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HERE'S OUR BEEF, STUDENT ASSOCIATION! Gripe nights bring range of student comments to forefront

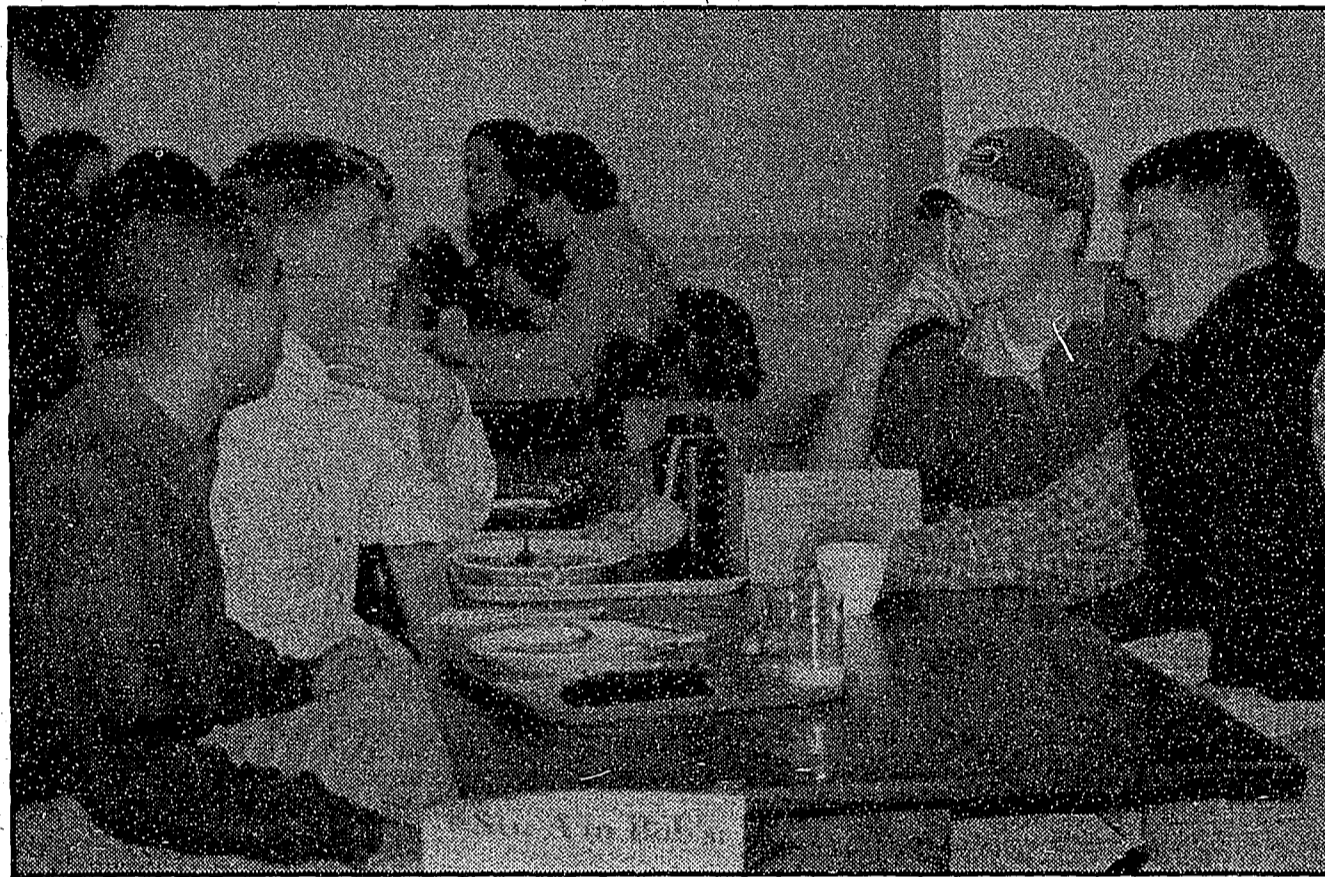
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In an effort to serve as a link between Colby students and the administration in the final months of the 1996-97 school year, Student Association (Stu-A) President Joshua Woodfork '97 and Vice-President Graham Nelson '98 have initiated a series of "gripe nights" to hear the concerns of the student-body.

"We want to find out if there are any last requests for this year... Now that we (Stu-A) have really gotten into the flow of the semester, we really want to know from students which issues to press," said Woodfork.

The first in the series of gripe nights was held in Roberts Union on Monday, February 17, where Woodfork and Nelson were able to hear the complaints and suggestions of thirty-six students. The second night, last Wednesday, took place in the street of the library and prompted 106 students to comment on everything from dining services, to the alcohol policy, to the agendas and roles of Deans.

Many of the students' complaints pertained to off-campus relations at Colby. These included issues such as fees and freedoms for those seniors residing off-campus, as well as concerns about Colby's social life being more heavily concentrated away from Mayflower



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

Student Association Pres. Joshua Woodfork '97 and VP Graham Nelson '98 meet with (l-r) Ryan Waller '99 and Kevin Soja '98 last Tuesday in Bob's.

Hill.

Several students also appealed for a more lenient alcohol policy, including more Student Center events as well as an increase in lounge keg parties. Many respondents ex-

pressed concerns that while the rule requiring a 21-year-old party host to undergo training was important, a fear loomed that the responsibility put on this individual may be too severe. Others yearned for a less ambig-

ous differentiation between what constitutes a "party" as opposed to a "social gathering." Students expressed overwhelming elation for the student-faculty ratio as well as the high-quality of professors at Colby, although one individual commented that advisors were not always readily available.

Still, students touted the implementation of the faculty tutorial seminars, a new project enabling students to earn a non-graded credit for reading and participating in the dorm groups.

Other suggestions ranged from including Baked Lays potato chips in vending machines around campus and providing more orange juice in Dana Dining Hall, to discontentment with parking policies and accusations that Deans are not consistent with their punishments and may not be best representing the students.

One student referred to the Judicial Review Board (J-board) as a "joke." Others shunned Colby's lack of diversity among its student-body populous.

A common complaint expressed was dissatisfaction with Colby's textbook return policy, with students citing high prices and low exchange rates as unfair.

This plethora of feedback has left Woodfork busy, but excited. "I'm psyched that it's gone so well... Our job is to act as the see **GRIBE NIGHT** on page 8"

Combatting plagiarism at Colby . . . or not?

BY RENEE LAJEUNESSE
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Although some of us at Colby are aware that a student has been suspended for the second semester due to plagiarism, many students may remain uncertain of the College policies toward this form of academic dishonesty, the consequences and who decides upon them, how much Colby does to combat plagiarism as well as how Colby's policies compare with those of our rival colleges, Bates and Bowdoin.

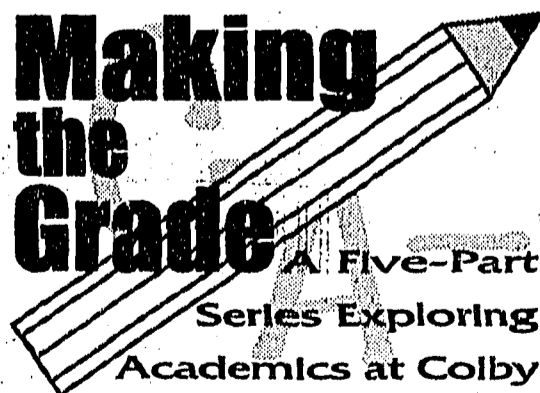
The Colby Student Handbook says that plagiarism "covers a wide spectrum of dishonest uses of the products of another's intellectual labor." These include the apparent copying of someone else's work (from a book or another student) and passing it off as your own, the paraphrasing, summarizing or adopting of occasional phrases from another writer without giving credit to the source and the following of another's reasoning without indicating the source of that thought process. Recognizing that both students and faculty are responsible for the maintenance of academic integrity, the Handbook recommends that all cases of academic dishonesty

be reported to faculty members in charge, that students be confronted personally by faculty members whenever suspected and that all confirmed instances be reported to the dean of students routinely.

"I really hope that professors define what collaboration is acceptable and what is not," said Associate Dean of Students Mark Serdjenian.

Serdjenian said that consequences for the first offense of plagiarism are usually left up to the specific instructor, who will generally fail the student on the test or paper in question. This grade of 'F' often times causes the student to fail the whole course. The instructor will report the case to the department chair and the dean of students, who may choose to impose additional penalties, along with filing the report for future reference.

According to the Handbook, "A second offense (of plagiarism) automatically leads to suspension or expulsion." The student in question does not face a specific board, because a Dean's Hearing, without any student input, will automatically dismiss him or her, said Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur. McArthur also confirmed that



Is Colby's concert policy really music to our ears? Money, off-campus advertising, tickets handled by more people than you think

BY KATIE QUACKENBUSH
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To the average student, concerts may not appear to be a very complicated production. After all, a quick jaunt to the Student Center and a few bucks are all we need to see great show after great show. Not any more.

Recently, students have begun to voice concern over concerts, or the lack thereof, on campus. Students have also complained about the crowds that seem to be attending these concerts on Mayflower Hill. For example, there was a general acknowledgment following this month's Strangefolk concert that a number of unfamiliar faces were in the crowd, those of people not associated with Colby. Along with the question of who attends Colby concerts come a host of other inquiries into how concerts at Colby work.

Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Activities Ben Jorgensen said that although no off-campus advertising had been financed by the College for the Strangefolk concert, the upcoming Jewel concert is being handled somewhat differently. Because of the approximated size of the audience and popularity of the artist, around 2600 tickets are being sold, with the concert open and advertised to the public. Jorgensen described the off-campus advertising as a co-promotion with the popular Maine radio station 92

Moose. Student Association (Stu-A) Social Chair Chris Sullivan '97, elaborated on this point, saying that 92 Moose was running an ad for the concert and was allotted 50 tickets to give away as promotion items. Colby's radio station WMHB is also involved in advertising the show.

Jorgensen said that 600 tickets are being reserved for Colby students. "We're really trying to give Colby students the first chance [to buy tickets] since the tickets have gone on sale," said Jorgensen. The general admission tickets for the Jewel concert were almost all sold out by last week and except for the tickets being offered by 92 Moose, the only tickets left are available to Colby students.

Sullivan said that very little advertising has been done on campus because "the show is selling itself." He had originally ordered posters from Eustis at the end of January, but since they were not ready and the ticket sales had been going so well, Sullivan decided to cancel the order.

Stu-A had the authority of deciding the ticket distribution for the Jewel concert, but the upcoming Indigo Girls concert scheduled for April 13 will be handled somewhat differently. According to Sullivan, due to the group's promoter, Stu-A will not decide how many tickets will be reserved for Colby. Tentatively, however, it has been arranged for 800 tickets to be allotted for student purchase. □



News Briefs

Suspicious man on campus

A suspicious individual was seen in and around campus dormitories on Monday night. According to Assistant Director of Security Dan Benner, the individual wearing a ski mask entered the women's bathroom on the third floor of the Heights some time between 9:30 and 10 p.m. on Monday evening. Within a half an hour, the same individual exposed himself to students in the Leonard lounge. Security investigated the complaints and searched the area.

Security issued an advisory as part of their standard procedure. Benner stated that the advisories were posted to urge students "to be alert and more cautious in dormitory areas."

Waterville police are investigating the complaint and, according to Benner, have several suspects. Witnesses have come forward to help police in their investigation. Anyone who see suspicious behavior or a man fitting the description should contact security immediately (x3345).

The advisory describes the perpetrator "as a white male, 5'10, stocky build, 190-210 pounds. He has short, curly, dirty blonde hair and a mustache." (JS)

East Quad art auction to benefit local student

East Quad is sponsoring an art auction and is looking for students' photos, paintings, drawings and other creative artworks. The proceeds of the auction, which will occur in mid-March, will help establish a scholarship for a college-bound Waterville High School student. If you are interested in donating, please contact Adam at x4946.(RL)

Professor James Boylan's novel to reach stage stardom

Colby's own Professor of English James Boylan, was to have his first novel, *The Planets*, premiered as a play at the Bailwick Theatre in Chicago on February 23. The novel has been adapted for the stage by a Northwestern University drama professor, and will be presented by the Roadworks Theatre company. The New York *Observer* recently named Boylan one of America's "20 best novelists under 40." (RL)

Black History Month

This week concludes this year's celebration of Black History Month at Colby. The theme of this year's program addressed problems and conflicts facing African American men in contemporary society. The lecture and discussion series was entitled "The Souls of Black Men: Crises, Challenges and Commitments."

Today, February 27, is the last day for scheduled events pertaining to the celebration of Black History Month. At 12:30pm, Krin Gabbard, a professor of contemporary studies at State University of New York at Stony Brook, will deliver the lecture "Black and Tan Fantasies: Race in Hollywood Jazz Films," in Bixler 154. Gabbard is author of the novel "Jazz and the American Cinema."

This evening, at 7:30pm, Gabbard will also be featured in Given Auditorium, delivering a lecture titled "Eastwood's Body, Hartman's Voice: Music and Masculinity in The Bridges of Madison County." Both events are open to the public and are free of charge. (AM)

Actor, artist, athlete addresses color conflict in American society



Echo photo by Emily Zlatin
Dr. Bernie Casey spoke about racism in the Pugh Center.

BY AMY MONTEMERLO
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Where did racism originate? How is it portrayed in today's society? How can racism be avoided, or more importantly, abolished? On Sunday evening, February 23, a small group of students and other members of the Colby community gathered in the Pugh Center to learn more about this topic and address these concerns.

Dr. Bernie Casey, a well known and respected actor, artist and former professional football player, spoke as a part of the continuing lecture and event series commemorating Black History Month. Casey is perhaps best known for his athletic career, as a former first round draft pick for the San Francisco 49ers, and a Pro Bowl selection. Casey, however, has also appeared in over 40 television programs and films,

including "Another 48 Hours," "Roots," and "Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored." An accomplished artist, Casey's works have been displayed in galleries across the country, including the California Museum of African American Art.

Casey began his speech with a commentary on the perceived racial mentality of the nation as a whole, establishing color conflict and gender crisis as currently the most pressing issues in the United States. These social dilemmas, according to Casey, are all based on one's perception of other human beings. He feels that "we, as a nation, are so separated in our attitudes and our information that it makes us reluctant to tell the truth, so that we, as people of color...we tend to not seek a real common ground." In the strive for political correctness, Americans are actually denying the need to address racism and sexism in a meaningful way. Casey stressed the need for people to seek a "common ground on which to address this malady (racism)."

Casey also addressed the phenomena of social and racial misperception, which he said originated in the history of the African slave trade. He approached the issue with a vivid description of a recent trip to Senegal in which he encountered evidence of the abusive and degrading experiences of African slaves. The institution of slavery condoned the dehumanization of African Americans, he said.

Casey related this injustice to the "mental apartheid" which ex-

ists in modern day society. Society, according to Casey, continues to misinterpret African American men and women. He feels that historically, "white people despise black people, they always have." Casey continued on this idea, stating that the souls of young black men will always carry the history of oppression and abuse with them throughout their lives. He considers this fact "a malady that is so distressing...it spills over into everything we do."

Casey continued to stress the issue of "mental apartheid" by citing the O.J. Simpson murder trial as an illustrative example. He feels that this trial "was all about race...the component that created the lure and interest was color and race." He questioned whether the level of public interest in this case would have been the same if the situation had occurred between two members of the same race.

Casey concluded his lecture by offering the audience advice on how to approach and address racial issues. He feels that "the most honest thing you can do is sit down and talk about how you really feel." He elaborated, stating that "engaging in honest discourse is the only way to expand and have value as a human being." Casey addressed the nature and advantages of a culturally and racially diverse education. In order to become a truly diversified individual, he concluded, one needs to achieve an "elevated," or a true, self. It is only through this individual process that America will become a tolerant society. □

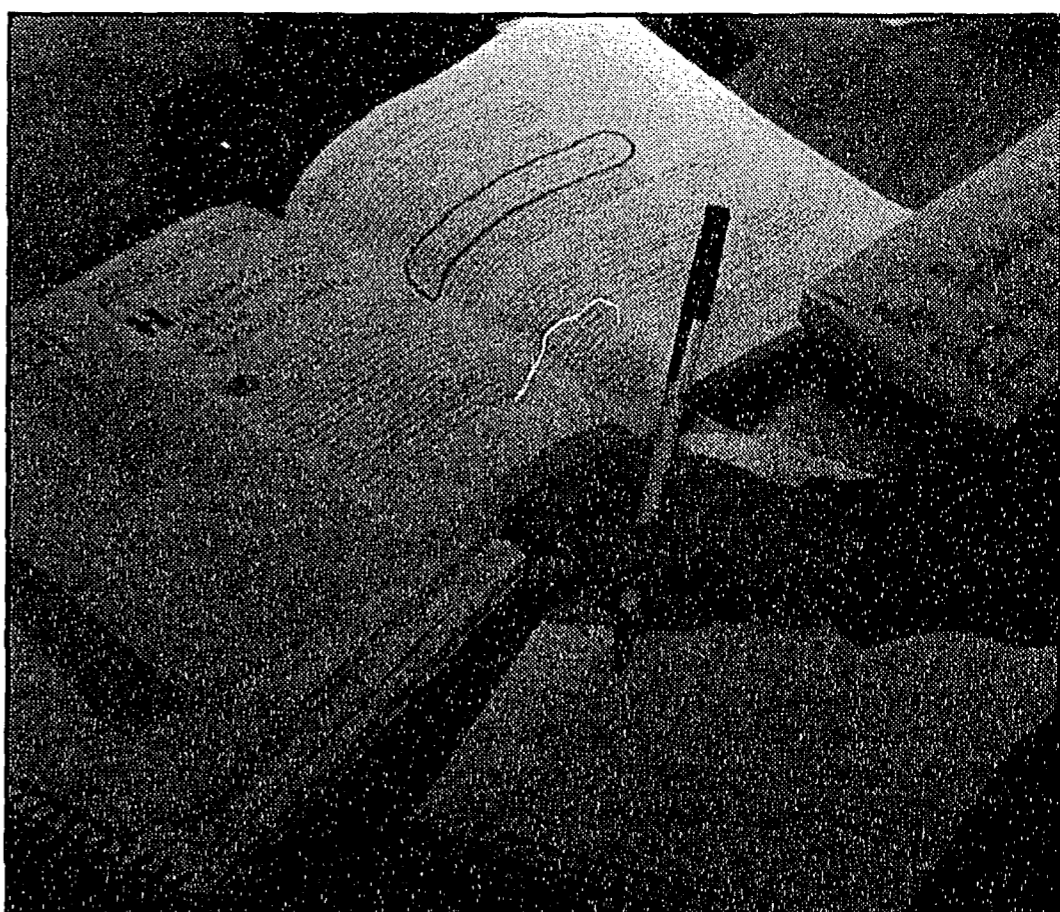
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any student can appeal the charge and go in front of the Appeals Board, which consists of four faculty members and four students, within a week of notification. The decision of the Appeals Board is final and can only be overruled by the president of the College.

When asked about the role of the English department in educating students about the faulty use of information which leads to plagiarism, McArthur said, "The instructors in English 115 are expected to include [plagiarism] in their course... It is important that there is a clear understanding of what plagiarism is."

Chair of the English Department Cedric Bryant explained that there are no set requirements about the length of time spent covering plagiarism in classes, "just simply that it be a part of the English 115 curriculum," he said. There is a pamphlet which all English 115 instructors are supposed to give to their students called, "Avoiding Unintentional Plagiarism" which cites five basic examples for paraphrasing, summarizing and citing. Beyond 115, Bryant assumes that instructors will speak on the subject individually or to the class on an as-needed basis. However, Professor of English and American Studies Charles Bassett brings up the point that many first-year students do not take English 115 during their first semester, while still others test out of the requirement through Advanced Placement scores.

How do Colby's policies and consequences regarding plagiarism compare with those of Bates and Bowdoin? According to Mary Gabel, Secretary Office Manager in



Echo photo by Melanie Guryansky

If you think it may not hurt to copy just a little bit ... think before you plagiarize.

the Dean of Students Office at Bates, a statement and a guide explaining plagiarism is given to every student at the beginning of each academic year. She is unaware of a policy which details the teaching of the wrongs of plagiarism in any classes, saying that it is up to the instructors to do so themselves.

In terms of consequences, Grabel explained that she does not believe there are any specific, set actions to be taken against students caught plagiarizing, for "there is a whole gamut of possible consequences," she said.

