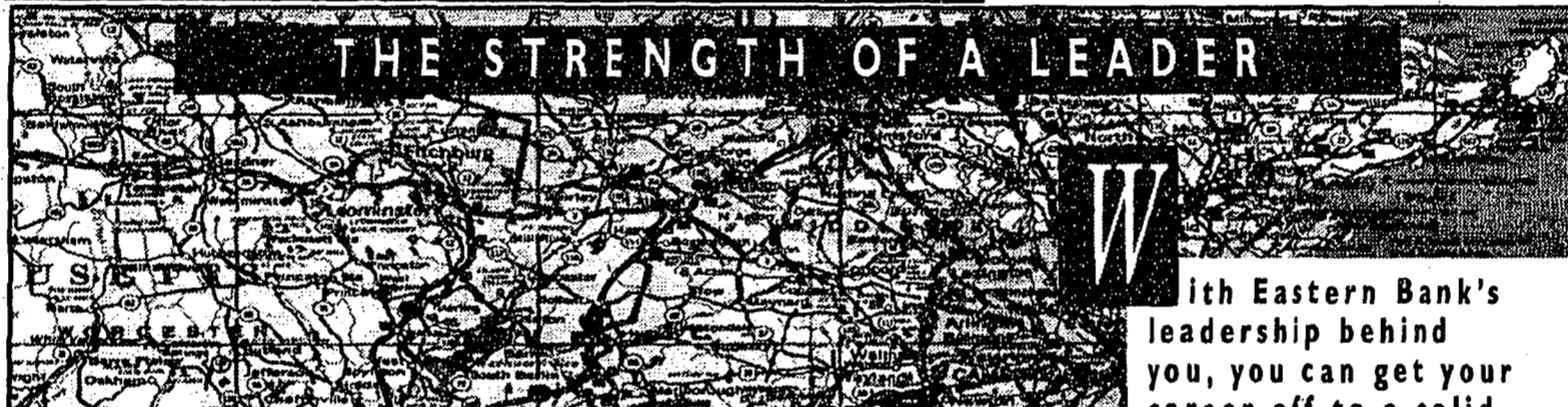
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credits for a given semester are placed on academic probation, with one semester to improve their academic standing. Those who do not make the necessary improvements are dismissed for a year, according to Kassman. She stressed that this dismissal is not expulsion but rather an

opportunity for the students to reconsider their performance and to address any personal issues contributing to their difficulty. Between 30 and 50 students are placed on Academic Probation each year, and between 5 and 10 are dismissed, she said.

This January, six students were dismissed by the Committee. These students may reapply for admission after one year, but are required to demonstrate to the Committee that they have made some academic progress and academic or behavioral changes. The Committee also decided to read-

mit one student, according to Kassman. On a happier note, "The good news is that 90-95 percent of the students who are dismissed choose to reapply to Colby and those students generally do exceedingly well. A lot of good success stories have come out of this." □

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Another trendy option relies on investing in one's communities in order to make them more attractive to business, essentially furthering the concept of "civic pride" in order to gain an economic profit. Regardless of which path one chooses, Brancaccio stressed the need to be in charge of economic decisions through education and information. He said that this is another way a person can be their own boss.

Brancaccio concluded his lecture by attempting to explain his

infatuation with money and the financial world. He also touted the ideal of remembering what is truly important in life. "Live and breathe the money beat, but is it really me?" he questioned. He suggested to the audience a way in which to take control of one's financial future yet still balance these needs with one's spending desires. "Constantly ask what each of these options will do to your life, and how they will affect your economic trip," he suggested. □

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OK, so maybe some honest member of your club will turn you in, but don't worry, the higher-ups just don't seem to mind a few hundred bucks here and there. As long as you steal from Colby, that is, and not from Waterville. And if you accidentally get drunk, break into someone's place and assault them, do it on campus — you won't be suspended, and you certainly won't go to jail. Just don't pick up that die in public, or practice the Greek alphabet...

This year there seem to have been a number of "minor" offenses met with severe punishments, and a handful of severe offenses which have been met with petty sanctions or ignored. This inconsistency suggests that it's not the severity of the crime that matters, but rather who you are, who you know and where it was that influence the powers that be.

Students who used hundreds of dollars of Colby funds to buy themselves CDs, an ab machine, furniture and other pseudo-amenities many of the rest of us work for have been left alone by the College, while four (admittedly senseless) freshmen were originally suspended until next year for lifting some Christmas decorations off campus.

The fact that a senior varsity athlete player recently broke his way into GoHo late one night, attacked residents who approached him and later explained he was on his way to beat the life out of some guy who was sleeping with his friend's girlfriend (as ridiculous as the ab machine, and it wasn't even the right dorm) is scary in itself — even more frightening is the fact that he is still happily living on campus.

Give us gingerbread-men-stealing freshmen any day.

The threat hazing poses for the student body is a lot less dangerous than a 200-pound drunk out for blood. Something is amiss in the Dean's office — crimes that happen off Mayflower Hill which would generally receive light sentences in the "real world" are met with severe College sanctions while those that affect the integrity and safety of life at Colby are met with general disinterest from the judges.

Working together benefits all

At the end of last semester, during the crunch time before and during exams, Presidents' Council held a marathon unscheduled meeting that lasted into the morning, the *Echo* was held over a day, petitions were circulated and letters of protest were written. While it is common to hear "They never listen" or "Nothing ever gets resolved" from disgruntled students, this is no longer an appropriate excuse for ambivalence toward College issues.

Students rallied around four suspended freshmen football players, expressing their opinion that this punishment was unjust. Teammates came forward and explained their part in the theft. Concerns surrounding the unfair sanctions were brought to the attention to Dean Kassman, who reconsidered the case and changed the suspension period.

Stu-A leaders caught wind of a major change that was brought before the Trustees this January. A comprehensive fee would be charged to all students and an inappropriate refund was to be received by those students living off-campus. Presidents' Council held an unscheduled meeting to ensure that student input could be considered in this decision. The meeting was five hours long, a huge block of time that could have been used studying for exams. Their effort, however, was not in vain. President Cotter decided to table the issue for two years so that more accurate statistics could be collected.

Thank you to the administration for listening, reconsidering and compromising. This is what working together is really about.

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Opinions

Cracks in the foundation Maine faces another anti-gay proposition

BY MIKE TRUMAN
Opinions Editor

It is very difficult for me to talk about the organization known as Concerned Maine Families (CMF) without wanting to launch something across the room. (Luckily the Echo office is pretty banged up as it is.) The group, well known for its intolerance of homosexuals, has submitted another petition asking lawmakers to take away and/or limit gay rights in Maine. But this petition has a strange twist. It's a preemptive strike that would have the state of Maine disregard gay marriages legalized in other states *should* any other states recognize them. Currently there are none (the jury is still out in Hawaii). It's simply amazing the lengths some people will go to in the name of bigotry.

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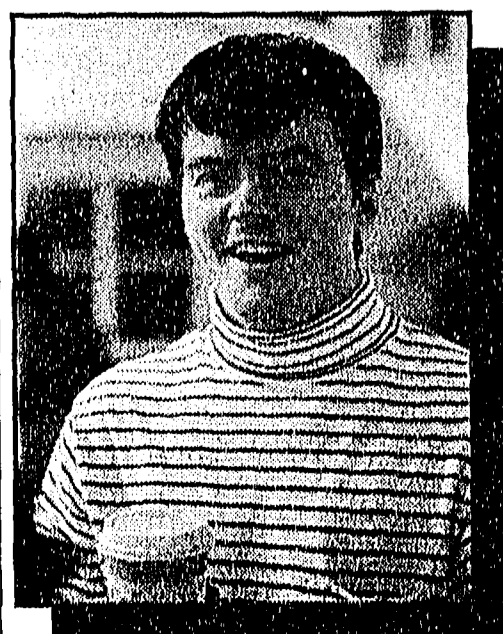
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EDITORIALS

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Wouldn't it be grand if we could just walk into, say, K-Mart and buy anything our hearts desired and have Colby pay the bill? Good news, club leaders, you can!

OK, so maybe some honest member of your club will turn you in, but don't worry, the higher-ups just don't seem to mind a few hundred bucks here and there. As long as you steal from Colby, that is, and not from Waterville. And if you accidentally get drunk, break into someone's place and assault them, do it on campus — you won't be suspended, and you certainly won't go to jail. Just don't pick up that die in public, or practice the Greek alphabet...

This year there seem to have been a number of "minor" offenses met with severe punishments, and a handful of severe offenses which have been met with petty sanctions or ignored. This inconsistency suggests that it's not the severity of the crime that matters, but rather who you are, who you know and where it was that influence the powers that be.

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Give us gingerbread-men-stealing freshmen any day.

The threat hazing poses for the student body is a lot less dangerous than a 200-pound drunk out for blood. Something is amiss in the Dean's office — crimes that happen off Mayflower Hill which would generally receive light sentences in the "real world" are met with severe College sanctions while those that affect the integrity and safety of life at Colby are met with general disinterest from the judges.

Working together benefits all

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Thank you to the administration for listening, reconsidering and compromising. This is what working together is really about.

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town and trying one's luck elsewhere. Slowly but surely Biddeford will lose its best teachers (it's already happening) and the decay will be irreversible. So who is to blame for the focus on short term interests (the oh so sacred tax rate) as opposed to long-term interests? Certainly the politicians, but the community as well. Who pays the price? Not just the students and teachers. Everyone will pay, and pay dearly in the years to come. □

Students on the Street

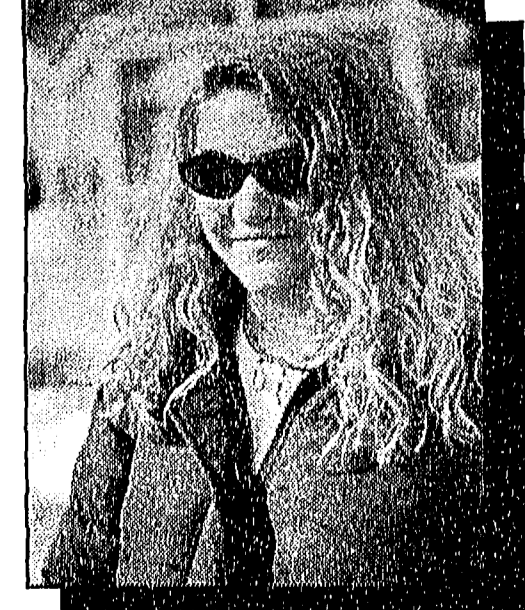
If you could write anything on a conversation heart, what would it be?

