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## SGA elections receive huge student body turnout Runoff for SGA presidency and Chaplins Commons tomorrow

BY RENEE LAJEUNESSE  
News Editor

A record 72 percent of the student body turned out to vote in the Student Government Association (SGA) elections held in the Student Center on Tuesday from. Some tickets did not receive 50 percent of the vote as the SGA guidelines mandate for victory, including the race for SGA president and vice-president, necessitating a runoff tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In the presidential race, the first round of voting has eliminated Todd Polling '98 and Dan Noyes '98, and has left the teams of John Doyle '99 and Rob Chisholm '99 against Shannon Baker '98 and Jill Marshall '98 for Friday's runoff. The Baker/Marshall ticket secured 39 percent of the original vote, while Doyle and Chisholm's platform received 32 percent.

Baker and Marshall said they hope to accomplish several projects, including enhancing school spirit at Colby and conducting an examination of discipline policies, such as looking into an Honor Code. They also cited pursuing "the formation of a Pub-style bar on campus, an investigation of giving students a choice of meal plans, and fulfilling the goals of the Pugh Center by creating more discussion and interactions between groups" as their interests, which they feel they can successfully complete with the help of their working relationship with the administration.

Doyle and Chisholm's platform contains "goals, not promises," and "areas of interest." They intend to

utilize their experience—both serve as current hall presidents—to investigate topics such as the proposed "One-Card" campus system, bookstore pricing policies, commons restructuring, and the newly-formed Intercollege Co-operative Council. They want to "encourage more people in the Colby community [to] take interest in the student government process", doing things such as holding bi-weekly dining hall information sessions, of which they already started last week.

After Tuesday's results were issued, Doyle said, "Rob and I are happy with the way things have turned out so far and we're intending to meet with as many people as possible by Friday's runoff." He encourages anyone with questions or comments to drop by Dana dining hall today between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Marshall encourages all students to get out and cast their ballots one more time for the future of Colby. "[Jill and I] are determined with experience to strengthen the Colby community, but now the question is ARE YOU?" she reiterated from her campaigning. "Make a difference and voice your opinion," she said.

Commenting on the presidential race, current Student Associa-

tion (Stu-A) Vice-President Graham Nelson '98 said, "All things considered, these are two fantastic tickets. The leadership and experience should be absolutely fantastic." Nelson said that the elected presi-

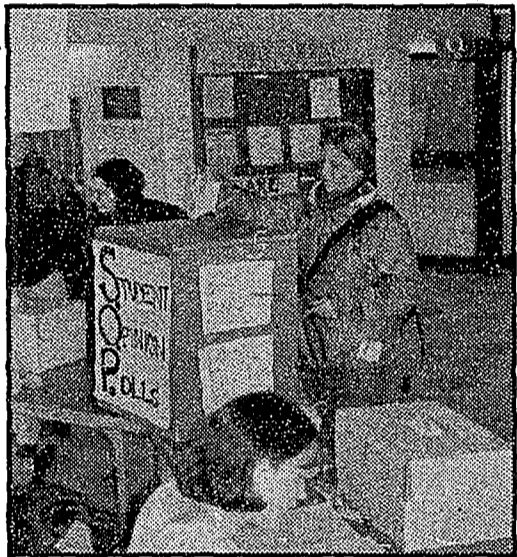
dent will have "big shoes to fill" in following the leadership of present Stu-A President Joshua Woodfork '97.

Filling out the rest of the SGA executive board, Brad Sicchitano '99 prevailed over Francisco Galvan '00 in the race for treasurer.

Incumbent Walter Wang '99 retained his position as cultural chair over the efforts of Kyle Potter '99.

The 1997-98 SGA social chair will be Charles Costanzo '98. Costanzo, who ran a write-in campaign with Tracey Keefe '98 for the position of the SGA presidency, did not prevail in the presidential race, but did succeed in securing his original attempt at social chair.

The three-way race in Chaplin Commons for president and vice-president has come down to a close race to be decided upon on Friday between the team of Cindy Lohman '98 and Rachel Gitelson '00 pitted against Joseph Kingsbury '99 and Ryan Waller '99. Lohman and see *ELECTION* on page 4



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

Voting took place in the Student Union on Tuesday.

## 1997-1998 SGA election results

### President / Vice-President

• Shannon Baker '98 and Jill Marshall '98 (39%)  
• John Doyle '99 and Rob Chisholm '99 (32%)

### Treasurer

Brad Sicchitano '99

### Social Chair

Charles Costanzo '98

### Cultural Chair

Walter Wang '99

### Commons Presidents / VPs

#### Chaplin

• Joseph Kingsbury '99 and Ryan Waller '99 (34%)  
• Cindy Lohman '98 and Rachel Gitelson '00 (40%)

#### Johnson

Bill Riley '99 and Jason Cherella '99

#### Lovejoy

Amanda Blatz '99 and Jesse Dole '99

#### Mary Low

Tom Reynolds '00 and Tate Isrig '00

• Runoff election

### Class Presidents / VPs

#### Class of '98

Monica Staaterman and Allison Brown

#### Class of '99

TBA

#### Class of '00

Erin Roberts and Travis Keeling

### Hall Presidents

Drummond: Kol Harvey

East Quad: Carrie Russell

Goddard-Hodgkins: Amelia Schultz

Johnson: Sean Dugan

Piper: Jennifer Brown

Averill: Krikor Daglian

Grossman: Heather Daur

Perkins-Wilson: Warren Newberry

Treworgy: David Burke

West Quad: Travis Keeling

Coburn: Ann Duncan

Foss: Douglas Heffer

Mary Low: Karen Macke

Woodman: Brendan McGillick

Dana: Matthew Dale Janssen

Heights: Caitlin Smith

Leonard: Jason Werlin

Marriner: Christopher Mayaka

Sturtevant: Francisco Marques

Taylor: Trish Akins

Williams: Geoffrey Starr

## Where have all the butts gone?

BY MIKE TRUMAN  
Opinions Editor

One of the last remnants of Colby's smokier days is no longer a part of the campus. The cigarette machine in the Street of Miller Library was removed over spring break, a victim of stricter state regulations. Since the machine was a potential legal problem to the College, it has been removed with no plans for relocation, sending all on-campus smokers to the Country Store or into Waterville.

Maine state law tightened its restrictions on the sale of tobacco products a year ago. Under current law, the owner of a cigarette machine is just as responsible for sales to minors as the vendor who sells packs over the counter. Since these machines are difficult to monitor, most have been removed in the Waterville area. Colby, comprised almost entirely of adults, didn't think much

about the change at the time, said Dean of the College Earl Smith.

However, reports from the community showed that high school students began using the machine in the street of the library on a regular basis. This not only set up a potential conflict with the community, but it had legal repercussions as well.

"It would be a black eye to the College if it were caught selling cigarettes to minors, even unwittingly," said Smith. "It would be embarrassing and illegal."

This is not the first time the cigarette machine's placement has come into question. According to Smith, a former vice-president decided to remove it about five years ago, as well as one in the Physical Plant building. Smokers on campus rallied to protect the machines and the issue was dropped. The issue resurfaced last year during the renovation of the street of the library. However, the Presidents' Council de-

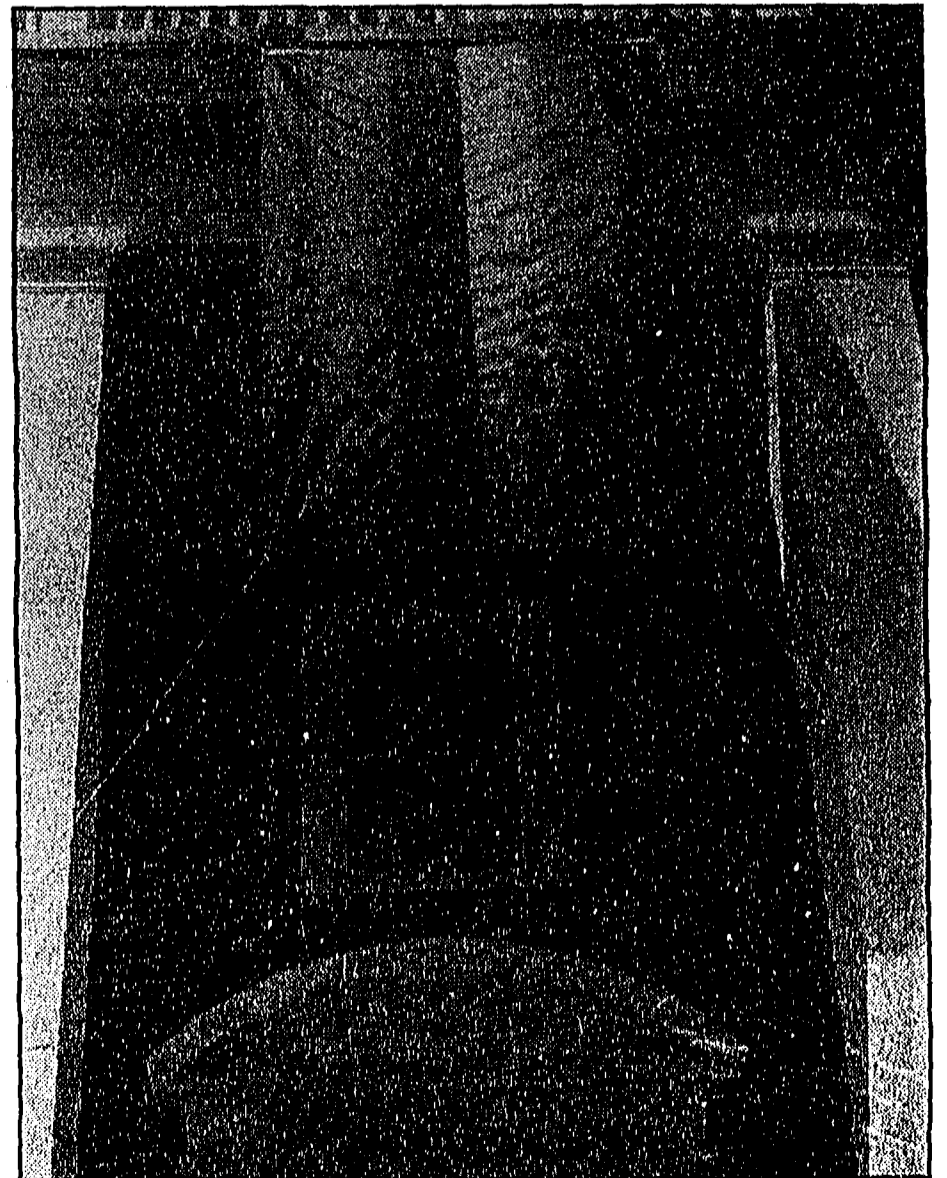
cidated by general consensus that having one machine in a central location was acceptable, despite being located in a non-smoking area.

The machine's removal has caused dissent in the smoking student community. While the machine was priced higher than local stores, students found it convenient especially late at night and on weekends. The only place to buy cigarettes on campus today is at the Country Store, next to the Spa, when one can find it open (at night, for three hours).

"If they can't keep high school kids out of the library, they should find somewhere else to put, it like the dorms—they're locked anyway," said Nick Wright '98. There is at present no place that only students have access to.

There is additional fear that the only indoor smoking area, also located at the Spa, may be eliminated if plans for a campus pub include see *CIGARETTES* on page 4

## Supporting Gay Pride at Colby



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

Pride flags hang from both Drummond and Pierce. See page 2 for Pride Week Events.





# News Briefs

## Art Department to sponsor speaker

Susana Jacobson, a painter who currently teaches at the University of Pennsylvania, will speak and present slides of her work tonight Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Given Auditorium. Jacobson recently received an Individual Artist's Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Her paintings are described as a combination of personal history with historical art references. This presentation, sponsored by the Colby Art Department is open to the public and free of charge. (AM)

## Irish poet scheduled to speak at Commencement

Irish contemporary poet Eavan Boland will speak at Colby College's 176th commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 25. Boland is scheduled to address the graduates of the Colby Class of 1997 at 10 a.m. on the Miller Library lawn. This is not Boland's first appearance at Colby. This September, Boland taught a women's studies class at Colby and read from her works at a special presentation. According to the Irish Times, Boland is regarded as "one of the more important poets to emerge internationally over the past 30 years." Boland's most recent works are "An Origin Like Water," which is her eighth collection of poems, and a memoir entitled "Object Lessons: The Life of a Woman Poet in Our Time." (AM)

## Colby is officially a latch-key student body

Colby students should get used to carrying their keys with them at all times. Dean of Students Janice Kassman confirmed on Tuesday that all residence halls will remain locked for the remainder of the semester. According to Assistant Director of Security Dan Benner, the investigation looking into the suspicious man spotted around campus throughout February and March is still underway. (RL)



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# SGA debate highlights campus issues

BY MELISSA GERBI  
Staff Writer

The candidates for Student Government Association (SGA) president and vice president debated campus issues on Sunday evening, April 6, in the Pugh Center. Running for the positions of SGA president and vice president were Todd Poling '98 and Dan Noyes '98, Shannon Baker '98 and Jill Marshall '98, and John Doyle '99 and Rob Chisholm '99. The debate was officiated by current SGA vice president, Graham Nelson '98. Charles Costanzo '98 and Tracey Keefe '98 were also campaigning for these leadership positions as write-ins, but did not participate in the debate.

In their opening statements, the candidates discussed their qualifications for the job and their varying platforms. Poling and Noyes talked about their time as Hall Presidents, and on the Hall Staff Selection Committee, J-Board Selection Committee, Dorm Renovation Committee and the New Dorm Committee among others. Their platform included more student opinion polls, reviving a gripe newsletter, possibly broadcasting President's Council meetings over Moosenet and holding campus meetings, in which all students will be invited to discuss issues with the Executive Board and other guests.

Doyle and Chisholm, both on Presidents' Council, stressed their commitment to communication with Doyle stating that they wish to strike a balance so that "students don't get everything they want, and administration doesn't get everything they want." They have dedicated themselves to pursuing "areas of interest" rather than making promises.