Bowdoin, on the other hand, has an Academic Honor Code which includes plagiarism in its content. According to Bowdoin College policies,

all students are under obligation to read the manual *Sources: Their Use and Acknowledgment*, which is provided to all students. The Judicial Board, which is authorized by the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs to hear possible conduct violations, such as plagiarism, and render academic decisions, consists of four students and two faculty members.

No matter which college a student is at, the advice of Colby professor Charles Bassett should protect anyone from this often ambiguous and misunderstood form of academic dishonesty. He advises students to play it safe, be fair and "If you have doubts, then credit the source... Give credit where credit is due." □



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Spotlight addresses definition of "race music"

BY JENNIFER-JO
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The third in what has been a successful Spotlight Lecture series for the spring semester did not disappoint the crowd in the Page Commons Room on February 13. Professor Guy Ramsey, a Fellow of the W.E.B. DuBois Institute at Harvard University, captivated the audience with his speech and entertained listeners with his superior piano playing.

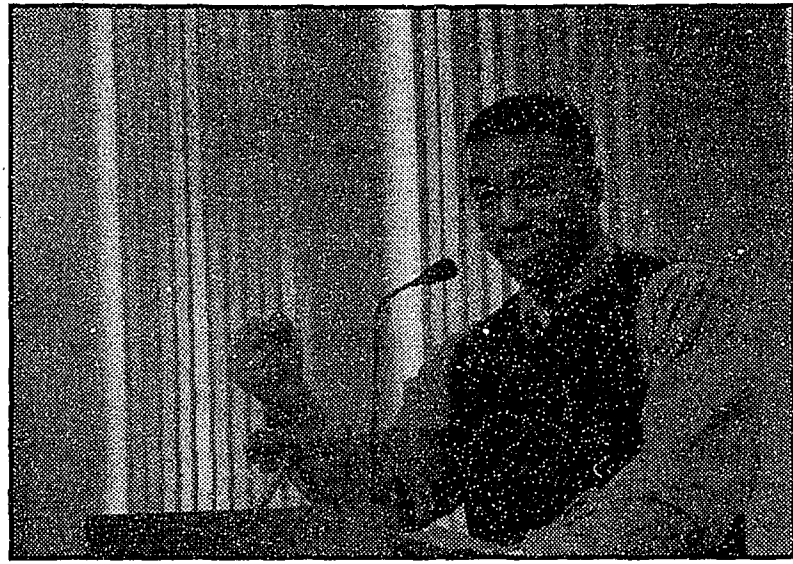
Ramsey read excerpts from his forthcoming book, "Race Music: Post World War II Music from Bebop to Hip-hop." He related his childhood experiences growing up in Chicago to his relationship with jazz music today, explaining that jazz was central to many of his family gatherings and communal celebrations. As a child growing up in the "black belt" of Chicago, Ramsey encountered race music everyday.

"Race music," Ramsey said, "is not limited to ethnicity." According to Ramsey, as listeners, we can de-

rive what we want from the music; it is not dependent on age, social status or race.

lecture, Ramsey told these stories with such passion and emotion that it was not difficult for the listeners to conjure intricate and detailed images in their minds, as if they had been there themselves.

Ramsey shared with the crowd the adventures he used to have in the bars and nightclubs where he used to play, and disagreed with a comment he was told by a professor in



Echo photo by Nathan Curtis

Professor Guy Ramsey read excerpts from his book "Race Music: Post WWII Music from Bebop to Hip-hop."

Local culture, from Ramsey's viewpoint, has been kept alive through traditions. He told of the many parties his family used to have, with members of the extended family gathering in the house to dance, sing and enjoy the moment. According to one audience member at the

graduate school concerning jazz's being an art only for listening, not dancing. Following a reading from his upcoming book, Ramsey and members of the Colby gospel choir in the audience thoroughly entertained the crowd with an impromptu performance. □

Environmental Coalition to reduce junk mail on campus

BY BROOK ERAPPIER
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At the last Presidents' Council meeting on February 12, Michael Farrell '00, spoke on behalf of the Environmental Council requesting their support in actions to eliminate the huge amount of waste that befalls Colby every week in the form of mail order catalogues. These catalogues, such as L.L. Bean, Victoria's Secret, and J. Crew, are delivered to Colby by third or fourth class mail. To put them in individual student boxes it would impede the first and second class mail from being delivered on time.

Due to this delay, the President's Council voted to discontinue the

delivery of this bulk mail to individual boxes a few years ago.

Presently, these catalogues, which come in shipments as large as 2000 items, with a total weight of close to 360 pounds, are recycled, excluding a single bundle which is placed on the bulk mail shelf in the Student Center. The Environmental Council, therefore, finds it wasteful to continue these large shipments of catalogues when the majority of them are not being picked up.

The Environmental Council is asking for students to cooperate with their plans for reducing this waste in two ways. The first would be for students to call the catalogue companies which they receive shipments from and request that they send them first or second class. The

second, more favorable suggestion, is to have the catalogues sent to home addresses and then forwarded first or second class to Colby.

All but one of the Presidents' Council members voted in support of these designs to reduce the vast amount of waste caused by these mailings. The lone dissenter, Brett Chardavoyne '97, the off-campus representative to the council, felt that the Environmental Council "did not offer an alternative plan for the public use of the catalogs" which are usually available for students on the bulk mail shelf on a first come, first served basis. Nevertheless, the Environmental Council is currently involved in the process of eliminating this extra waste. □

Administration explains how staffing cap fits in a liberal arts education

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Colby's small college appeal has much to do with the availability of teachers to students for conference and special attention. The one-on-one relationship that can develop between student and teacher is what attracts most students to a small liberal arts schools. Unlike larger universities, the student-teacher ratio is reasonable at Colby; it is ten students for every one faculty member.

According to President Cotter, a staffing cap has been enacted now that the College has reached its goal of a ten-to-one ratio. This goal was the result of a five-year plan geared to establish this ratio. After the goal was met, the College ceased to add members to the total number of the faculty. Therefore, new faculty will only be hired if another member retires, resigns or takes leave. An exception to this staffing cap applies if the College receives an endowment in a certain field or needs temporary faculty in a department.

The Board of Trustees and President Cotter ultimately made the decision to curb hiring additional fac-

ulty after reaching the desired ratio. According to Dean of Faculty McArthur, Colby has had the ability to increase faculty numbers for fifteen years. Now that the target faculty growth has been achieved, the College wishes to keep the number of faculty steady. With a small student teacher ratio, classes are smaller, more programs are available and improvements in majors and minors are possible. No new hiring of faculty means no additional expenses, and no huge tuition increases.

President Cotter stated, "We are lucky at Colby that we have not had to reduce the staff- many colleges must decrease faculty, which means a loss of courses." According to Cotter, a major reason for the hiring cap is to reduce pressures on the tuition at Colby by controlling expenses. "There are limits to the size of Colby's expenses. The staffing cap keeps it under control."

The hiring cap should not have any affects on the quality of the Colby student's education. Cotter states that it should not stagnate the hiring of fresh minded teachers. If there is an opening in one department for a new professor, the Board of Trustees, Cotter, and McArthur meet with the four division chairs to decide whether

the open position should be transferred to another department. With the staffing cap, if a department has a retiree, it is the College's decision if that opening should be reassigned to an area with a greater need of faculty. This renewal issue reflects the interests of students and the popularity of major- thus the resources can be shifted elsewhere. "It is difficult to make decisions concerning the transfer of a department opening," stated McArthur. He also emphasizes the need to respond to the clear need and interest of the students and the campus as a whole.

There are 175 teaching faculty members at Colby, not including administrative jobs. As a small college, Colby is sensitive to the academic needs of students and try to meet them through the faculty. "A college like Colby is obviously limited to what we can offer. A larger university will have more courses and majors to choose from. We can't duplicate this- we chose the areas that are supported by student interest," stated McArthur. According to McArthur, finding a balance between the student needs for faculty and the budget is a challenge that requires much consideration. □

World News

Man injures six and kills one in shooting spree on Empire State Building

On Sunday, February 23, a man smuggled a .380 Beretta automatic handgun to the top of the Empire State Building in New York City and went on a shooting spree, injuring six people and killing one. The shooting happened on the 86th floor Observation Deck. The Building has no metal detectors, which possibly could have prevented the shootings. The man, Ali Hassan Abu Kamal, was apparently distraught over the loss of his \$300,000 life savings, and, after spraying bullets, he turned the gun on himself. Despite his being from the West Bank, officials do not believe there is any terrorist connection with the Palestinians.

U.S. Secretary of State talks over human rights with the Chinese

Secretary of State Madeline Albright made her way to China on Monday in an attempt to reduce human rights abuses by the Chinese government. Albright pleaded for both better treatment for political prisoners and for the arresting of arms shipments containing missiles and chemical weapons. Albright also wanted China to commit to signing a United Nations covenant on human rights, release up to eight political prisoners, and begin talks with the International Red Cross. Despite the fact that the United States reaffirmed China's trade privileges, Clinton officials have warned that if the Chinese government does not heed its warnings, the US might join with Western Europe in publicly criticizing China's human rights records. Talks will again be held in mid March, and Vice President Gore is heading to the country next month as well.

FDA approves "Morning After Pill"

The controversial "Morning After Pill" recently won approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). According to the Administration, "the government has declared that high doses of ordinary birth control pills taken soon after unprotected sex is a good way to prevent pregnancy." In the published report, the FDA cited six manufacturers who produce pills appropriate for the procedure. Two to four pills (depending on the type of pill it is) are taken within 72 hours of sex. The same number is again taken 12 hours later, and this process prevents the fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus. According to the FDA study, this method will block pregnancy 75 percent of the time. Although this is the first time the US has acknowledged emergency procedures such as this, European women have been using the morning after pill for quite a while. If adopted, according to the Associated Press, this could prevent 2.3 million pregnancies, 1 million of which now end in abortion.

Fire in New Delhi claims at least 150 lives

A fire broke out in a town south of New Delhi, India this week. Over 150 people were killed, with rescue workers digging out bodies with shovels and pitchforks. The town of Baripeda was the location of worshippers who had gathered to bless the dead Hindu guru named Swami Nigamananda. A fire of unknown origin began and quickly spread over the thatched roofs of the town, and in the ensuing stampede many individuals may have perished by being crushed under fleeing worshippers. The fire and melee overwhelmed the two fire trucks and town workers, forcing rescue workers and firemen from surrounding cities to be called in.

Controversial AIDS advertisements removed

A bold new line of AIDS advertisements, including signs and billboards have caused a controversy which has led to their removal. One slogan, which reads "Prayers Won't Cure AIDS: Research Will", offended the populous in Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, and the signs are being taken down from Atlanta, Boston, San Francisco and New York as well. Mary Herring, marketing director for the Fort Worth Transportation Authority commented that "if you believe in the power of prayer, you don't want to see it discredited in a public way." Jesse Oliver, however, of the Dallas Transit Authority, stated that there was concern as well that the will of a small minority was causing censorship and imposing their beliefs on the majority. Nevertheless, it appears that this line of advertising will be disbanded.

Compiled by Melissa Gerbi from the February 24 New York Times.

The most important test you can take at Colby

BY ERIN M. DUGGAN
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The biggest threat to college students today is something we can not see, smell or taste. We will only feel the physical affects after it is too late.

The most disturbing aspect of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus is not that it can go undetected for years, but rather that despite the monumental increases in AIDS prevention education during the last decade, incidents of infection are being reported at the most alarming rate in the 18-25-year-old category. The most optimistic estimate puts the rate of infection for college students at 2 for every 1000, according to the Center of Disease Control in Atlanta. The rate for the general heterosexual population is 2 in every 10,000.

"How do you convince someone that something you can't see...will kill you?" asked Steven Garrity '84, one Colby graduate who has come to campus to talk about living with full-blown AIDS.

"I'm sure there are a lot of people at Colby who are HIV infected and they don't know it," Garrity said. "The people they're with don't know it."

Garrity said he didn't know it either, until it was too late. An AIDS activist when he was a student at Colby, Garrity cited his college years as the time when he most likely contracted the virus. Despite consistent efforts to practice safe sex, Garrity was diagnosed with full-blown AIDS a little over a year ago, when he became so ill he was hospitalized.

His resolve to practice safe sex lead Garrity to feel he had not risked exposure and did not need to get tested. He did not realize he had caught the disease early until it ravaged him more than a decade later.

"I was low-risk in a high-risk category," said Garrity. "I played safe, and I got it."

Last week Colby hosted Jody Hartley, an HIV-positive man who addressed the College on living with the virus. Hartley said he hopes his presence on campus will serve to help students who have never met an HIV-positive person comprehend the reality of the disease.

"I want people to understand how becoming positive can affect your life, 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Hartley. "With every breath you take, the way you think of yourself,

the way you think of your future — it changes everything."

Hartley, now 27, contracted the virus when he was 14. His first sexual experience was not consensual, and he soon realized the man who had raped him was HIV-positive. Because the incident happened in the early '80s, however, Hartley had to wait two years before an accurate test was available. He was 16 when he first tested positive for the HIV antibody.

"With no information and little understanding, people had a lot of fear," said Hartley, who was attending high school in Indiana at the time.

While the boom in reported cases in the late 1980s began the support of AIDS awareness and education, Hartley said he still thinks many people, regardless of age group, still do not fully understand the risks of the disease.

"There's a lot of awareness and everyone here on campus knows what AIDS is, but I don't think a lot of people truly understand in their hearts that it can become a reality," he said. "That's always difficult."

As hard as it is to accept the reality of AIDS as a risk, Hartley has seen, and openly talks about, the daily struggle of living day in and day out infected with the virus. Besides the financial strain his cocktail of medications costs each month (\$2,000), he must also struggle with their painful side effects. During his stay in the Pepper faculty apartment, Hartley was passing kidney stones and said other effects include headaches, dizziness, diarrhea and a host of other ailments that can last for weeks on end.

When asked what side-effects Garrity reported from his three-drug cocktail, he replied, "You name it. A whole litany, from top to bottom."

Still, said Hartley, the most difficult byproduct of the disease is often the effect it has on personal relationships, especially with someone new.

"It's amazing — I can stand up in front of 400 people and tell them that I have HIV," Hartley said, "but when I meet someone I'm really excited about, and I want to date them or be friends, it takes an incredible amount

of strength to be able to tell them. It's the hardest thing to do."

Of course, telling someone you have tested positive for the HIV antibody is only difficult if you know you have it. Even if you do not think you are at risk, case after case has been documented of seemingly "low-risk" people being exposed, and unintentionally spreading the disease to others. Doctors and patients agree that the only way to know for sure is to be tested.

"Statistically, if Colby is consistent with other schools, there would

be three or four students who are positive," according to the Health Center's Lydia Bouduc Marden, one of the five staff members at Colby who administer HIV

tests through the Health Center.

The tests, which are sent to the state from Colby and returned in two weeks, are confidential and are 99 percent accurate, said Marden. Even if someone broke into the test records, which are not included in a student's medical records, they could never figure out which number-coded tests belonged to which students, she said.

Prior to giving a blood sample, students or faculty wishing to be tested are given a 15 to 20-minute counseling session, where test administrators are required to ask a series of questions regarding health and risk factors, consistent with those asked at anonymous test sites, Marden said. Blood is taken, sent to the state lab and the patient returns for a follow up visit two weeks later to receive the results.

So far, Marden said, Colby has yet to return a positive test, a fact that puts no medical minds at ease considering last year only one-tenth of the student body was tested. The number is even smaller this year.

"Some students say they don't want to know," Marden began, when asked for her opinion on why the number of students being tested is so low. "They would rather hide in the cocoon of not knowing."

"It's fear," Physician Assistant Jim Woodley concluded when asked about the low numbers. "Fear that there's something wrong. It's the same

reason men don't come in for check-ups."

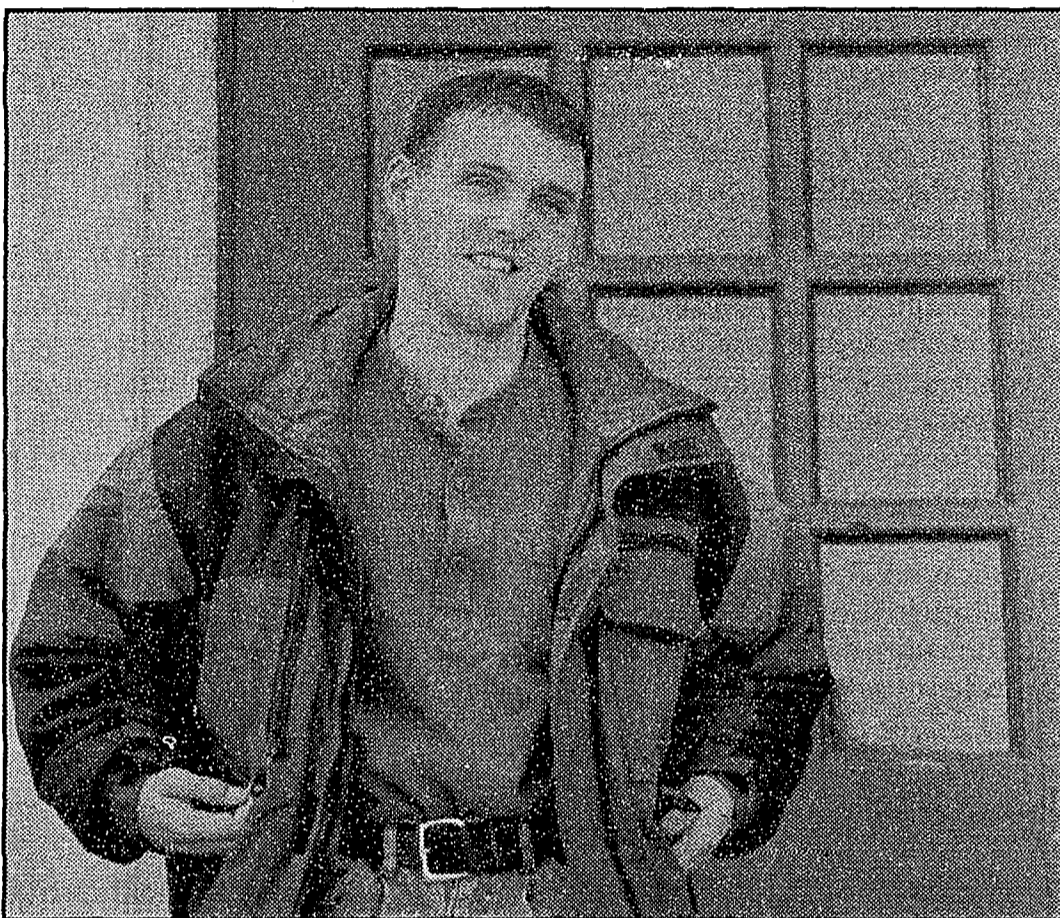
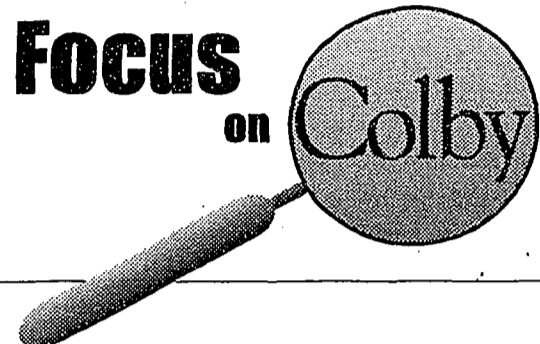
Fear and a belief that they aren't at risk were the prevailing answers students gave when asked for reasons to not take the HIV test.

One senior male considered giving blood an indirect test for HIV, and hasn't been re-tested. He said, "I probably should. I think it will come down to timing. I don't think I'm at risk, but [the test] really scares me."

"He personalized this disease," Fekete said of Hartley, who spoke to Fekete's Bacteriology and Immunology class last Tuesday. "He's young, he looks robust and healthy, yet he's a carrier of HIV and can transmit it."

Looks, as we know, can be deceiving.

"It's pretty scary to look around here and see such happy, healthy people going on with their every day lives," said Hartley as he ate lunch in



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

Jody Hartley was a temporary resident of Pepper last week as he visited with Colby students.

The two-week waiting period was referred to by several students as a source of anxiety. They said living in the limbo of uncertainty for that long was holding them back from being tested. While the Health Center has tried to shorten the wait, Marden said the two weeks were necessary to perform the separate tests that comprise the search for the HIV antibody in the blood. And wait or no wait, the results will be the same.

"It's the responsible thing to do if you're in a relationship," said Marden. "Even if you think you're not positive, it just takes one incident. No one looks positive...You might not even know it."