"To Cliff Reid: The opportunity cost is the loss to the next best alternative."
Tony Moulton '97



"To Alice in Wonderland: Eat me."
Adam Willner '00 and Morgan McDevitt '00

"To my favorite teddy bear: Bear Hug."
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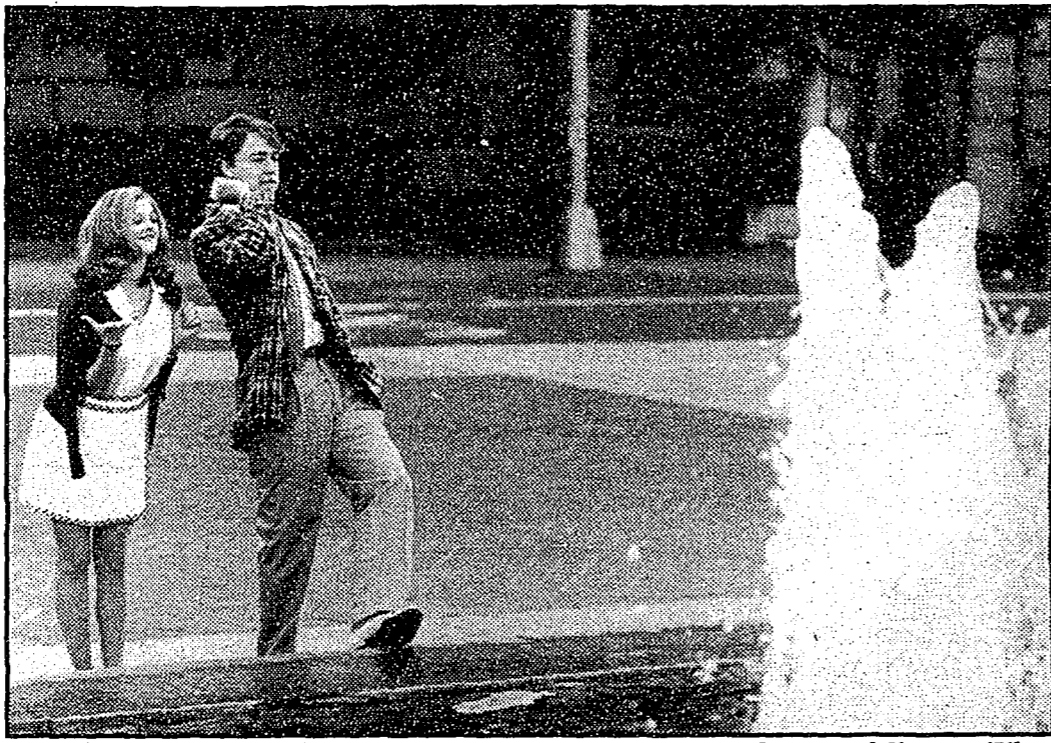
Arts & Entertainment

'Everyone Says I Love You'

BY BRADLEY REICHEK
Contributing Writer

Just when you thought that there couldn't be another great musical comedy on film, acclaimed writer/director/actor Woody Allen brings us a hilarious film about an eccentric, upper class New York family exploring various romantic entanglements in "Everyone Says I Love You."

The film is a first for Allen, his first musical. He had initially flirted with the idea of the musical with the use of a Greek chorus in his 1995 film "Mighty Aphrodite," which starred Allen in the role of Lenny Whinerib opposite Mira Sorvino (who received an Oscar Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in the film). The chorus was merely an important stepping stone towards the full scale musical Allen ambitiously strove for. "The truth is I don't even think of it as a musical but as a comedy where the characters sing and dance. I always wanted to do a film where people sang not as slick singers but as an extension of their acting at the moment," said Allen in a press release for the film. And, indeed, he pulls this off in the film. Never do the musical numbers detract from the plot. In fact, the numbers accentuate the audience's understanding of the characters' emotional frames of mind. "The people in this film are singing the emotion of the story at the time," explained Allen. "I tried to always keep the story moving."



Drew Barrymore and Edward Norton in 'Everyone Says I Love You.'

Of the all-star cast, including Alan Alda ("Manhattan Murder Mystery," M*A*S*H), Goldie Hawn ("Private Benjamin," "First Wives Club"), Drew Barrymore ("E.T.," "Boys on the Side"), Julia Roberts ("Pretty Woman"), Tim Roth ("Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead", "Four Rooms"), and Allen himself; only Hawn and Alda had had previous experience in musical theatre. Since all the actors in the film took part in the singing and dancing, including a touching solo sung by Allen.

As in previous films like "Manhattan" (1979), the music transports the audience into another world. This reviewer found himself singing and dancing along with the characters throughout the film. As one

of the characters put it, the story is so eccentric, it could only be believable as a musical comedy.

"Everyone Says I Love You" is a hilarious, larger-than-life film experience, filled with Allen's familiar comedy style. Several notable scenes include a hotel ballroom filled with dancers impersonating Groucho Marx, a pas de deux for Hawn and Allen along the banks of the Seine in Paris, a tap dance sequence in Harry Winston's salon, and a beautiful dance sequence of the dearly departed in Frank Campbell Funeral Home. "Everyone Says I Love You" is a wonderful addition to the Woody Allen canon, a "must see" for any lover of film and is playing at Railroad Square through February 20. □

Case Studies:

Mardi-Gras - just one more reason

BY ERIN DUGGAN AND
JEN ATWOOD
Beer Reviewers

If you could care less about doilies, pink hearts and boxes of cheap chocolate, don't despair. The second week of February marks not only a time for lovers, but beer, masks and crawfish as well. Yes, friends, Mardi Gras is upon us.

Also known as Fat Tuesday (the day before Lent, when some folks give up that which they enjoy most until Easter Sunday), the heat-hen holiday is most joyously celebrated in New Orleans.

A brief history of the Gras, according to info from www.iiii.com/Mardi Gras on the internet: It all started long ago, when pagan priests "ran through the forest, chasing and whipping naked supplicants..." Enough said — use your imagination. People are still naked on Bourbon Street, but priests find they are very bust in the confessional this time of year.

At 12:01 a.m. Tuesday morning, we rang in Mardi Gras ourselves down in the Echo office with what could be the most fitting beer for the occasion — **Dixie Jazz Amber Light**, brought to us here in Maine (at Joka's) all the way from the land of beads and jazz, New Orleans (pronounced N'Orlins for anyone not

well versed in the Southern way). While we had the web at our fingertips, we delighted to find the weather down there just perfect for a celebration, with a high of 60 degrees. Ahhh....

Back to the beer. As it's musical name promised, the brew was mellow. The smooth amber's light body was complimented by the tiniest hint of fruit flavor. One sip and you've caught the Mardi Gras spirit. A few more and maybe you, too, will be brazen enough to earn your beads!

The Dixie Brewing Company, which is based out of Louisiana, offers a cornucopia of fun beers, all with funky labels and great taste. Check them out if you can. If not, grab the closest concoction and don't worry about being a few days late (you can always consider yourself a few months early for next year!).

For those of you who have hopped on the wagon and given up the brewhaha for Lent, best of luck to you. We admire your virtue, but unfortunately we have beers to taste and reviews to write. It's a tough job, but somebody's gotta do it!

Next Week: Your first clues—O.P.B., Skowhegan, water, yeast and wheat. It's another fun-filled Case Studies field trip. Have your permission slips in on time... □



Strangefolk no strangers to Waterville

BY REBA FREDERICS
Contributing Writer

The Page Commons Room was dark Saturday night as the four members of Strangefolk took the stage. Multicolored lights flashed in their faces and onto the audience as the first strains of guitar began and the fans started dancing.

As the night wore on and the pre-parties wore off, more and more people showed up; the show was sold out, and not all of the patrons were from Colby.

The band's mailing list showed people from places like Biddeford and Bowdoinham as well as from Waterville. Strangefolk is a popular group, and their performance in the Page Commons Room showed why.

Strangefolk got together in Burlington at the University of Vermont, when the four musicians were students there. Reid Genauer sings and plays rhythm guitar, Jon Trafton plays lead guitar, Eric Glockler plays base and Luke Smith plays drums. Since the band's formation and the start of their tour, they have shared the stage with bands like Jupiter Coyote, the Band, Acoustic Junction and the Dave Matthews Band. Right now they are doing a tour which includes bars, clubs, high schools and college campuses. So far they have



Colby students celebrated the First Day of Loudness by grooving with Strangefolk.

been well received at venues large and small. Their music is different, a complex mix of various harmonies and melodies that make it almost impossible to sit through one of their shows. Strangefolk is "dancer-friendly rock, folk, and bluegrass," says *Seven Days*.

Strangefolk's debut CD, "Lore," may be part of the reason why the band is so well-liked. The songs are interesting, some slow and some fast, but all equally engaging.

The concert last weekend was Strangefolk's second performance in Waterville this year — their show at the Waterville Opera House in the fall was packed

with Colby students who enjoyed a long, stellar performance in the beautiful building. Last year, Strangefolk visited Colby in March, with our own Bubba Toba opening for them. For some reason, between last year and this year the ticket price went up five dollars for a nearly identical show. Perhaps this discrepancy could be attributed to the band's mounting success in all of its musical endeavors in the past year.

All in all, it seems that most of the Colby community let loose and had fun celebrating the First Day of Loudness by dancing all night to Strangefolk's blend of different types of music. □

PA produces memorable month

BY CHRISTOPHER DACUS
A&E Editor

Over the course of January, several plays were put on by the Performing Art department. "Charlotte's Web" was put on during the second week and was most notable for the large Waterville audience it drew. The performance was lighthearted and fun for anyone, but the visual perkiness and animation of the cast made it especially suitable for children. There were two casts for the production; Fern was played by both Heather Hilton '98 and Laura Eichelberger '99, Wilbur was played by Kathie Kohatsu and Emily LeBlanc '99, and

Templeton the rat was played by Shelley Woollert '98 and Hallie Meltzer '98. The director of the play was Adjunct Professor of Performing Arts Tina Wentzel.

The Performing Arts department also put on Tennessee Williams' "Suddenly Last Summer", a somewhat obfuscating tale of retribution and existential suffering. Kristina Denzel '97 played Ms. Venable and Megan Smith '99 was Catherine. Also featured were Betsy Clark '98 and Jamie Yourden '99, with John Irvin '00 directing. This story of moral confusion did not have the same appeal to Waterville children as Charlottes Web, but it was enjoyed by Colby students and faculty. □

Film festivals entertain students

BY CHRISTOPHER DACUS
A&E Editor

During the January term several film marathons were held in both the Student Center and in various dorms. The Student Center ran films for over seventy-two hours and provided soda and popcorn for free to all who came. Most of the films shown were current, the oldest being from the 1980's. More themed film marathons were held in dorms such as Coburn which ran films almost every week. Lesley Woods '98 Andrew Glos '97, often referred to as the sage of Coburn, organized the Coburn films which included such themes as scary Brad Pitt movies, the Star

Warstrilogy and the Godfather trilogy.

When asked why he held a film festival in Coburn, Glos said, "It was either play poker alone in my room or hold a much better movie marathon than Stu-A ever could, and the film festival was the easier of the two."

The illustrious Brad Reichek '00 also organized a Film Noir film fest in Sturdevant, which ran over two nights and featured excellent films such as "Chinatown", "The Big Sleep", "Blade Runner" and others. All of the films were fairly well attended and were a welcome respite from the intensity of some Jan Plan courses (Sugarloaf 101 excluded). □

The force of 'Star Wars'

BY MEG BELANGER
Staff Writer

Who out there owned a pair of R2-D2 Underoos? Or the Darth Vader carrying case for all the collectable action figures?

Most Colby students were not old enough to see "Star Wars" when it was first released on the big screen, yet it impacted our entire lives. Everyone knows the saying, "May the force be with you." "Star Wars" is everywhere, and has been since its release in 1977. So, it's no wonder that people lined up and bought tickets days in advance or that some theaters showed the movie on several screens simultaneously. The *Boston Globe* reported "Star Wars" took in \$35.9 million in its first weekend ticket sales, giving the movie the highest re-release debut weekend ever. Due to this weekend's success, "Star Wars" has moved from fourth to second on the domestic list of top-grossing movies, bringing in a total of \$359 million. This puts it right on track to overtake "E.T.- The Extra Terrestrial."

Why are people so excited to see this movie? The ending hasn't changed and the characters are still the same. What is so compelling that poor collegestudents like ourselves are willing to shell out \$7 for a ticket? For a movie we've each seen hundreds of times? Well, the majority of the people asked will probably say they went to see "Star Wars" so they could watch it on the big screen. Unless you were one of the lucky few who caught it at a discount movie theater, the drive-in or some film festival, chances are you have never seen "Star Wars" in the theater. And twenty years later, you have your chance. And it is worth it. You have never realized how big Chewbacca really is. Or how small Princess Leia is. And when the Millennium Falcon

makes its first jump into hyperspace...wow. Try and get to a theater with THX surround sound, like the Hoyts in Augusta. It makes a world of difference. There are some movies that lose a lot in their translation to the TV screen. You may never have realized it before, but "Star Wars" is one of them, "Jurassic Park" is another. Nothing is quite as scary when it is only thirteen inches tall.