Baker (whose running mate, Marshall, is studying in Ireland this semester and was unable to attend), stated "we know how to make positive changes at Colby." Shannon has been a Head Resident (HR) for two years, while Jill served as a dorm president first semester. The two have served on various com-

mittees, including the Trustee Commission, ACE, the College Affairs Committee and the Student Affairs Committee. Their platform included, among other things, increasing and promoting school spirit and reevaluating the discipline policy at Colby.

Following the opening state-

a hot issue. Regarding the proposed fee to live off campus, Noyes said "we would take a firm stand against this." Both Chisholm and Noyes brought up the possibility of building another dorm.

The audience also had questions, asking the candidates to respond to things such as an overhaul of the



Echo photo by Katherine Golfinopolus

## The three presidential tickets met to debate on Sunday.

Nelson asked the candidates how they would implement and educate the student body about the new SGA Constitution, which the student body voted into effect this fall. Doyle answered that they would let the constitution "work its own magic, and we would work the bugs out of the system." Baker answered that she and Marshall would begin educating students about the constitution as soon as they were elected. she stated that it was important "that the incoming freshman know what it's about." Poling said that the new constitution makes it a lot easier for students to be involved, and should "allow students to be involved in the legislative aspects, but not necessarily the social ones."

Nelson also asked the candidates to describe what they believe will be the most pressing issue next year. Chisholm stated that he believed it would be the residential life at Colby. "Look forward to a year of change," he said, especially concerning the new dorm. Noyes, like Chisholm, believed that residential life will be

judicial process. Baker responded that she feels "it is important that peers are on the Appeals Board." Noyes said that he believes "students should decide what is appropriate." Doyle proposed the idea of a sort of "small claims board" where the panel would consist entirely of students. "With a peer judgment system people tend to be more respectful," he said.

In the closing remarks, the candidates reiterated their platforms. Poling used this time to state that he and Noyes hope to implement a book swap and a shuttle service to Portland among other key issues. Doyle said that he and Chisholm want Presidents' Council to set the agenda, and are interested in realizing the one-card system on campus, continuing their dining hall discussions (of which they began earlier in the week), and "foster[ing] communication between groups." Baker closed with her commitment to being "on call to the pulse of the students," working on community building and organizing community events. □

# Colby celebrates Pride Week

BY JENNIFER-JO  
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Colby's Pride Week, which celebrates gays, lesbians and bisexuals, began last Sunday, as members of Forum on the Right to Marriage (FORM) delivered an excellent presentation on same-sex marriage and civil marriage rights.

Ellen and Maggie Hemrick-Giles, a lesbian couple who were married in Boston in 1996, and Eric Budd, a heterosexual man working for civil marriage rights to be bestowed upon all peoples, travel throughout New England educating people on the topic of gay marriage.

Their presentation at Colby began with Ellen and Maggie sharing their story of love and hope. Both raised by Catholic families, they expressed the uncertainty they both felt when they came to the realization of who they are and what their sexuality is. Maggie decided to become a campus minister in 1988 in order to work with younger people and understand religion more fully. She embraced her sexuality and began to comprehend the feminine

side of God; a side she could relate with and learn to grasp. Ellen shared many of the same struggles that Maggie faced while growing and maturing. According to Ellen, falling in love with Maggie has "given me back my faith." While both of their families still struggle with the idea of their being lesbian, both were proud of their daughters and attended the wedding ceremony.

Eric Budd spoke to the audience on the topic of the civil rights mar-

riage laws in place today. Gay marriage is not recognized by the government as a formal institution, he said, and gay and lesbian couples who join together in a long term relationship are given "all the burdens and none of the benefits." Budd spoke of the many reasons people feel same-sex marriage should not be allowed, stating some of the reasons people argue against same-sex marriage, such as religious beliefs and cost. □

## The numerous activities planned as part of Pride Week are open to all

On Monday night, April 7, the Mary Low Coffeeshouse was scheduled to have a Pride Poetry Night and Open Mic. Tuesday evening, a bisexuality workshop by Bobbi Keppel was scheduled, while last night, "Issues of Religion, Spirituality, and Sexuality" were to be discussed in the Pugh Center. Today's Spotlight Lecture is featuring George Chauncey, Professor of American History at the University of Chicago and the author of *Gay New York*. He is scheduled to speak on lesbian and gay history before the 1960s. The Indigo Girls concert is scheduled for this Sunday evening in the Wadsworth Gymnasium. The week's activities will draw to a close with Mondays transgendered issues workshop scheduled to take place in the Page Commons Room at 7 p.m.

## Colby math and science students reach out to local community

BY DAVID REGAN  
Staff Writer

Saturday, April 5, Colby's mathematics and science departments hosted a group of approximately 20 students from area high schools in the first of what many Colby students and faculty are hoping will be an annual event known as Interactive Minds At Colby, or IMAC.

The goal of the program, according to IMAC information, is "to show students the applications of science in the real world and to encourage them to think about the sciences as a possible future for their studies." Colby's biology, chemistry, math, computer science, physics and psychology departments contributed to the program. Student volunteers from each department were responsible for setting up interactive learning situations for interested area high school students. The students came from Waterville, Winslow, Messalonskee and Lawrence High Schools and the Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield.

"We have at least 27 Colby students who are involved," said Liz Fagan '97, who is credited with starting IMAC. "The idea came about in the fall," she said, "but we started working on it in the beginning of February." Fagan said she received an enormous amount of help from numerous students as well as the primary faculty sponsor for IMAC, Associate Professor of Biology Jay Labov.

The "Raging Species," Colby's own biology club, was also involved in the organization of the event, namely club members Melanie MacBeth '97 and Emily Hinckley '99.

"On this scale, something like this has never been done here," said Labov. Labov is unofficially in charge of Colby's Outreach programs in the sciences and related disciplines.

**"We tried to make it fun and also have people learn a little something,"**  
- Emily Hinckley '99

IMAC is not the first Outreach program, but it is the largest, according to Labov. The funding for such programs is made available through grant money given to the College. Money from the Howard-Hughes Medical Institute Grant of \$1 million, given to Colby in 1991 and in 1996, helped to pay for the costs of setting up IMAC.

Labov said he had "nothing but the highest praise for what [Colby students] were doing." He felt that, in many respects, the "college student to high school student connection" would be more effective than a faculty to student connection.

The types of hands-on learning situations provided for the students included an instructional segment on the desert environment, where students looked at desert plants and

learned about the flora and fauna of the desert ecosystem. In the environmental science section, students learned about forest succession and animal adaptation. In chemistry, students made ice-cream and green slime. All of the department majors came up with examples or demonstrations that would involve the students in a way that was different than a lecture, "to introduce the students to what college has to offer," said Hinckley.

About 90 high school kids originally signed up for IMAC, but the turnout of 20 was unexpectedly low. Many of the Colby student instructors felt that for the 20 kids that showed up, IMAC was definitely a positive experience.

"We tried to make it fun and also have people learn a little something," said Hinckley.

When asked about her inspiration for IMAC, Fagan said she attended a similar event at Trinity College, in Hartford, CT, when she was in high school. She accredits the experience at Trinity with her present interest and major course of study in the sciences.

Fagan was grateful to Colby for the facilities that were made available to them, the administrative support, the financial support and the faculty assistance, especially from the biology department. Fagan, who hopes that IMAC's reputation will grow, said that "in the future, it would be nice to expand the program to more schools." □

## World News

### U.S. nears vote on chemical weapons ban

A treaty known as the Chemical Weapons Convention, which prohibits the production, stockpiling, development, and use of poison gas, is nearing a vote in the United States Senate. The international treaty has already been ratified by 70 nations, however, some conservative Republicans remain unconvinced. Critics, such as North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms, question the treaty's usefulness against non-signing nations such as Libya and Iraq. Helms cited the impact on US chemical companies as reasons for the delay. The deadline of April 29 is approaching, and the treaty will then take effect with or without US approval. Supporters, including President Clinton and Colin Powell, support US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's sentiment that "the problem countries will never accept a prohibition on chemical weapons if America stays out and keeps them company and gives them cover... We will not have the standing to mobilize our allies to support strong action against violators if we ourselves refuse to join the treaty being violated."

### Peru abolishes law protecting rapists

Until recently, a 1924 law in which rapists, including gang rapists, could escape prosecution if they persuaded their victims to marry them, was considered legal. In response to women around the world, the Peruvian Congress passed a bill abolishing this law last Thursday with a vote of 86 to one. Despite the success, at least 15 other Latin American countries still have similar laws intact.

### Russian witch hunt induces murder

The February 22 quest for Tanya Tarasova, 22, brought the spirit of a medieval witch hunt to modern Russia, while in the process revealing the widespread belief in mysticism and sorcery held by many Russians. Sasha Legyodkin and his nephew Sergei Gretsov entered a house armed with hammers and knives, and proceeded to kill one woman, send four of her children to the hospital, and injure Tarasova, who, despite several hammer blows to the head, survived. According to the two men, when Gretsov refused to marry Tarasova (a woman with the common problem of a lazy eye who also engaged in solitary walks in the woods), she cast a hex on him causing him to wake up screaming from visions of fiery demons and half-human beasts with her head atop them. In the village of Terekhovo, population 100, police officer Gennadi Chekaldin expressed the difficulty of investigating the crime without examining the role witchcraft played. "You can't find anyone here to tell you that witchcraft wasn't involved in the killing. In fact, you can go anywhere in Russia these days and witchcraft is a daily part of life," he said. The two remain in custody. So far, the only legal charge has been issued by Mr. Lebyodkin's wife in an attempt to sue Miss Tarasova for "putting a hex on my husband and destroying him," she said.

### Anti-Muslim feelings spur racist attacks in Germany

Controversy over whether Turkey should be able to join the European Union has strained Turkish-German relations to the point of murder and arson. The past history of friendship between Turks living in Germany has resulted in racism and violence partly due to the reasoning behind the exclusion. Chancellor Helmut Kohl explained that "Turkey is excluded from Europe because it is part of a different civilization." An Istanbul newspaper suggested that "the Honorable Mr. Kohl should not forget that Hitler began his mass murder by saying the Jewish race did not belong to Europe." Since the beginning of 1997, 17 "anti-Muslim" attacks have been recorded by the Turkish Government.

Compiled by Rebecca Pollard from the April 5 New York Times.

## WHO WILL BE MR. COLBY COLLEGE?

- Jason Cherella
- Matt Eberle
- Jason Flesh
- Jon Foster
- Oliver Griswold
- Travis Keeling
- John Maddox
- Peter Manning
- Tony Moulton
- John Zadrozny
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# Off the Hill

**Yale University**  
New Haven, CT

Citing student protest, former president of South Africa F. W. de Klerk declined an honorary fellowship from Yale Law School. According to the March 28 edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Yale planned to honor de Klerk for his role in ending apartheid; in 1993, he received the Noble Peace Prize for those efforts. Student protest centered on the questions surrounding how much de Klerk knew about human-rights abuses, including government-sanctioned killings, in South Africa. The Harper Fellowship to which de Klerk would have been named is given to people who have made major contributions to their countries.

Compiled by Eric Sandler from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

**Amherst College**  
Amherst, MA

The March 26 edition of the *Amherst Student* reported student efforts to force dining services to improve the food have been rebuffed by the administration. Specifically, Amherst declined to keep at least one dining hall open for 13 hours a day; instead, dining services proposed phasing in longer hours. In a statement, President Tom Gerety said because dining services has been flexible in responding to student requests, he doesn't see a need for an outside consultant. Ariel Sokol '98, a member of the committee which made the recommendations, complained about the decision. "I thought we had been making real progress," he said, "[but] this quashes any real hope."

**Pennsylvania State University**  
University Park, PA

Senior Christine Eney angered Catholics with her quilt "25 Years of Virginity: A Self Portrait," which features 25 pairs of underwear with red crosses sewn in the crotches. Eney sparked controversy last year when she was forced to remove a five-foot-tall statue of the Virgin Mary being born. The Catholic League for Religious and Civil rights called for the university to remove the piece. Additionally, State Senator John Lawless urged Governor Thomas Ridge to denounce it, but he did not. Penn State has stood behind the exhibit, the April 4 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reported. "I can't imagine any circumstances under which this university would want to encourage censorship," President Graham B. Spanier stated.

## CIGARETTES,

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the lounge, which it does in one proposal. Smith assured that there is no conspiracy by the administration to stamp out smoking.

This is little solace to students who will miss the machine, especially for those who reside out of state. The stricter regulations have hit them hardest as stores are now required to check for Maine ID's as well as card anyone who looks twenty-seven or younger, although the age to purchase is 18. According to one student, it took a friend four tries to find a store to sell her cigarettes even though she was carrying two forms of identification, including her Colby ID, that confirmed she was of age.

"It's ridiculous how hard it is to buy cigarettes for those of us who don't live in Maine," said Wright. "It's becoming a real pain." The machine was never such a stickler for identification. Of course, that's why it's gone. □

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Gitelson, who received 40 percent of Wednesday's vote, and Kingsbury and Waller (34 percent) succeeded in eliminating juniors Scott Welch and Erika Ayers from the race.

In Lovejoy Commons, the unopposed team of Amanda Blatz '99 and Jesse Dole '99 secured the votes of their commons, as did the combination of Bill Riley '99 and Jason Cherella '99 in Johnson Commons.

Tom Reynolds '00 and Tate Isrig '00 have secured the leadership of Mary Low Commons by way of write-ins.