Professor of Biology Frank Fekete, a faculty member of Colby's AIDS Task Force, said Hartley's good, healthy looks were one reason the young man brought the reality of being HIV-positive close to home on Mayflower Hill.

the Spa, "and to think it could all stop. It's a lot to think about."

The fear of finding out an answer should not stop people from getting tested, said Garrity, because a positive result is not the death sentence it was ten years ago. Significant advances have been made in medications which greatly slow down the progression of HIV into full-blown AIDS.

"The difference is now there really are drugs that work," said Garrity. "Get tested early. There's the opportunity to possibly beat it."

Garrity used an analogy between AIDS and Alzheimer's to drive his point home.

"Would you want to get tested for Alzheimer's and know you're going to lose your mind in 20 years unless you knew there was something in the oven?" he asked. "Now there is for HIV."

see HIV/AIDS on page 8

One student tells his tale of testing...

One week ago I took one of the most frightening steps in my life, I went to get tested for HIV. It had taken me one year to make this decision.

I am a sexually active male considered "low risk" in regards to HIV. I've always had protected sex. However, the risk was still there. I needed to know if I was a risk to others, if I had to start treatment to combat HIV, and if I could make long-term plans.

The clinic I went to had free HIV testing. It was a hospital specialized in testing, treating, and counseling HIV and AIDS patients. I had to wait in the "Men's Waiting Area" for about two hours. I observed nervous men all around me either waiting for results, counseling, or testing.

I realized there was a mixture of social classes in the waiting room. Some men were dressed in nice suits while others had torn clothes.

There were men from various races and religions. I knew because I heard different types of prayers. The fact is HIV does not discriminate. It is a universal threat. After this scene, my picture of the world changed. We were all vulnerable human beings.

Suddenly my number was called and I went into a room with a physician. He asked me about my sexual life and then he took a blood sample. He told me to come back in five days to get my results.

As I was heading home, hundreds of thoughts passed through my mind. I guess I was preparing myself for both scenarios, HIV positive and HIV negative. The thoughts of being positive scared me. My biggest dream is to have a child. If I was positive, that dream would disappear. My family, academic, and social plans would have to be completely changed. My future would become an uncertain cloud. I could

not sleep for three nights and the fourth and fifth nights I had nightmares. I kept telling myself that in the future I would abstain, I would do volunteer work, and I would be a better person. Finally, the day to get my results came. Again, two hours waiting in the "Men's Waiting Area." I was sweating. I knew that one of the patients in front of me had just learned he was HIV positive. I was very scared. I told myself I would never go through this again. If I was HIV negative I would play it safe, one faithful partner and always use a condom. However, can you really trust someone else with your life.

I got my results. I was very proud of myself for the courage I had in getting tested. The HIV testing process made me evaluate and modify my behavior. I hope other students do the same. I think it's a difficult but necessary step!

Did you know? Important facts on HIV-AIDS

- AIDS is the leading cause of death among 25-44 year olds in the U.S. (many were infected when they were much younger).
- In nine U.S. cities, AIDS has become the leading cause of death in women of childbearing age.
- Someone is diagnosed with AIDS every 13 seconds in the U.S. Between 100 and 200 people are infected each day.
- HIV infection has occurred in a substantial number of women exposed only occasionally to semen from a single HIV infected male.
- 10 out of 17 women became infected through vaginal intercourse with one HIV infected male.
- Women, in general, have two children before they find out they are infected.
- In rural America, HIV/AIDS due to heterosexual transmission is increasing faster than in any other part of the country.
- Among sexually active teenagers, college students and health care workers nationwide, 60 percent of the heterosexual spread is among women.
- Besides the numerous HIV testing centers throughout Maine, confidential test are available through the Health Center for \$20.
- In an effort to encourage all members of the Colby community to get tested for HIV, the Students Association (Stu-A) has, through a donation to the Health Center, subsidized these tests. They are now available for \$10.
- A student anonymously subsidized tests for anyone who cannot afford the \$10. For those people, tests can be given free of charge.

Off the Hill

Amherst College
Amherst, MA

In a move sure to be the envy of any Colby student looking for a stable source of income, three freshmen have decided to purchase the Option. The Option is a student owned business responsible for selling used textbooks at Amherst. Sonali Duggal, one of the students seeking to invest in this lucrative opportunity, admitted that it's not a done deal yet. "At this point, we're not committed to anything." Their plans for the new business include creating "a bigger, cleaner selling space."

College of the Holy Cross
Worcester, MA

As of February 14, 1997, all halogen lamps had to be removed from all residence halls at the college. Students had used the lamps to compensate for an apparent lack of overhead lighting in their rooms. Holy Cross's decision follows the path of Boston College, Brown University, and Yale University, all of which have either experienced fires caused by halogen lamps or simply fear the threat of fire. To compensate, the college is offering to trade students a college owned lamp for their now illegal lighting units. Not all students are pleased with the changed. Sophomore Elizabeth Amoroso commented, "The replacement lamps are inadequate to light rooms. . . I feel that the Dean of Students Office should have given us more warning."

Oral Roberts University
Tulsa, OK

After as many as 40 students surrounded a local mosque and prayed for the Christian conversion of the worshippers, the university issued a letter of apology to the Muslim community. The Bible-toting students placed their hands against the building and prayed aloud, according to Mujeeb Cheema, chairman of the Islamic Society. The students dispersed peacefully after they were informed that they were one day too early for the Muslim holiday of Lailat ul-Qadr which marks the day Muhammad first received revelations from God.

compiled by Eric Sandler from various sources

Colby Environmental Coalition recharged for second semester

BY SHANA E. DUMONT
Contributing Writer

The Student Environmental Activists on the Colby campus are meeting once again, ready to begin working on their many plans for this semester. Among the projects planned for spring semester is a more extensive recycling system, which will collect used batteries and non-returnable plastics and creating an Environmental Chair on the Student Activities board. Sure to keep the students busy is an energy audit to measure campus overconsumption. Preparation for the Annual Earth Day festival in the spring is already in the works, as well as environmental education in local elementary schools. With a well-spring of activities, the semester should be a productive one for the club.

"What we're looking to do is some wild thing every month, to involve the student body," said Wendy Rice '99, the current president of the coalition. The first project to begin increasing student involvement is a petition to cancel the junk mail on campus, where everyone has the chance to refuse certain off and on-campus mail. "A couple of years ago, unread mail was collected into a huge heap by having everyone dump it in the fishbowl," Rice mentions. "Many people were amazed at how much paper accumulated within a week. This is one way we can inspire the students to

sign away junk mail this year."

Another thing the Environmental Coalition is considering is a machine that exchanges recyclable cans and bottles for cash. The Student Center is a tentative location, and it would be another incentive for students to recycle their cans.

Creating incentives is one responsibility that the Environmental Coalition wants to work on. Many

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-Wendy Rice '99

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trash cans are full of cans and paper, although bins for both of these recyclable items are readily available on campus. "It is a combination of raising awareness, and making it relatively easy," said the coalition's faculty advisor, Asst. Professor of Government Beth DeSombre. The overall goal is to increase the amount of habitual recyclers on the Colby campus.

Professor DeSombre said she is impressed by the student concern exhibited so far this semester, and also noted the growing interest in environmental education. Over 35

students have volunteered to go to community elementary schools and teach first and second-graders about the environment for one hour every week. This crowd is considerable compared to recent semesters, which have been successful, although smaller.

The club's community outreach chair, Beth Dunphe '99, is trying to expand the program to more schools, because there are more students than can be placed in last semester's slots. This is an example of how the club ties the community to the Colby campus, and raises awareness about the environment. The grand finale of this outreach project is the Earth Day festival, which was held on the Dana lawn last spring, in conjunction with Foss Arts.

Planning is already underway for this year's Earth Day, which seeks to involve youth from the Waterville area. Those children who participated in environmental education may get a chance to be a part of the fair this year, by demonstrating what they learned in class with the Colby student volunteers.

There is a lot to look for, everything from more ways to recycle to petitions supporting relevant environmental causes. The community's youth and much of our student body are helping to charge the Colby Environmental Coalition this spring. There are many ways to become involved, and current members strongly encourage anyone with interest to show their support. □

Think about STDs

BY ALEX HOWARD
Staff Writer

HIV infection is generally the issue of greatest concern to college students who are sexually active. However, while we have been extremely concerned with HIV, other sexually transmitted diseases (STD) have been swept under the rug. As a result of HIV, many students use condoms as protection, which help to prevent the contraction of other diseases. At the risk of reiterating any high school sex education courses that you might have had, the diseases that you should be aware of are listed below.

Genital herpes. This is a rather nasty one, because like HIV, once you contract it, you have it for life. While no symptoms may occur, this disease is characterized by swelling, pain, itching and burning around the genitals. Small red blisters may form as well and a burning sensation while urinating may occur. The latter sign is a general warning that you may have contracted a STD. While drugs exist that may stop the production of viral bodies, there is at present no cure.

Chlamydia, an infection resulting from bacteria, is another STD that is fairly common on college campuses. Untreated, it has the potential to cause infertility in both men and women. While most people report no symptoms, pain or discharge during urination may occur, as well as the possibility of abdominal or testicular pain.

Human papillomavirus, or HPV, describes a large family of viruses, of which about a third cause genital

warts, which occur in the form of small hard spots or growths. A precancerous condition may also occur in a small number of cases, usually located on the cervix.

Gonorrhea, another bacterially caused agent, is the most often reported STD in the US, with over 1 million cases reported each year. Without treatment, this disease can cause arthritis, dermatitis, heart problems and reproductive complications in both sexes. Symptoms usually consist of discharge from the penis or vagina, often accompanied by pain during urination, although, again, no symptoms may occur.

Syphilis is another bacterially caused agent and also has severe consequences if left untreated. In its third and final stage, it can result in disability or even death. Three weeks after exposure, a chancre, or sore, will commonly appear in the genital area, although it may occur anywhere intimate contact has occurred. Secondary symptoms occur six to eight weeks after exposure and may appear in the form of swollen lymph nodes, skin rash, hair loss or flu-like symptoms.

Pubic lice, although less dangerous, can cause intense itching and can be transmitted through infested clothing or linens as well as sexual contact. While crabs may be easily treated, all clothing and bedding must be sterilized during the process.

While many of these STDs are treatable, some like herpes, will stick with the individual for life. Antibiotics work as an excellent "magic bullet" for STD on page 8

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Building a bridge towards respect

BY LAUREN A. ROTHMAN
Contributing Writer

A club that is open to anyone. An aura that makes you feel comfortable. Anyone is always invited and everyone would love it if you would come.

The Bridge was founded in 1984 as Colby's gay-straight alliance. They are an organization that formed to bring together people that questioned their sexuality. Today the Bridge is for everyone. They do not cater solely to lesbians, gays, bisexuals or transgendered (LGBT). This myth is the first that Bridge members aim to destroy.

According to executive board member Kyle Potter '99, "the Bridge should create something that is a community, a support group, that raises awareness about important issues."

Executive board members Potter, Kristi Straus '98, Rachel Simon '99, and Paul Berube '00 expressed that a primary goal of the Bridge is to educate the surrounding community and raise awareness about social issues concerning sexuality. They like to organize campus wide events such as Coming Out Week (October 7-11) and movie nights that

aim to generate high turnouts.

The Bridge offers a safe place both for people who want to come out and people who already have. Moreover, the Bridge offers a comfortable room in the Pugh Center in which people can discuss topics ranging from how they feel about sex to what they think about the food at Foss. The Bridge is a place where people get to know one another and simply hang out.

According to Straus, the gay community at Colby is probably larger than most people think. A significant percentage of them may not even be involved with the Bridge. This is OK with the students who are already involved. There is support for people in more than one place. Colby is sometimes a hard place for people of minority groups and it is important to provide an outlet for people to voice their frustrations. Minority groups can be racial, ethnic, sexual, religious or geographic. Members of the Bridge form an extremely dynamic and diverse group.

Last semester the Bridge offered a variety of activities. In December they launched their web page (<http://www.colby.edu/bridge/>) and in January they had an Open House attended by almost 50 people. This

semester they plan to do even more. A major event will be Pride Week (April 6-12) and the Bridge is planning to kick off the week with a candlelight vigil, and later offer gay marriage and bisexuality workshops. They are also co-sponsoring author George Chaunce and showing movies. The Bridge will conclude the week with a dance and then to top it all off, the Indigo Girls, longtime supporters of the gay and lesbian community, will be performing.

Members of the Bridge said they are striving for an environment at Colby that is inclusionary. As time passes, hopefully, all minority groups will win the battle against marginalization.

Every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Bridge room (Pugh Center) a group of 10-15 people meet for the sole purpose of talking. For students who would rather not attend public meetings, there is a confidential support group (call Jan Munroe at x3399 or e-mail j_munroe) on campus. This is a unique world. A world in which the color of your skin isn't important, no one cares how well you do academically, clothes don't define your personality, and your sexual orientation does not define your identity. Go hang out at this place where you can just be you. □

OUT TO LUNCH

Earl Smith tells all

BY ERIC SANDLER
Features Editor

Joining me in the hushed confines of Bob's this week is Dean of the College Earl Smith. Dean Smith and I had an extremely pleasant conversation that touched on current issues on Mayflower Hill and his outlook on what the future holds for us happy students.

First of all, Smith observed how much the College has grown. When he arrived in 1962, Colby was a regional school just beginning to develop a national reputation. Now, he considers Colby to be an extremely attractive college option for any student. "We've gone by Bowdoin," Dean Smith observed as he

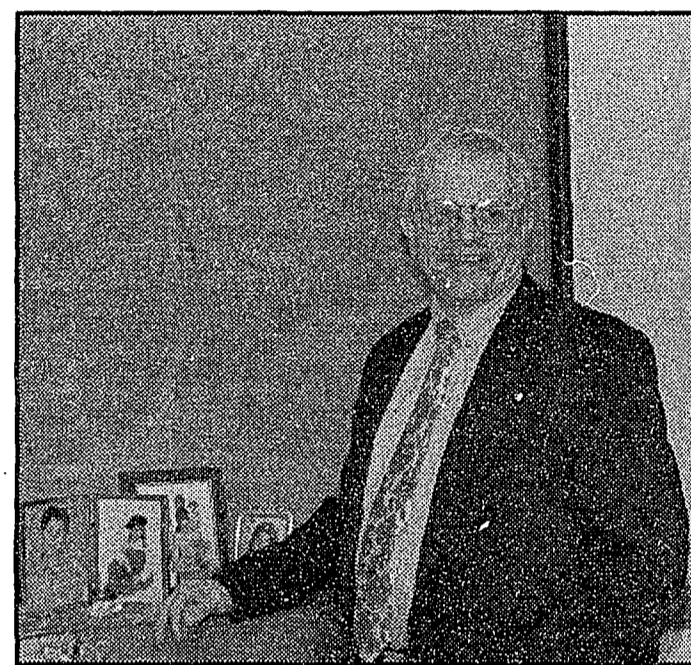
commented on the both the quality of the facilities and the faculty. "The things we're doing in Student Services ... [its] hard to find [another college] where students are more involved in self-governance."

Smith sees the College trying to develop a reputation on the level of Williams or Amherst. In his opinion, changes such as the new alcohol policy are appropriate steps in that direction. "We will never stop talking about alcohol, nor should we," Smith said.

Despite the protests some students have raised, Smith observed that student complaints motivated the Commission. "It was just very hard for students to say, 'I don't like that.'"

By issuing the report, Smith hopes the college was taking a firm stand against abusive behavior. He noted that the College needed to change "the culture" that allowed abusive behavior without punishment. Citing an old example, alumni giving increased after the fraternity system was abolished.

"[The fraternities] weren't bad. ... just exclusionary, sexist, and they narrowed the [college] experience." In the process of trying to find a balance between "dullsville" and "the party school of America," Smith feared Colby had tipped too closely to the former. While real-



Echo photo by Melanie Guryansky

Dean of the College Earl Smith

izing that students will drink, he pointed to the Outing Club as an example of how social life doesn't require alcohol. Smith reported that, despite persistent rumors, there is no "next step" plan to make Colby a dry campus.

What does lie in the future for the students atop Mayflower Hill? Smith foresees increasing the involvement seniors have with the campus. For Smith, the question is "how to make [living on campus] attractive to students, especially after being abroad." The goal will be to create co-op type housing or apartments so that students find a balance between on campus involvement and the independence they found abroad.

Smith pointed out that with about 75 percent of Colby students going abroad, the college must be responsive to the experience students had while they were away. From Earl Smith's perspective, Colby, led by its faculty and students, has an extremely bright future. □

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go-between [of the students and the administration]," he said.

The successive steps in this process include three more similar nights in which students can voice their concerns or comments to both Woodfork and Nelson, as well as President Cotter, who will attend the March 4 session to be held in Dana Dining Hall from 5:30-7:00 p.m. "This will give students a chance to speak directly to an administrator, so they know they are being heard," said Woodfork.

The flood of feedback will be sorted by Woodfork and Nelson to **STD, continued from page 5** let" to cure disease, but the treatment must be carried through carefully in order to ensure that the infectious agent is completely destroyed. Prevention, however, is by far the best way to avoid infection and the unfortunate aftermath. Condoms are an essential addition to intercourse to prevent transmission but must be used properly. Getting tested for STDs during physicals or check ups is worthwhile, especially since symptoms may not occur in many diseases. If you have changed sexual partners

then be distributed to various offices depending on the complaint, along with suggestions for improvement by Stu-A. For example, a menu suggestion will be sent to Dining Services or an academic complaint to a particular dean or to the Registrar's Office.

Woodfork cited his position as President of Stu-A as one that cannot solve all the problems, but rather serve as a source of improvement and communication. "People don't know how to be heard," Woodfork said. "We're acting as their intermediaries." □

recently, you have yet another reason to get tested. In general, make sure that you are aware of the precautions that you are taking when engaging in intimate contact, even more so if you are intoxicated or chemically impaired in any way. While HIV remains the looming concern of our generation, all of these other diseases exist at Colby as well. □

Questions? Comments? I can be reached at Box 6465, or at abhoward@colby.edu

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Hartley encouraged anyone who still thinks they are immune and does not consider AIDS a threat to think about what living with the disease is would be like. He was kind enough to open up his personal life for all of Colby to see.

"For me," Hartley said, "there's this never ending sadness. It doesn't seem real sometimes, be-

cause I can't see it. Sometimes I want to hang out with my friends and not worry about if they have colds or the flu. I wonder what that would be like."

With medical advances and a growing AIDS community, the only aspect of the disease to truly fear is that it goes undetected until it is too late. □

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about getting a well-paying job; 62 percent about taxes eating up too much income; and 61 percent about having a job with decent benefits.

As college students, we have been traditionally indoctrinated with the idea that a college degree will help us land the "perfect job." Again seniors on the job search are likely finding that a diploma, even from a highly ranked school like Colby, is not all you need to get your foot in the door. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported that 33 percent of students graduating from college between 1990 and 2005 will go on to

positions that don't require a college degree. After piling mountains of debt on our shoulders to get our degrees, we are rewarded with jobs flipping hamburgers at the local fast-food joint. No wonder we are concerned about our future economic well-being!

Even with these concerns facing our lives, and our less-than-optimistic outlook on the future of our nation, we still deem ourselves creative, adaptable and comfortable with the ever-changing technology of modern life. Perhaps the most important items to glean from our generation is that we are self-reliant individualists. Living

in an era where, according to CNN correspondent Kellyanne Fitzpatrick, 40 percent of children will have lived in a single parent household by the age of 16, we have been forced to depend on ourselves at an earlier age than our ancestors.

Our independence may be because of our low voter turnout and our lack of interest in national politics. Young people, like other demographic groups, often view politicians as self-interested elite who are more focused on reelection and helping themselves than the people they are supposed to represent. We see political leaders

refer to polls and focus groups before they take a stand on an issue. The major influences on a candidate's campaign platform and legislative agenda seem to come from interest groups and party leaders. This attitude of "going along to get along" and the favor-trading which is required to get a bill through any stage of the legislative process stands in direct contradiction to our values of individualism and independence. We want politicians who are ordinary people, who understand our problems and who take stand on issues based on their own experience and values, instead of what a focus

group (of older voters) or a national poll says will get them reelected. Changing the system must be not be seen as a sprint which ended on Election Day, but rather as a marathon which is just beginning.