Big fans of "Star Wars" went to see the movie for the enhanced special effects and the new scenes director George Lucas added. Among them being the controversial scene with Jabba the Hut. He's just not scary enough. He's a little small and way too friendly with Han Solo. You expect him to be a raging tyrant. One student thought that Jabba was too much like *The Godfather*. It's a strange comparison, but fits surprisingly well. Some complained that the new computer effects used on Jabba didn't match well with the old footage of Han Solo. Overall, people seemed to think the addition of Jabba was a good move, but didn't like the way it was done. Lucas also added a scene between Luke and his friend from home, Biggs. This scene was very explanatory, fit well and made a nice addition to the movie. For real "Star Wars" buffs, you might want to check out the new creatures at the bar or search for a few of the editing mistakes.

This movie has timeless appeal to it, and in an age where every movie has lots of sex and gory violence, watching "Star Wars" is like a return to innocence. Just don't be thrown off by the somewhat slow beginning. Luke Skywalker doesn't appear on the screen for a good twenty minutes, but it is worth the wait. Join the rebel alliance and hop aboard the Millennium Falcon.

And remember, the force is with you. □

'The People Vs. Larry Flynt'

BY DENNIS D'ANGELO
Staff Writer

The opening scene for Milos Forman's new film "The People vs. Larry Flynt" flashes back to early in Flint's childhood in the backwoods of Appalachia, where he makes a profit by selling moonshine to locals in the area. When he discovers his father "drinking his profits", he throws an empty clay jug at his head and runs from his father, who begins shooting into the air.

This is the tone set for all of the film, that of Flynt cast as the crafty homegrown entrepreneur who spends his life running and fighting those who would stop him or interfere with his work. In this sense, "The People vs. Larry Flynt" gives an excellent portrayal of what Flynt's legal and financial battles were like, with detailed and for the most part interesting court scenes. However, the film also tends to moralize in places and has its moments of Hollywood sappiness. "The People vs. Larry Flynt" is a good bio-picture, though the film's somewhat false ambivalence towards Flynt as an individual can at times become tiresome. Overall, "The People vs. Larry Flynt" succeeds in what it tries to do in establishing Larry Flynt as a hero of first amendment rights, though the way in which it does it is sometimes on shaky grounds.

One of the film's strengths is the way its two main characters, Larry Flynt (Woody Harrelson) and his lover/wife Althea Leasure (Courtney Love) develop overtime, from a loosely knit couple who's relationship is based more on sex than anything else to a relationship that, by the end, is one grounded in a very strong attachment to each other. At the same time, we never really find out whether or not the two loved each other. It certainly seems as though the film tries to make this the obvious understanding, but certain exchanges between the two bring the love of their relationship into question, and the rela-

tionship at times can seem to exhibit more the qualities of a mutual co-dependency rather than a mutual caring and affection. Only in the last scenes of the film are we given what are supposed to be decidedly strong pieces of evidence in favor of believing in their love, but by this point it's too late, and the film never really answers whether or not they loved each other.

Such ambivalence would be fine if not for the fact that it is obvious how we are supposed to feel. The tear-jerking moments are, in places, very touching and well acted, and

Flynt actually relays.

Such criticisms aside, the movie still gives a good account of his First Amendment battle. While many have viewed this film as championing Larry Flynt and pornographers in general, it really works much more to champion the legal grounds upon which Flynt's court battles stand. This distinction does seem clear. While Larry Flynt and many of his associates are not immediately likable, and many are never really warmed up to, his adversaries appear as even less likable characters. It is this device that creates



Courtesy Columbia Pictures

Woody Harrelson and Courtney Love play lead roles in "The People Vs. Larry Flynt."

Love delivers a solid if not slightly overplayed performance as Flynt's child-abused and heroin addicted wife. There are other tear jerking moments in the film however, where scenes fall into Hollywood camp. When Flynt finally admits to his longtime lawyer Isaacman (Edward Norton), with whom he is always sparring, that he is probably one of his best friends, it's sentimental and almost mushy, and not at all consistent with most of the hardened and grizzled relations of the films. Even when Flynt is pouring himself out, he's doing it gruffly. Moments when he suddenly becomes sappy don't seem to fit, and almost appear as attempts to conjure an image more friendly than the one which Larry

the confusion over whether director Forman and screenwriters Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski envision Flynt as an admirable individual, or admire his legal battles as what deserves to be applauded. It is obvious the film favors Flynt's position over his adversaries, though the film does succeed in doing this in a relatively subtle way, and also succeeds in relating the human qualities of the story, though with the problems mentioned above.

Overall, "The People vs. Larry Flynt" is good with its legal historicism and decent as a human biography. The movie does not belong amongst the best of the year, but it does contain some solid acting and a cohesive story. □

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Savage Love
Strider Theater
February 13, 14 8:00 PM
February 15 7:00 and 9:00 Pm

Rene Jolles
Lorimer Chapel
February 16, 3:00 PM

An Evening with Daniel Wideman
Pugh Center
February 16, 7:00

Cinema

Shine
Railroad Square Cinema
nightly 7:00 PM

Everyone Says I Love You
Railroad Square Cinema
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The People v Larry Flynt
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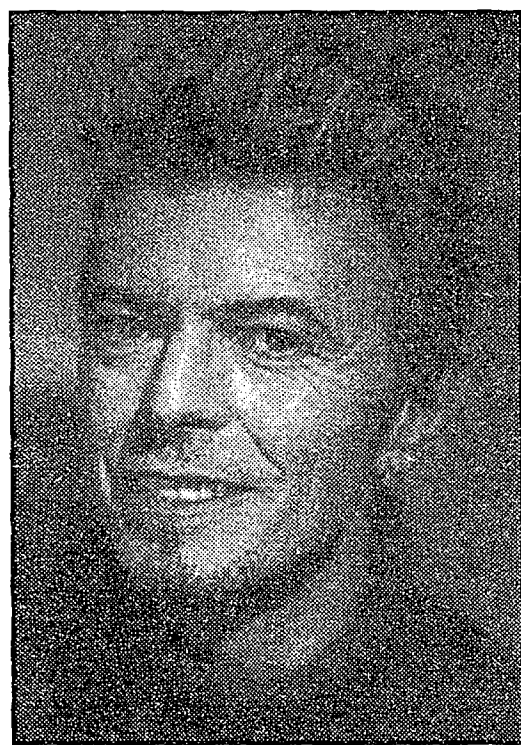
... and you thought there was nothing to do this weekend

CD Review

David Bowie

BY CHRISTOPHER DACUS
A&E Editor

David Bowie, like many artists that we thought were gone for good, has come back with a new album and a new sound. Unlike other revivals (Kiss *et. al.*), Bowie is not content to re-hash his older songs and bring back an act that should have been put to rest many years earlier. The latest Bowie CD, "Earthlings", is more relaxed than his early, violent sounding output, mostly due to a smoothed out and more carefully engineered pop texture. However, Bowie is showing his age and his songs can hardly evoke memories of 80's musical sensibility.

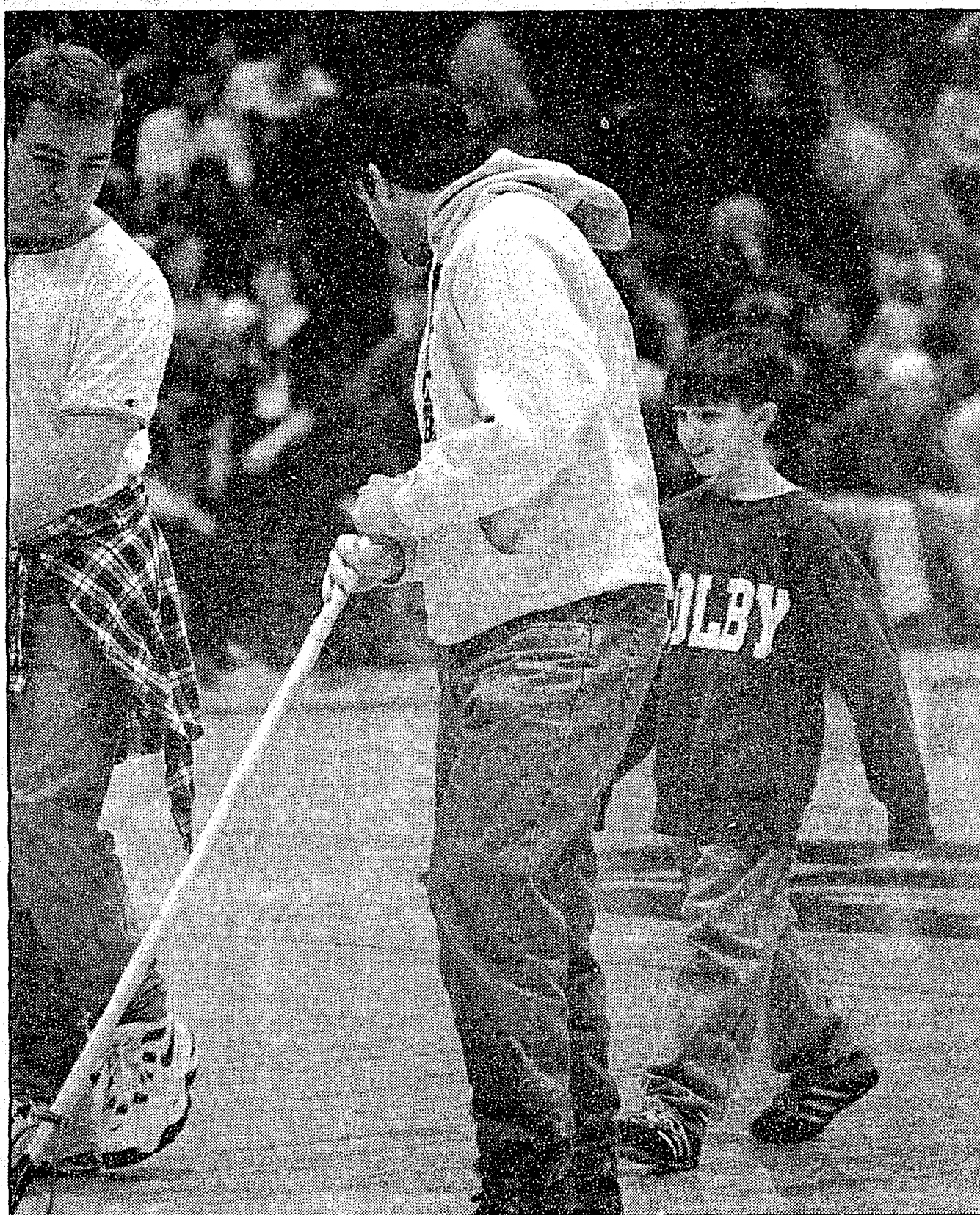


David Bowie
"Earthling"

Many of the tracks develop into a very Blur-esque Brit pop sound but contain what can only be described by 90's standards as shock. However, Bowie does manage to rise above this on a number of tracks. "Battle for Britain" has a very contemporary engineered sound and a very danceable beat. The sense the listener gets is that

Bowie adds less to the album than the studio engineers did, but his voice is very suitable and should not be discounted. The studio seems to have given Bowie the same treatment that they gave Sting a few years ago: a more easily digestible album that is designed for broader base appeal. "Dead Man Walking," a song title that has been reused a number of times already this decade, is fast and fairly enjoyable track that manages to overcome the feeling of deja vu that it might otherwise have. Other songs such as, "Telling Lies," are little more than Morrissey sounding clichés.

The album has a number of highlights that make up for its problems. Bowie at times seems to have to compete with his electronic accompaniment, and it overtakes him at times. Given that he has a likable voice, Bowie would have been better off not utilizing the overdone studio background. It is impressive that he can still pull off an album such as this, and to Bowie fans it is a more than worthwhile purchase. □



Echo photo by Emily Zlatin

When I grow up...
Colby athletes are cheered on by many young fans who are eager to help out in any way - including sweeping the floor at halftime.

Black History Month

"The Souls of Black Men: Crises, Challenges and commitments"

February 10 - February 27, 1997

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, February 13

Page Commons, Student Union, 11 a.m.