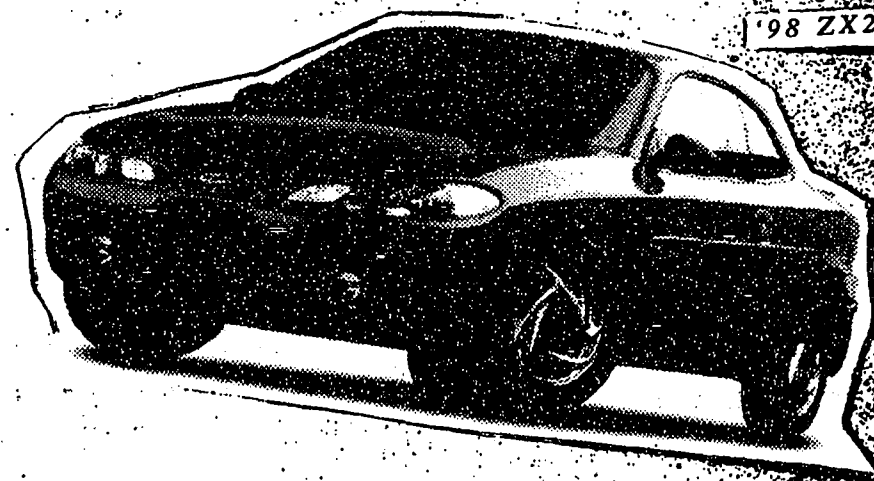
According to Nelson, the 72 percent of the student body that

voted in Tuesday's election is a new record for voting at Colby. "It's absolutely fantastic," he said, "It's a mandate from the student body that you deserve to be in office." □

# VOTE!

**Runoff  
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Friday,  
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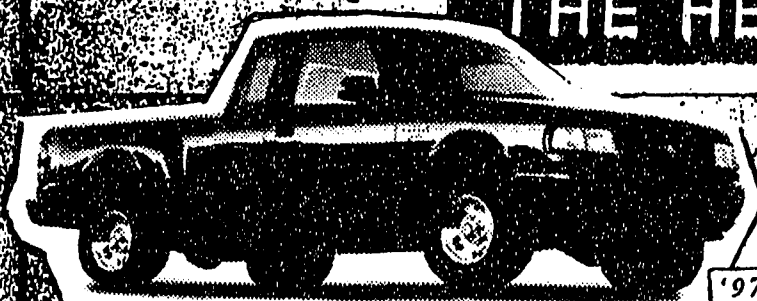
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# Tenure: Much more than student evaluations

BY AMY MONTEMERLO  
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Commonly regarded as a source of anxiety among collegiate faculty, the tenure process has currently been subject to much academic criticism and national debate. The institution of tenure, which grants collegiate professors continued employment and economic security, has been criticized for restricting the academic freedom of junior faculty members and encouraging systemic abuse.

Tenure is a process that remains ambiguous to many students. Despite completing course and personal evaluations, students do not have much influence over tenure decisions. Many said they are unaware of the process and its affect on the academic make-up of the school. Questions arise every year when professors who receive good reviews from students are informed they will not be retained by the College, occasionally without sufficient explanation. Is Colby's tenure process fair? Should Colby's process be modified, or even abolished?

## The four steps of tenure

The tenure process begins with a pre-tenure, or probationary, period. This period is divided into a four-step process. A new professor is hired for a tenure track position after completing a competitive recruitment and evaluation process. He or she is then granted a one-year contract with Colby. A second evaluation occurs halfway through the faculty member's first year of teaching.

If the evaluation is positive, the tenure candidate's initial contract is renewed for a three year period. If the evaluation is negative, the faculty member will only receive a one year contract renewal and will be subject to more extensive evaluation and review.

A third evaluation occurs during the professor's sixth semester of instruction, consisting of an extensive pre-tenure examination. This examination is conducted by a committee consisting of three faculty members from the candidate's academic department who review the professor's methods of instruction, including exams, assignments and syllabi. Also examined are student and peer reviews, course evaluations and any published academic material. If the professor passes this evaluation, he or she is normally granted a sabbatical to complete any academic work and a three year contract renewal.

The last step in this process, a fourth and final pre-tenure evaluation, is the most comprehensive. The

candidate's dossier is reviewed by experts in the candidate's field who are not affiliated with Colby. The dossier, which contains all of the candidate's previously viewed materials, is also re-examined by the faculty committee which conducted the candidate's third evaluation. This committee produces a report on the candidate which is then submitted to the college's Committee on Promotion and Tenure, composed of nine faculty members who are elected

to serve three year terms.

The Committee on Promotion and Tenure reviews all of the contents of the tenure candidate's dossier. Each member of the committee votes individually, either in favor of or against granting tenure, and then submits a written statement which explains his or her vote. The statements, along with a comprehensive committee recommendation are sent to Colby President William Cotter, who uses the committee recommendation, as well as individual input from the dean of faculty, to make a final evaluation of the candidate.

Cotter's recommendation is then taken to the Board of Trustees, which normally confirms the president's decision to either grant or deny tenure to a candidate.

## What factors influence the committee's decision?

In evaluating a tenure track candidate, the Committee on Promotion and Tenure considers three major factors. An enormous amount of emphasis is placed upon evaluating a tenure candidate's teaching skills. This is primarily obtained by reviewing student course evaluations and letters of reference.

According to Cotter, "Student evaluations are taken very seriously by the Promotion and Tenure Committee...they are the largest bit of information."

A candidate's personal academic scholarship is also a serious consideration in tenure decisions. Experimental research and academic publications are judged both by peers and by other professionals. Finally, the College expects tenure candidates to demonstrate service and dedication to their specific academic department and to the institution as a whole.

## Focusing on who, not how many

Securing tenure is not an easy

task for any college professor. Tenure procedures at most institutions of higher education are comprehensive and complex, Colby's process being no exception. In fact, Colby's tenure system is quite rigorous. Last year, Colby's average tenure ratio was 65 percent; only 94 out of 144 potential tenure-track faculty candidates were granted tenure.

Colby's tenure process is unique due to the fact that, unlike most institutions, we do not have an annual tenure quota. The resulting high rate of faculty turnover has caused some concern, but Cotter said he does not feel that this is a significant problem.

Colby's Trustee policy statement on tenure maintains that "who is tenured is more significant to the welfare of the College than how many are tenured." Reliance on quotas further "denies the exercise of judgment and reduces decision-making to a clerical routine without regard to individual and educational requirements."

Colby's policy on tenure, however, also requires that the tenure system be subjected to regular review, conducted by a joint committee composed of faculty members or members of the Committee on Promotion and Tenure and members of the Trustee Committee on Educational Policy.

## The tenured professor

Contrary to popular belief, tenure does not exclude a professor from subsequent academic evaluation and review. Every three years following tenure, a professor's work and scholarship is reviewed and based on a merit salary system. Student and peer evaluations also continue to be regarded as a primary assessment of a professor.

## Off the Hill

Colby cannot legally employ non-tenured faculty members beyond a seven year period. Therefore, if a candidate does not receive tenure, he or she must either leave the College or file an appeal, which is not uncommon, although the faculty member must have substantial grounds for submitting an appeal. According to the faculty handbook, possible reasons for reconsideration are discrimination, violation of academic freedom and procedural irregularities which resulted in an improper consideration.

The candidate's appeal is sent to a Reconsideration Request Commit-

tee which decides if the candidate has produced enough evidence to justify a reconsideration. If the committee approves the candidate's appeal, the Committee on Promotion and Tenure must reexamine the candidate and the review procedure is repeated.

This spring, three Colby faculty members who were denied tenure decided to appeal the college's decision. Ken Ganza, Assistant Professor of Art and East Asian Studies is one of these three professors. Ganza, who has been teaching at Colby since 1989, received unanimous support for tenure from the Art department. However, Ganza was denied tenure by the Promotion and Tenure Committee this year, due to the fact that the committee found his research and publication to be inadequate.

Ganza said he has struggled to understand and accept the committee's decision not to grant tenure. However, Ganza cannot justify any potential benefits resulting from the committee's decision. Ganza feels that the tenure process does not foster the College's ideal of an academic community in that the committee ultimately based its decision on academic publication and research.

"Given the lip service that Colby pays to the importance of teaching at this liberal arts institution, how much of a real boon might it be to gain some fire-eating scholar who will have published three more articles than me but who might not bring what I have brought to the classroom and to the Colby community?" asked Ganza. He further maintained that the potential institutional benefit of having is not

"worth turning someone's life upside-down."

Ganza has recently posted a copy of his tenure denial on the Internet. A summary of the Committee on Promotion and Tenure's remarks can be found at <http://www.colby.edu/eas/tenure.html>.

Many of Ganza's students reinforce his frustration with the committee's decision.

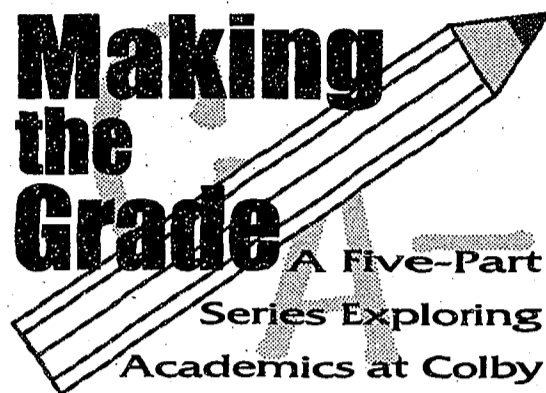
"He was a great professor," said one senior art major who expressed disappointment with Colby's decision to not retain Ganza.

"He prepares enormously for class, with incredible visual aids," said one East Asian Studies student who wrote Ganza a tenure recommendation. "I felt like I was at a professional slide presentation every week, not in a typical Colby lecture."

Cotter, however, maintained that tenure is "the most prized opportunity available to faculty members" at an institution such as Colby. He said that Colby's tenure program is important to individual faculty members who have "settled upon their life work." However, Cotter also maintained that tenure is also important to the College as a whole. The rigors of Colby's tenure process, according to Cotter, produce a faculty that measures the academic quality of the institution.

Students, however, seem to disagree with the College's emphasis on publishing and outside work.

"Any process that doesn't give a professor like Paul Doss tenure has got to be flawed," said another student. "A professor's primary responsibility and benefit to Colby students is in the classroom. Outside work should be just that." □



## COLBY'S FOUR STEP TENURE PROCESS

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• A second evaluation occurs halfway through the faculty member's first year at Colby. If this evaluation is positive, the tenure candidate is granted a three year contract renewal. If this evaluation is negative, the tenure candidate is only granted a one year contract renewal and is subjected to further evaluation and review.

• A comprehensive, pre-tenure evaluation occurs during the candidate's sixth semester of teaching at Colby. The sixth-semester review is conducted by an academic department committee. If the candidate passes, he or she is granted a three year contract renewal and a pre-tenure sabbatical to complete any outstanding academic research or publication.

• A final evaluation to decide the tenure status of a candidate occurs after the sixth-semester review. The Committee on Promotion and Tenure reviews the candidate's entire record of student, peer and departmental evaluations, publications and research and service. The Committee makes a recommendation to President Cotter, who then makes a final recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

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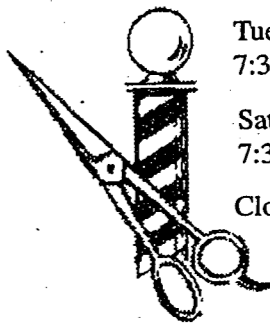
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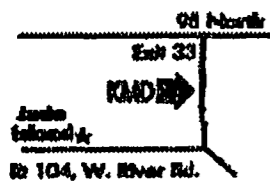
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# Arts & Entertainment

## 'The Rivals' brings daffy English humor to Runnals stage

BY CHRISTOPHER DACUS  
A&E Editor

The 18th century romantic comedy "The Rivals" by Richard Sheridan was put on by Colby Performing Arts last Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Strider Theater. The play was first put on in 1775, but was not as well received as some of his earlier works. However, it certainly made a striking impression at Colby, some 200 years later. A vivid set and carefully honed accents made "The Rivals" one of the most successful plays put on this year.

The story of the play revolves around the romantic misadventures of several couples, surrounded by the harsh social structure of 18th century England. The usual elements of romantic comedy that 20th century viewers are used to are equally present in this production: secret and confused identities, misunderstood intentions, interfering parents, and of course, the suspense of which couples will get together. Even in "The Rivals" though, there is not much question in the viewers mind whether or not the romance will end up successful in the end, but rather the question is how the happy ending will be achieved.

The plot itself is much too complex to summarize, but it primarily focuses on the families of Sir Anthony Absolute, played with a great



Echo photo by Nathan Curtis

(l-r) Birdseller (Meghan Walsh '00), Lucy (Sarah Simon '97), Thomas (Nate Jue '99), Fay (Kenneth Sarzynsky '99) and Boy (Jason Ri '00) all played in Rivals.

sense of irony and panache by Bradley Reichek '00, and of Mrs. Malaprop, played with great presence and alacrity by Rebecca Zacher '98. Captain Absolute, played by Kevin Landis '98, and Lydia Languish, played by Shelley Wollert

'98, are slated by Sir Anthony and Mrs. Malaprop for an arranged marriage, however, the two are in love already. Lydia Languish knows Captain Absolute as "Beverly", the name which he has used in courting her to conceal his

true identity as an heir to a large estate, this is because Lydia has romantic notions of poverty and elopement.

This leads to obvious problems when Captain Absolute is exposed to her as a wealthy man, and a dif-

ferent person than who she thought. Captain Absolute's father, Sir Anthony Absolute is one of the greatest comic characters of the play as he attempts to cajole and threaten his son into marrying a girl whom he assumes his son does not know. The character of Mrs. Malaprop is also a classic comic character, and her chronic misuse of language led to the use of the word malapropism in the English language.

There are numerous subplots involving the usual array of rivalry and romantic problems. Numerous literary tropes are involved—the lover who is never happy, the constantly irate Irishman, and of course, the unfailing romantics. At times Steve Kidd's '97 portrayal of a simple country farmer in search of love and fortune seemed to steal the show, and was one of the most humorous performances. At times, the plot seemed reminiscent of all of the Jane Austen movie adaptations that have become popular in the last few years.

Romantic comedy is a genre that has become rife with stupidity and vacancy, but "The Rivals" maintains a wittiness and incisive commentary that is much more amusing than most modern incarnations of the style.

Julia Carey provided voice and diction coaching for the production, and it was directed by faculty member Dick Sewell. □

## The Nields to performs Saturday

BY CHRISTOPHER DACUS  
A&E Editor

The Nields will be performing at Colby this weekend, and they have a new CD out that is worth listening to. "Gotta Get Over Greta" is a fun assortment of songs that combines a Cranberries sort of sound with a folksiness that works well with the voices of the two female leads.