Until young people prove we can make a difference in the outcome of presidential or congressional races by voting, the same way we make a difference in our local communities by volunteering, we will have a hard time convincing our elders that our voices matter. □

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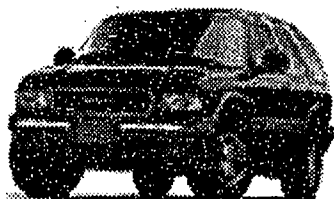
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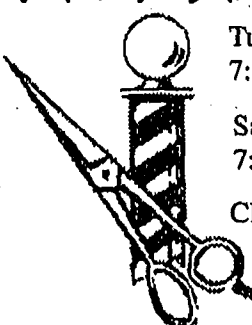


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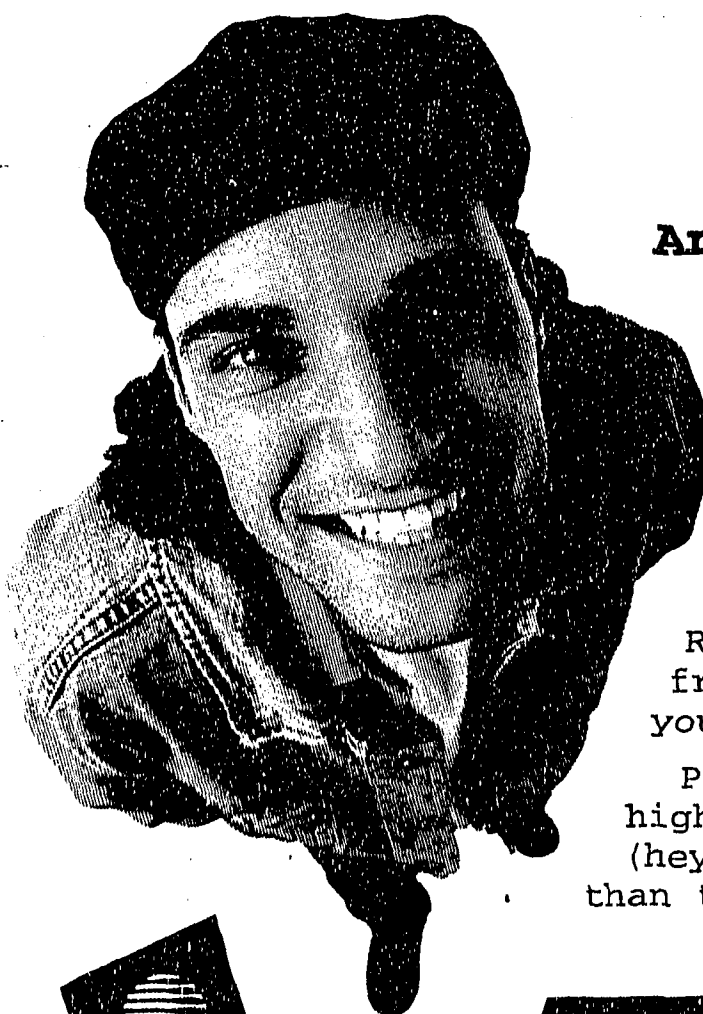
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EDITORIALS

Credit where credit is due

From day one, we are taught never to take what isn't ours, never to cheat and never to take advantage of or hurt others. It is ingrained into our minds that taking pride in any accomplishments falsely achieved is wrong. Yet if this holds true, why is plagiarism still a problem among college students?

Plagiarism needs to be more clearly defined. Students need to understand that plagiarism is more than just the outright copying of someone else's work without citing them as the source. Plagiarism is more ambiguous and includes paraphrasing or summarizing other writer's ideas without giving them credit or using another's reasoning without indicating the source of this thought process. It seems that clearing up these misperceptions, at least in college, involves the work of both faculty and students alike.

Faculty should not assume that we students know and fully understand the ills of plagiarism. We are not asking for you to baby us, but maybe to just refresh our memories every once in a while. Beyond English 115, many of us at Colby don't discuss plagiarism among ourselves or our professors. Please, take the time to remind us of the ambiguities involved in citing sources, and help us help ourselves.

When it all comes down to it, though, it is the responsibility of students to be aware of what warrants citation and what does not.

Don't be stupid. If you have to question whether or not you got your information from someone or something else, then cite the person or piece. Just as you wouldn't want anyone copying your work or using your reasoning as their own, don't do so to others. Play it safe. Give credit where credit is due and everyone will be a lot happier in the long run.

The killer among us

It's the disease we're all aware of and many of us are at risk for, yet only 85 students have taken the step to get tested for it this year. Think you're immune? If you're having sex, you're not. It only takes one time, for you or that person you slept with unprotected "just this once." Maybe it was in high school, maybe it was during a semester abroad, maybe it was here at Colby — exposure just takes two people and a (very) little fluid. From there, it spreads like wildfire as we live in denial.

Have you ever considered getting an HIV test? Have you been postponing a test because you are anxious about the test or the results? It is time to stop making excuses — HIV is something that you cannot afford to ignore. And a positive result is not the end of the world. In fact, the sooner you find out you are carrying the HIV antibody, an intensive drug program can be started, a program which is seeing more success every day. Don't wait to get sick before you seek medical treatment.

Worried about privacy? The Health Center testing is confidential. Consent forms, patient records and numerically coded test results are all stored in separate locked file cabinets. The coded results would be difficult to match to student names.

The test costs only \$20 and thanks to a generous donation from Colby's Student Association, the first fifty students to get tested for HIV will receive the test at half price. An HIV test is quick, it's cheap, and it could save someone's life, as well as prolong your own. The peace of mind that comes with a negative result and the reflection that results from two weeks of living in uncertainty can also change your life, or at least your habits.

Make an appointment for sometime soon. Chances are, you could even get one this afternoon. Remember: No one looks like they carry AIDS, and the earlier it's detected, the sooner treatment can begin. If you're scared to take the test, you probably should. It's reality.

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Letters

Senior pledge questioned

As a senior at Colby College, I hereby pledge to donate absolutely nothing to this institution upon my graduation. Among the messages littering seniors' mailboxes this semester were two letters informing us that our relationship with Colby will not be over upon graduation, and asked for a pseudo check in the amount of approximately \$6,200, which made everyone kind of confused until we realized that it was just another strategy of the Pledge Campaigners to instill a feeling of cosmic debt to this institution.

The Cosmic Debt Campaign

is really just one-sided propaganda. In fact, our contract here is up. We have paid, in one way or another, our final tuition bill. We expect to receive our respective degrees presently; then the real fun begins when we try to support ourselves in a not-so-cushy world as Colby has been. Many Colby seniors disagree with the reduction in off-campus living opportunities. Furthermore I feel it is not our duty to pledge money to Colby. When we are ready to give, hopefully we will be able to give generously.

The sad truth is that college ratings depend heavily upon financial growth. But my question is: at what cost? At the cost of our freedom? At the cost of our critical thinking? I want to close with something that has been left out of the current build-up towards graduation: Fellow seniors, I hope that we have all learned something at Colby, with which we can do good things in the world. I hope that our actions, rather than our checkbooks, can attest to the education we got here.

Andrew c Morse '97

Comprehensive fee has taxing consequences

In reference to the discussion concerning replacing the separate tuition, room and board bills with one inclusive statement I must comment that such a course could have a severe financial impact upon scholarship and grant recipients.

The Internal Revenue Service does not consider scholarships and fellowship grants as income. However, they do require that room,

board and travel be reported as income (line 7, 1040).

Without a separately defined amount assigned to each category, the recipient of such financial aid will be hard pressed to determine (for IRS purposes) the amount to report as income to the IRS. Additionally, the unlucky filer could be subject to a tax audit in which he may be

required to defend his determination as to what amounts were income and which were not.

Without addressing the issue of on or off campus living, I suggest some consideration be given to the tax consequences of a single, lump sum form of statement.

Jeffrey D. Schlitt (father of Benjamin Schlitt '00)

Echo snoozing on Snood

I never thought I'd be the one to write to you and say this, but an article in last week's issue drove me to it: The Colby Echo, my college weekly, is, as they say, Behind The Eight Ball, *Passé*, Old News, not "Avant Garde." But please, before you start putting more holes in the basement of Bob's in a fit of indignation, allow me to explain myself. The article to which I point my accusing finger was a feature concerning the "dread" disease SNOOD on Colby's campus.

Well, well, well. The Echo discovers the phenomenon. And yes, there are countless Colby students who probably exclaimed, "Wow, the Echo really has their finger on the pulse of our zoned-out, Macintosh using, shareware stealing commu-

nity." I, on the other hand, felt a little bit like I would if I saw Barry Manilow get a "lifetime achievement" Grammy. Yawn...

Let me get to the point. In various cutting edge places like the Third floor of Butler, the Third floor of Piper, the First floor of Dana, and other hotbeds of shareware revolution, Snood has been dead for a long, long time. These trendsetters have moved on to the Next Big Thing: DIRT BIKE. Find it, oh Echo staffers, Colby students, true revolutionaries. Get it, love it, live for Dirt Bike. It would be amazing to see an Echo article on it, because then we, as a community, could stand together on the top of this hill and proclaim in one voice, "YES! OUR NEWSPAPER HAS GOT THE

INSIDE SCOOP! THE ECHO IS MOLDING CAMPUS OPINION, NOT FOLLOWING IN OPINION'S WAKE!" It would be akin to Ellis Paul receiving his own "lifetime achievement" Grammy, or the Men's Track team having a Track and Field Ball at the end of their season: Revolutionary. And everyone appreciates a revolution once in a while.

Dirt Bike. It's on the web: <http://members.aol.com/bradquick/homepage.html>. It's where it's at. Turn off the Michael Bolton, and drag Snood to the trash. Turn on the Morphine, or some Barenaked Ladies, and hit the Bike.

Oliver Griswold '99

Amnesty International thanks students

We want to thank all of you who took the time to send off a card or two at our December petition table to prisoners of conscience (those detained or imprisoned without a fair trial who do not advocate violence) all over the world. Our chief conviction, as members of Amnesty International, is that *letters matter*. The idea is simple: we bombard government officials and prison administrators with petitions and letters on behalf of a prisoner in order that this individual not be forgotten. And we also write to the

prisoners themselves. Hundreds or thousands of letters from all over the globe arriving at an isolated prison in Algeria, Turkey, or Myanmar can make quite an impression. AI takes no credit for improvement of a prisoner's conditions or for a release, but testimony from former prisoners of conscience is eloquent: "The first ten letters arrived and they stopped the torture; the next one hundred came and my food improved..."

Keep an eye out for Thursday petition tables this semester. All it

takes is 30 seconds to add your name to a petition or a minute to address a postcard. Maina wa Kinyatti, imprisoned in Kenya in the 1980s, later wrote: "In prison I was beastially tortured. The main reason why my captor could not break me was the fact I drew my strength, endurance, and courage from the international community." Join the cause.

Colby Amnesty International: Julie de Sherbinin, Faculty Advisor, Elise Landry '98, Andrew Weber '97, and Henry Lo '97, Club officers

Blue Lights light up Valentine's evening

I have been at Colby for twenty years and it has been a pleasure to know the students here. I am a checker at Dana. On February 14, 1997, a group of young gentlemen

came into the dining hall to serenade me with a Valentine song. Their group is called the Blue Lights. Tome, they did a superb job of singing and the voices rang melodious and brightened my

evening. Since this was such a nice gesture, I would like to thank them through the Colby Echo.

June Wakefield, Dana Checker

...the more things stay the same

Tonight (2/18/97) I read the Echo story of the Colbyettes singing in the Spa. It was wonderful! A capella singing such as that is very

difficult. From one who was in the early 50's varsity shows.

Bill Taylor '52

Editor's note: alumni like Mr. Taylor can read the Echo on the internet at <http://www.colby.edu/echo/>.

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Opinions

Putting yourself on the line

BY MIKE TRUMAN
Opinions Editor

There used to be a time where you couldn't hear yourself think on this campus. There was always a background noise of excited chatter, both weekdays and weekends. Colby students were loud, energetic, and proud of themselves and this school. But somewhere along the line I guess admissions started screwing up. There is an increasing calm creeping over this campus. Our Conrad Saams and Paul Fontanas are being replaced by nameless faces; faces that don't want you to even know their names.

In the day to day bustle many of us haven't noticed this ongoing trend, but where I sit here at a newspaper, the drop off in participation is evident. It's harder and harder to get information for stories. Oftentimes people are willing to talk, but they want to be protected as anonymous sources. In some cases, it's a reasonable request. But when people don't want to be quoted from open forums (such as Spotlight Events, even sporting events), something has gone horribly awry. This quote by a student wishing to remain anonymous sums it all up: "When are people going to put themselves on the line?" (Colby Echo, November 21) Apparently not today, huh?

It doesn't end there. Take the

feature "Students on the Street." This used to be a really popular section of the paper. Students actually hoped that they would be asked to participate. Now they'd rather spend four hours at registration than be approached by a reporter. Students look genuinely scared to get in front of the camera. These are not life or death issues. No one's asking them to testify against their friends.

If someone is actively soliciting your opinion, who are you to deny them it?

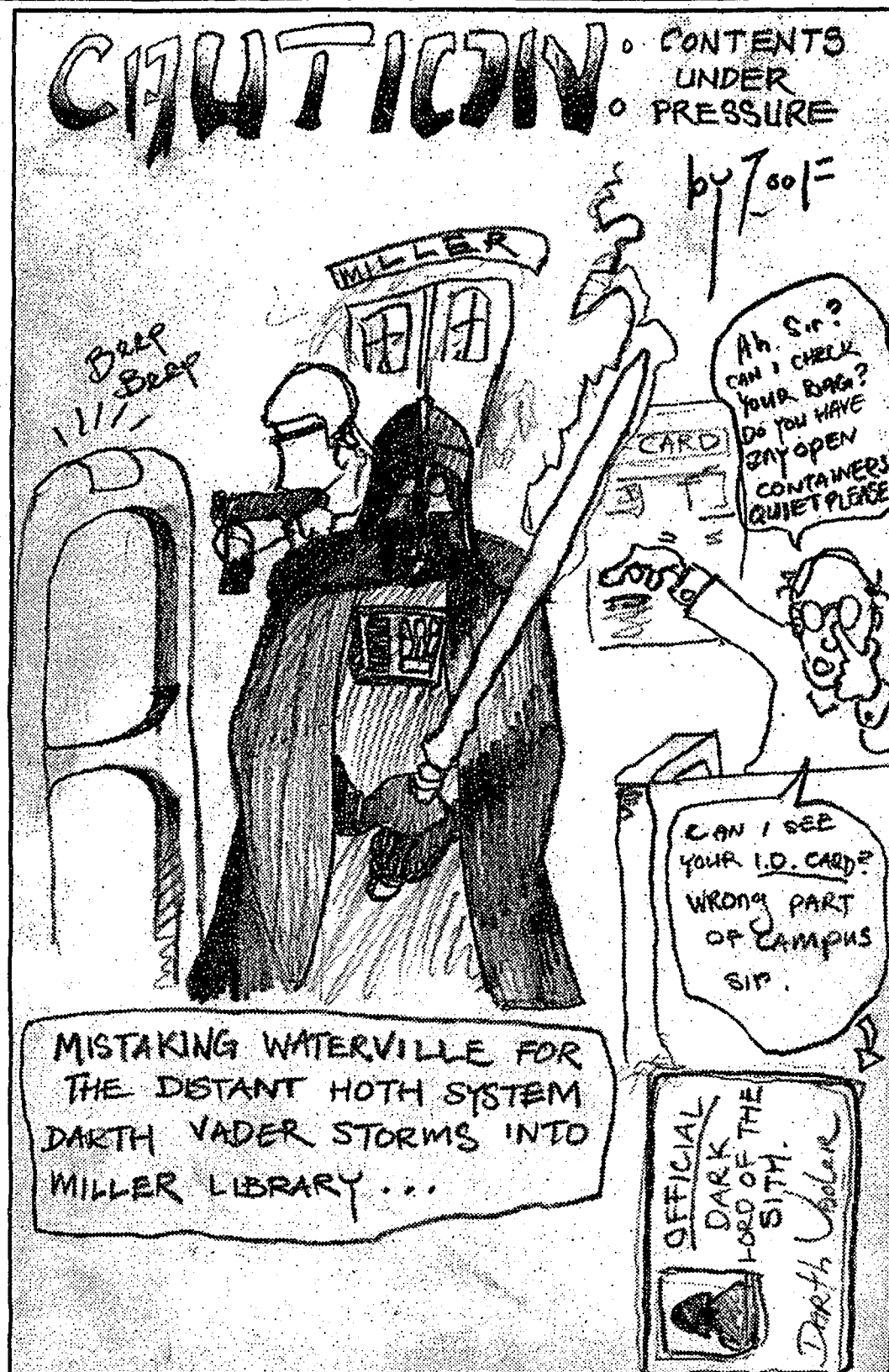
Rather they're being asked, "What do you want to be for Halloween?" and away they flee into the Pugh Center. No one wants to even risk saying something embarrassing.

Look into your classrooms. How many times do you see the entire class jumping out of their chairs to answer questions? Not nearly as often as when they sit quietly, eyes averted from the professor, praying they're not called on. It's not that we don't know the answers, we're all pretty bright students. Why won't anyone step forward anymore?

In this increasing era of networking, when communication is being made more readily available than

ever before, have we run out of things to say? No. We're still thinking; we still have ideas. However, we are failing to bring those ideas out. Maybe because we live in such a lawsuit happy society, we don't want to offend anyone anymore. Hey, no one likes to have other people mad at them. But folks, we need to keep talking if we want to get things done. When the Constitution was drawn up, it was certainly no love-fest. There was yelling, swearing, and plenty of outrage back in 1787. But when it was all done, they emerged with a pretty fine document, and while not everybody was best buddies, they each had a certain level of respect for each other. Admittedly not all new ideas must go through trial by fire, but new ideas are never met with universal acceptance. Never.

I'm not saying here that I want each and everyone of you to insult the next person you see. But if someone says something you don't agree with, feel free to challenge it. Otherwise, how will you learn more about the issue? If someone is actively soliciting your opinion, who are you to deny them it? They want to know what you think. Tell them. If you think I've been way off-base the last 600 words or so, let me know about it. Colleges are supposed to be meccas of debate and thought. Live Colby up to the fullest. □



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Colby's intellectual freedom is being threatened

BY BENJAMIN HUMPHRIES
Contributing Writer

Colby College prides itself on being an institution where the free exchange of intellectual notions creates a setting of academic prosperity. The course catalog states "Colby has valued understanding of concern for others, diversity of thought and culture." If only this were the case, Colby could argue its place as one of the top colleges in the country. The simple fact is that all of the students here maintain a specific philosophy on life and anyone who

deviates from that philosophy is a combination of four letter words.

Take for example the Colby College political arena. The Colby Democrats have a listing of 200 odd members while the Republicans have 15. It is not just the numbers that are the problem however, it is the attitudes that correspond to them. To be a Colby College Republican, scratch that, to hold a belief that is in anyway right of center is to be a fascist, Nazi, racist ideologue out to impose your views on anyone and everyone who crosses your path.

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inhabit this intellectually totalitarian kingdom. Here the majority does rule but not only in a democratic way, but in the manner of those

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who they label the minority to be like. Through intimidation and labeling the students at Colby have fallen under a blanket of liberal val-

ues, a blanket so cumbersome that the beliefs of others are not allowed to foster or be heard without vengeful responses.

I readily admit to being a male, white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant, who firmly believes in the values the Republican party advocates. I don't think that makes me the next Hitler, but here that is how my views are characterized. It isn't just the extreme hatred students have for my views on this campus that is bothersome, but also the fact that I am personally evil for holding them. I may criticize the beliefs of another but I don't attack them on a personal

level for having them. On this campus the opposite is sadly true.

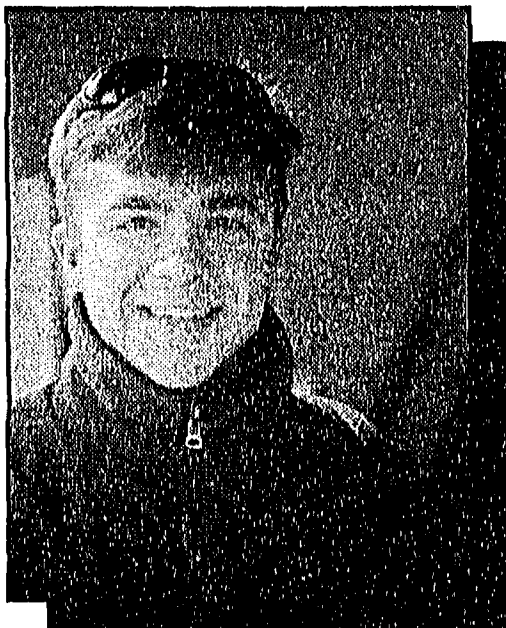
I must clarify that there are notable exceptions to every rule. I am sure that there are a few individuals at Colby to whom these criticisms don't apply. I guess I just have not encountered them as of yet. I truly wish that people here had the willingness to accept the conservative viewpoint as openly as the liberal. I truly wish students here had the character to be able to disagree with another person's beliefs without hating them for it. Maybe someday Colby will truly be able to fly the banner of intellectual freedom. □

Students on the Street

What would it take to get you to answer this question?