SPOTLIGHT LECTURE

"The Souls of Black Men: Facing the Contemporary Crisis"

Dr. Robert M. Franklin
Author: *Liberating Visions*

Sunday, February 16

Pugh Center, Student Union, 7 p.m.

An Evening with Daniel Wideman

The author will be reading from his book, *The Door of No Return: A Journey Through the Legacy of African Slave Forts*

Monday, February 17

Lovejoy 215, 7 p.m.

The Souls of Black Men: The Crisis of Popular Culture

Film: *The Glass Shield*
Rap Session / Discussion to Follow

Wednesday, February 19

Bixler 150, 7 p.m.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Workshop and Open Rehearsal
Colby Gospel Choir and Professor Guy Ramsey

Thursday, February 20

Page Commons, Student Union, 11 a.m.

SPOTLIGHT LECTURE

"Toward a Cultural Poetics of RACE MUSIC"

Professor Guy Ramsey
Tufts University and the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute - Harvard University

Thursday, February 20

Lovejoy 215, 7 p.m.

The Souls of Black Men: And Still We Rise -- Part II

An Evening of Connection and Commitment with African-American Men in Maine
Introduction of Visitors
Film: *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored*
Rap Session and Refreshments to Follow

Friday, February 21

Page Commons, Student Union, 7 p.m.

"Our Young Black Men Are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care"

A Play by James Chapman

Sunday, February 23

Pugh Center, Student Union, 7 p.m.

The Souls of Black Men: Speaking Through Art

An Evening With Bernie Casey
Actor, Artist and Movie Star

Monday, February 24

Lovejoy 215, 7 p.m.

The Souls of Black Men: Gay Men's Voices

(A Celebration of the Life and Work of Marlon Riggs)
2 Films: *Tongues Untied* and *I Shall Not Be Removed*
Refreshments and Discussion to Follow

Wednesday, February 26

Lovejoy 215, 7 p.m.

The Souls of Black Men: The Passion to be Free

Film: *Malcolm X*

Thursday, February 27

Bixler 154, 12:30 p.m.

Special Lecture — Department of Music
"Black and Tan Fantasies: Race in Hollywood Jazz Films"

Professor Krin Gabbard
Author: *Jazz and the American Cinema*

Thursday, February 27

Given Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Distinguished Lecture — Department of Music
"Eastwood's Body, Hartman's Voice: Music and Masculinity in The Bridges of Madison County"

Professor Krin Gabbard
Department of Comparative Studies
SUNY-Stony Brook

Combination of leadership, youth paces women's squash

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Asst. Sports Editor

Many times, strong leadership can help a team perform better than they otherwise could. In these cases it is usually the team's captains that make all the difference.

Captains Sarah Molly '97 and Sonia Totten '98 are making the difference this year for the Colby women's squash team. Both have played exceptionally well on the court, Totten at No. 1 and Molly at No. 2, and have led the Mules to an 11-9 overall record, including a 5-2 mark at the Williams Invitational on the weekend of January 17.

Totten rejoined the team in January after spending first semester studying abroad. Molly played in the No. 1 spot when Totten was absent from the line-up and posted an impressive 5-2 record.

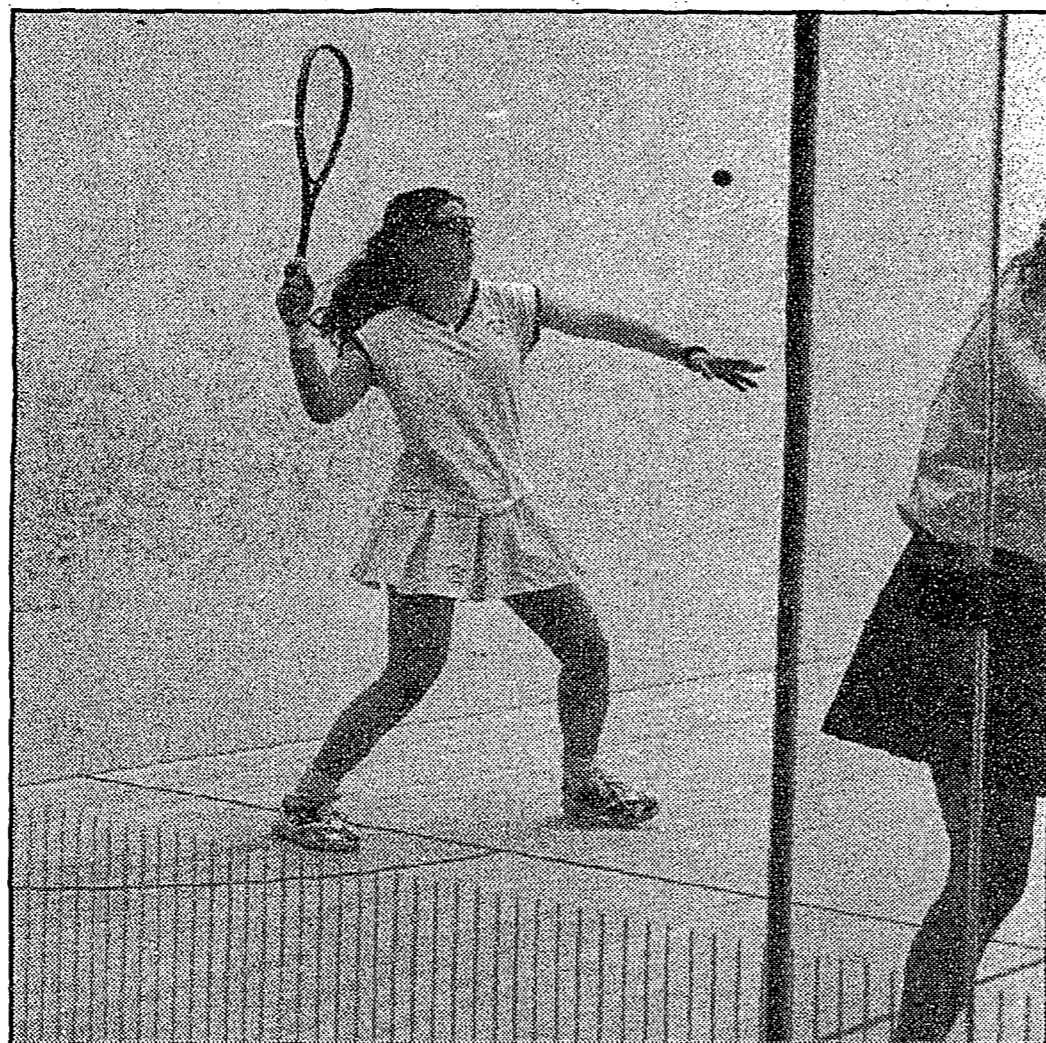
Since taking over at No. 1, Totten has compiled a 10-2 record.

"Sonia has a fantastic fitness ethic she's so gifted," said Head Coach Erica Silbersher. "She has great racket skills and she's exceptionally calm and elegant on the court. She takes her space very well."

After more than holding her own in the No. 1 position, Molly has punished opponents at No. 2. She has amassed a 12-1 record at No. 2 including a 3-0 win over her Williams opponent, a 3-1 victory over Franklin and Marshall's nationally ranked No. 2 and a win over Bowdoin's No. 2. Molly's only loss was a five game battle versus the Amherst No. 2.

"She has amazing natural spirit," said Silbersher. "She's on the court day and night and she has great energy for squash. She's always growing."

The fact that Molly has been so dominant is even more noteworthy when you consider that she didn't start playing squash until she arrived at Colby. She played at No. 10 her freshman year and worked her way into the top spot for the start of this season.



Echo photo by Michelle Weber

Captain Sarah Molly '97, Colby's No. 2 player, challenges her Bates opponent in the Mules' 6-3 loss last Friday.

Silbersher has nominated Molly for the Ann Wetzel Award, given annually to a senior who has been successful in competition and who started playing squash in college.

Totten and Molly are the only two upperclassmen on the team, making their leadership even more important.

Four freshmen have been instrumental in Colby's success this season. Laura Pitarys is 9-3 at No. 3 in the month of January, Anne Hertzberg is 6-6 at No. 6, Nicole Monchik is 7-5 at No. 7 and Emily Young is 5-8 at No. 8.

Sophomores Lindsay Hayes (No. 4) Heather Fine (No. 5) and Martha Stewart (No. 9) also stepped up their play in January. Hayes was 9-4, Fine was 8-5 and Stewart was 5-8.

After taking on rival Bowdoin on Tuesday, the Mules will travel to Yale this weekend for the Howe

Cup. The Mules will be competing in the B Flight at Yale and they will open up with matches against both Bowdoin and Wesleyan on Friday. The Polar Bears defeated Colby 7-2 on January 28.

"I really feel that everybody is drooling to play them," said Silbersher. "I want to see that they're playing their game, and they're starting to really understand that."

Colby will face Middlebury on Saturday, whom they crushed 9-0 at the Williams Invitational, and then will play in a playoff on Sunday against an opponent that has yet to be determined. Silbersher is happy with the way the team has played thus far and is optimistic going into the Howe Cup.

"It's a very psyched bunch of people," said Silbersher. "They love the game and they love to work at it." □

January a record-breaking month for men's and women's swim teams

BY LARRY BENESH
Sports Editor

For a member of the Colby swimming team, often the most exciting part of the season is tapering and competing in the New England Championships. This year, the men's team will send nine swimmers to the meet, and the women's team has qualified 16 participants.

"Everyone shaves their whole bodies. They wear special suits to swim faster," said Head Coach Sura DuBow. "It's a great sensation."

Kristi Jacobi '99 and Kathryn Johnson '00 both qualified in diving events. Captains Morgan Filler '97 and Jenny Higgins '97 will compete in the Women's New England Championships at Bowdoin on Feb. 21-23. Junior swimmers Alice Wong and Becky Golden qualified as well.

Sevensophomore women's team member have qualified. Elisabeth Baur, Emily Dowd, Kristin Fairman, Laura Feraco, Kate Lowe, Kristin North, and Julie Wilbur will participate in New Englands. Three fresh-

men team members, Carolyn Massa, Mary Synder, and Dana Turpie, will also compete.

The men's team does not have any seniors qualified, but junior co-captains Peter Bowden and Geoff Herrick will swim in New Englands on February 28-March 2 at Williams. Sophomores Larry Spollen, Kris Skrzycki, Jay Champley, and John "Rocki" Kurucz will join freshmen Jeff McCloskey and Brian White at the meet.

DuBow seemed pleased with team's performance thus far this season.

"We had a great January. Most of the meets we competed in were very close. Even when we lost it generally came down to the last relay," said DuBow.

Several team members broke either college or pool records during the month. Bowden broke Colby records in the 50, 100, and 200 yard backstroke. He also broke backstroke pool records at Norwich and Middlebury.

Brown set a new Colby pool

record in the 1650 yard freestyle. Filler also set a Colby pool record in the 200 yard freestyle.

Bowden, Skrzycki, Herrick, and McCloskey all pitched in to set a Colby pool record on the 400 yard medley relay.

"Bowden, Herrick, and Filler are all on track for Nationals," said DuBow.

Last weekend, both the men's and women's teams lost in a close meet against Wesleyan that took place at Bowdoin.

"We had fantastic swims. There is a whole group of sophomores already swimming their best times," said DuBow.

The women's team is preparing to face off against the 32 teams that will likely attend New Englands. DuBow would like to have all of their relays to finish in the top eight, and hopes that the team will finish in the top 12 overall. The men's field is somewhat smaller with 26 teams, and DuBow hopes they will place in the top ten overall with relays in the top eight. □

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currently third on the team in scoring.

Colby started January off in style with a 64-51 win over Bates. Yet after two consecutive wins against Union (70-46) and Hamilton (78-71), Colby suffered a humbling 71-45 loss to Williams. "Williams caught us by surprise. At one point the score was 19-3 and from there we couldn't chip away at them. We had a few good defensive plays, but couldn't get it going offensively," said Hebert. "This loss was a wake-up call and we came back strong against Amherst the next day."

The team fought hard to get its 81-67 win at Amherst.