The lyrics lapse at times and do not rise above coffeehouse sentiment. However, the enjoyable pop hooks and light guitar sounds make up for it. The group has just signed with a major label which will increase their visibility, but as yet they have not produced anything that has a wide enough appeal to make a big hit.

The title track of the album is one of the best on the CD and while the lead singer's high voice becomes a shade petulant by the second listen, it is a well written song. Other songs sound suspiciously like rehashes of

other songs on the album. "Bullet-proof" is a fun piece, but begins to be repetitive. The album has a problem with sounding very trite at times also, songs such as "King of the

Hill" sound like they were written by pre-adolescents. They seem to work best with simpler songs, such as "Blind" which is generally much more mellow than the rest of the album. This works well and hopefully the group will move in the direction of this and similar songs.

The Nields will be performing in the Page Commons Room on Saturday night, the night before the Indigo girls. So, if you missed the opportunity to get Indigo Girls tickets, there is still one show left for the weekend. □



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## EDITORIALS

### Loco librarians

Sometimes, rules get pushed just a little too far.

There are few words that accurately fit the over-the-top efforts of library staff to stop any food or drink from passing through the security check. And just to make clear exactly what food and drink are, for those students who are visual learners librarians have used the space that once highlighted prominent writers and ideas to display what can happen when banana meets book.

This is reminiscent of the time Dining Services launched the no card, no meal effort. Some may remember watching as an underclassman on crutches was sent hobbling back across campus for her ID after leaving it in her room, despite her knowing the number and eating in the same dining hall every day. There is protecting the cost of dining services, and then there is going too far.

Going too far is a polite way to describe the recent siege in Miller of all things organic. Gone are the days of sneaking a coffee in and hiding with your own books—during scheduled rounds librarians are not afraid to take your drink (or food, or anything) away.

The main frustration with the infiltration of snack-snatchers is that most of the time students use their own books in the library. Library books go back to dorm rooms, where they can be used as coasters for beer cans and placemats for late meals. Who knows how many students leave them open face down on the floor with the binding screaming in pain. The point is that most of the times books are treated well, and if students are trusted out of the library, we should be trusted inside as well.

It's understandable that the College wants to protect their property—the hefty fines levied against those who dare to return books late is proof enough that books are treated better than, well, dorms. But really, the headache (not to mention hunger and thirst) this causes for students and librarians alike makes us laugh and wonder where Colby's priorities are.

### A package? No, an election

As many students open their mailboxes to a welcoming stack of campus mailings, an unconscious sorting system occurs. If the piece of paper is white and does not have a box number, to the recycling bin. Pink and green slips are scrutinized more carefully as they may be packages. If the recipient is not so lucky, this mailing joins the others in the recycling bin with a sigh of disgust—tricky mailings are the worst of them all.

During the excitement of election-time, mailings are even more likely to go directly from box to bin, forming a clutter of campaign promises on wasted paper. By entering a dining hall you are again bombarded with similar signs, which are subsequently ignored completely, ridiculed for their spelling errors and misinformation, or are so similar to others that the different platforms run together. Elections have been reduced to sign making and fact-skewing abilities, with little interaction between the average candidate and voter.

The paper campaign is a difficult one to run. However, if most of these efforts are ineffective at conveying information, how are voters making their decisions about candidates?

Undoubtedly, gaining name recognition is important to winning any race, but there must be more effective means. Transitions to door-to-door tactics, dining hall office hours, and information tables let us get to know the candidates. An opportunity to ask them questions forces them to clearly define their platform, defend their positions and tell us how they plan to make promises a reality.

Next year, we hope candidates combat meager attendance at the presidential debate by encouraging and inviting voters to come and hear them sell their ideas. Ultimately, it will enable us to vote for the most qualified candidate. Not the best or most prolific sign maker.

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## Letters

### Up is down, right is left

I find it interesting that if, as a minor, I chose to drink, the school would not actively stop me from doing so; nor would the school make a concerted effort to stop me from smoking marijuana, if I chose to do so; likewise, if I were a member of SOBHU the college would do nothing to prevent me from stealing money.

If, however, I dare bring a banana or a Nalgene bottle into the library, one can be sure that a librarian will come racing around a corner and swiftly take away these dangerous items all the while cursing my name for having the audacity to bring contraband into Miller.

It will never be clear to me why of

all the places where rules could be enforced, the school has decided to start with the students working in the library.

Words cannot express how over- come with joy I am to see that the school has its priorities firmly in place.

Wilson Everhart '99

### Professors teach, not entertain

It is so easy sometimes to find scapegoats and direct all one's energies upon blaming others without taking a critical look at oneself. Kelsey Miller's article in the last Echo ("Evaluations—Midterms should evaluate professors as well as teachers") appears deeply entrenched in such a mind-set. Miller proposes that the college institute a "mid-semester evaluation process to make sure professors stay on course," since she has found that some professors' style simply doesn't "reach" her. Miller writes about giving courses a month "to get in the swing of things" so she'll "have time to get into the mode of the class, [and] the professor will figure out where the class is at." Have we considered the bizarre possibility of perhaps forming the "mode" of the class? Or would that entail too much effort on our part as students? As for the professor figuring out "where the class is at," isn't it our responsibility to figure that out for ourselves? We cannot avoid our responsibilities as students and sit passively observing the "modes" of

classes without taking initiative, and then blaming professors for not having the "effort or ability to perform to the benefit of the class." Should we consider, maybe, the alien notion that we should also focus on our own effort and "performance" as students? Perhaps we should work harder to meet the high standards of our professors?

Miller finally betrays her motives by writing that mid-semester evaluations would help "struggling students pull their grades up, which is," according to her, "everyone's ultimate concern anyway." The evaluations would supposedly serve to let the professors know what's "wrong" with their pedagogy so they can make the appropriate changes and struggling students could thus benefit. How about letting the professors evaluate us and let us know where we can improve? Even more productively, why don't we take an honest look at ourselves and figure out our limitations for ourselves and make relevant changes, without blaming others? Miller emphasizes

the monetary cost of our time on Mayflower Hill and wants good grades for her money. Not a bad ambition, really, but being in college is a transaction of a more complicated sort—it may involve continual effort on our part to not just make the grade but learn quite a bit in the process as well, which will inevitably involve hard work. We cannot constantly deflect responsibility from ourselves and blame our professors, asking for more opportunities to evaluate them when we should be recognizing our own weaknesses instead. Miller's focus on professors' "performance" highlights a desire to be entertained, to view the spectacle and have (in her own words) "fun" midterms. Since at Colby there is such pressure on professors to be entertainers, this may happen in some classes, but on the whole we'll be sorely disappointed at our lack of intellectual growth (and/or G.P.A. growth, as the case might be) unless we alter our perspective and take a critical look at ourselves for a change.

Zahid Chaudhary '97

### The author of Snood speaks

I am writing to refute Mr. Oliver Griswold's assertions in his February 27th letter to the Echo. I should first say that I am the author of Snood, the Mac shareware game you wrote an article about last month (an article which hangs proudly on the wall in my office). Mr. Griswold asserts that Snood at Colby is dead. I cannot contest this, except to say that at least one of the four Colby students who has registered the game did so last week.

Much more serious is his association of Snood with Michael Bolton. While I hope Snood players can enjoy Snood with whatever music they desire, including Mr. Bolton's, I would like to point out that Snood has no connection with Mr. Bolton or any other artist, whether or not said artist shares Mr. Bolton's interesting interpretation of masculinity or confusing hairline. Snood has successfully been played to many different kinds of music, ranging from the

Sex Pistols to Les Miserables and including my personal favorite, the soundtrack to Conan the Barbarian.

I hope this letter has served to clarify Snood's musical flexibility. Colby Snood enthusiasts might be interested to know that Snood has caught on similarly at Dartmouth and Caltech. I appreciate very much all of the fun mail I've received from the Colby community.

Dave Dobson

### Off-campus Task Force looks for input

During the past semester, the Task Force on Off-Campus Studies has been discussing ways to improve Colby's policies and procedures for off-campus study. We have drafted a statement describing the goals and philosophy of off-campus study at Colby. We have developed ways to help insure the quality of a students' off-campus study experiences. Currently we are learning about and discussing the impact of our present system of off-campus study on the educational opportunities at Colby. One issue of critical importance is the semester imbalance of students studying off-campus. Currently, many more students choose to study abroad for the second semester, which poses various problems for the college. For example, during 1996-97, 61 students studied off-campus first semester, and 172 second semester, leaving an imbalance of 110. For the school, this translates into approximately \$1.4 million lost in student charges not received. Each year, depending on the numbers, Colby faces a similar loss. Since facilities (dorms, classroom buildings) and faculty remain more or less constant from semester to semester, the loss of revenue cannot be made up simply through reduced spending to compensate. The task force is interested in ways of addressing this imbalance without reducing student choice and flexibility,

and several options are being considered.

Another issue receiving attention is the duration of study abroad experiences. The task force is currently looking at a proposal from the administration that would normalize study abroad to one semester (with exceptions). This is not to say that students would be prohibited from studying abroad for a full year if warranted, nor would the intent be to take away student options. Some of the possible responses to this suggestion, all of which are still being considered, are: 1) recommend that no action be taken to alter the current off-campus policy 2) recommend that each department be responsible for creating its own off-campus study policy according to its own interests; this might mean a one-semester policy for a given department 3) recommend a one semester "norm" as the college policy, with a mechanism for the granting of exceptions (and a probable exemption for foreign language departments).

Off-campus study can and does play an important role in numerous academic programs at Colby, and, therefore, in the education of many Colby students. Consequently, we need the help of the Colby community in our deliberations, and we want to keep the community informed about our discussions. The minutes of

our meetings are on the General Server. We have gathered information from departments and programs about the role of off-campus study in their educational programs and the effects of our current policies and the administration's proposals on their programs. We have also surveyed students who have studied off-campus about their reasons for choosing the program they chose and the time frame in which they participated in their program.

Colby is currently #2 in the country with respect to the percentage of students who study abroad at some point in their college careers, and by no means are the current considerations attempting to alter this enviable statistic. The Task Force is seeking ways in which to allow students every opportunity which they currently possess to study throughout the world. The efforts of the task force have been devoted to determining what is in the best interests of the school and the students. We will give every possible consideration to the consequences of each of our options before making any recommendations.

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# Opinions

## The new job market -- indentured servitude

BY MIKE TRUMAN  
Opinions Editor

With spring in the air and the semester rapidly closing, I have set out on the odious task of finding a summer job. Actually, I've been at this task intermittently for the last month, and I've found, contrary to public opinion, that jobs are everywhere I look! There's just one catch - there will be no real money received for any of the work I do. While most everybody is hiring, no one is paying.

You've got to hand it to business on this one. They now get a look at potential laborers close-up, and those people are thanking them for the privilege of working for them - for nothing! Admittedly, journalism jobs (which I care about) are at a premium right now. Despite all these brand new news channels popping up on cable, news staffs are being downsized across the country, especially ones working with the printed word. But the trend is noticeable across all fields. Employers want interns for free, and they're getting them.

The temporary worker is the new vogue of the business world, and has been since the last recession. In a temp, you get a person rather desperate for a job who will work hard

hoping it will help get a next job. Furthermore, temps are paid less than salaried workers, and few benefits have to be given them. The next step, of course, is to eliminate the salary altogether. Interns are even easier than temps to control and manipulate. They don't have to be paid anything other than academic credit (if that), which is of no consequence to the company anyway.

The logic behind what I term the "new intern" is that young people need to gain experience to be hired for real jobs later on. No experience, no employment. But if you want experience, you must pay business tribute. Thus, in a form of indentured servitude, an intern will trade labor for required experience. Meanwhile, while they're gaining this experience, they're either working two other jobs at night and/or sleeping at the YMCA.

Take this gem of a job. C-SPAN, the network which covers Congress 24 hours a day, offers internships every season. The job pays nothing and no housing, board, or support of any kind is provided. This job is great for someone who lives down the street from C-SPAN and whose parents' income can support them. But for the children of blue-collar workers (and increasingly white-collar workers as well), this job is completely impracticable. Yet it's

something we will have to grow to accept. The deal is just to sweet for business. It's amazing that they haven't started charging internships for "the privilege of working for us." Don't laugh. Colleges already charge fees just to look at your application, and then charge another \$30,000 if you are so fortunate as to be accepted. The rest of the business world will not be long to seize this trend too.

So what we have is another case of wealth stratification blocking the American dream. The days of Andrew Carnegie, where the lowest man can rise to be the richest man in the world, are over. Those working in the basement of oil refineries stay there. Those who can't afford to spend a year working without pay cannot move up as easily as those who can (if they can move up at all.) A college education isn't enough anymore; it's required. The next step is attempting to sustain oneself while experience is built up.

Something has gone haywire when a man puts in a hard day's work and leaves with his pockets empty. As for me, I'll be lending my services for nothing to the local paper while working 50 hours at a grocery store so I can give all my earnings to Colby for the privilege of coming back here next year. And we wonder why the average worker is fed up. □

## The prospect of off-campus living is quickly dwindling

BY KOL HARVEY  
D.C. Correspondent

Living in the pothole-ridden city that is our nation's capital has made me grow accustomed to the sounds of jackhammers, backhoes and construction workers. The residents of Hillside and the Quads can probably relate, having lived with noise from the construction of the new dorm for the entire school year. In 1995-96, some residents of Robert's Row had the pleasure of waking up to the construction of the Olin Science Center. In keeping with Colby's equal opportunity philosophy, the residents of Mary Low Commons may soon be able to experience the joys of early morning blasting. Colby is fast on its way to building another new dorm!

Last year, when the now-stand-

ing new dorm was announced to students, a rumor circulated that the long-term goal was for Colby to be a completely residential college. This fear was dismissed by many in the administration as a concern in the far distant future, and not something to worry about quite yet. Soon thereafter, concerns about the alcohol policy became more important, and the reservations students had about a 100 percent residential campus drifted away.