"Catch me on a day when I'm feeling really witty and articulate."
MacKenzie Dawson '99



"Some cookies or something."
Mike Payne '97



"Trap us."
Chris Einstein '99 and Greg Pope '99



"Clearly Nothing."
Jamie Yourdon '99

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More to off-campus living than saving a few dollars

Financial considerations dwarfed in comparison to real world responsibilities

BY KELSEY MILLER
Staff Writer

Every day I deal with the hassles of living off-campus. I have to make sure my car has gas, that I have enough time to get on campus before class and that I will have a place to park. In bad weather, I need to judge whether I want to risk driving in weather that keeps the Jitney indoors, or spend the nine bucks on a Clem's taxi. (I could charge it to mom and dad, but that hardly seems fair.) I have to pay my rent, electricity and other miscellaneous bills on time.

I need to leave time over the weekend to get to the laundromat before it closes. I need to clip coupons and bargain shop. (Did you know that the sale price of Cheerios is \$1.99? Of course, Tastee-o's only cost \$1.75 regularly, but they're not approved by the American Heart Association!) I also have to make appointments to visit my on-campus friends, knowing that if I drive down unannounced, they are bound to be out, etc., etc. So, when I heard that President Cotter and

other administrators were discussing revoking the off-campus rebate, and were speaking in terms of having "bribed" students to live off-campus, I got a little upset.

Why do I put up with the little hassles that I've mentioned above? Well, maybe it would help if we took a look at the living situation here on campus. Even a good lottery number doesn't assure someone that they will get the desired type of room: double, quad, suite, or otherwise. And, if they don't, well, they may just get stuck living with someone that they really just can't live with. Living off-campus, I can choose whom, if anyone, I will live with, and if that doesn't work out, I can handle the situation through my own diplomacy. I don't need to go through levels and ranks of administrators to tell me that there is nothing to be done. Aside from that, I have made some interesting discoveries about the responsibility and maturity levels of students on campus. I understand that as an institution, Colby needs to protect itself by having authority figures such as HRs and RAs around. However, I think it says a lot of interest-

ing things about 18-21 year-olds that we need those figures in order to keep ourselves in check. I would prefer to think that, as the outside world approaches, we would be learning how to handle ourselves responsibly, in order to one day be capable of living in a community. Being on my own in an apartment, I know that if the place is a mess, it's

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my fault; if it's clean, it's my doing. If the place gets trashed, I have to pay for it, but no one else needs to foot my bill. In short, I've been learning a real life lesson by moving only two and a half miles down the road. Of course, there's also the little quirks that really make off-campus worthwhile - my cat, being able to

cook my own dinners, being able to go to sleep when I want without worrying that there's still two hours until quiet hours. Little things.

So, what does any of this mean to the administration? Well, I think they could learn their own lesson about living situations by studying the reasons that students live off-campus. The new dorm will have an added number of singles, which will definitely be an improvement. But what about people who dislike the meal plan? (In case you haven't noticed, The Spa is not an economically sound choice. \$1.20 for coffee? But that's another article altogether.) What about students who like to play their music loud, thus disqualifying themselves from Coburn, but who like to go to bed early? Or take a nap in the middle of the day? What about students who enjoy drinking, but who know their limit, and never puke in the hallways or doorways? Shouldn't the college try to accommodate these students?

Other colleges have set up apartment-type living situations for upperclassmen, that the institution monitors and regulates. That way, the college doesn't need to be concerned with losing money, or being

underspent by Bowdoin or Bates. And it gives the students a chance to adjust to living on their own, without a parent looking over their shoulder. In some colleges, it even goes so far as to having the students clean their own bathroom. That way, people really learn the lesson of why it's gross to boot on the seat and not wipe it up! A good start would be to improve the "kitchens" that are in some of the dorms, allowing students to really take advantage of their own culinary skills.

Colby really needs to let students start taking on their own responsibility. While off-campus housing may just be an economic concern to them, it is much more to the seniors who are learning to deal with the real world. Considerations need to be taken for the fact that after spending three years in this educational institution, students should be able to live independently if they so choose. And, if that is no longer monetarily feasible for Colby, then figure out a way to work it here on campus. To me, and to the other seniors I know, the question isn't how much money I saved this month. It's about finding my place in a world that is only 90-odd days away. □

Generation Xpectation: breaking the stereotype

BY KOL HARVEY
Washington, D.C.
Correspondent

The 1996 election marked the 25th anniversary of the ratification of Article XXVI of the Constitution, which granted 18-year-olds the right to vote. Despite this milestone's passage, estimates show that under 40 percent of the nation's 18-to-24-year-olds actually made it to the polls.

A recent survey of 1,200 18-24 year-olds conducted for Youth Voices, a program to increase youth civic participation sponsored by the Center for Policy Alternatives, a Washington, D.C. based public policy think tank, and *Who Cares* magazine, a nonprofit publication covering community service and social action among young people, found that our generation is con-

cerned with many important issues and feels mislabeled by our elders and our "Generation X" stereotype.

The survey's discovery that 95 percent of our age group believes that when people get involved in community service projects they can make a difference should come as no surprise to the many Colby students who volunteer on a regular basis. Patrick Doyle '97, assistant director of the Colby Volunteer Center, said that his organization has a consistent membership of approximately 215 students. In a recruitment fair held February 12 the organization filled 150 volunteer positions. Doyle also notes that many sports teams, dorms and other groups volunteer their time on a regular basis. The Admissions Office reports having just under 180 active student volunteers this semester, about the average number at any given time, who serve as tour

guides, lobby hosts, overnight hosts and ambassadors, who visit local high schools during college vacations.

The English department introduced a service learning program in its English 115 courses in 1995-96 which, despite lack of support from the administration and a reduction in size and limited faculty support, has managed to send almost 200 students out into volunteer positions in the surrounding towns in just four semesters. Other academic departments encourage community service through special course-related projects which benefit the Waterville area. (Stanford University's service learning venture, which was backed by the administration and faculty, managed to increase the number of students who volunteer from 22 percent to 75 percent of the student body in just four years, and even Bates is doing a far better job implementing service learning than Colby, according to sources in the English department.)

With the positive outlook on community service demonstrated

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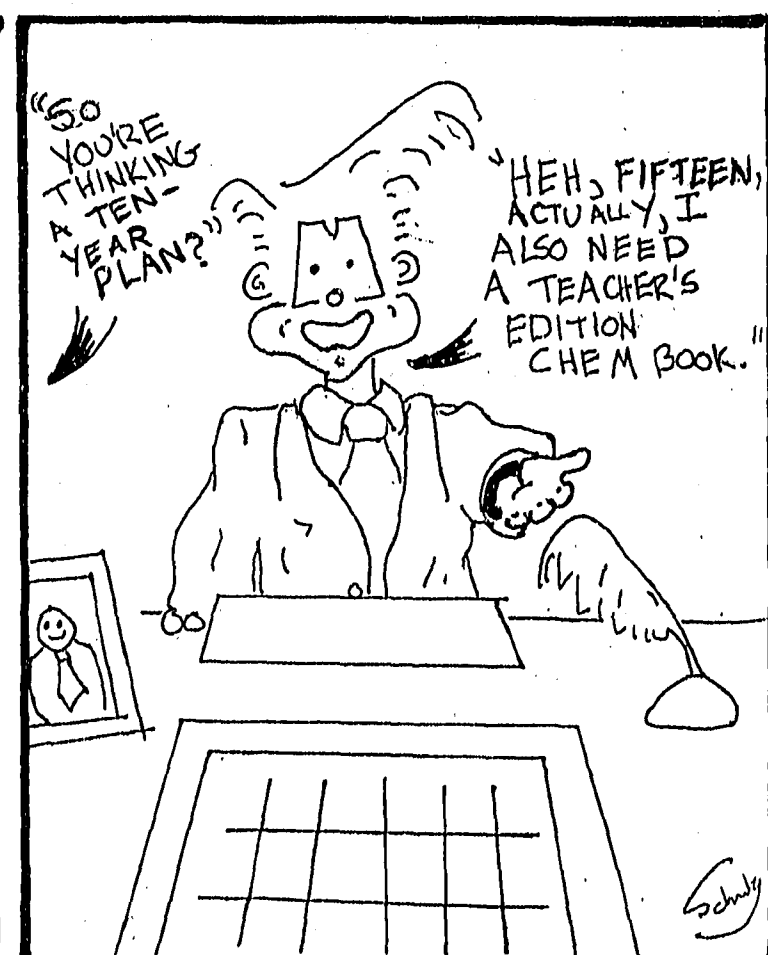
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More to off-campus living than saving a few dollars

Financial considerations dwarfed in comparison to real world responsibilities

BY KELSEY MILLER
Staff Writer

Every day I deal with the hassles of living off-campus. I have to make sure my car has gas, that I have enough time to get on campus before class and that I will have a place to park. In bad weather, I need to judge whether I want to risk driving in weather that keeps the jitney indoors, or spend the nine bucks on a Clem's taxi. (I could charge it to mom and dad, but that hardly seems fair.) I have to pay my rent, electricity and other miscellaneous bills on time.

I need to leave time over the weekend to get to the laundromat before it closes. I need to clip coupons and bargain shop. (Did you know that the sale price of Cheerios is \$1.99? Of course, Taste-o's only cost \$1.75 regularly, but they're not approved by the American Heart Association!) I also have to make appointments to visit my on-campus friends, knowing that if I drive down unannounced, they are bound to be out, etc., etc., etc. So, when I heard that President Cotter and

other administrators were discussing revoking the off-campus rebate, and were speaking in terms of having "bribed" students to live off-campus, I got a little upset.

Why do I put up with the little hassles that I've mentioned above? Well, maybe it would help if we took a look at the living situation here on campus. Even a good lottery number doesn't assure someone that they will get the desired type of room: double, quad, suite, or otherwise. And, if they don't, well, they may just get stuck living with someone that they really just can't live with. Living off-campus, I can choose whom, if anyone, I will live with, and if that doesn't work out, I can handle the situation through my own diplomacy. I don't need to go through levels and ranks of administrators to tell me that there is nothing to be done. Aside from that, I have made some interesting discoveries about the responsibility and maturity levels of students on campus. I understand that as an institution, Colby needs to protect itself by having authority figures such as HRs and RAs around. However, I think it says a lot of interest-

ing things about 18-21 year-olds that we need those figures in order to keep ourselves in check. I would prefer to think that, as the outside world approaches, we would be learning how to handle ourselves responsibly, in order to one day be capable of living in a community. Being on my own in an apartment, I know that if the place is a mess, it's

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my fault; if it's clean, it's my doing. If the place gets trashed, I have to pay for it, but no one else needs to foot my bill. In short, I've been learning a real life lesson by moving only two and a half miles down the road. Of course, there's also the little quirks that really make off-campus worthwhile - my cat, being able to

cook my own dinners, being able to go to sleep when I want without worrying that there's still two hours until quiet hours. Little things.

So, what does any of this mean to the administration? Well, I think they could learn their own lesson about living situations by studying the reasons that students live off-campus. The new dorm will have an added number of singles, which will definitely be an improvement. But what about people who dislike the meal plan? (In case you haven't noticed, The Spa is not an economically sound choice. \$1.20 for coffee? But that's another article altogether.) What about students who like to play their music loud, thus disqualifying themselves from Coburn, but who like to go to bed early? Or take a nap in the middle of the day? What about students who enjoy drinking, but who know their limit, and never puke in the hallways or doorways? Shouldn't the college try to accommodate these students?

Other colleges have set up apartment-type living situations for upperclassmen, that the institution monitors and regulates. That way, the college doesn't need to be concerned with losing money, or being

underspent by Bowdoin or Bates. And it gives the students a chance to adjust to living on their own, without a parent looking over their shoulder. In some colleges, it even goes so far as to having the students clean their own bathroom. That way, people really learn the lesson of why it's gross to boot on the seat and not wipe it up! A good start would be to improve the "kitchens" that are in some of the dorms, allowing students to really take advantage of their own culinary skills.

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Generation Xpectation: breaking the stereotype

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The 1996 election marked the 25th anniversary of the ratification of Article XXVI of the Constitution, which granted 18-year-olds the right to vote. Despite this milestone's passage, estimates show that under 40 percent of the nation's 18-to-24-year-olds actually made it to the polls.

A recent survey of 1,200 18-24 year-olds conducted for Youth Voices, a program to increase youth civic participation sponsored by the Center for Policy Alternatives, a Washington, D.C. based public policy think tank, and *Who Cares* magazine, a nonprofit publication covering community service and social action among young people, found that our generation is con-

cerned with many important issues and feels mislabeled by our elders and our "Generation X" stereotype.

The survey's discovery that 95 percent of our age group believes that when people get involved in community service projects they can make a difference should come as no surprise to the many Colby students who volunteer on a regular basis. Patrick Doyle '97, assistant director of the Colby Volunteer Center, said that his organization has a consistent membership of approximately 215 students. In a recruitment fair held February 12 the organization filled 150 volunteer positions. Doyle also notes that many sports teams, dorms and other groups volunteer their time on a regular basis. The Admissions Office reports having just under 180 active student volunteers this semester, about the average number at any given time, who serve as tour

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Beer Reviewers

Somewhere during our second attempt to find the Oak Pond Brewery in Skowhegan we began to wonder if this microbrewed beer would be worth the drive. Thankfully, it was well worth the 20-minute trek.

The brewery opened this past summer and is the quintessential "micro" company — better than Colby's teacher-student ratio, OPB boasts five employees for three beers.

Since the Spa beer hours seemed moons away, we hopped in our car and hit the golden Maine road (Route 23 North) in search of afternoon relaxation and education. Our mentors? Brewmaster Pat and Distributor Dan. These

gurus of grain beverages walked us through their brewing process and let us sample a little of the finished product.

Throughout the year, OPB offers three different brews at the same time — their White Fox Ale and Nut Brown are on tap 12 months a year, and three seasonal beers are added to the mix. This winter brought Storyteller Doppelbock; additional seasons included an Octoberfest and Sommerset Lager.

Before we could get wrapped up in the overall coolness of their laid back workplace, Dan and Pat whisked us through the garage-sized room and over to the taps so we could judge for ourselves the success of their brewing endeavor.

OPB's Nut Brown Ale flowed smoothly into our mini sample cups with a healthy, foamy head and a deep, rich color. The flavor of a good dark brew combined with the drinkability of an ale made us crave more, more, more (although we knew we must save room, thirst and sobriety for what was yet to come). The folks at OPB say the Nut Brown Ale is "brewed as a true English style 'session' beer made for those occasions when you might want more than

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Next, we moved to the lighter White Fox Ale, OPB's pale ale. This foxy ale, while flaxen in shade, kept to the tradition of good microbrew taste. What makes this pale ale a leap and a bound beyond others more readily available is the lack of "adjuncts" (such as rice and corn) in small batches like OPB's. These unwanted additives are added by larger companies to spread the mix out a little more (i.e. money for big daddy) and lower the quality of the beer, according to Brewmaster Pat.

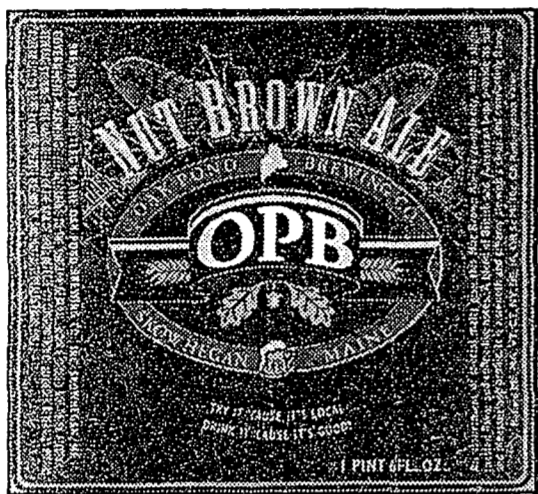
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heavy like a Stephen King novel, this was a page turner. Like its OPB cousins, the Doppelbock is a beer you just can't get enough of. Dan and Pat said they understand this, and offer a great big solution — the growler. Economists, your prayers have been answered. For a mere \$7, you are set loose with a half gallon of your favorite OPB beer. Once you finish (and get rid of the hangover) you can head right back to the brewery and have the growler refilled, for a purrrfectly reasonable \$4. Let's break it down: \$4 for the equivalent of a six-pack of incredible microbrew. This beats Joka's (not to mention a certain popular watering hole). You do the math. It just makes sense.

If you want to try OPB beer right this very second, your best bet would be to put that Echo down (or take it with you) and head to either Joka's or the Pub Formerly Known as You Know Whose. And for God sakes, if you head all the way to the brewery, grab a friend... it's a long, lonely road to Skowhegan, and it's so nice to share.

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CD Reviews

Offspring, Veruca Salt

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Offspring

The new release from the Offspring was perhaps an attempt to resurrect a style that should have been left on the shelf after their last CD. Where the album may have achieved some level of originality, "Ixnay on the Hombre" aspires to new levels of triteness. The scrambled garbledness and pulsing beat of the first album comes off as little more than musical mush. This new release sounds more like a teenage garage band than at least a decently professional one hit wonder.

"Ixnay on the Hombre" begins with a phony disclaimer that attempts to make the album seem as though there is actually some substance to it, as though the predictable repetition of the same tired chords could even manage to hold the interest of a listening audience. There is an intermission track that was apparently meant to be funny; perhaps by someone's sense of humor it is. It seems that there was some attempt at a concept album, but it is a concept that a bored high school student might have come up with. Songs such as "Me and My Old Lady," bring to mind the better parts of their first release, but are weary by the second listen. Other tracks such as "Amazed" and "Don't Pick It Up" are insulting on the first listen and it becomes hard to resist ejecting the CD. They even attempt to copy Mexican *Maquiladora* artwork on the cover of the CD which doesn't work at all.

It is impossible to find anything redeeming about an album such as this. Pop music is often very bad, and this album epitomizes the mindlessness that is rampant in the industry. Save your money for an album that is at least bearable.



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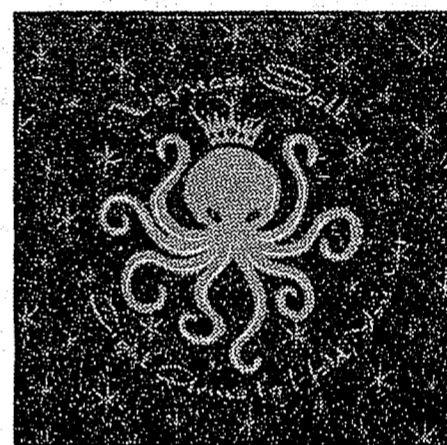
Veruca Salt was an obnoxious little girl in the movie "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and the band with her name isn't much more appealing. The new Veruca Salt album "Eight Arms to Hold You" (an idea stolen from the Beatles) accomplishes very little musically besides restating musical ideas that have been done many times before. It is bad enough for songs to rely on the same tired pop hooks, but when the hooks fail to hook the result is disastrous.

The video for "Volcano Girls" has been well played on MTV and is evidence of what is wrong with "Eight Arms to Hold You." The video uses an obvious visual device and beats the idea to death, the majority of songs on the album commit the same offense musically. So many of the songs use the same themes that they tend to blend together in an undistinguished musical mess. A few slower songs manage to stand out from the malaise that is the rest of the album. "One Last Time" is a song that may have

had potential but becomes so overdone that it ends up being annoying and obvious. "Venus Man Trap" wishes that it could be as offbeat as Bjork, but it unfortunately lapses into the same guitar beating that accompanies every other song on the album. The end result is that most of the songs are as

saccharine as the worst 1950's do-wop songs, only with a harsh edge that is unbearable.