Since Amherst the team has been on a fantastic streak with wins against Middlebury (75-61), Norwich (60-56), Bowdoin (76-69), Trinity (77-71), and Wesleyan (79-65). Still these have not exactly been easy wins for the Mules. Many games have come down to crunch time. Whitmore feels that the leadership of Hebert and Black has helped the team pull ahead in

the end.

"They have done a great job leading the team. It shows in the togetherness of the team," said Whitmore.

"Due to the record we have, the minute we step into the gym, the other teams are coming at us. It is becoming harder and harder to pull away," said Hebert. He attributes the victories in these close games to the experience and self-confidence of the team.

One of the most exciting games to watch was the match-up against arch rival Bowdoin on February 5. Hebert scored an impressive 23 points and Black added 11 rebounds.

"The win was definitely a team effort. All 17 players, including those on the bench kept the team up," said Hebert. "The fan support also made a difference in the win."

Although the turn out of fans has been great, the Mules could use even more support this weekend when they face Wheaton tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. and Connecticut College Saturday at 3:00. □

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fourth time this season.

"The most important thing I can ask of our players is to compete at the highest level possible, and they did that," said Tortorella.

With its record standing at 12-7-1, a return to the NCAA tournament is all but impossible for Colby at this point. However, Tortorella still feels it could be "the most exciting year ever" if the team can win the ECAC Championship,

something that the Mules have not accomplished since 1965.

Four games remain for the Mules, including two home games this weekend against Trinity and Wesleyan.

"We have four games that we must [win] for us to get into ECACs and to gain home-ice advantage for the first game, which is something we haven't had here in a long time," said Tortorella. □

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Snow finally arrives at Sugarloaf

BY LARRY BENESH
Sports Editor

If you are a season pass holder or you just find time to ski a couple days a year, this column will attempt to update you on snow conditions and pass on tips for skiing at Sugarloaf/USA. Obviously because of deadline restraints, the information I provide will be somewhat dated. The weather and trails can change drastically over a few days, so bear in mind that what you read may no longer be accurate.

After a somewhat trying January, there is finally plenty of snow at the Loaf. Bump skiing is particularly good. I recommend Rip-saw for those can tolerate the occasional thin cover.

For skiers who prefer an audience while they rip the bumps, try Haulback, located directly underneath the King Pine Chair. The ruts are quite big, and there are a number of good lines.

If you are confident and can handle the narrow, look for the unmarked Misery Whip. It is the old t-bar line located at the King Pine Bowl, right in between Widowmaker and

Ramdown. Last weekend it had good sized bumps. Be careful though. Once you're in, it's not easy to get out because the woods are thick on both sides. Ski it with a friend.

Understandably, not everyone likes the bumps. There are plenty of solid cruisers at Sugarloaf, and the groomers are out there almost every night. King's Landing and Hayburner off the Superquad are good bets



mid week, but they get lots of traffic on the weekend. They also have somewhat steep pitches before filtering out into a long flat finish.

There is always a great deal of publicity about the snowfields, but at this point, they are not in tremendous shape. The gondola

only runs during windless days (a rarity at the Loaf), and it gets crowded fast. The back fields is where the better expert skiing tends to be, but I hiked up there last weekend and we need at least one more good snow before they will be open.

Off the gondola, there is always White Nitro. Make sure your skis are sharp though because it is usually icy. For beginners and intermediates who want to make the trip all the way to the top, Tote Road is your best bet.

Not often skied is Upper Winter's Way, which has it's share of rocks. You can get there by taking Narrow Gauge extension and looking for your first right. I found it appealing last weekend, but not necessarily worth the gondola lift line.

Tip of the Week: To avoid the crowds, make your way to King Pine in the morning. During lunch hours and past 3 p.m., the Superquad will be a more reasonable option. If you want to ski the Spillway chairs, when you near the top of the chairlift ride on King Pine, turn around and look to your left. From there, the line for Spillway can be seen.

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Freshmen make contribution to men's track

BY LARRY BENESH
Sports Editor

The men's indoor track and field team's four-meet regular season has already wrapped up, and the Mules are looking forward to this weekend's upcoming New England Division III Championships at MIT. While the team has not placed higher than third in any of their meets thus far this season, Head Coach Barrett Smith is excited about their performance.

One reason Smith should be excited is the particularly encouraging achievement of his first-year team members.

"We have a great first-year class," said Smith.

Freshman competitors were among many of the scorers in last week's 40 point output at the Maine State Meet at Bowdoin. The team beat out USM but fell short of Bates and Bowdoin.

Adam Westaway '00 had a triple jump of 44' 4" that was long enough to win the event, and it qualified him for both New England and ECACs. Tyrone Boucaud '00 sprinted to a first place finish in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.12 seconds. Boucard was also fourth in the triple jump.

Freshman transfer Dorian Besson completed the 800m in 2.01.6 for the win.

Emil Thomann's '00 time of 51.44 placed him first in the 400m. He also contributed to a winning 4x400m relay team of Jason Frederick '98, Besson and Steve Suomi '97.

Peter Angwenyi '00 placed second in the 200m. He also had a personal best in his time of 6.76 seconds in the 55m dash. He finished second overall. Freshman Adam Schwartz had a personal best in his second place pole vault. He qualified for New England, NEIAAs and ECACs.

Suomi also had a personal best time in the

600m with his third place finish. According to Smith, he should qualify for New England and possibly for ECACs.

Will Barron's '00 shot put throw of 44' 3" placed him third and earned him a personal best. It also qualified him for New England and ECACs. Jamie Brewster '00 threw the 35lb weight throw for 48' 9" and qualified for New England and ECACs.

In the 5K, both Tim Foley '00 and Pete Gulezian '99 had personal best times.

On Saturday, the Mules will face teams from about 30 schools, according to Smith. Smith is not sure what to expect from his young team, but he is optimistic.

"Basically I'm looking for people to continue to improve. It's been a great season so far," he said. "I'd like to see them rise to the occasion. Adam Schwartz and Adam Westaway could potentially qualify for the National Championships."

Young alpine ski team resists misfortune

BY BEN LESTER
Staff Writer

In a season plagued with misfortune, the men's and women's alpine ski teams continued to establish themselves as a resilient program on the rise with another encouraging finish at the Dartmouth carnival in New Hampshire last weekend.

The men, who lost their co-captain Ken Raiche '98 to a season ending leg injury during their Christmas Training Camp, raced to an eighth place finish in the 14 school field. Brian Hanseth's '00 29th place finish in the Giant Slalom and sophomore Craig Bowden's 35th place finish, also in the GS, paced the mules.

Though the times posted at Dartmouth improved on their tenth place finish at the University of Vermont earlier in the season, Raiche believes they are capable of doing even better.

"Our team is young and it has a lot of

ability, but we have to become more consistent. We can't keep having one strong run and expect to win. We have to be able to put together two strong runs in a row. West still haven't done that," he said.

The men, who feature three freshman, two sophomores, along with senior co-captain Dylan Rothwell, have the potential to be a mainstay in collegiate skiing's elite for years to come.

The same can be said for the women, whose three freshmen and two sophomores continue to make tracks for national prominence. As a team, they have placed as high as sixth in both the UNH and UVM carnivals earlier in January.

The women's team also posted an eighth place finish at Dartmouth. Sophomore Melissa Maguire led the Mules with a personal best in the Giant Slalom and a 24th place finish.

Captain Emily Etchells '99 stressed the fact that the women too are extremely talented but

lack maturity. Like Raiche, Etchells believes that the women can accomplish even more in the future.

"We have lots of potential, and with a little more time, I think we can really bust out from the pack," she said.

Head Coach Mark Godomsky, who has guided the program since it made the jump to Division 1 several years ago, seems to agree with his captains' assessment, and has been pleased overall with how his skiers have fared thus far.

"We have had a strong year with both the women and men. Obviously, we are young, but we have still managed to place the best that we have in three years. We have a talented core of skiers, and I think good things are going to continue to come," he said.

With the Eastern Ski Championships at Middlebury not too far away, the Mules will travel to the Williams Carnival this weekend in search of another positive step to build on.

Nordic ski team searches for their peak at upcoming EISA Championships

BY ERICA AYERS
Staff Writer

After an inconsistent January, the men's and women's nordic skiing teams are looking for a strong finish at the EISA Championships at Middlebury on February 21-22. The team solidified and honed their skills during a late December training camp in Canada, however their seemingly imminent success was put on hold due to illness and inexperience.

Two top women skiers, Ann Duncan '00 and Darcy Cornell '99 spent much of the fall recovering from mono and as a result their midseason performances have been compromised to some extent. At the Dartmouth Carnival held last weekend, neither the women's or men's team were able to race all six skiers as many were fatigued and sick.

According to both team captains, Jennifer Lane '98 and Josh Keith '97, there have been few races in which everyone performs at their peak. Both Lane and Keith pointed to the team's positive attitude and the intense desire on each team to achieve personal and team bests.

Lane commented on the leadership of both Head Coach Jefferson Goethals and Assistant Coach Tine Klevstad. "Both coaches have been wonderful. They have been an extremely positive influences and have enabled us to achieve both personal and team goals," said Lane.

Keith stated that he felt the men's team has impressed Goethals and Klevstad with their performance.

"As a very young team, I don't think Coach Goethals knew what to expect of us. I don't think that he expected us to do as well as we have. It's been a great surprise," said Keith.

Both Lane and Keith feel the squad's freshman skiers have performed well and felt that a strong base could be built upon this year's team.

Goethals commended both his captains as well as his team's efforts. While the women have been placing consistently seventh or eighth, the men have been placing ninth and tenth. Goethals is aiming for a sixth place finish for the women in the upcoming championships and a seventh place finish for the men. According to Goethals, the nordic and alpine teams have a strong chance of placing as high as fifth overall, if both the alpine and nordic teams race well.

Goethals pointed to Lane's performance as being highly noteworthy.

"Jen has been more consistent this year than in any other year. She has been skiing far better than any year prior. She has broken into the top 30 recently and is finding herself closer and closer to breaking into the top 20. Having Jen ski well is crucial to the team's success," he said.

Goethals also mentioned the strong skiing of Heather Bend '97.

"Heather has improved dramatically in classical skiing. She has performed well enough to be seated in the top 30. These next few races should be great for Heather and I'm expecting her to do well."

On the men's team, Goethals praised the leadership of Keith.

"Josh has had an unbelievable season. He has never [cross-country] skied before and for someone with no experience to do this well is amazing. He has been the top finisher at least twice. Josh has been a motivating and inspirational force on this year's team," he said.

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Bring back the cow's head?

BY LARRY BENESH
Sports Editor

For my inaugural column, I'm discussing a Colby sports event that is quite old. But what the Mules did during January by defeating the Bowdoin hockey team for the season sweep was something that is also rather new. We haven't done that in the last few decades, and it felt good for those of us lucky enough to see the game.

One of the best parts of the 5-1 stomping was the fact that the teams decided their own fate. Our fans did not manage to penalize the home team by the usual chucking of fruit onto the ice at every possible point. Dan Lavergne '97 was able to school several opponents and slip the puck past the goalie for the final goal without obstructing himself to a cascade of oranges, apples, and cows' heads, and we never played shorthanded because of such inane celebrating.

Although the fan's maturity

compared to previous years should be applauded, it did seem that many Colby fans did not understand the significance of the game. One side of the bleachers had to be provoked to stand up, and at times we were quieter than the library on a Saturday night.

We could, and should have been much louder. Bowdoin should dread playing us, and if you are only going to exhaust your vocal chords one night a year, that ought to be the one.

Let's face it, the ticket situation was awful. There was hardly any publicity about when tickets were going to be available, and one dorm was even told the wrong day they were to be issued.

There was the usual petty politics of finding a ticket. My roommate called the athletic office to find out if there were any still available, and he was told to ask around in the Mary Low/Foss area. Does that sound a little odd to anyone? The afternoon of the game, Security released some more tickets, and not

surprisingly it was students who work at Security and their friends who mostly benefited from this late breaking news.