The far distant future may be arriving this spring. The Residential Life Task Force has been meeting since December, 1996 to discuss ways to improve student life. Their proposal, to be officially released sometime before graduation, will most likely call for another new dormitory. The current idea is for the hall to be built somewhere near Mary Low Commons. Sites under

consideration include the Runnals Hill area, the land near the rugby field, and a location between the Student Center, Coburn and the Admissions Office. The tentative format for the building, according to

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one member of the task force, is apartment-style suites, with a kitchenette, living area and adjoining bedrooms. There are four students and three faculty members on the committee. Task force sources say they have met with the Presidents'

Council, hall staff, the Student Affairs Committee and have held an open forum on the issue to get student input. The task force's goal is for the new dorm to be ready for students in the fall of 1998. For that to happen, construction will have to start by this fall and a design must be approved by the trustees in May. The fate of the proposal and the actual time line will be determined by President Cotter after the task force makes its recommendation. One source on the task force admits that it is an ambitious goal, but says that it is the best solution.

One reason for the quick action relates to the living arrangements for next fall. As most juniors are probably painfully aware, only 41 students will live off campus next year. To make up for this inconvenience, the Class of 1998 has been given first shot at the rooms of the

Anthony-Shupf-??? residence hall currently under construction. The rationale for opening a second new dorm in as many years is that the best time to potentially eliminate off-campus housing is in the fall of 1998, since we will be dropping from an already low off-campus student population (of only seniors), instead of the current 200+ off-campus residents. With a fall 1998 opening, none of the people who have lived off-campus while at Colby will be forced back onto campus by the new dormitory, since they all will have graduated. In 1998-99, if the plan works out and the College does not over admit students again, Colby could be a completely residential college.

The reasons that the college have for racing towards the fully-residential standard are legitimate: See *DORM* on page 12

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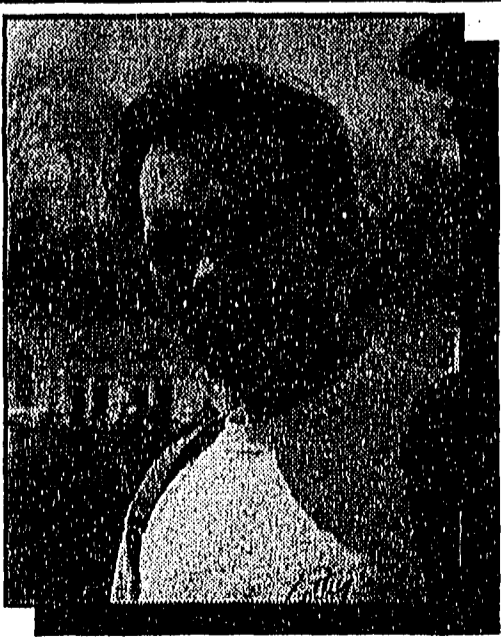
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Doug Lyons '97



"I like Chisholm's ears."  
Jeremy Greenfield '00



"The fact that whatever I voted has no affect on me whatsoever."  
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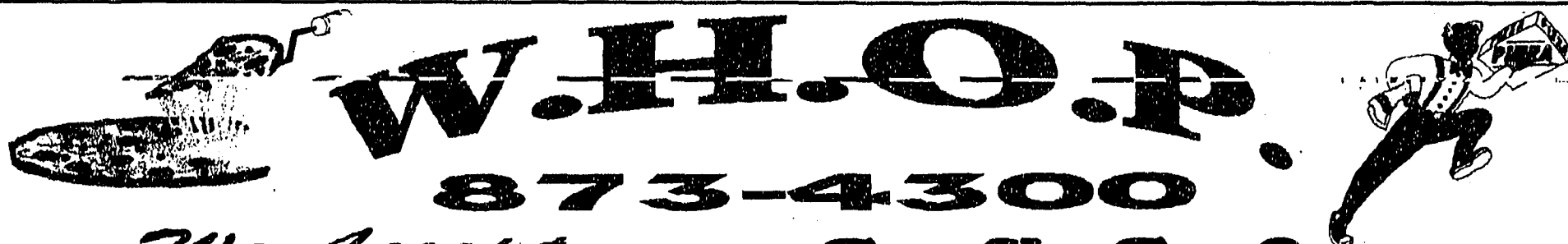
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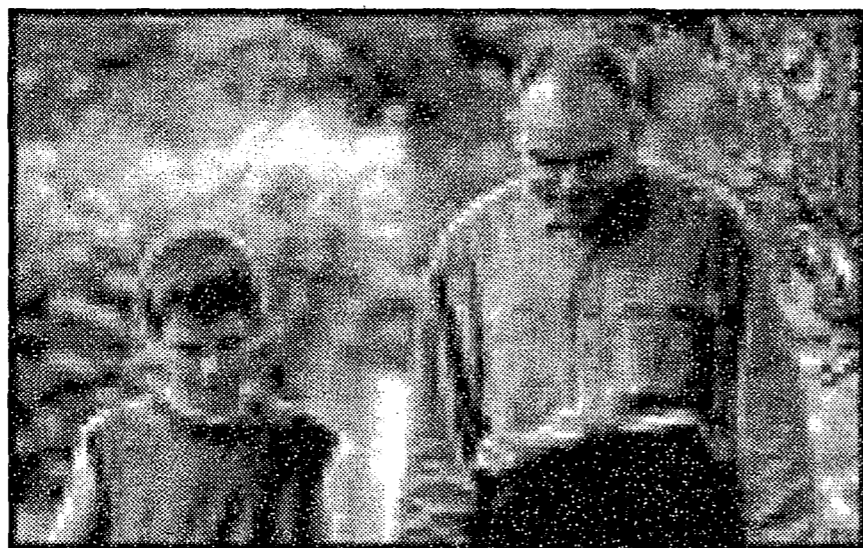
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The second piece was Hyla's, and for this listener it was the highlight of the concert. The first and third movements were wild collections of jazz- and rock-influenced riffs, performed brilliantly by the members of the Lydian String Quartet, who premiered the piece 12 years ago in Boston. Their enthusiasm for the piece was unmistakable; at times it seemed that

Daniel Stepner (first violin) was going to leap out of his chair and dance with the music. Dance would hardly have been an inappropriate response to the piece; indeed it ended with a quotation from the song "Hip-Hug-Her" by Booker T and the MGs. And yet these first and third movements weren't even the best part of the piece; that honor was reserved for the second movement, the sounds of which were created almost entirely by playing harmonics (touching the string instead of pressing it down as it's bowed.)

After the intermission the Quartet performed a string quartet by Yehudi Wyner, which explored unusual harmonies while maintaining some of the rhythmic complexity of Hyla's piece. And the concert was concluded - on a surprisingly simple note - with an arrangement of four tunes by Victor Young, a composer of film scores in the 1930's, 40's, and 50's. The most recognizable of these songs was probably "When I Fall In Love."

Yes, the audience was a bit small, and perhaps the abundance of absentees could be attributed to the nature of the music on the program. But when it was all over, the only thing I could think of to say was: "Well, it was their loss." □

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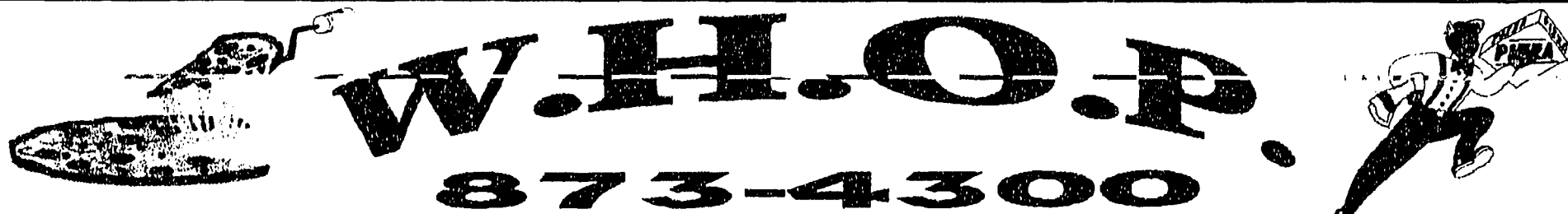
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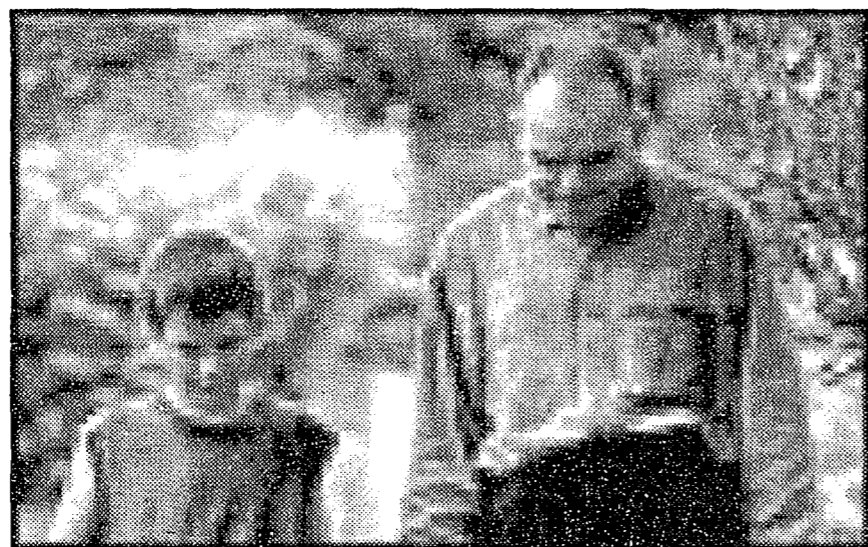
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The first piece on the program was "String Quartet No. 1" by Charles Ives, and though it was written in 1896 (when he was a sophomore at Yale) there can be no doubt that Ives was a twentieth-century composer. Even this piece, one of his earliest, showed signs of modern musical ideas emerging from his Romantic background - and Ives' characteristic sense of musical humor, in the form of a surprising end to the second movement.

The second piece was Hyla's, and for this listener it was the highlight of the concert. The first and third movements were wild collections of jazz- and rock-influenced riffs, performed brilliantly by the members of the Lydian String Quartet, who premiered the piece 12 years ago in Boston. Their enthusiasm for the piece was unmistakable; at times it seemed that

Daniel Stepner (first violin) was going to leap out of his chair and dance with the music. Dance would hardly have been an inappropriate response to the piece; indeed it ended with a quotation from the song "Hip-Hug-Her" by Booker T and the MGs. And yet these first and third movements weren't even the best part of the piece; that honor was reserved for the second movement, the sounds of which were created almost entirely by playing harmonics (touching the string instead of pressing it down as it's bowed.)

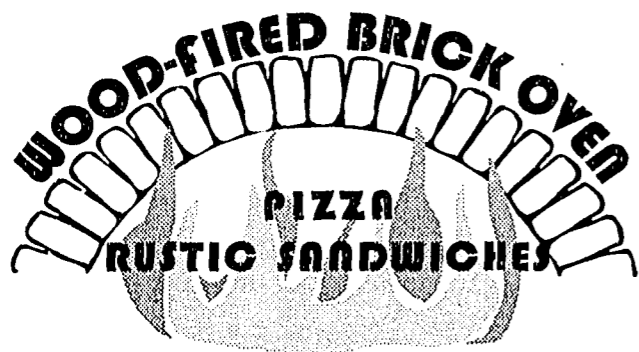
After the intermission the Quartet performed a string quartet by Yehudi Wyner, which explored unusual harmonies while maintaining some of the rhythmic complexity of Hyla's piece. And the concert was concluded - on a surprisingly simple note - with an arrangement of four tunes by Victor Young, a composer of film scores in the 1930's, 40's, and 50's. The most recognizable of these songs was probably "When I Fall In Love."

Yes, the audience was a bit small, and perhaps the abundance of absentees could be attributed to the nature of the music on the program. But when it was all over, the only thing I could think of to say was: "Well, it was their loss." □

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# Women's track faces Bates due to Mass. blizzard

BY MIKE GALLANT  
Staff Writer

One factor that outdoor track athletes must overcome is nature. In most parts of the country this means excessive heat, strong winds, or rain. New England athletes, however, are all too familiar with one other April weather pattern: huge amounts of snow.

The women's track meet, which was scheduled to take place at Tufts last Saturday, was canceled due to the 20-plus inch snow storm Boston received earlier in the week. The team was able to compete in a men's

meet at Bowdoin, though, against Bates. The results of the meet were unofficial and no score was kept, but the women were able to get in a meet performance, and some members were able to qualify for New Englands, ECACs and Nationals.

According to Head Coach Deb Aitken, Colby had some very impressive individual performances.

Karen Hoch '00 had a tremendous performance in the discus, with a throw of 127 feet, 3 inches, which was about six inches off of the school record. Hoch's throw was over eight feet longer than her previous best.

In the hammer throw, Barbera Thomas '99 won with a toss of 131'

2." Sonja Noll '98 threw 127' 10," and Stephanie Andriole '98 threw 125' 11." All three throwers qualified for Division III New Englands.

Meghan Matschke '00 won the javelin with a throw of 98' 6."

The 3000 meters was dominated by Kara Patterson '97, whose time of 10:20 was roughly two seconds short of qualifying her for Nationals. Meg Rourke '99 ran 11:29, which is a New England Division III qualifier.

Cindy Pomerleau '97 continued her reign over the shot put with a throw of 42' 2." Pomerleau also won the 110 hurdles in 16.35 and took second in the long jump. Hoch,

Andriole and Yawa Duse-Anthony '97 all qualified for New Englands and ECACs in the shot put.

Jeannine Bergquist '00, with a 62.89, had her fastest time in the 400. Shannon Baker '98 was a winner in the 100 and Meredith Coulson '99 took second.

The Mules had a strong performance in the 5000 as well. Amy Montemerlo '99, Beth Haeussler '00, Laurie Roberts '99 and Kate Driscoll '98 all qualified for New Englands.

The Mules spent spring break training in San Diego and also competed in one meet on their trip. Besides competing with teams like

UCLA and the Santa Monica Track Club (which claims the membership of Carl Lewis, among other Olympians), the team had a great day of competition.