Veruca Salt's newest attempt to grab a few pop-dollars is miserable and should be avoided no matter how much the local record merchants manage to knock off the price. Hopefully, their videos will not be played often and radio audiences will be spared the audio distress of "Eight Arms to Hold You." □



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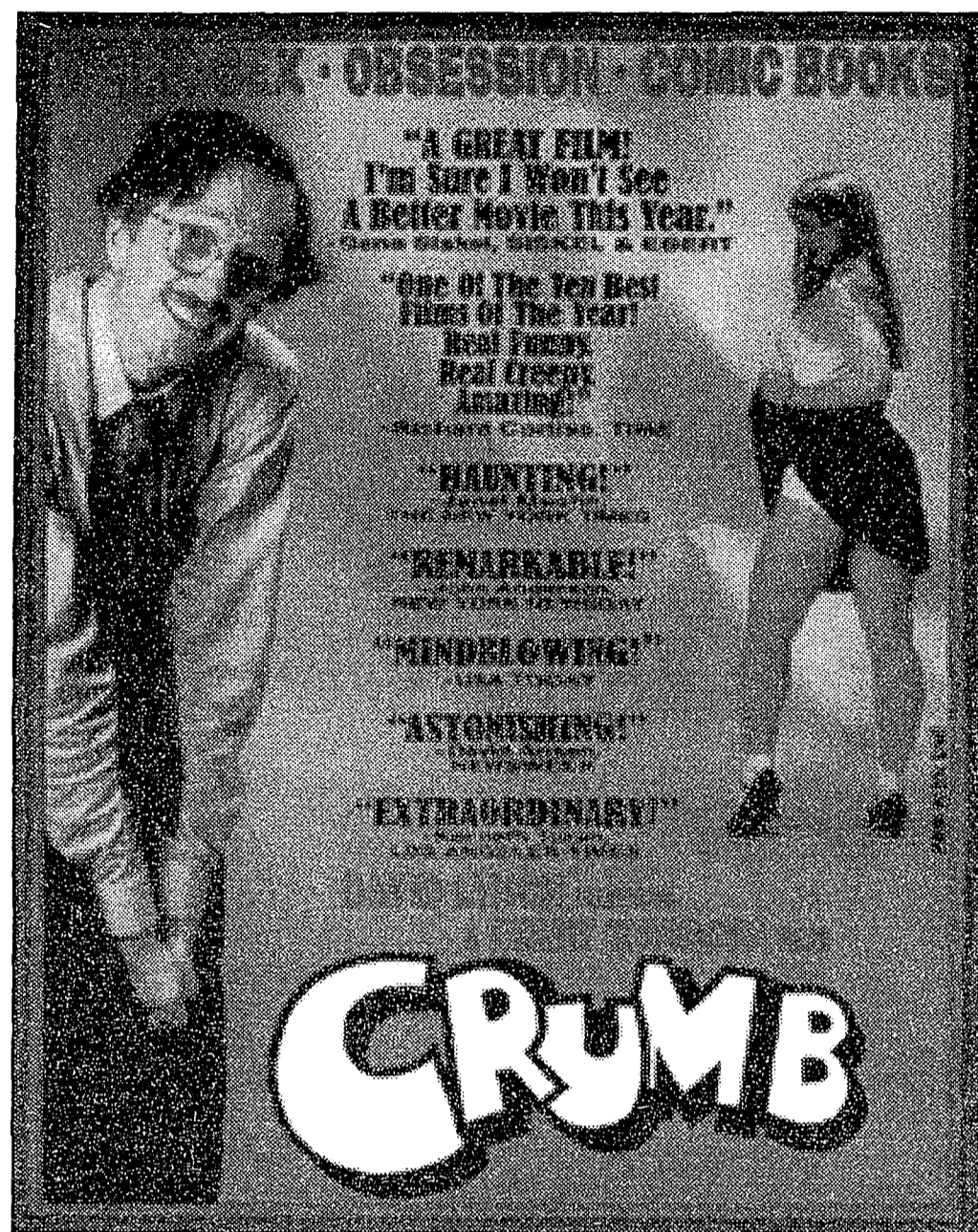
On the Shelf: Two rentals to check out

BY CHRISTOPHER DACUS
A&E Editor

For an excellent evening of movies without going out to the theater, try "Crumb" and "Stardust Memories". When watching movies back to back, it is a good idea to have two different sorts of movies, and a drama followed by a comedy is particularly effective. "Crumb" is the real life of underground cartoonist R. Crumb, and "Stardust Memories" is one of Woody Allen's most effective sarcastic comedies. Both are very intelligent and absorbing films, and both are available on video without having to worry about the next day return policy that new releases have.

"Crumb" is in essence a documentary of the whole Crumb family during a seminal part of R. Crumb's life. Facing a somewhat waning career as a cartoonist, Crumb decides to move from California to France, in part to escape personal demons and in many ways to escape American Pop Culture. "Crumb" chronicles his life from numerous angles and through interviews with his family, fellow cartoonists, and most effectively, Crumb himself. The film was shot by Terry Zwigoff, a friend of Crumb's, which only adds to the Candor. The effect of being witness to Crumb's brilliant and disturbed personality is at times incredibly humorous, but at others quite tragic. His sexual neuroticism, vague paranoia and piercing criticism add up to a more interesting character than has been presented on film in many years. Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival in 1991, "Crumb" was considered by many to be the best film of the year, if not the decade.

"Stardust Memories" was made in 1980, three years after Woody Allen's "Annie Hall" and won Best



The original movie poster for "Crumb."

Picture at the Oscars. Almost all of Allen's films are to some degree autobiographical, and it could be easily argued that this was the case with "Stardust Memories" (an implication that is mildly disturbing). The film is about a director who becomes wildly famous, only to grow tired of his own fans. The film gives a scathing picture of many very familiar characters, which many fans found insulting at the time. However, Allen insists that the film is not autobiographical. Aside from any of the debate surrounding it, the film is a brilliant comedy. Allen drops even more

dryly humorous lines than usual, and the satire is among the best ever put on film. With lines such as, "Whereas you see me as an atheist, God sees me as the Loyal Opposition," it is impossible not to love this film.

Both of these films in one evening would be a more enlightening and enjoyable experience than most of the planned social events that go on, and would hopefully involve less destruction of property. If the prospect of a semi-naked dance in the middle of winter strikes you as more of a twisted high school fantasy, check out these films instead. □

Black History Month brings dance, drama to the Student Center

BY CHRISTOPHER DACUS
A&E Editor

The Friday night performance of "Our Young Black Men are Dying and No One Seems to Care" was one of the best dramatic performances to come to Colby in recent memory. The act was a compilation of poetry, dance, singing and drama; combined they achieved a cohesiveness result that left the audience with an enlightened confusion. Eclectic and funny, serious and familiar, they combined a wide spectrum of problems and concerns facing the young black population and attempted to convey to the audience what it means to be a young black male in this country.

By the end of the performance the audience had received a glimpse into the dilemmas that so many black males face. The three actors portrayed shooting victims, mentally ill street people, disenfranchised working men, drug dealers and drug users. The problem of black on black crime was addressed, but also much more subtle problems such as lack of opportunity and education.

The performance was for Friday night only and was free of charge, thanks to Stu-A. This was probably the best event held in honor of Black History Month and was well received by a very full Student Center audience, despite numerous other events that conflicted with the performance. □

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makes too big a deal out of his problems with her. We come to learn though that things are not fine for either of the brothers in terms of their maternal relationship, and that Jeff is just as dependent on his mother as John is confused and distanced from her. The brothers do not relate well to one another, and they can barely communicate on the subject of their mother.

Mother is a film that in many ways bases itself on cliché situations. Certain scenes are evocative of Billy Crystal's *Throw Momma from the Train* while other, more psycho-analytic scenes, find their origins amongst the wealth of Oedipal angst present in Woody Allen, most notably his short film *Oedipus Wrecks*. Despite the lack of entirely new situations in the film, screenwriters Brooks and Monica Johnson work enough humanity and depth into the script to still make the scenes interesting. Brooks also does a good job at maintain-

ing an intensity and a consistency in his character the entire way through. Only at the very beginning of the film does it feel like we're watching Albert Brooks and his movie. Sometimes, there can be the danger of Brooks doing almost a kind of stand up comedy in his films, where the movie is just kind of a backdrop for him. *Mother* is not such a case. Rather, both Brooks and Reynolds get a good deal of screentime, and their relationship, though not followed to the extent of depth to which it might have been, remains interesting and very real throughout the film.

Any Albert Brooks fan will enjoy *Mother* and all that it offers in the way of Mother-son miscommunication and distance. Non Brooks fans would also enjoy the film, but this is definitely his style, a little more refined than most, but still very much a film by Albert Brooks. It is a witty film though, and worth a look. □

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defense then we're going to generate a lot of offensive opportunities off our defense."

Norwich, the No. 1 seed in ECACs, will also compete in NCAAAs. Middlebury, the two-time defending National Champion, was the only NESCAC school to receive a bid to NCAAAs. Middlebury will not participate in ECACs due to a rule that limits NESCAC schools to one postseason tournament per year.

Williams is the No. 2 seed and Hamilton is the No. 3. Wednesday night, Bowdoin (No. 7) battled Trinity (No. 10) and Holy Cross (No. 8) hosted Babson (No. 9). The winners of these two contests will play either Norwich or Williams on Saturday. Whoever has the higher seed among the two victors will play Williams as the new No. 7 and the lower seeded team will battle Norwich as the new No. 8.

The winners of Saturday's games will advance to the ECAC semi-finals, to be held on March 7th. The Championship will take place on March 8th. Each of the four schools that remain will make a bid to host the Champi-

onship round and the site will be determined after considering the school's facilities, seed in the tournament and accommodation capabilities.

The Mules secured the fourth seed after coming up with two convincing road wins this past weekend. Colby defeated Babson 6-3 on Friday night and beat UMass-Boston the following day by the score of 5-2.

Once again, it was the Laverne and Nick Lamia '97 show for the Mules. Against Babson, Colby pulled away with four second period goals after trailing 1-0 at the first intermission. Laverne finished the game with a hat trick, captain Todd McGovern '97 had two goals and an assist and Lamia scored the other Colby goal and assisted on two others.

Only two minutes into the match-up with UMass-Boston, Colby found itself down 2-0. But Lamia scored early in the first and added another on the power play in the second to tie the game at 2-2. Linemate Laverne took over from there and scored the third and fourth goals for the Mules, giving

them a 4-2 advantage.

According to Tortorella, the Mules didn't panic after falling behind so early.

"I think the strength of our team right now is that we're playing regardless of the score and regardless of the situation," said Tortorella. "Even if we're down a goal, we're not panicking."

Laverne notched five goals and three assists on the weekend, giving him 21 goals and 28 assists on the year for 49 points. Lamia (23-23-46) contributed with three goals and three assists of his own and needs only one point against Amherst to move into fourth place on Colby's all-time scoring list.

Jason Cherella '99 got the call in net for both games and played well despite limited action. He made 20 saves against Babson and added another 18 in the victory over UMass-Boston.

Tortorella said that Cherella is the probable starter in net when the Mules face Amherst on Saturday.

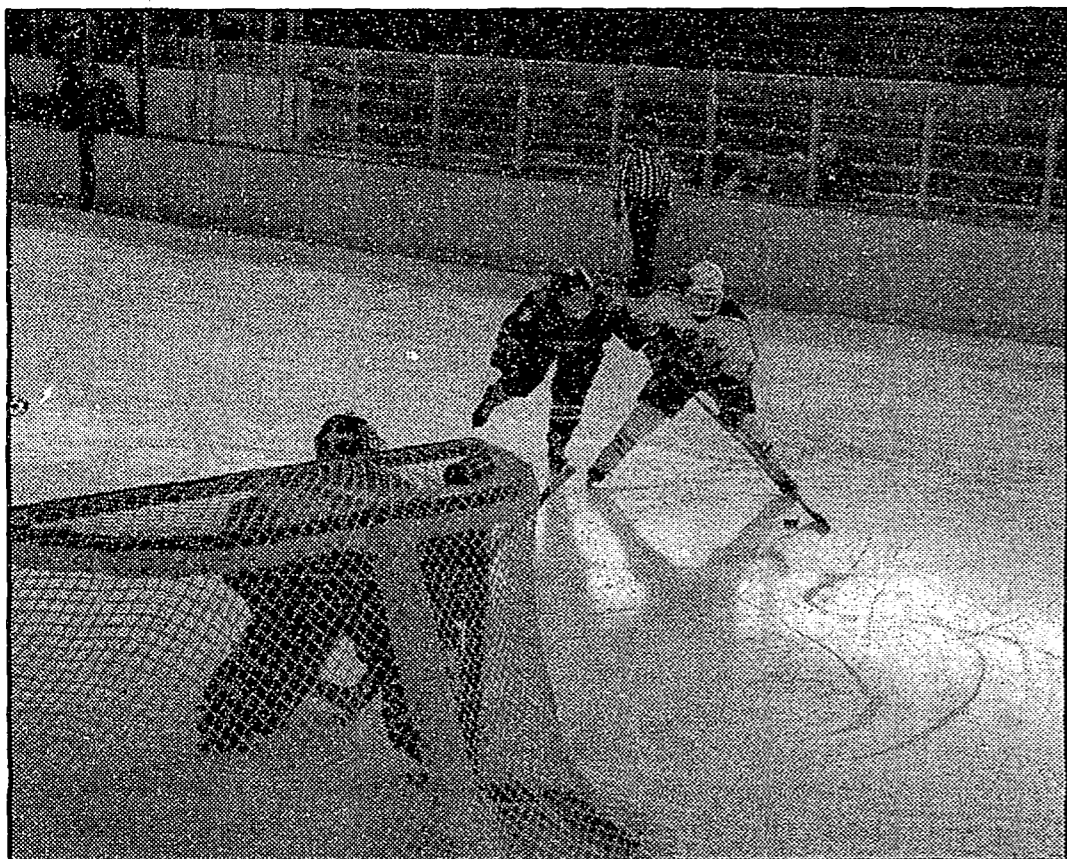
"Jason has played very well the last three games," said Tortorella. □

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Women's hockey splits vs. Princeton, Yale

Junior Meaghan Sittler scores 100th career goal in 9-1 romp of Bulldogs



Echo Photo by Chris Buck
Meaghan Sittler '98 attacks in Colby's 9-1 win over Yale. Sittler notched her 100th career goal in the game.

BY DAVE SCHOETZ
Staff Writer

This weekend, the Colby women's hockey team, which has already clinched a spot in the ECACs, faced two home games as the Tigers of Princeton and the Bulldogs of Yale skated onto Mayflower Hill. Marie Polichronopoulos '97 was back, healthy and ready to stand tall between the pipes.

On Saturday, Colby faced a tough Princeton squad, one of the teams Colby has been fighting it out with for a better seed in the upcoming tournament. The Tigers jumped out to an early 2-1 lead, and by the end of the second period had doubled the score at 4-2. Colby outscored Princeton in the third, but the Tigers held on for a 5-4 victory.

Head Coach Jen Holsten was far from discouraged.

"Well, we outshot them 33 to 27. We had lots of opportunities, but their goalie stood up strong and kept the puck out of the net. We also

hit the post a couple of times. We just weren't finding the net," she said.

Defenseman Stacy Joslin '97, who sprained her ankle last week in the Brown game, played this weekend, perhaps prematurely.

"We may have pushed her a little too much. But everything was there except her timing," said Holsten.

On Sunday, Joslin would be able to nurse her injury without worrying as Colby exploded for four first period goals that set the tone for the afternoon. Colby dismantled a weak Yale team 9-1.

Holsten was very pleased with the team's performance.

"We were mentally into it after being let down against Princeton. It was the seniors' last home game, and we played really creative and just had fun," she said.

As the last seconds of the game ticked away, Meaghan Sittler '98 lit the red light for the 100th time in her White Mule career.

The game displayed the potency that the Colby offense sustains. Sh-

annon Kennedy '00 and the rest of the second line had a very solid weekend, and perhaps the gelling of this line combined with the established power of the first line will lead Colby far into the playoffs.

Next weekend, the team is away at Cornell and St. Lawrence. Cornell has clinched a spot in the ECACs, and is another team Colby is battling with to avoid the eighth seed.

"It's simple, we're looking to take both games this weekend. We do, and we take the seven seed and face Providence in the first round," said Holsten. "If we lose or split, Cornell takes the seven spot, and we take the eighth seed. Then we have to face Brown."

No team wants to play Brown. The team is undefeated in the '96-'97 season, and at times looks unstoppable. Providence is a team Holsten feels confident that Colby can beat. If the team plays as it can, both mentally and physically, then Colby should secure that seven spot and head into the playoffs with confidence. □

Frustrating season comes to an end for men's squash team

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
Asst. Sports Editor

Luck has not been on the side of the Colby men's squash team this season, and this trend continued last weekend when the team traveled to Princeton, N.J. for team Nationals.

Competition was set to begin on Friday and the night before its first match, the team's van broke down. Head Coach Fred Brussel was forced to look for alternative transportation and rented two cars for the team.

"It made life interesting for us," said Brussel.

Colby's luck didn't improve much when matches began. The Mules suffered three losses on the weekend and finished the season with a 6-17 record. Colby went into the tournament with a No. 23 national ranking and left the tournament with the same ranking.

The Mules are not accustomed to such hard times. The past two years, Colby has returned home from Nationals with a C Flight Championship trophy in hand and a No. 17 national ranking.

The loss of its two best players (captains Dave Dodwell '98 and Taylor Smith '98) to studying abroad changed things for the team. Expectations were high early in the year. The Mules hoped to make the jump from C Flight to B Flight at Nationals.

"I think everyone worked hard, but when you lose your No. 1 and No. 2 player, you don't have a leg to stand on," said Brussel.

Brussel said he would have done things a little differently from the start if he knew both Smith and Dodwell would be leaving.

"I wouldn't have scheduled such a tough season and I wouldn't have let such high expectations be talked about," said

Brussel.

Colby played rival Bates in its first match and lost 6-3. Chris Ucko '99 at No. 2, Will Kendall '00 at No. 7 and Sean Dugan '00 at No. 8 were all victorious for the Mules. It was Colby's fourth loss on the year to Bates, who entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed in the C Flight.

In their next match, the Mules fell 7-2 to U.Cal-Berkeley. Reid Farrington '99 at No. 5 and Don Quimby '97 at No. 9 were the lone victors for Colby.

In their final match of the weekend, the Mules faced MIT, a team they beat 5-4 back in December when Dodwell and Smith were in the line-up. This time around, MIT came out on top 7-2. Ucko won at No. 2 and Kendall, who had moved into the No. 6 position, won as well.

"[Kendall] was playing well," said Brussel. "He stepped it up and played his best [squash] this year."

Another bright spot for the Mules was the leadership of captain and No. 1 Geoff Bennett '98. Bennett was forced to sit out most of the first half of the season after suffering a knee injury. He returned to action second semester and was diagnosed with a broken wrist early last week.

Bennett still made the trip down to Princeton last weekend and played in his No. 1 spot for the Mules, broken wrist and all.

"We couldn't afford to lose him," said Brussel. "I think he did very well as a leader and a captain this year."

Bennett will return as a senior next year alongside Dodwell, Smith and several other promising players. Brussel will look for big things out of his team next year.

"Next year, even without getting a good recruit at this school, we will be a B team [at Nationals]," said Brussel. □

Falls, mishaps: "Inspired words from a man who knows how to ski"

BY LARRY BENESH
Sports Editor

Mother Nature can be cruel. After waiting months for a good base to build up at Sugarloaf, three sweet days of warm temperatures took much of the snow away, and conditions are now less than ideal.

Last Sunday, there seemed to be more ice than snow, and some trails were unskiable. Still, by today, things have probably improved given that the snow guns will be out in full force if it stays cold enough.

Recreational skiers, like most other sportspeople who lack any real criteria to judge their successes, are great liars and story tellers. Anybody who has logged more than a couple days a year probably has at least one funny incident to tell about the time they dropped their goggles in a raging snowstorm, or about the first time they got off a chairlift.

Those of us who live to ski have dozens of stories about the sick air we got, or the time we actually landed a helicopter. There are plenty of lies about powder up to the waist and that perfect line through the bumps.

One necessity in just about any skier's repertoire of stories is about the falls they've had.

One time I awoke feeling at least some of the effects leftover from the previous evening's activities, and yet I had promised to go skiing with a friend of mine. I struggled out of bed and was not exactly bright eyed and bushy tailed on the ride up to the Loaf.

Perhaps I rationalized that the best way to feel better was to go skiing. After all, as my friends will attest, there are few things I love more than skiing.

My reasoning was clearly lacking though, when I chose my light bump skis for the day when conditions turned out to be icy and fast. From the first run, I felt out of control and out of sorts. I found myself as frightened of my skiing as a third grader watching *Misery* for the first time.

A few runs later, I was feeling better. My skis were mostly doing what I hoped they would do, and when my energetic friend asked if I felt like hitting a few jumps, I consented.