Next year, why don't we put up a sign someplace other than a couple doors in the athletic center. The student center, the street, and the dining halls seem like logical places to me. If we charged a dollar for every ticket and donated the proceeds to a local charity or club sports, we might discourage the usual plundering of tickets by athletic center employees. It certainly wouldn't hurt the attendance, and we could make the system a little bit fairer to all the fans.

Thanks to the team for making all of the pregame confusion worthwhile. We had a shaky first thirty seconds, but we rebounded quickly and seemed to put them away psychologically by the end of the first period. Regardless of the outcome of rest of the season, the Mules put on a performance that this fan will not soon forget. □

Favre goes down with hangnail, Patriots win the Super Bowl!

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Asst. Sports Editor

A man emerges from a room, his right knee wrapped with a bandage. He walks with a slight limp although he gets across the floor without the aid of a crutch or cane. He grimaces in pain whenever he puts pressure on the injured knee.

"How does it feel?" asks a worried observer.

"It's seen better days," the man replies.

"Well, can you still go?" asks another observer. Everyone in the room wanted to ask the very same question but all were afraid of the answer that awaited them.

"Yeah, I'll go. Hey, no pain, no gain, right?"

Everyone in the room celebrates. This man was a warrior. He was going to brave the pain for the good of the team.

The team in this case was the Nichols family. The man in the story was Grandpa, who tripped over one of the kids' Tickle Me Elmo dolls on his way to the bathroom and banged his knee on the wall. Without Grandpa, the spiritual leader of the group, the Nichols family vacation would be ruined. Even despite the exhausting day at Disney Land that awaited them, Grandpa was willing to take one for the team.

And what is this delightful story doing in the Sports section of the

newspaper? Give me a chance. All you have to do is change the characters.

The Tickle Me Elmo doll is All-Pro linebacker Kevin Greene of the Carolina Panthers. Grandpa is played by MVP Brett Favre and instead of going to Disney Land, the Nichols' (replaced by the Packers) are going to the Super Bowl.

Luckily for Green Bay fans, Favre was healthy for this year's Super Bowl. And with many of their key players returning for the 1997 season, the Packers will be the pre-season favorite to win it all again.



That is, if they can stay healthy.

In football, and in just about any sport for that matter, that's a big if. If Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen bumped knees and were both lost for the season, the Boston Celtics would suddenly become a more intimidating team than the Bulls.

The reason injuries are so devastating is because of their randomness. A coach can prepare for the opposition's offense, defense and pregame warm up if he or she wanted. But injuries are impossible to predict and therefore impossible to prepare for.

In one instance, the injury plague seems a tad ridiculous. After all, the people playing in these games are the world's best athletes. They are some of the strongest, fastest, and most physically fit people in the world and yet they still suffer from turf toe?

But when you give this more thought, injuries make perfect sense. We've all seen highlights of bone-crushing hits in football or hockey and high speed collisions in baseball or basketball. It's a wonder these athletes are walking around with all of their limbs attached.

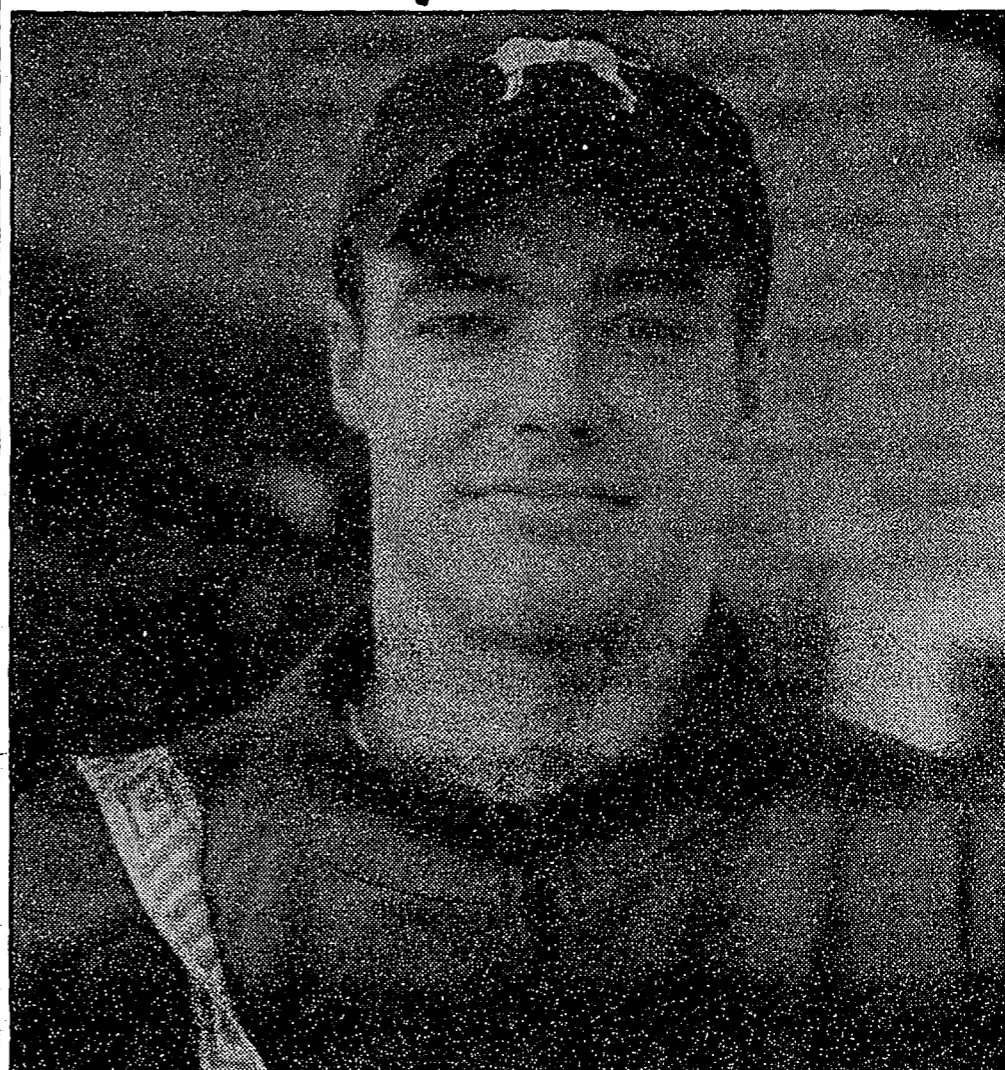
Athletes take a risk when they decide to play a sport. Many hope to play well enough in high school to earn a Division I scholarship and then turn pro. Underclassmen in college who make the leap into the pros before they graduate are merely using common sense. One freak knee injury and suddenly they find themselves greeting people at Wal Mart instead of spending their signing bonus.

Nevertheless, the games continue. Players keep getting better and fans continue to marvel at these athletes who pull off seemingly impossible feats on a daily basis.

Injuries remind sports fans everywhere that these athletes are still in fact human. Randy Johnson can throw a baseball just under 100 miles per hour, but put a blister on his pitching hand and he has to call in sick to work. □

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John Hebert '97

Anybody who has watched the Colby men's basketball team this year knows how important senior guard and captain John Hebert '97 has been to the team's success (17-2, second in New England). When the opposition's defense signs in to contain the Mules' center and leading scorer Andy Black '97, Colby gets the ball to Hebert, where he is a deadly 53 percent shooter from three-point range. After finishing with 21 points in the Mules' 76-69 victory over rival Bowdoin last Wednesday and adding another 16 in their 77-71 win over Trinity on Friday, Hebert exploded for 28 points, including five buckets from beyond the arch, in Colby's 79-65 triumph over Wesleyan on Saturday. For the season, Hebert is averaging 14.8 points per game, 3.7 rebounds, 2.6 assists and is shooting 91 percent from the free throw line.

This Week's All-Mule Pack

Peter Bowden '98

During January, Bowden, a member of the Colby men's swimming team, broke three Colby backstroke yards. His time for the 50 yard backstroke was 26.08 seconds, and he completed the 100 yard event in 54.94 seconds. His time for the 200 yard backstroke was 2:00.1. At Middlebury he broke the pool record for the 50 and 100 yard backstroke. The next day he shattered the Norwich pool record in the 200 yard backstroke. Bowden has also managed to qualify for New England's in all six events that he has competed in this year.

Cindy Pomerleau '97

Indoor women's track team captain Pomerleau stepped up big at last weekend's State of Maine Meet and helped lift the Mules over Bates, Bowdoin, and USM. She put on a show by winning three events, placing second in three more, and running on the winning 4x200 relay. Pomerleau won the long jump with a leap of 16' 5" which is only five inches off the National qualifier. She won the 55 meter hurdles in 2:20 seconds, and had another National qualifying throw of 41' 3" in the shot put. She is currently ranked third nationally in the shot put.

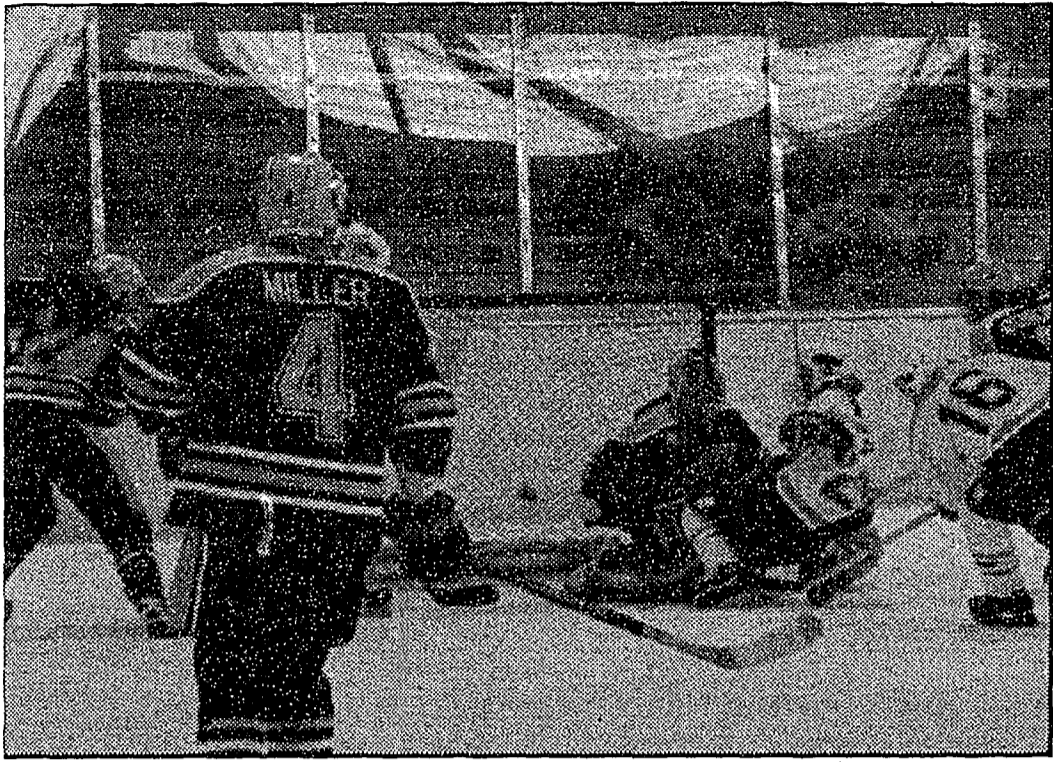
Sarah Molly '97

Molly has come a long way as a squash player since she came to Colby four years ago. Molly, who took up the sport when she arrived on Mayflower Hill, has moved up from the No. 10 slot she occupied as a freshman to the No. 1 position for part of this year. She went 5-2 at No. 1 and is a dominating 12-1 in the No. 2 slot, including convincing wins over top players from Bowdoin, Williams and Franklin and Marshall. Head Coach Erica Silbersher has nominated Molly for the Ann Wetzel Award, which goes to a senior who started squash in college and has had a successful career.