Pomerleau broke Colby's shot put record with a throw of 44' 3." The previous record was 42' 6", and it most likely qualified her for Nationals. Although National rankings were not available at press time, Aitken estimated that Pomerleau is among the top five in the country in that event. Patterson also had a great performance in the 10,000 with a time of 37:39.

The Mules have a meet on April 12 at MIT. □

## Crew team takes advantage of balmy Virginia weather

BY RYAN MAYHUGH  
Asst. Sports Editor

It was a long wait for the men's and women's crew teams, but thanks to a spring break trip to Occquan, Va., the rowers finally returned to the water for the first time since early November.

The Mules meant business as well. According to Head Coach Mark Davis, the teams trained on the water twice a day for all of the six days they were in Virginia, for an average of five hours a day.

The weather in Maine hasn't been very accommodating, but the Va. weather "couldn't have been better," according to Davis. It didn't rain once while the teams were training.

"I thought we made really good improvements over break," said Davis. "We're improving each week, and we're getting faster."

Good things continued for the two teams in their first competition of the spring season, which took place last week in Worcester, Mass. Colby rowed against Clark and one boat from U.Mass-Lowell.

Both the men's varsity eight and novice eight went up against Clark's varsity eight, since Clark does not have enough rowers to field a novice eight. Both Colby boats won their races easily.

The men's jayvee four raced against a similar boat from U.Mass-Lowell and lost.

The women's varsity eight defeated Clark's varsity eight, but Colby's novice eight lost to the same

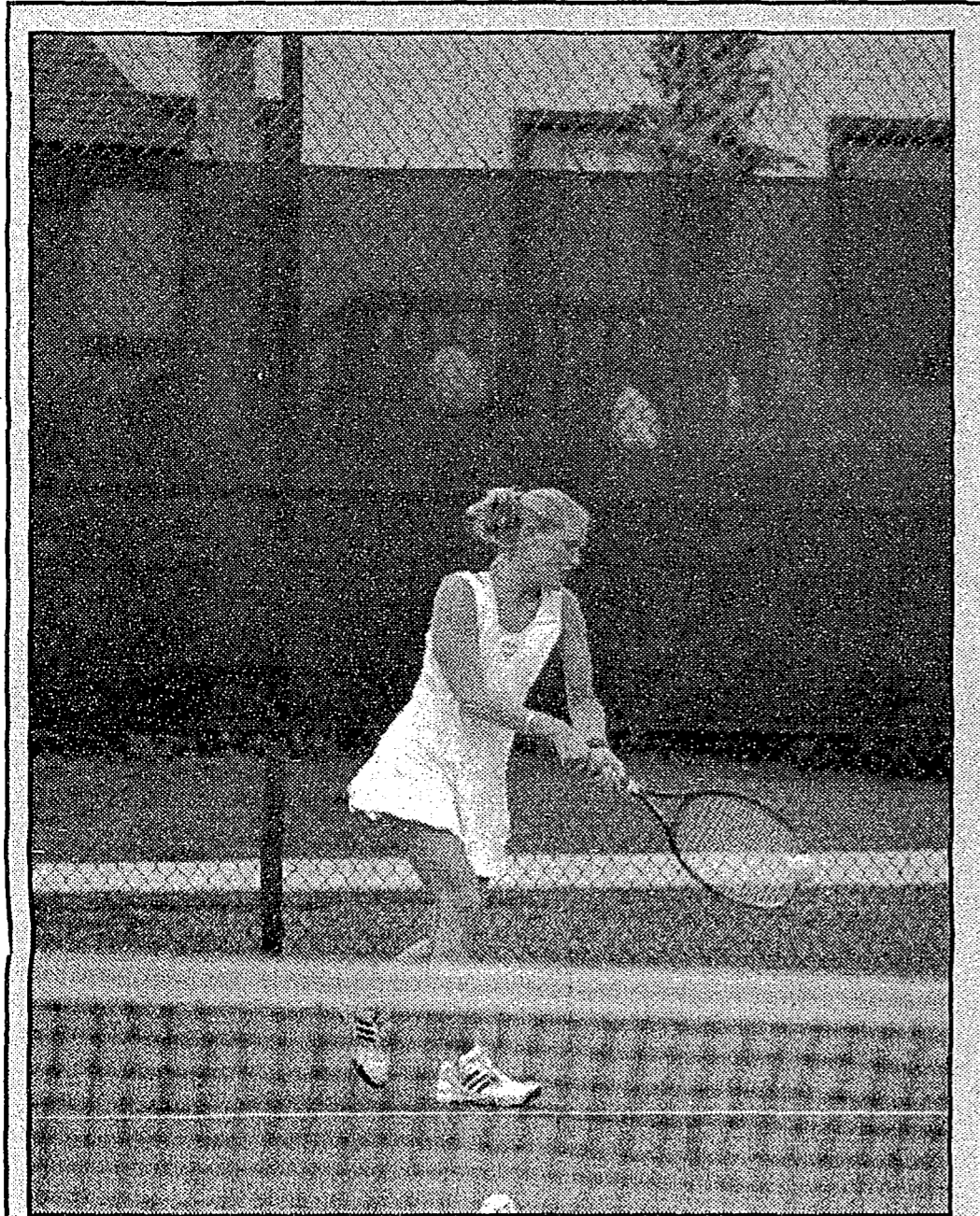
varsity eight boat. The women's novice four lost to Clark's novice four in a very close race.

Since returning from Virginia, the teams have been able to resume practicing on the Mesalonskee stream. However, other schools have been on the water for several weeks now.

"It's tough because most of our competition has been out on the water longer than we have," said Davis.

This Saturday, the teams will travel down to New London, Conn. to face Boston College at the U.S. Coast Guard.

"BC will probably be our toughest competition of the year," said Davis. "It's going to be a good test for us to see where we're at and where we need to go." □



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Heidi Tyng '99 and the women's tennis team made a trip down to Hilton Head over break. The team left with a 2-2 record after coming up with victories over Carnegie Mellon and Queen's College.

Head coach Erica Silbersher was pleased with the team's performance.

"Everyone, and I mean everyone, really stepped up during this spring break match tour," said Silbersher. "I am seeing some really mature tennis from many of my players. People have really upgraded their games. They are taking a lot more chances during match play, hitting deeply and solidly, and moving their feet well."

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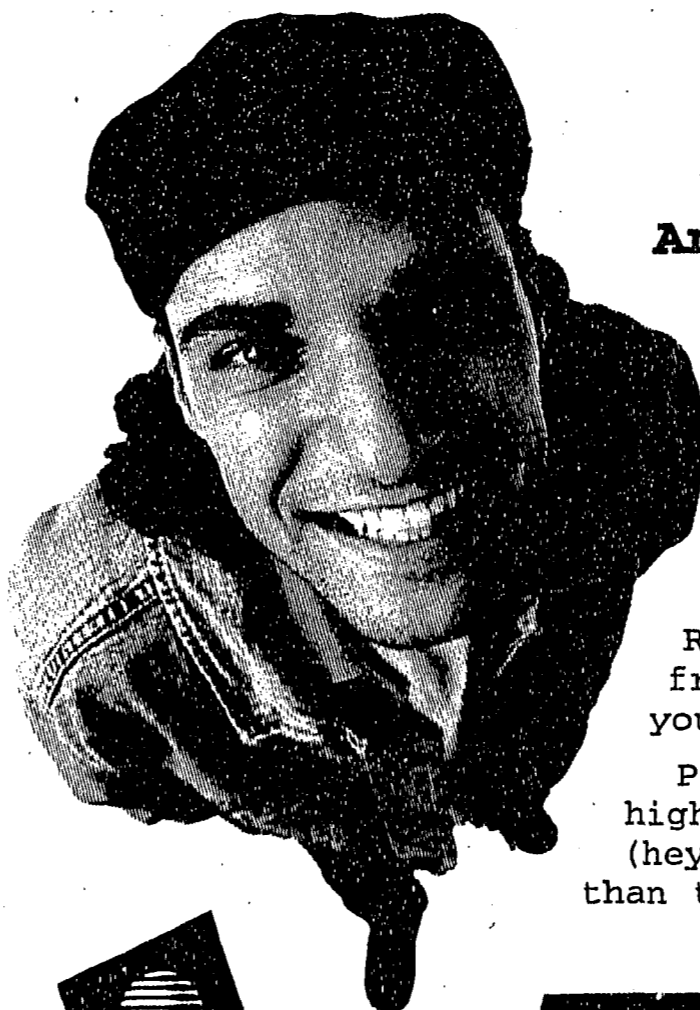
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have kids who turned down scholarships other places because they don't want that philosophy."

Colby's academic reputation is a selling point for recruits, according to Alpine Ski Head Coach Mark Godomsky, but its high academic standards can also be a problem for some applicants.

"A lot of the families really want their kids to get a great college education. That's where the Eastern schools are kind of in a bonus," said Godomsky.

Godomsky explained that most of the skiing powerhouses are in the west, and many of Colby's primary competitors like Middlebury, Bates, and Dartmouth do not give scholarships. The University of Vermont does, but like its western counterparts Colorado and Wyoming, many scholarships are given to European racers. For the many affluent American recruits in ski academies, it is important to their parents that their son or daughter goes to a good college. Godomsky's challenge is to attract recruits to a five year old skiing program that lacks history compared to Dartmouth and Middlebury who have had programs for over sixty years.

"Colby has slowly managed to get into the average vocabulary of these kids that this is a place you can go and be competitive," said Godomsky.

Colby Division I athletes have different reasons why they chose to

come to Mayflower Hill. Meaghan Sittler '98 was a top recruit in women's hockey, and she turned down scholarships from UNH and Providence to come to Colby.

"Hockey helped get me into Colby, but I came for the education," she said. "I also loved the campus."

"I narrowed it down from hockey, and I loved the kids on the team. The environment made me choose Colby, but hockey had a big impact on my choice," said Shannon Kennedy '00, a women's hockey player who was also recruited by UNH, Boston College, Providence and Northeastern.

Melissa Maguire '99 was one of the most improved members of the ski team last season, and while she looked at schools without ski teams, she decided she couldn't be happy racing on the club level.

"I came for a number of reasons, including other sports that I'm actually not playing anymore," said Maguire, who also played soccer her freshmen year. "Skiing turned out to be not only the most fun but the most rewarding."

"I wanted to ski when I came to college but I didn't look at the school based on that. A lot of the other kids on the team did, and I think all of the kids on the team now who are competing were recruited," said Derek Pelletier '99, who walked onto the team and was initially cut but has made an impact for the Mules.

Most sports at Colby are demanding and require a great deal of time, but skiing and women's hockey both

travel further than most teams. The ski team has to drive an hour and fifteen minutes in order to practice at Sugarloaf, and next year will be the first time they have to host a carnival.

"Sometimes people don't even know that we have a ski team. We're not visible since we're never here, and the nature of skiing, being away most weekends," said Maguire.

"Skiing just by its nature is more time consuming," said Pelletier.

The extensive travel is also a factor for the women's hockey team.

"It is tough, you leave Friday and don't come back till Sunday night," said Kennedy.

Although academics are often one of the reasons they choose Colby, the demands of their sports can cause problems for Division I athletes' studies.

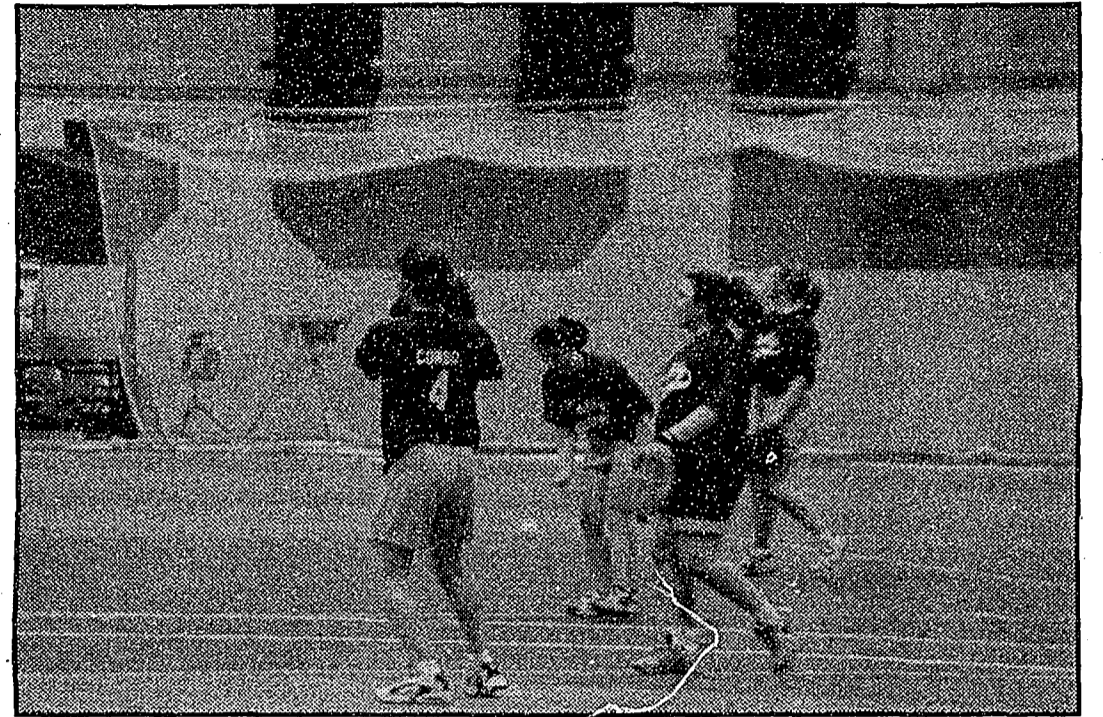
"I'm training for the Olympics, which could be the biggest thing in my life. To have to go to school, which also can control what happens in my life, and put a lot into it, the amount of effort you need to do both successfully, it is kind of hard," said Sittler, who could make the 1998 U.S. Olympic women's hockey team.

"It can be hard to juggle everything," said Kennedy.

Not everyone suffers academically in season. Maguire seems to thrive under the pressure of managing both academics and skiing.