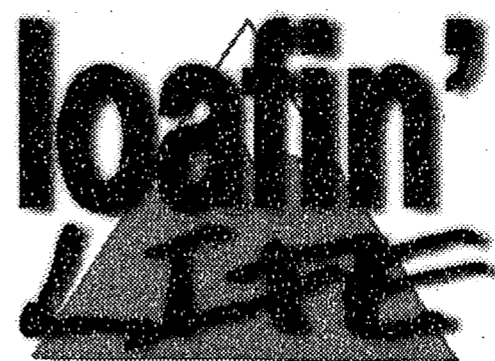
The first one felt good, but I underestimated how much speed I needed on the second. I landed on a flat spot and my ski popped off, and

bounce off the ground and become pointed head first. Fortunately I was wearing a helmet.

After I hit my head, my chest and shoulder came down hard and I realized I couldn't breathe. I dragged myself to the side of the trail for fear of someone hitting the jump and landing on me, and tried to regain my breath.

A couple minutes later I felt quite a bit better, but although I got up and went down to the chairlift, during the next run I decided it was definitely time for lunch.

Tip of the Week: If you really want to know the snow conditions at the Loaf, don't bother with their snow line of 207/237-3000. When you get their operator, ask for Guest Services and ask them to tell you what lifts are open, etc. If you add that you are a season pass holder, I have found that they can be quite frank. □



I was catapulted down the incline.

The moment after I landed, I knew there was no way to recover. It was almost surreal to feel myself

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up a notch."

This weekend the men's team will travel to Williams for New England. DuBow is optimistic about the Mules' chances to improve upon last year's 12th place finish.

"Geoff Herrick '98 and Peter Bowden '98 both have a chance to qualify for Nationals. If the men move up as much as the women, they could end up in the top five," said DuBow. □

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Dream season continues as Colby edges Bates, 70-69

BY ELLEN PIGNATELLA &
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An exciting and successful season continues for the Colby women's basketball team.

After losing 75-64 to a tough Williams team on Saturday, the Mules traveled down to Lewiston on Monday to take on CBB rival Bates. The Bobcats entered the game as the third ranked team in New England with a 20-3 record.

In a nail-biter of a game, Colby emerged with a 70-69 victory in front of a full house at the Bates gym.

"It was phenomenal," said Head Coach Tricia O'Brien. "It was a very well played game. At any time, one of our players or one of their players stepped it up."

The game was close from the opening tip, and Colby was clinging to a five-point lead with 1:14 left in regulation. The Bobcats, thanks to a pair of steals from Colleen McGrade, went on a 6-0 run to take a 69-68 lead with 5.9 seconds remaining.

Leading scorer Erin Cole-Karagory '00 (team-high 28 points, 11 of 18 from the field) took an inbounds pass from Jen McGonagle '00 at half court and made her way to the hoop. She attempted a five-foot jumper with 2.5 seconds left and the shot missed, but she was fouled on the play.

With her team down by one and a packed gym doing anything in its power to distract her, Cole-Karagory calmly sank both free-throws to give Colby a 70-69 lead.

McGonagle swatted the ensuing inbounds pass out of bounds. Bates took a desperation three-pointer with 1.4 seconds left that fell a foot

short. The Mules poured onto the floor in celebration after improving to 17-6 on the year.

Chris Roberts '00 converted all five of her free throws to finish with 13 points. Captain Lynn Kenoyer '97 had a career high 11 rebounds and added three assists and four steals.

O'Brien praised the inside play of McGonagle and the defensive work of Jen Freese '00, who held Bates' leading scorer to six points.

In Saturday's game at Williams, Colby played well in spurts but the more-consistent Ephs came out on top.

Trailing by 12 points in the first half, Colby made an impressive 20-2 run to lead Williams by seven

tion for the victory.

"It was an extremely physical game and we were a lot smaller. Our defense was shaky and we just couldn't seem to put it together," said Kenoyer.

Dominating once again for Colby was Cole-Karagory, who had 17 points and eight rebounds. Other high scorers included Kenoyer with 13 points, five rebounds, and two assists, and McGonagle with 11 points. Colby also received strong support off the bench from Jen Usher '00, who scored eight points, brought down four rebounds, and played tremendous defense, according to O'Brien.

After the win at Bates, Colby has put itself in a position to secure the CBB crown with a win over Bowdoin tonight at home.

The Mules are out for revenge against Bowdoin. Earlier in the season, the Polar Bears defeated Colby by 18 points, 80-62.

"It was by far our worst performance of this season," said O'Brien.

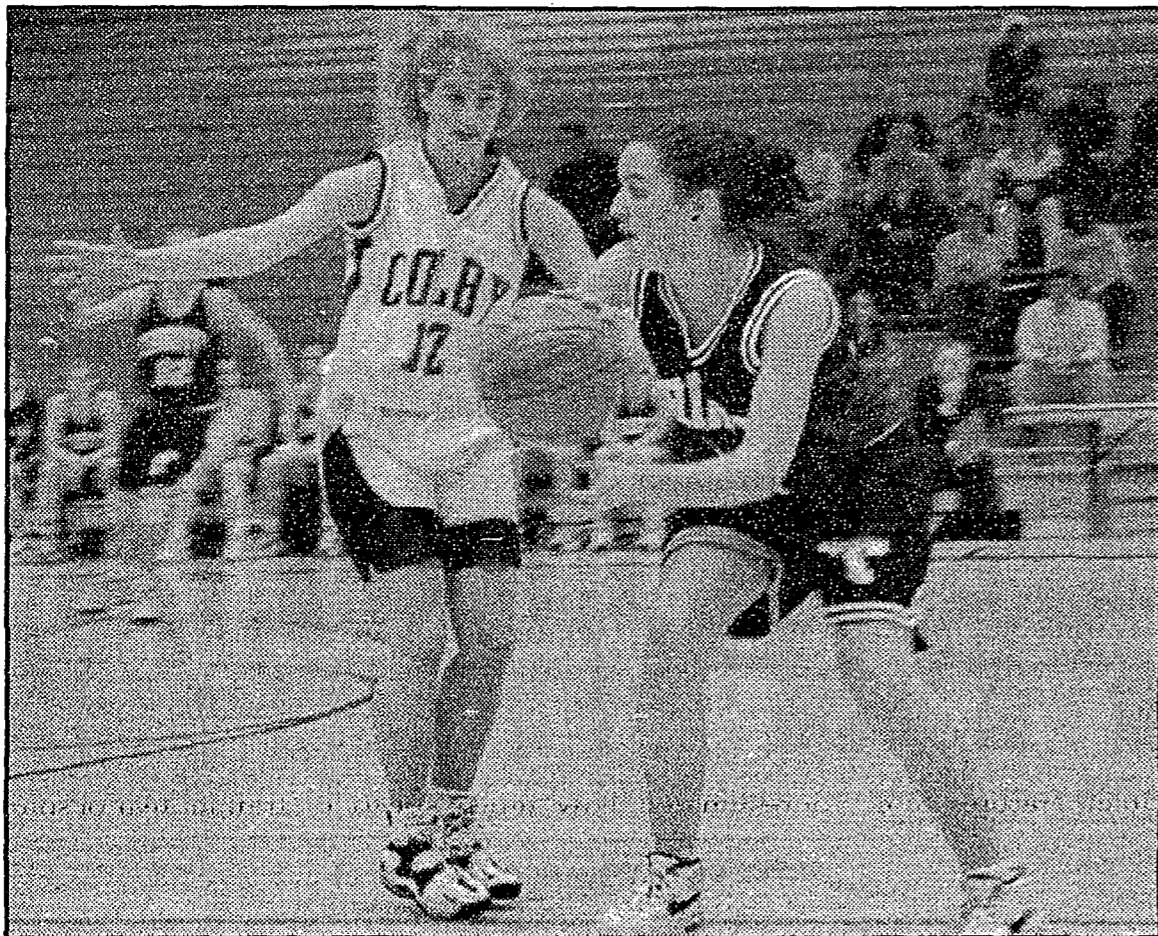
"We were intimidated by Bowdoin, but now we are ready to avenge our early season loss."

Tonight's contest is the last regular season game for the Mules and they would still have a shot of gaining their first ever NCAA birth with a win over Bowdoin.

The Polar Bears normally rotate only six players and usually press for most of the contest, which could allow the Mules to take advantage of their fatigued opponents late in the game.

"We need to do better job of handling their press," said O'Brien. After the thrilling win over Bates, one stepping stone remains for the Mules.

"We definitely have something to prove," said O'Brien.



Echo file photo

Captain Lynn Kenoyer '97 blocks an opponent.

points. The Mules were able to contain their opponents for the remainder of the half, entering half-time with a two-point lead. Yet a resilient Williams team converted several inside baskets in the second half to regain the lead. With five players scoring in double digits, Williams' strong offense, coupled with a poor defensive performance from the Mules, widened the gap.

Although Colby was able to come within four points of the Ephs, they were forced to foul to try to regain possession at the end of the game. Williams' accurate free throw shooting put Colby out of conten-

Disappointing finish for alpine skiing at EISAs

BY BEN LESTER & LARRY
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Staff Writer & Sports Editor

The men's and women's alpine ski teams finished their season last Saturday in melodramatic fashion at the EISA Championships at Middlebury, VT.

The men, who have struggled all winter to find their groove, were plagued again by inconsistency. The Mules were ninth overall. Senior captain Dylan Rothwell led the team with a 42nd place in the GS. Darren Gelormino '00 was right behind him in the 43rd spot. The third fastest Colby finisher was Derek Pelletier '99 in 50th place.

"[Dylan] has had four years of excellent skiing and excellent leadership," said Head Coach Mark Godomsky.

The slalom was a better race for the men. Gelormino was 27th, Brian Hanseth '00 was 31st, and Craig Bowden '99 finished up in 38th.

"It was an up and down weekend, it just shows what a young team does," said Godomsky.

The women, who, like the men, have suffered at the hands of inconsistency and inexperience, finished in eighth place. In the GS, Amanda Rutherford '00 led the women's team with a 25th place finish.

"Amanda had her best weekend of the year. She definitely ended on a good note," Godomsky said.

Melissa Maguire '99 placed 34th and captain Emily Etchells was 37th.

The women's team had a particularly rough outing in the slalom.

Only two women skiers finished and three skiers must finish in order for the team to be counted in the scoring. Rutherford was 34th and Maguire was 35th. Unfortunately, Vicki Bates '00 fell and did not qualify for the NCAA champi-

onships. Etchells and Carolyn Campbell also did not finish.

"The women skied fairly well on Friday, but not up to their potential," said Godomsky. "A couple people put a little too much pressure on themselves."

According to Godomsky, the weekend was not awful but it was disappointing.

One source of encouragement was that Hanseth's output helped qualify him in the downhill and super G for the U.S. National Alpine Championships at Sugarloaf on March 16-23. Earlier in the season, he traveled to Jackson Hole, Wyoming to compete in a downhill and super G. Though the championships are not affiliated with the NCAA, his efforts mark the first time that a Colby skier has qualified. Only five college skiers can qualify to compete in those races.

"He's definitely ranked in the top ten in the U.S. for downhill and super G," said Godomsky. "He's pretty excited about it, it's a great chance for him."

Hanseth attended Jesuit H.S. in Lake Oswego, Oregon, and also raced at Mt. Hood Academy in Oregon.

Godomsky will look to build around Hanseth and a host of other talented young skiers, and expects to return everyone in the program but Rothwell next season.

In evaluation of the season as a whole, Godomsky praised his teams' resilience, and reminded us that the Mules still have several years ahead of them to continue to improve.

"We were young, we were inexperienced, we had injuries and retirements, but we still remained positive. I think everyone was frustrated that we did not hit our potential, and that we were so inconsistent, but on the whole, I think this was a good season to build on. We return a lot of talent and we'll only get better," he said.

Hey Colby hockey fans!

Tickets for Saturday's ECAC hockey game against Amherst are on sale today from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the main desk in Colby's Alfond Athletic Center.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 students. Doors open for the game at 6:30 on Saturday and any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

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OFFSIDES

Meet Mr. Big Program

BY LARRY BENESH
Sports Editor

There is controversy today in college sports. There is a problem. Sports writers around the country are writing about it. College administrators are concerned. ESPN analysts are talking about it. On the radio, fans are bemoaning it.

The problem is sophomores. And freshmen. Even those pesky high school seniors.

"Can you believe what they're doing?" Mr. Big Program Basketball Coach asked me the other day.

"They are getting in trouble?" I asked. We were riding along in his BMW through the big city.

"Big trouble," he said. "They are causing me a lot of trouble."

"How are they doing it? Are they borrowing calling card numbers to call their parents and accepting free plane tickets?" I asked.

"Oh they do that sometimes. But I don't care about that unless the NCAA happens to hear about it," he said. "It's much worse than that."

"Do they not go to class?" I said. "They are having academic troubles, aren't they?"

"Academics, smacademics," he said. "When has that ever mattered to me?"

"Silly me," I said. "They are spending too much time dunking?"

"No, no. Dunking is good. It brings fans, revenue," he said. I noticed that his eyes got as large as

saucers when he said the word revival.

I knew then what he was talking about.

"They're leaving me for the pros," he said. "They tell me to take my stinkin' scholarship and shove

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it, they're going to make \$1 million next year and forgo their senior season."

"What's wrong with that?" I asked. "Don't you want your former players to do well financially, and isn't it these players' dream to play in the NBA?"

"Don't you see, they're using the school. In some cases, they don't even bother to use the school, like this Bryant kid. How can I win my national championship without a Jerry Stackhouse or a Ron Mercer?" he whined. He drove a little faster.

"I don't know. Maybe with play-

ers who belong in college basketball and play well together as a team?" I suggested. "Did you really think it is wise to suggest that a player not enter the pros when he is predicted to go as a first round draft pick?"

"What about the Tim Duncans and the Keith Van Horns we'll have to compete against? What about the lost revenue because of the level of play?" he howled.

"It's great to have these guys play college ball, but it is their choice to stay. And as long as there is TV and sports fans, they'll be revenue for your program even if you suited up Astrophysics majors," I said.

"What about the academic opportunity these guys miss out on. And the years to mature?" he asked.

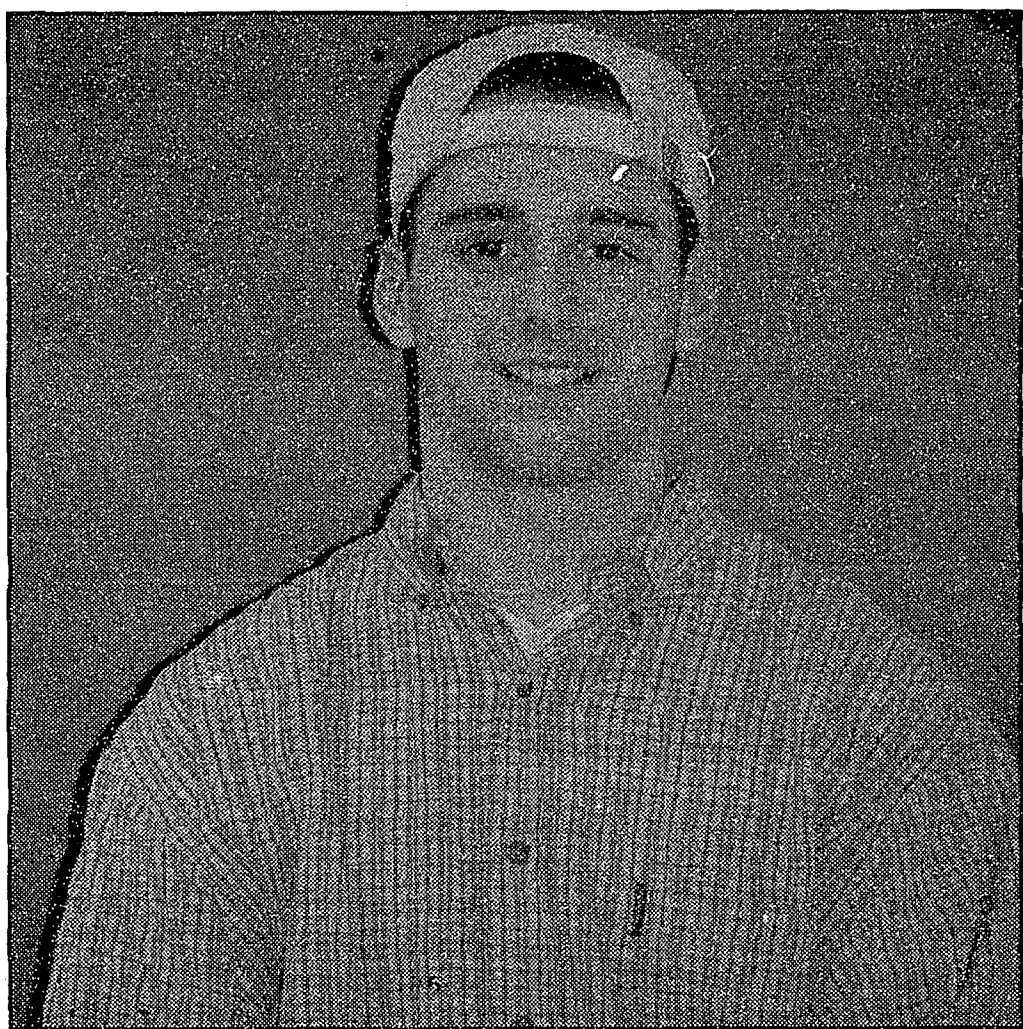
"Eighteen is probably too young to make a million dollars to play hoops, but if a team wants to take that risk, then it is in their interest to see that these players mature. Let's face it. Most of the big programs aren't even emphasizing academics for the guys who ride the pine, let alone the stars," I said. "Most baseball players and hockey players have always gone straight from high school to teams, sometimes even before finishing high school. No one seems to think that this is a problem."

"Those sports don't produce a lot of revenue for schools or have big TV contracts," Mr. Big Time concluded.

"I forgot," I said. □

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Dan Lavergne '97

It is no coincidence that the Colby men's hockey team is entering the playoffs for the fourth straight year and this is senior Dan Lavergne's fourth year on the squad. The speedy forward has had one of the most impressive careers ever by a Colby player. This past weekend, Lavergne notched a hat trick and added an assist in Colby's 6-3 win over Babson and scored two goals and had two assists in its 5-2 victory against UMass-Boston. He either scored or assisted on eight of Colby's 11 goals over the weekend. As Colby's No. 2 all-time leading scorer, Lavergne has amassed a stellar 173 points in his career.

I like hazing, you like hazing, so what's wrong with hazing?

BY RYAN MAYHUGH
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I was only a freshman in high school, suddenly I found myself paying close attention to the weather reports. I felt a little bit like my Grandpa. The first snow fall of the year would effect my life greatly.

Our hockey team had a tradition, and of course, you don't mess with tradition. The city's sledding hills were in the same complex as our ice rink. How convenient. On the first snow fall of the year, the upperclassmen on our team always wanted to go sledding after practice. And they always seemed to forget their sleds.

Most of the time, freshmen are considered to be completely worthless. But on these occasions, freshmen (and other first-year players) came in rather handy. The upperclassmen would go sledding, and the freshmen would be the sleds.

It actually wasn't all that bad. I wasn't a very fast sled, so some of the seniors figured I might speed up a little if they kicked snow in my face. I was cold, but after I took a hot shower and changed clothes, I was fine. And so were my fellow sleds.

Initiation was over with and I

stopped watching the weather. The next day, we came into the locker room and the seniors told us all about their initiations and some of the former players that used them as sleds. We all laughed. Welcome to the team.

The next three years, I got to watch the freshmen walk into the locker room on the first snow fall of the year, their faces filled with dread. Some made better sleds than others. Nobody ever got hurt, and

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nobody was scarred emotionally.

Others sports teams had similar traditions and when people talked about that year's initiation, they always had a smile on their face. Why? Because it was fun.

There is nothing wrong with a little friendly hazing every now and then. It enhances team bonding and allows freshmen to feel like one of the crowd.

It is unfortunate that the freshmen football players got caught stealing Christmas decorations during their initiation this year. What is in actuality a fairly innocent (although maybe a tad foolish) tradi-

tion has sent a shock wave through Eustis.

Want to make your favorite administrator vomit? Say the word "hazing" to their face five times. It generally works much better than another obvious choice, "underage drinking", because "hazing" has fewer syllables.

So what's all the fuss about anyway? Of course, this goes back to the fraternity abolishment in the early 80s. If groups of people engage in hazing, well then they must be a fraternity. If our administrators really believe this then we should lobby to replace them with Forrest Gump. He would be more qualified.