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Women's hockey clinches playoff birth in ECACs



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Meaghan Sittler '98 (16) scores against Dartmouth as teammate Barbara Gordon '97 (24) looks on.

BY LARRY BENESH
Sports Editor

Led by the senior stand out Barb Gordon and the return of Meaghan Sittler '98 who missed four games in January due to a trip to China with the national team, the women's hockey team has clinched a playoff spot for the ECAC tournament. The Mules are currently in seventh place in the league, but are battling for position with Princeton, Cornell, and Dartmouth, according to Head Coach Jen Holsten.

"We know we are in the playoffs," she said. "We want to get as high as we can in the standings."

Gordon leads the nation in scoring with 25 goals and 22 assists. Sittler has added 19 goals and 22 assists, despite missing four games. The two of them combined for 20 points over last weekend's home games against

Dartmouth and Boston College.

"Meaghan is coming back into form. She had a lot of traveling and it took her a while to come back in stride," Holsten said. "Barb and Meaghan really feed off each other. They are one of the most potent lines in all of women's hockey."

The team is currently 9-8 overall and 8-8 in the ECAC. Last weekend's 4-3 win over Dartmouth was their first victory over the Big Green in 12 years.

"The Dartmouth game was a big win. In early January they beat us [4-2] with an empty net goal with one second remaining," said Holsten.

The Mules also defeated Boston College 7-3 on February 9.

"It wasn't much of a game," said Holsten. "They got a couple late goals on us."

According to Holsten, the most significant part of the team's sched-

ule is yet to come. Holsten has made some changes to try to fortify her second and third lines.

"We moved Cary Charlebois '97 back to give us some leadership on the second line. Before we had three freshman on the second line," said Holsten.

One apparent weakness on the team is that they only have three defenseman.

"We're the only team in the league rotating three defenseman. Every other team has gone to four or six. We're really happy with the way they've been playing," said Holsten. "They're playing to the maximum of their potential."

Goalie Marie Polichronopoulos '97 has played well in big games, according to Holsten.

"She's been relatively healthy all year. She played outstanding in the UNH game. She plays well when she gets a lot of shots," she said. □

Without top two players, men's squash struggling to find rhythm

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Asst. Sports Editor

The year after several of a team's top players are lost to graduation is usually dubbed a "rebuilding" season. The Colby men's squash team is currently experiencing such a season, but graduation has not been the problem: students studying abroad has.

Dave Dodwell '98, the squad's No. 1 player and captain, was with the team for its first few matches before winter break but chose to spend second semester studying at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

The Mules' No. 2 player, Taylor Smith '98, who is also a captain, chose to spend second semester studying at Hampshire College. The loss of these two players caused the team all sorts of problems in the month of January.

Colby's lone win of the month came against Vassar in the West Point Tournament. The Mules won 5-4 after losing a match of the same

score to Fordham earlier in the tournament.

Last Friday, Colby fell to CBB rival Bates by a score of 7-2. This Saturday, the Mules will host fellow CBB rival Bowdoin, who blanked Colby 9-0 when the two teams met on January 11.

The loss of their two top players has been too much for the Mules to overcome, according to Head Coach Fred Brussel.

"You can absorb losing one player of that caliber, but you can't lose two of your captains," said Brussel.

Every player on the team has been forced to move up and play at a level that they are not used to. Geoff Bennett '97, who is the other team's captain, sat out the first part of the season with a knee injury but has returned to action in the month of January.

Andy Niner '99 finished the first part of the season with an impressive 7-1 mark at the No. 4 slot. In the absence of Dodwell and Smith, however, Niner has moved into the No. 3 slot and has struggled against

stiffer competition.

"It doesn't sound like a lot, but it's a whole different level," said Brussel.

With a record of 6-12, it would be quite a surprise for the Mules to repeat as C Flight Champions for the third straight year. The Tournament will be held at Princeton on February 21-23. A year ago, Colby finished with a No. 17 National ranking.

"There's a lot of frustration in the team, and everyone had such high hopes in the beginning of the season," said Brussel. "I think a lot of people were surprised that [both Dodwell and Smith] went away."

The good news about this rebuilding season is that Dodwell, Smith and other strong players will return for the 1997-98 campaign. Brussel has high hopes for his team next season.

"Next year we should win Most Improved Team," said Brussel. "And we should be in the B category which is a major step up for this program." □

Women's track beats Bowdoin, Bates at Maine State Meet

BY MIKE GALLANT
Staff Writer

Last Friday night the women's track team traveled to the annual State of Maine Meet to compete against Bates, USM, and rival Bowdoin College. What could have been a close meet with Bowdoin and Bates turned out to be a sound beating. Colby demolished the competition, scoring 221 points to Bowdoin's 164 points, Bates' 121, and USM's 12 points. Head Coach Deb Aitken called the Mules' effort an incredible performance, with many competitors scoring personal bests.

Senior captain Kara Patterson highlighted the team's performance by not only winning the 5000, but by running a provisional time for Nationals in 17:43. That time puts her first in New England by 40 seconds and ranks her second in the nation.

"I planned to run 43 second splits [per 200 meters]," said Patterson, "but ran under that the whole way."

Patterson qualified for Nationals in the 1500 two weeks ago.

Captain Cindy Pomerleau '97 put on a stellar show by winning three individual events, placing second in three, and running on the winning 4x200 relay. Pomerleau won the long jump with a leap of 16' 5" which is only five inches off of the National qualifier. She won the 55 meter hurdles in 9.20 seconds, and had another National qualifying throw of 41' 3" in the shot put. She is currently ranked third nationally in the shot put.

"I missed competing in Nationals by one spot last year," said Pomerleau, "but I'm happy to be consistently throwing in the 40's this year." Her personal best for the shot

put this season is 41' 6".

Other event winners included Faith Anderson '00 who had a jump of 5' 1" in the high jump, and captain Julie Lynch '97 in the 600 with a time of 1:44. Meredith Coulson '99 won the triple jump with a leap of 32' 8". Amanda Ganong '00 had a winning time of 27.24 in the 200.

The 4x200 relay team of Ganong, Kathryn LaRochelle '00, Pomerleau, and Lynch also won their event and are now ranked third in New England. The 4x400 relay team of Jeannine Bergquist '00, Fran Berry '98, LaRochelle, and Lynch came right down to the wire for their victory with an outstanding kick by Lynch. Lynch also anchored the 4x200 team.

Coach Aitken exulted in the team's performance.

"We had an incredible day. Nearly everyone had their best day of the season thus far," she said.

"We're a very close team, we have great freshmen, and everyone gets into the meets and performs well, which makes it exciting. We step up to the good competition. And, also, we beat Bowdoin," said Pomerleau.

Patterson added that the team really has a lot of depth, and some great first-year throwers.

"We get along really well," she said.

This season the women have lost to only Springfield, who is ranked first in New England, and Williams, who is in the top four overall. Colby is ranked approximately fifth in New England.

The Mules travel to Bowdoin next week for Division III New England, and has twenty-two athletes qualified to compete. □

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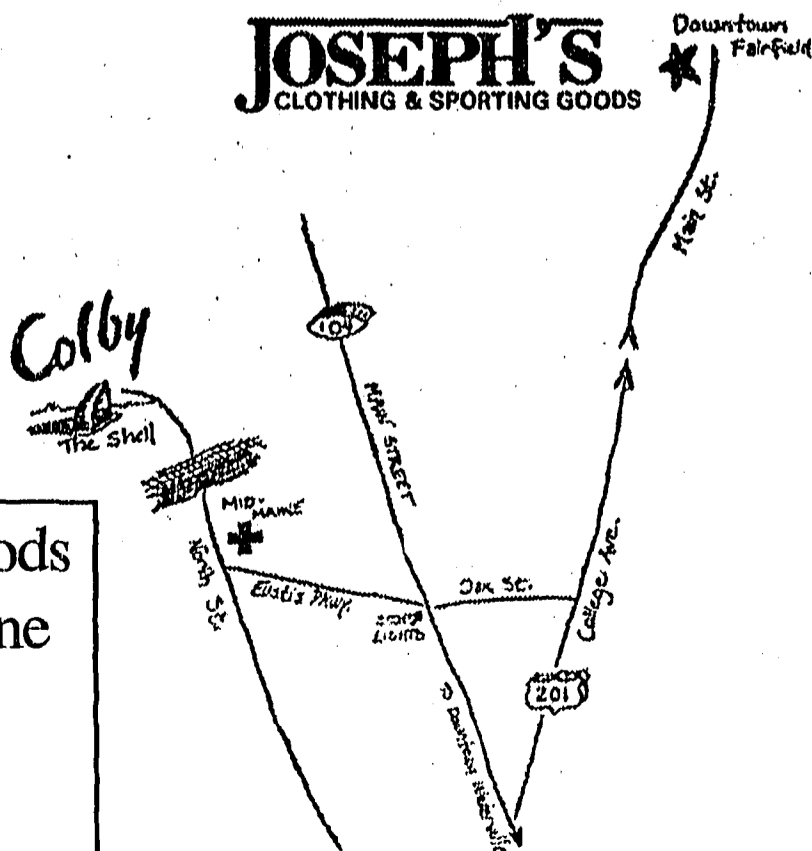
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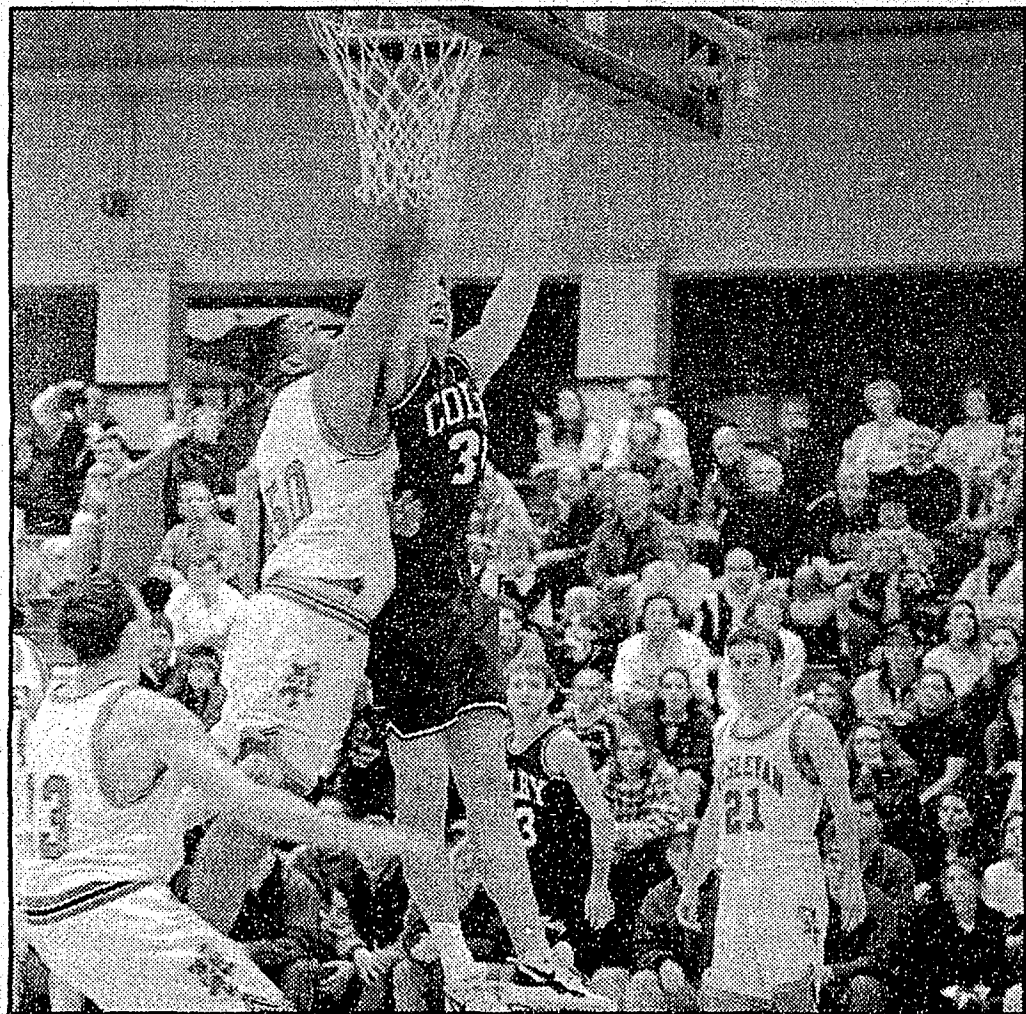
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Tearing it up!