"I do better having the structure," she said. □

**Pitchers, strong hitting lead Colby to 5-4 record**



Echo file photo

**The softball team has had games postponed due to weather and looks forward to practicing and playing outdoors.**

**BY KARA MARCHANT**  
Staff Writer

The Colby women's softball team headed south for an intense week of competition over spring break. Though the team is small, and carried only 13 players on the trip, the Mules were able to come home with a 5-4 record.

"The trip overall was a tremendous success. This is the most games the team has ever won on the trip and the best record they've come back with," said Head Coach Dick Bailey.

Colby won its first five games straight, beating Upper Iowa University 2-1 in their season opener. The team continued to win, beating the University of Chicago 7-4, Union 5-3, Manhattanville 5-4 and Endicott 4-0.

Bailey was particularly pleased because "these were teams we had to play well against to win."

The key to Colby's strong start was fundamentally sound softball. Colby's pitching held up well throughout the trip as Emily Hinckley '99 went 2-2 and Joanie Giblin '98 was 3-2.

Colby suffered a bit of a lapse and lost two tough games on March 27th. The Mules fell to Plymouth St. 13-4 and Williams 8-1. Defense was an area of concern, as a total of sixteen errors were committed between both games.

The Mules also dropped a close 7-5 game to Division II Hillsdale, and came up just one run short in a 3-

2 loss to Concordia Morehead.

Hinckley contributed at the plate as well with a .429 batting average and a home run. Other standouts for the Mules included co-captain Ann Mortenson '98, who is also batting .429 and had several extra base hits on the trip.

Defensively, Mortenson stood out as well, making "the best play of the trip," according to Bailey, against University of Chicago. Chicago had runners on first and third with two outs when a line drive was hit toward Mortenson at second base. She dove straight out, grabbed the ball, and reached out and touched second base to preserve the 7-4 Colby win.

Becky Rasmussen '00 has also been a great addition to the team. Rasmussen plays either first base or center field, and has been productive at the plate, hitting .400.

"I knew she'd be a good player, it was just a matter of where I'd play her," said Bailey.

Shortstop Steph Patterson '99 has added some offensive punch as well with a .333 average.

Colby has a busy month back home. Last week's games against USM and Thomas had to be postponed due to weather. Yesterday's game against UMF was also postponed. Injuries have also hurt the team. Senior co-captain Lauren Graham suffered a shoulder tear and will be out for much of the season, and catcher Lisa Goodman '00 is playing with a sore elbow. However, after a strong start, the small squad is excited to continue winning. □

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Scott Welch '98 and Paquette each finished the trip at 1-0. Welch's ERA currently stands at 1.04 and Paquette closed out at 1.29.

The story of the trip, though, was sophomore pitcher Kris Keelty. Keelty went 2-0 in Florida and he pitched two complete games. One of Keelty's victories included a shut-out effort, and his combined spring break ERA was a perfect 0.00.

As a staff, the Colby pitchers finished the trip with a .700 winning percentage and an aggregate ERA of 2.82.

For the first time in years, the Mules had some momentum when they came north to open their season, and they picked up right where they left off against Plymouth St. this past Sunday.

In the first game of the double-header, DiBello upped his record to 2-1 by throwing a one-hitter

through six and one-third innings. Jerrod Deshaw '97 picked the Mules up in the late innings by doubling and coming around to score the winning run. Senior ace Galen Carr, who looks as if he has fully recovered from a pre-season ankle injury, notched the save.

In the second game, Keelty threw six full innings of shutout baseball until Alex Parrillo '99 came out of the bullpen in relief. Parrillo was roughed up a bit in the last inning, but managed to escape and hold off Plymouth St. for the 6-3 victory. With the double-header sweep, the Mules jumped to 9-3 for the season.

"We really came together down south this spring," said Head Coach Tom Dexter. "This is the best baseball I've ever seen in my [six] years as head coach. I think we can accomplish our goal of having our first back-to-back winning season in ten

years, and we might even challenge the school record for wins during a season [of 23 set in 1973]."

The seniors, who constitute the majority of the starting lineup, are especially excited to be 9-3 before starting the conference schedule since it is an unprecedented accomplishment.

"In the past we have always had to battle just to get back to .500 [after spring break]," said Deshaw. "Now we can just relax, play with confidence and build from where we are."

"We know now that we can play with any team out there, whereas in years past, I don't think we had the confidence to pull us through in tough games," said McBride.

The Mules opened their home season yesterday against the Bowdoin Polar Bears. They will take on cross-river rival Thomas College at Coombs Field on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. □

**Spring sun brings soft snow to Sugarloaf, Squaw**

**BY LARRY BENESH**  
Sports Editor

A couple weeks ago, I saw a guy skiing with no shirt on. Granted, I was at Squaw Valley in California, and it was probably a lot warmer than our venerable Sugarloaf is in July. Still, as frightening as his beacon-bright belly was, it was a sign that spring skiing has arrived.

The change from snow to mud on campus probably means the end of the season is near, but it can also be one of the most enjoyable times of year to ski. Don't get carried away and picture yourself in a bikini barreling down Narrow Gauge, but it can be a whole lot warmer at the Loaf in April. Frostbite is finally not a concern, and that thick North Face

jacket and wool hat might not be necessary.

If the sun is out, the mountains can be a great place to get some color. The snow really reflects the light, so red-faced Irishmen like me should probably wear some sunscreen to avoid becoming a lobster. The snow gets soft and slow, and usually pretty bumpy.

Soft snow also gets sticky. Over break, I made the trip to the Lake Tahoe area, and the weather was quite warm. After a few days of making adjustments to the altitude and conditions, Doug Schultz '97 and I tried some more adventurous terrain.

We hiked up to a set of chutes called the Palisades, which is where quite a few ski movies have been filmed. As we were climbing up

there, we noticed a Ski Patroller leave their hut and start to follow us up. At the top, we enjoyed great views of the lake. Right after we finish posing for a particularly cheesy photo using



the timer on his camera, the patroller reached the top.

Little did we know when we first saw the patroller following us that she would turn out to be one of the most attractive people we had ever

seen.

She came up to us and asked us what we were planning to ski. Never having been there before, we told her we weren't sure and asked her advice.

The snow in the chutes was still pretty hard packed, she said, and she was about to close the upper Sun Bowl, if we wanted to ski that. Doug and I took a look at it, and it had a nice sized cornice to drop into from, and then a big bowl with lots of soft snow.

It looked good, and it was really windy, so I decided to ski it. I wasn't very aggressive when I dropped in, and so I didn't get much air, but I had quite a few jump turns down the steep face. After a while, I looked back at Doug.

He had just dropped in. Maybe he was blinded by the patroller's

golden hair, great tan, and particularly strong looking chin, or maybe he thought he'd look stylish showing no fear and aggressively jumping straight in.

At any rate, when his skis hit the snow, they stopped. Doug didn't. He tumbled head over heels down the steep face, and struggled to stop. After sliding for a while, he managed to dig in. He looked meekly up at the patroller and asked her to bring his skis down.

She picked up his skis and dropped them off at Doug, and then raced down to me.

"Pretty sloppy snow," she said. "Yeah, but fun," I said.

Tip of the Week: Check out the Reggae fest at the Loaf this weekend. Music, beverages, hopefully sun, and oh yeah, spring skiing. □



# OFFSIDES

## '50 bucks he picks his nose'

BY LARRY BENESH  
Sports Editor

On Monday, I saw something I hadn't seen in quite some time that made me very happy.

The sun, you ask? No, it wasn't just the sun, although that had something to do with it, I'm sure.

A jeep with its top off? That's not what I'm thinking of either, although convertible season is starting.

Someone in shorts actually walking outside, you say? Not a bad guess either, and I'll admit that is becoming more of a possibility.

It was a beautiful sight. I was walking to the parking lot when I heard the tell-tale word, and I knew the unexpected had occurred.

"Fore!"

Someone had yelled it, and there were a couple of guys armed with golf clubs and tennis balls aiming at the steps on the side of Runnals. A few unsuspecting souls were seated precariously at the bench on the Dana lawn, and they nervously watched the two students viciously slice their shots.

It's that time of year again. I realize it is still a bit muddy for all but the heartiest of the campus golf-

ers, but start collecting some old tennis balls and pick out a shabby looking nine iron. With the ground essentially free from the white stuff, let the tee times begin.

Campus golf has to be of the greatest of the Colby spring activities. Don't get me wrong. I love playing frisbee and playing catch. Rollerblading and biking can be quite a thrill. I even like hacky sack, and although I've never really learned, lacrosse looks like a lot of fun too.

We should definitely take advantage of the warm weather in whatever ways we can. After months of hibernation, even running has an appealing sound.

Still, campus golf is particularly accessible. Unlike real golf, with its greens fees and expensive clubs and balls, campus golf is cheap. It's not hard to find an old club from someone, and even if you can't, Joseph's sells used ones for under \$10.

Another great thing is that it requires almost no skill to have a good time. Golf can be really frustrating. There is usually a lot of waiting around on the course and etiquette, and it's hard. The ball is small, and you have to hit it just right. In campus golf, you can swing any old

way and you'll still probably at least hit the tennis ball. It might not go exactly where you want it to, but that rarely matters since the holes are usually big and not much precision is required.

It's easy to waste a lot of time playing because we have a big campus and there are always holes to create. Still, if you just want to play for a few minutes, that's okay as well.

Countless funny incidents can occur while playing it. You might send a ball over the head of the professor whose class you skipped an hour before hand, or manage to send it through the window of some unfortunate freshman living in Dana.

One of the great all time moments in campus golf history happened a few years ago when Will Rafferty '97 pegged a security guard who was standing helplessly on a ladder taking down the flag. The ball hit him right in the behind, and we all laughed so hard that no one even knows what the guard's response was.

Fire up the VCRs and practice up on your Caddyshack lingo. Dig out your clubs from under the recyclables and keep a great Colby tradition alive. Spaulding! □

## Thank you Jackie Robinson

BY RYAN MAYHUGH  
Asst. Sports Editor

It is no secret that baseball has undergone difficult times in the past few years.

Greedy owners and greedy players have bickered with one another like fifth graders. As a result, recess was shortened and a World Series was canceled.

Things improved last year...or did they? Marge Schott, the owner of the Cincinnati Reds who was a couple comments short of officially becoming an honorary member of the Nazi party, was banned from baseball.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar spit in an umpire's face and league officials reacted by giving him a swift slap on the wrist. Alomar, who was getting ready for the playoffs at the time of the incident, didn't miss a game until the beginning of this season.

Free agency. Salary caps. Guaranteed contracts. The game of baseball has left the school-yard and landed safely into the hands of corporate America. Who can we turn to in a desperate attempt to restore the qualities that helped make baseball America's pastime?

Only one man is up to the challenge: none other than Jackie Robinson.

Fifty years ago, Robinson, as

an outfielder for the Brooklyn Dodgers, broke baseball's color boundary. As the 1997 season begins, baseball players and fans are taking the opportunity to look back on a man who was blessed with the ability, and more importantly, the heart to change the game forever.

Robinson played with, above all, a love for the game. He was not



motivated by money, fame or a Nike endorsement deal. He absorbed racial taunts from opposing teams and even members of his own team.

The whole country was watching Robinson's every move. Each insult was transformed into a double off the wall or a stolen base late in a close game. With his impeccable actions on and off the diamond, Robinson quickly proved that he belonged.

Robinson's unparalleled patience opened the door for great players such as Willie Mays and Hank Aaron, and baseball quickly became America's first integrated sport.

Fifty years later, baseball is thriving as one of the most integrated occupations in the country. Blacks, whites and Hispanics (and slowly but surely, Asians) take the field together on every team in the majors. If he were alive to see it, Robinson would be happy with this situation he has made possible, right?

Wrong. Sure, tremendous strides have been made since 1947, but black and Hispanic athletes are still subjected to taunts from fans, which proves that this country still has a long way to go. Consequently, baseball and other sports have a long way to go as well.

A substantial percentage of professional baseball players are black, and the numbers are even higher in basketball and football. When it comes to coaching, however, whites still dominate the position.

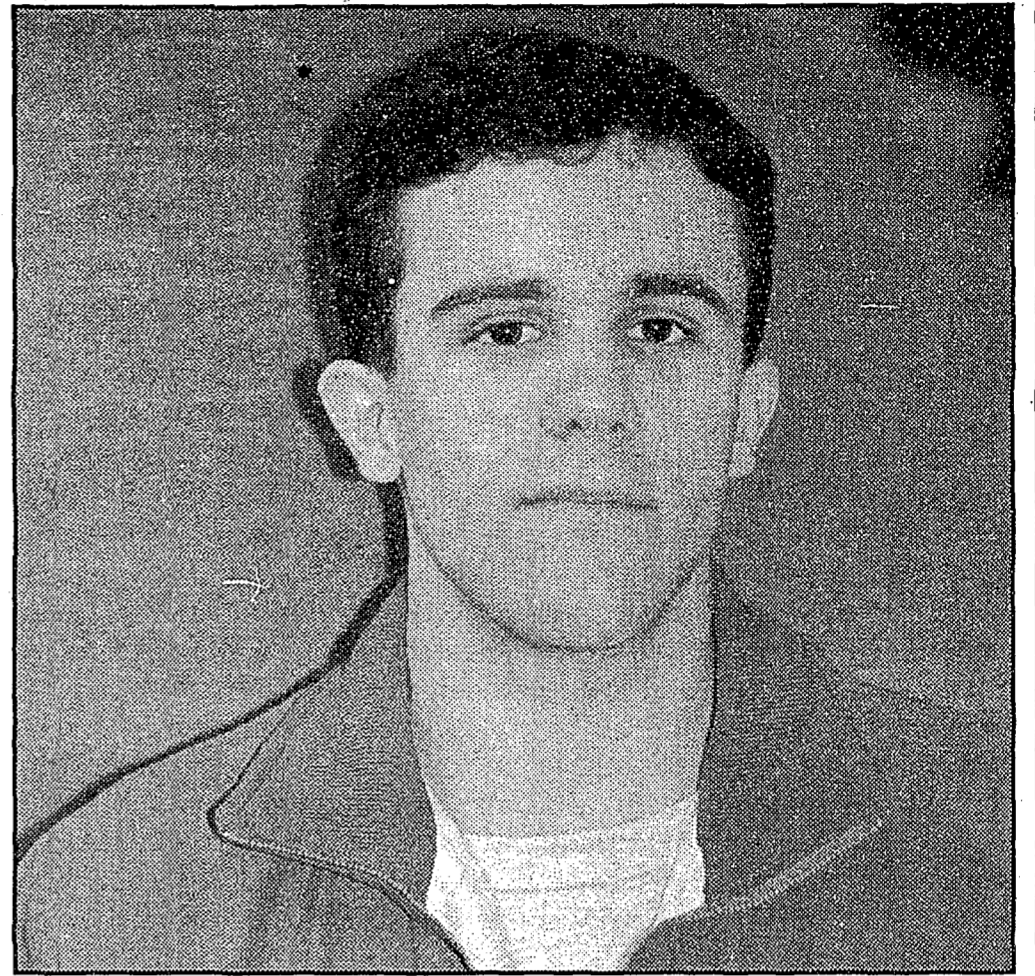
Blacks are admired for their athleticism, but when owners select someone to run their team, blacks are all but ignored. Many blacks are overqualified for coaching and managing positions, yet they are still left out in the cold year after year.