Hazing is harmless, in most cases anyway. I can see where it might become an area of concern. Freshmen are vulnerable souls, and in most cases they are dying to fit in. Upperclassmen say "jump" and they say "into which river?"

But let's be realistic. Most of the time, hazing involves humiliation and nothing else. Most of the people on this campus voluntarily humiliate themselves every weekend, so what's the problem?

No matter what the administration chooses to do, hazing will survive, which is a comforting thought. Let the respective traditions continue! □

This Week's All-Mule Pack

Kara Patterson '97

Rarely a week goes by when senior indoor track runner Patterson is absent from the All-Mule Pack. Last weekend at the Open New England Division I Championships at URI, she surpassed even the highest expectations with a victory in the 5000 meters. Her time was 13 seconds faster than the closest competitor. According to Head Coach Deb Aitken, it is the first time she has had someone win an event at that meet.

Erin Cole-Karagory '00

It is becoming harder and harder to believe that Cole-Karagory is only a freshman. In the women's basketball team's thrilling 70-69 win over Bates on Monday, she hit two free throws with 2.5 seconds left on the clock to improve the Mules' record to 17-6. Cole-Karagory led the team with 28 points against No. 3 Bates and clipped in 17 points and eight rebounds in the Mules' 75-64 loss at Williams.

Morgan Filler '97

Senior swimming team co-captain Filler does it all. She pitched in on two relays that broke school records at last weekend's Division III New England Championships, and still found the strength to break her own Colby record in the 200 yard fly. She made B cuts for Nationals in the 500 yard free, 200 yard free, 1650 yard free, and the 200 yard fly. She was named All-New England for her third place finish in the 500 yard free, and received Honorable Mentions in four other events.

Men's hoops falls to 19-4 with losses to Tufts, Bates

BY KAREN BLAISDELL &
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It seemed as if the Colby men's basketball team could do no wrong.

After a loss to No. 1 ranked Williams on Jan. 24th, the team exploded on an eight game winning streak and improved to 19-2 on the year. Students casually began talking about a possible first round NCAA game right here on Mayflower Hill.

In a matter of only three days, however, things changed significantly for the Mules. Tufts beat Colby 78-76 in overtime last Saturday and Bates handed the Mules their fourth loss on the year in its 65-60 victory Monday night in Lewiston.

With a record of 19-4, Colby's hopes of attaining its third NCAA birth in four years will depend on its game against Bowdoin this Saturday in Brunswick. According to Head Coach Dick Whitmore, if the Mules won the contest there is still a possibility that they would host a first round game in NCAAs.

Even though it may have appeared that the No. 2 ranked Mules were invincible, Tufts and Bates set out to prove otherwise.

Tufts, the No. 9 team in New England, stayed with Colby right from the opening tip. The two teams were tied at the half and the game stayed close right up until the very end.

The Mules were down by three with one minute left in regulation but managed to tie the game to force overtime.

As time wound down in the first overtime, the Mules experienced déjà vu: once again they were down by three points with a minute to go. Captain John Hebert '97 (15 points) hit a clutch three-pointer to tie the game at 76-76. Hebert was fouled

on the shot but failed to convert the free throw.

The Jumbos converted on their next possession and took a 78-76 lead that proved to be enough.

"We were pleased with the way the team held their poise the entire game, it's the sign of a good team," said Whitmore.

Captain Andy Black '97 (21 points, 14 rebounds) said the Mules had their chances to pull ahead but could not convert when they needed to.

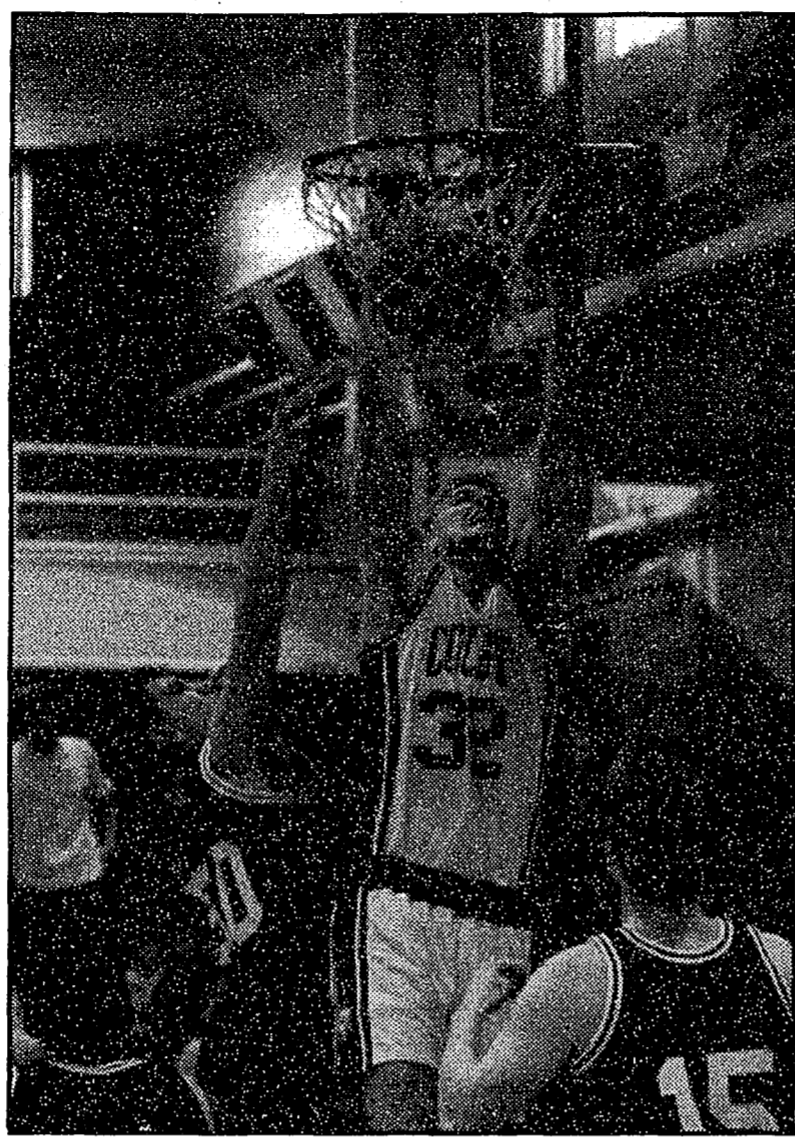
"Towards the end of the season it's

harder to get prepared mentally and physically," said Black. "But we played well and it was great that we kept it up through overtime. We played well, just not well enough."

The same could not be said in the team's game against Bates. Whitmore said the Mules played "poorly" and the Bobcats held the lead from start to finish, including a 33-24 advantage at half-time.

Despite solid contributions from Black (22 points, 12 rebounds), Hebert (13 points) and reserve forward James Spidle '99 (14 points) Colby simply did not play well enough to win.

"We have to be disappointed in the way we played because we didn't play with the zest that we've played with before," said Whitmore.



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Captain Andy Black '97 hangs from the rim.

The stage has been set for Saturday's game against Bowdoin. The Polar Bears, at 18-5, will probably make NCAAs with a win over Colby but will have to settle for ECACs if they lose.

The Mules have reigned victorious in their two previous meetings with Bowdoin. Colby won 76-66 in the State of Maine Tournament at USM and notched another victory, 76-69, when the two teams played at Wadsworth Gymnasium on Feb. 5th.

With so much at stake for both teams, Colby will be ready for a hard-fought, intense game when they take the floor on Saturday.

"Bowdoin is going to be out to kill us because we've beaten them twice," said Black. □

Men's track competes at Division I Champs.

BY MEG ROURKE &
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The men's track and field team sent members to two separate meets this past weekend. While there were four Colby competitors at the New England Division I Championships at Boston University, several other team members competed at the Maine USA Track and Field Championships at Bowdoin.

"The meet at Bowdoin ended up being a larger and more challenging meet than we had expected. I felt the performances at the Division I meet went well," said Head Coach Barrett Smith.

Adam Schwartz '00, Jamie Brewster '00, Emil Thomann '00 and senior captain Steve Suomi had all qualified for the Division I New England Championships earlier in the season.

None of the Mules were able to qualify for Nationals.

Brewster fared well against excellent competitors, throwing 49 feet, 2.5 inches in the 35 pound weight throw. He was 17th overall.

Thomann ran a personal best time of 50.35 seconds in the 400 meters. Although he did have the eighth fastest time in the trials, another runner with a slower time who had won his heat advanced to the finals.

Suomi had his best 500 meters time of the year, completing the race in 1:07.32.

"Steve was 13th in the trials. That was also very good," said Smith. "All of their placings [Brewster, Thomann, and Suomi]

were higher than they were originally seeded."

Unfortunately, Schwartz was not able to race in the meet because of an injury to his right foot. According to Smith, he is hoping to qualify again in the outdoor season.

"His right foot has been bothering him for a couple weeks. We're not exactly sure what it is but we found out it is not a stress fracture," said Smith.

At press time, Smith did not have the complete results of the Maine USA Track and Field Championship which included competitors from at least seven schools.

Freshmen Tyrone Boucaud had a time of 7.94 seconds in the 55 meter high hurdles. It was a personal best.

"That time would have qualified him for the Division I New Englands," said Smith. "That was a nice race."

Nate Laing '00 managed to qualify for ECACs in the 35 pound weight throw with a throw of 45' 5".

"He came through with a huge personal best. His previous best was 40 feet, 6.5 inches," said Smith.

This weekend Colby will be sending 13 athletes to the ECACs at Boston University.

"If everyone performs to their potential, we have a chance of placing well. My expectations are for them to perform solidly and continue to get used to competing at large collegiate championships," said Smith. "It would be nice if we could improve on our performances from the New England Division III Championships two weeks ago." □

Wax, warm weather hurts nordic team

BY LARRY BENESH
Sports Editor

Not much went right for the Colby nordic skiing team last weekend at the EISA Championships at Middlebury. On Friday, the Mules experienced problems with the wax they used on their skis and times were slow for both the men and women.

"We missed the wax. We weren't getting much glide, and on things like downhill we were getting passed," said captain Josh Keith '97.

"It was a sketchy wax day," said Head Coach Jefferson Goethals.

Unfortunately for Colby, Friday's race was the only race that ended up counting for the carnival results. Saturday's race was canceled because of lack of snow, and although the race was moved to Sunday at Prospect Mt., the other nordic team coaches voted not to count that race in the results.

"It was pretty unfortunate. Myself and the coach from UNH had to fight to even have a race on Sunday. People wanted to go home," said Goethals. "It was too bad. It meant one less event in the carnival."

Sunday's results may have added to the frustration since the Mules skied particularly well. Captain Jen Lane '98 finished 23rd and

senior Heather Bend ended up 30th. Danielle Driscoll '98 was 36th.

"The race on Friday definitely put a damper on things. At least we made up for it on Sunday. We were able to end on a much better note," said Lane. "It was definitely one of the best races we've had."

The men's team also had strong results on Sunday. Tim Bertram '00 captured 37th place.

"It was almost much better than that. He was ten seconds out of 23rd with five kilometers left to go in a 20k race. It shows what he is capable of in another year of training," said Goethals.

Keith finished up in 43rd and Chaz Langelier '00 was 49th.

"The men's team probably had their best race of the season," said Keith.

Although their improvement on Sunday was considerable, it did not count in the standings. The women's team placed eighth overall, and the men ended up in the ninth spot.

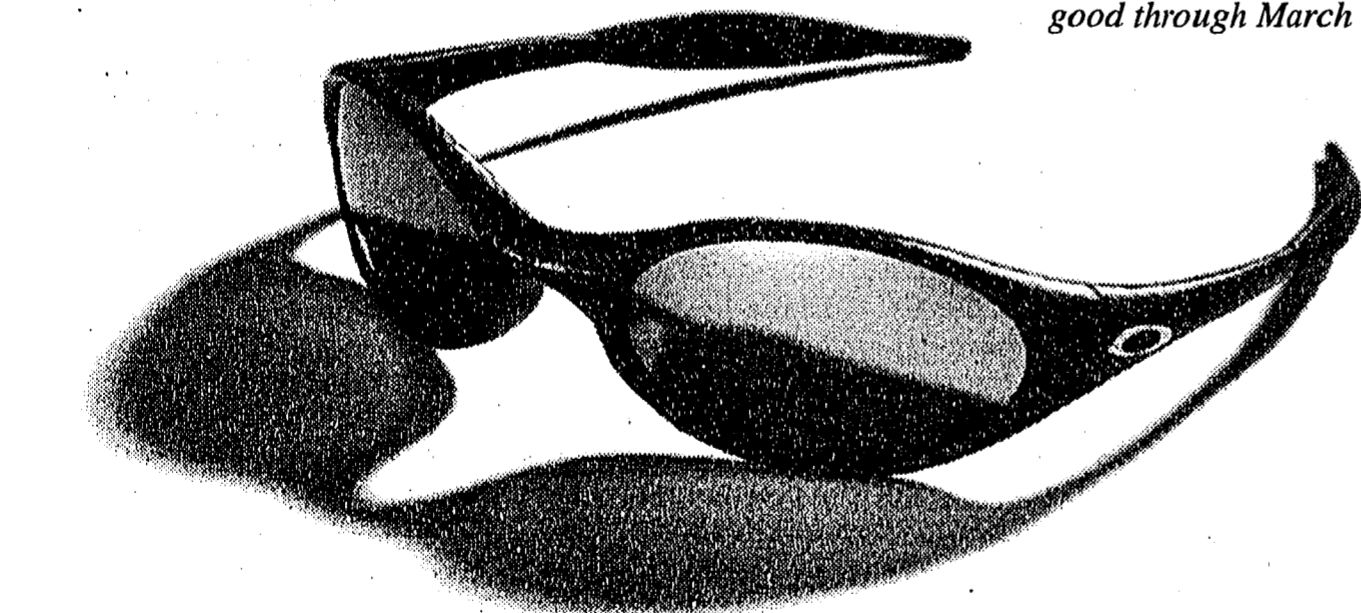
"We lost to Bowdoin by five points. We haven't lost to them in a good five years," said Goethals.

Although the season ended with disappointing results, Goethals remains optimistic about the young teams' potential for next year. Bend and Keith are the only nordic skiers that will graduate this spring.

"I think we're in pretty good shape," he said. □



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ECAC playoff hockey comes to Alfond Arena

Mules face Amherst Saturday in first home playoff game since 1966



The men's hockey team stands together for its last regular season home game. Colby hosts ECAC quarterfinals this weekend.

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BY RYAN MAYHUGH
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Last year, the Colby men's hockey team earned a bid into the NCAA tournament for the first time in its history. Unfortunately, the Mules will not make it back to the NAAs this year, but they still have a chance to make history.

With two victories this past weekend, Colby finished its season with a 16-7-1 record, good enough for a No. 4 seed in the upcoming ECAC tournament. The Mules will play No. 5 seed Amherst this Saturday night in first round action at Alfond Arena. The last time Colby hosted a playoff game was back in 1966.

The Mules had hoped to make it back to the NAAs this year, but Head Coach Jim Tortorella said the team is excited to play a post-season game in front of its home crowd.

"I look at our season and in many aspects it's better than last season because of the expectations we were dealing with," said Tortorella.

"Obviously, everyone wanted to go back to NAAs, but I think we've picked it up in the

last part of the season," said Dan Lavergne '97. "I think this season could be even better than last season if we can win the [ECAC] Championship."

After a 5-1 loss to Plattsburgh St. in the beginning of January that dropped their record to 4-4, the Mules rebounded to go 12-3-1 in their last 16 games, including a 4-3 overtime win against Amherst.

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Tortorella said that Amherst is a team that has seven or eight good players and solid goaltending.

"I think the keys to our weekend will be special teams—they have a very good power play," said Tortorella. "Our strength is that we have a little more depth."

"Team defense is a key—it's been a key all year," said Lavergne. "If we play good team see HOCKEY on page 15

Patterson, Pomerleau score at Open New England Champs.

BY MIKE GALLANT
Staff Writer

This year's women's indoor track team is proving to be a team that won't soon be forgotten.

The Mules traveled to the University of Rhode Island for Division I New England's last weekend where they faced mostly Division I competition, but still managed to score 16 points as a team.

"That's the most points [a Colby women's track team] has scored at that meet in my twelve years of coaching," said Head Coach Deb Aitken. "The meet went extremely well."

Senior captain Kara Patterson entered the 5000 meters, which had a field of 14 runners, mostly from Division I and II schools. Patterson won the race in 17:39, with second place coming in back at 17:52. It was the first time Aitken has had an athlete win an event at that meet.

"We went out fast, running 40-second splits [per 200 meters]," said Patterson. "I sat back behind a woman from BU for a while, but I passed her and knew she was tired."

Patterson lead the race from that point on. Her time is an automatic qualifier for Nationals.

Captain Cindy Pomerleau '97 placed third in the pentathlon with 3262 points, shattering the school record in that event by over 100

points. The week before she broke the school record in the shot put.

"I was well behind after the long jump, high jump and hurdles," said Pomerleau. "Then I threw 39 [feet], 8 [inches] in the shot put, which was over ten feet farther than the others. I placed second in the 800 [meters]. That got me back in the competition."

Pomerleau also competed in the open shot put and placed 10th out of 24 throwers.

The 4x400 meter relay team had its fastest time of the season, 4:13, but did not score. The team was composed of Jeannine Berquist '00, Katie LaRochelle '00, Pomerleau and captain Julie Lynch '97.

Lynch ran the 500 meters, and Berquist competed in the 800 meters.

Aitken also sent some athletes to compete at an open U.S. Track and Field meet at Bowdoin. Weight throwers Karen Hoch '00 and Kim McCarron '00 both had personal bests by almost a foot, throwing 42'7" and 38'4", respectively.

The Mules only have ECAC's left at B.U. this weekend, then the National Championships on March 7th and 8th. Patterson and Pomerleau are well set to compete at Nationals. Patterson is ranked third in the 5000 meters, and hopes to compete in the 1500 meters as well. Pomerleau is ranked fifth nationally in the shot put. □

Women swimmers save their best for New England's

BY LARRY BENESH
Sports Editor

The New England Championships is the last and most grueling event that the swimming team competes in. It lasts from Friday to Sunday and each day it runs all day. Fortunately, the Colby's women's swim team saw its hard work pay off with an eighth place finish out of field of 32 teams.

Last year, with mostly the same cast of swimmers, the Mules placed 18th. According to Head Coach Sura DuBow, the team has not been in the top eight at New England's since 1992.

"They swam out of their minds," said DuBow. "They turned a lot of heads."

The Mules defeated every team they had previously competed against this season except for Bowdoin. Five school records were broken at the meet.

"We were really psyched to be there, and there was a lot of positive energy on the team that got everyone to swim fast," said Alice Wong '98.

Laura Feraco '99 broke her own record in the 50 yard backstroke with a time of 29.95 seconds. Emily Dowd '99 beat out the old record in the 50 yard backstroke with a time of 32.73 seconds.

Two relays also broke Colby records. Feraco, Dowd, Mary Snyder '00 and senior co-captain Morgan Filler teamed up to break the 200 yard medley record with their time of 1:56.83. Feraco, Dowd, Filler and Kristen North '99 all con-



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Colby swim team dives in at practice.

tributed to the new record of 4:14.45 in the 400 yard medley. That time earned them an eighth place finish in the event.

"That's very good, since the top 24 make the finals. Some of the events have 90 [competitors]," said DuBow.

In addition to competing in the relays, Filler also broke a record that she had previously shared in the 200 yard fly with a time of 2:11.51. She also qualified for B cuts of Nationals in that and the 500 yard free, 200 yard free and the 1650 yard free. Because of her third place finish in the 500 yard free, Filler was named to the All-New England team.

According to DuBow, while qualifying for the B cut does not guarantee that Filler will actually go to Nationals, DuBow expects Filler will qualify because she had

such fast times. She should be notified today.

"Morgan was awesome," said co-captain Jenny Higgins '97.

Snyder was also named All-New England with her third place finish in the 100 yard IM.

Filler received Honorable Mentions in the 200 yard fly and the 1650 yard free since she placed within the top eight. Snyder received Honorable Mention in the 200 yard IM. The 400 yard medley team was also named Honorable Mention.

Higgins finished out her four year career with lifetime bests in the 1650 yard free, 200 IM and the 400 IM. Freshman diver Kathryn Johnson contributed by placing 16th in the three-meter dive.

"That was another big surprise," said DuBow. "Everyone stepped see SWIMMING on page 16