Hebert, Black lead men's basketball to 17-2 record



Echo photo by Emily Zlatin

Andy Black '97 goes up for two against Wesleyan.

BY KAREN BLAISDELL
Staff Writer

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"We are very proud of the team. They are a very hard working and committed team," said Whitmore.

If you were not on campus during Jan Plan, you missed a lot of exciting Colby men's basketball action. According to Head Coach Dick Whitmore, the team has far exceeded expectations and are one of very few teams in the country with two or less losses. They currently have a remarkable record of

The Mules are led by co-captains John Hebert '97 and Andrew Black '97. Hebert leads the team with an impressive 55 three-pointers, while Black is the leading scorer and rebounder. James Spidle '99 is a key player coming off the bench and see **BASKETBALL** on page 16

Chemistry comes together for women's hoops team

BY ELLEN PIGNATELLA
Staff Writer

After suffering a close loss to 10th ranked Trinity and then securing a tremendous victory over Wesleyan this past weekend, the Colby women's basketball team continues to confirm its position as a top ten New England team.

On Friday night, the Mules hosted a strong Trinity team with a record of 12-2. Despite the impressive play of Erin Cole-Karagory '00 who had 18 points and nine rebounds, the Mules were defeated 64-58. Other key contributors in this game were captain Lynn Kenoyer '97 (nine points, three assists) and Jen Freese '00 (eight points, three rebounds).

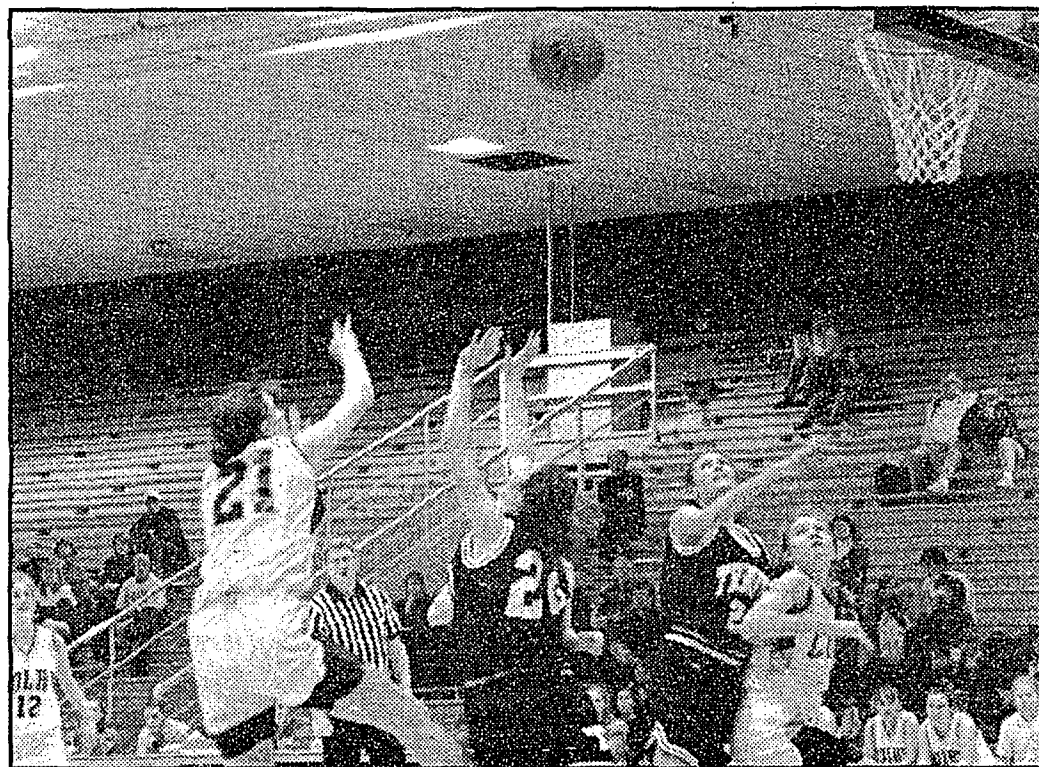
"It was a disappointment. It was a game which could have and should have been won, but we played tentatively," said Head Coach Tricia O'Brien.

The Mules returned on Saturday to defeat Wesleyan by a large margin of 77-38.

"Against Wesleyan, we were able to enjoy our team's chemistry. We used the game to regroup and relieve some pressure," said O'Brien.

Cole-Karagory again played extremely well, shooting 11 for 17 from the field and tying her career high of 25 points.

During the month of January, the team found great success and became a top ten New England team. Early in the month, the Mules defeated Brandeis, Union, and



Echo photo by Michele Weber

Erin Cole-Karagory '00 lets one fly.

Hamilton, and endured a tough 69-66 loss to Amherst. On January 24, a previously unranked Colby team posted a convincing 89-63 win over fourth ranked Middlebury to become a top ten New England team.

The Mules continued to dominate the following weekend. They defeated Bates, another top ten team on January 30 by a margin of 81-65.

O'Brien attributes the team's success to a smooth mixture of seniors and freshmen, fantastic chemistry, and balanced scoring.

As the season draws to a close in early March, the Mules are striving towards postseason play. Currently ranked seventh, Colby needs to remain one of the top eight teams in New England in order to play in the NCAA tournament. Their second

option would be the ECAC tournament, which includes teams that are ranked No. 9 through No. 16.

Next weekend, the team has a busy schedule as it plays three games in four days. The Mules host Thomas College on Friday night, return on Saturday for another home game against Connecticut College, and finally travel to University of New England on Monday.

O'Brien declared that the key to success during such a busy week will be the team's ability to stay focused mentally and receive enough rest physically. Kenoyer is optimistic about the upcoming three games.

"We need to play them as if they were top teams, but hopefully we will win all three," she said. □

Men's hockey dazzles in Jan., stumbles in Feb.

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
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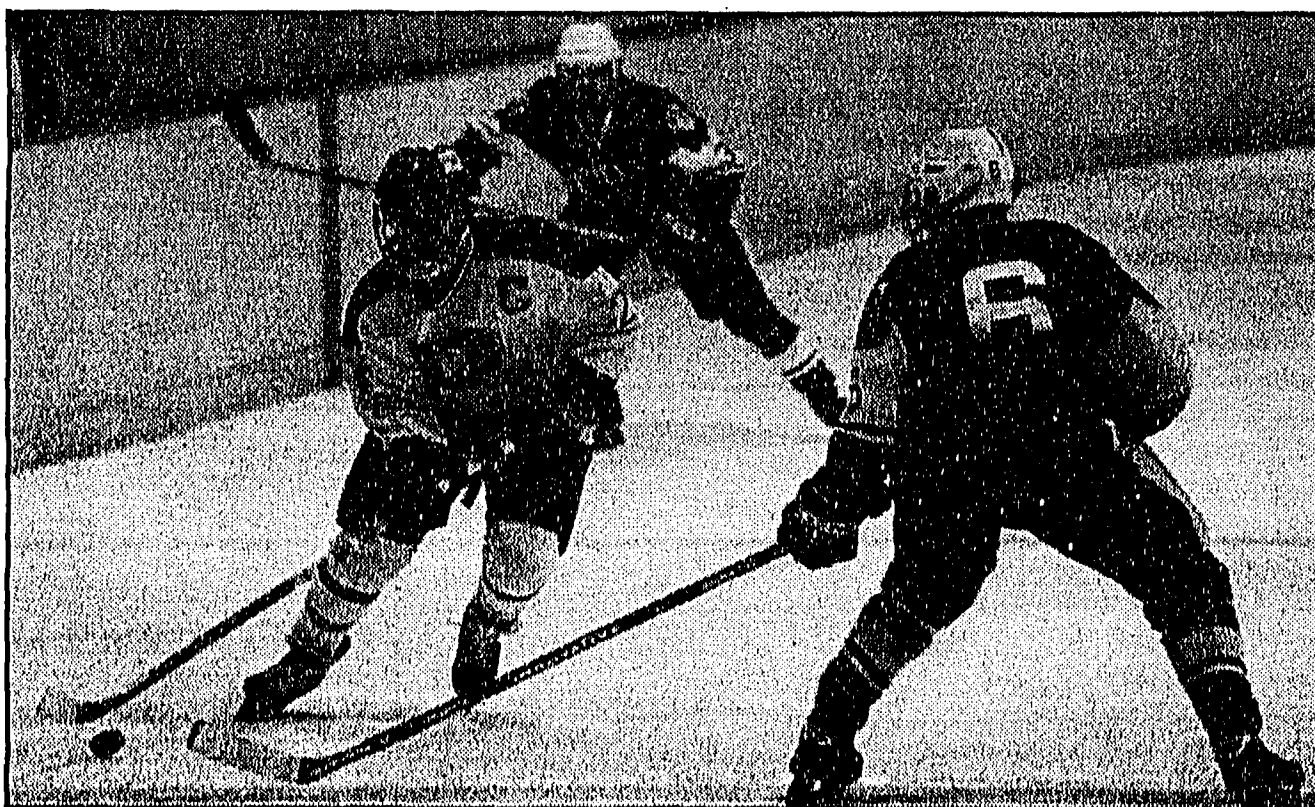
For many students on the Colby campus, Jan Plan represents a new beginning. First semester classes are a distant memory and the forgiving schedule allows students to relax and just have fun.

That is exactly what the Colby men's hockey team did during the month of January. After losing to Plattsburgh St. 5-1 in their first game of the new year and watching their record drop to 4-4, the Mules launched on an eight game unbeaten streak and returned as a dominant power in the ECAC.

Included in the 7-0-1 run was a convincing 5-1 win over arch rival Bowdoin in front of a full house at Alford Arena. This season marks the first time since the 1967-68 campaign that the Mules have swept their in-state rivals in the two regular season match-ups.

"I felt that every team we played against in the month of January were teams we could compete with [and beat]," said Head Coach Jim Tortorella. "The whole month was a positive."

However, all good things must come to an end and Colby's rise to the top came to an abrupt halt this past weekend. The Mules



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

Captain Todd McGovern '97 attacks in Colby's 4-3 loss to Middlebury.

played host to two of the top Division III teams in the country, Norwich Academy and Middlebury. The Panthers beat the Mules in the opening round of the NCAAs a year ago as the first step in their climb to the National

Championship.

Colby fell behind early in its game against Norwich, but a Jody Eidt '97 shorthanded goal late in the second period cut the visitors' lead to 3-2. Norwich soon answered with a

goal of its own and added another before the period was over as it sailed to a 8-3 victory.

"I think in the Norwich game we struggled a little bit in goal and [that] didn't give us a chance to win," said Tortorella.

The Mules, now trying to avoid a sweep, faced off against the Panthers the following afternoon. Thanks in large part to the goaltending of Scott Bonnell '98, Colby trailed by only one goal after two periods. Jody Eidt '97 tied the game at 2-2 with a high wrist shot into the upper left hand corner of the net with five minutes gone in the third period.

With approximately ten minutes left in the game, Colby took a 3-2 lead with a power play goal. Nick Lamia '97 skated in from the point and converted a Darren Blauert '97 pass to put the Mules on top.

As was typical of the weekend however, things didn't go Colby's way for long. The Panthers swatted in a bouncing puck to tie the game and then scored again a minute later to take a 4-3 lead.

Colby continued to apply pressure and nearly tied the game with under a minute remaining, but Dan Laverne's '97 shot hit the crossbar and the Mules found themselves on the short end of a one goal game for the see **HOCKEY** on page 16