As we celebrate Robinson's character and accomplishments, and admire his intense love for the game, we should remember him when we think about what makes baseball great.

And in his memory, we should continue to fight for the changes that are obviously necessary. □

## DEVASTATOR

of the week



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

### Kris Keelty '99

Keelty, a starting pitcher on the baseball team, has brought new meaning to the word dominance in this young season. The Mules left Florida with a 7-3 record, their best ever record on a spring break trip, and Keelty chipped in with two complete game wins, without giving up an earned run. After pitching six shutout innings in a 6-3 win against eighth-ranked Plymouth St. last week, Keelty found himself with a 3-0 record and a perfect 0.00 ERA. Colby (9-3, ranked seventh in New England) had a stellar 2.65 team ERA going into yesterday's game against Bowdoin.

## This Week's All-Mule Pack

### Seth Blumenthal '97

Thanks to a clutch goal from Blumenthal, the men's lacrosse team (4-1) upset a previously undefeated Amherst team that was ranked 13th in the nation last week. With seven seconds left on the clock, and Amherst clinging to a 7-6 lead, Blumenthal scored to force overtime. Peter Kugeler '99 came up with the game winner in OT. Blumenthal also had three goals in Colby's 16-5 thrashing of Union over spring break.

### Emily Hinckley '99

As one of only two pitchers for the softball team, Hinckley was a big reason for Colby's 5-4 record during its spring break trip in Florida. She posted a 2-2 record on the mound and helped the Mules out to a 5-0 start. Hinckley contributed at the plate as well and finished the trip tied for the team lead in batting with a .429 average.

### Tyrone Boucaud '00

It may be the beginning of the track season, but Boucaud can start making plans for a couple of post season meets after his impressive performances in last Saturday's meet at Bowdoin. He finished first in the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 15.66 and qualified for the Division I and III New England Championships. Boucaud was also a member of the 4x400 relay team that finished first in 3:31.6.

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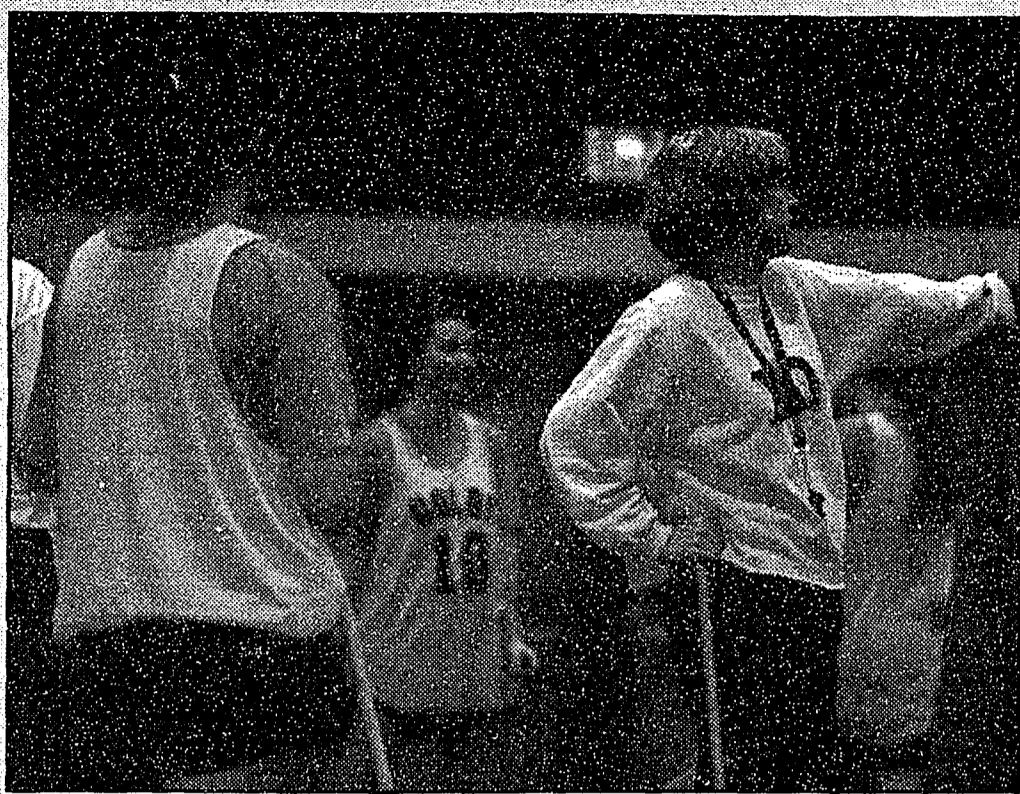
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Women's lacrosse Coach Heidi Godomsky directs a drill during practice in the fieldhouse last week.

## Mules heading in the right direction at 3-2

BY DAVE SCHOETZ  
Staff Writer

This week, for the first time in this short spring season, the Colby women's lacrosse team will practice on natural grass in the state of Maine. The team prepares for a tough three-game stretch which starts today when it takes on MIT and runs through the weekend with contests against difficult ECAC opponents Trinity and Connecticut College.

The Mules are sporting a 3-2 record, and they went 2-2 on their spring break trip to William and Mary. In Virginia, Colby lost to a high powered Washington and Lee team as well as a tough Wellesley squad in a tight 10-9 game. The Mules defeated Longwood University 18-7 and edged out Randolph Macon 10-8 in their two victories.

Considering the fact that its opponents had already played outside on natural grass and that Colby had not left the field house, Head

Coach Heidi Godomsky was pleased about the break.

"I think we definitely got the kinks out," said Godomsky. "We switched our defense from man-to-man to an 11-man zone. This gives more protection for our goalie [Erika Ayers '98] who has essentially no game experience and is doing a wonderful job."

After break, the Maine weather forced Colby to remain pinned up inside to practice for its game, which came last weekend against Springfield College. The game was played on Astroturf at Maine Maritime, and the transition was not difficult for the Mules as they handled the opposition 9-6.

Godomsky was optimistic about the team's future after the win over Springfield.

"We're coming along quite nicely," said Godomsky. "The offense is adjusting to playing defense in the zone, something they did not have to do before. We're in great shape and that helps a lot because I don't really have to make any substitutions." □

## Men's track finishes 3rd at Bowdoin

BY MEG ROURKE  
Staff Writer

The men's track and field team gave a solid performance at the first meet of the outdoor season at Bowdoin this past Saturday. Colby competed well against the highly ranked teams of Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, the University of Southern Maine and Westfield State, finishing in third place overall.

Among the highlights of the day were the outstanding performances of freshmen Tyrone Boucaud and Jamie Brewster. In the 110 meter high hurdles, Boucaud finished first with a time of 15.66 seconds. This time qualified him to compete in the New England Division III Championships, as well as the New England Division I Championships.

Brewster placed first in the hammer, with a throw of 177 feet 2 inches. His throw automatically qualified him for the NCAA Division III Championships.

Other freshmen team members displayed strong showings in the season's first meet. Emil Thomann '00 won the 400 with a time of 50.18 seconds. His time was over three seconds faster than any of the other runners in the event. Thomann also placed second in the 200 with a time of 23.31 seconds.

Andrew Beach '00 placed third in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 16.62 seconds. Darren Ireland '00 finished fifth with a time of 61.7 seconds in the 400 hurdles. The 4x400 relay team consisting of Ireland, Boucaud, Thomann and Beach, finished in first place with a time of 3:31.6.

Chris Bunge '99 ran the 100 in 11.67 seconds, earning a second place finish. Captain Steve Suomi '97 placed first in the 400 hurdles with a time of 57.0 seconds.

Captains Dave Palmieri '97 and Suomi said they were impressed with the solid team performance that came so early in the season.

"This meet was a great start to our season," Suomi said.

Palmieri is optimistic about the team's future.

"I bet we can place within the top four at the New England Division III Championships. This would be an improvement from last year," Palmieri said.

Head Coach Barrett Smith is also happy with the results of the meet, and is confident in the team's prospects for the season.

"I'm pleased to see we are already stacking up better to Bates and Bowdoin than we did in the indoor season," said Smith.

This Saturday, Colby will host its only home meet of the season. MIT, Bates, Bowdoin and the University of Southern Maine are expected to compete. Smith is looking forward to the heavy competition.

"This meet will be a good challenge for us, but mostly I'd like to see people do well on an individual basis and compete at the highest level possible," said Smith. □

## Competition tough on men's tennis

BY JONATHAN LEVIN  
Contributing Writer

As the men's tennis team quickly found out, there is one negative aspect of spending spring break in Hilton Head, S.C.: the drive.

The ride down South, which can take as long as 23 hours, was an obstacle for Colby, according to Head Coach Fred Brussel.

"Traveling 2700 miles tires your team—next year we'll fly," said Brussel. "We drove and got there on Saturday and the next morning we had games. It was too much for us to handle."

The competition in Hilton Head didn't offer the Mules any sympathy, either. The men's team lost all of the three matches it played at Hilton Head and dropped the lone match it played in Charlotte, N.C.

"Team preparation was not there," said captain Staunton Bowen '97. "We were not mentally prepared for matches [in Hilton Head]. We need to focus more on

the game at hand and not just milling around."

In their first match, the Mules fell 5-2 at the hands of Hobart. Captain

Quinby continued his stellar play with a 6-4, 6-3 win against Baker and a 6-4, 6-0 victory over his Bantam counterpart.

In Charlotte, the team faced Davidson, a school that fields a Division I tennis program. Colby suffered a 7-0 defeat, but Bowen said that the Mules learned a lot from their Division I opponent.

"Davidson has a more intense program, they are more adamant about playing serious," said Bowen. "[They] all had matching uniforms, all the players watch their teammates' matches and [they] have more of a focus on team unity."

The men's team played its first home match of the year against Bates last Thursday and lost 5-2. Bowen and fellow captain Darrin Ylisto '97 each won their singles matches for the Mules.

Despite a record of 0-5, Brussel thinks Colby has the tools necessary to turn the season around.

"We have not been playing to our full potential yet," said Brussel. "We have more ground to cover." □

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Donald Quinby '97 won 6-4, 6-4 in singles competition and the doubles team of Bowen and Peter Bruhn '00 posted the other Colby win, 8-6.

The Mules lost their next two matches, to Baker University (Kansas) and Trinity, each by a 6-1 mar-

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## Men's lacrosse jumps to 4-1 with win over Amherst

BY CHARLES CONSTANZO  
Staff Writer

The men's lacrosse team returned from spring break with a good deal more character than they set out with. The Mules are off to an impressive start and are currently sporting a 4-1 record.

Before break, Colby defeated Wheaton 16-11. Matt Williams '99 had a big game with four goals and two assists. Mark Melander '99 also notched four goals. The Mules led the whole game, and held a 7-3 advantage at the half, according to Head Coach David Zazzaro.

The Mules opened their Florida trip with a second half blitz during a torrential downpour to beat Union 16-5. Colby scored 11 times in the second half and allowed only two goals. Seth Blumenthal '97, Lyle Bradley '99 and Jeff Boyer '00 all put the biscuit in the basket three times. Boyer also had an assist.

Alex Quigley '99 contributed by winning 15 out of 22 face-offs. "We were doing the things we wanted to be doing," said Zazzaro. "It was a culmination of everyone playing well."

They also faced-off against perennial powerhouse Williams College.

The Ephs struck early and often, scorching the Mules defense to lead 12-0 at the half. The young Mules, however, fought back, going on a seven-goal rampage to open the second half. Unfortunately, Williams countered the attack and held on to win 15-7. Still, Zazzaro was pleased with his team's effort.

"I think in that game we saw some guys step up," said Zazzaro. "Alexander Quigley helped us with face-offs, really creating opportunities. Lyle Bradley showed he can be a scoring threat at middle. It was, more or less, a tale of two halves."

Zazzaro can afford to be upbeat. His team bounced back and scored a brilliant 8-7 overtime victory against the Amherst Lord Jeffs, who were ranked 13th in the country and came in with a record of 5-0. The two were scheduled to meet at Colby, but field conditions forced them to play at Maine Maritime Academy.

The teams were deadlocked 5-5 at the half. Gritty goaltending by junior Brian Frank (24 saves) allowed Colby to hang around until team Blumenthal stepped up late. With only eight seconds left, Blumenthal beat the Amherst goalie to knot the game at 7-7 and force overtime. Sophomore standout Peter Kugeler netted the winner in OT.

"Our players were just ready to play the game," said Zazzaro. "It was so many different people playing well at various times in the game."

With the victory, Colby avenged particularly disappointing losses to Amherst in each of the last two seasons. Last year, the Mules were defeated 9-6 and two years ago, the Lord Jeffs thrashed Colby 16-4.

The White Mules were scheduled to play their home opener yesterday against Plymouth State. This weekend, they start a three-game road trip that will take them to Trinity, Bates and Tufts. □

## Taking care of business

### After successful spring break trip, Mules gain No. 7 ranking in New England with 9-3 record

BY BEN LESTER  
Staff Writer

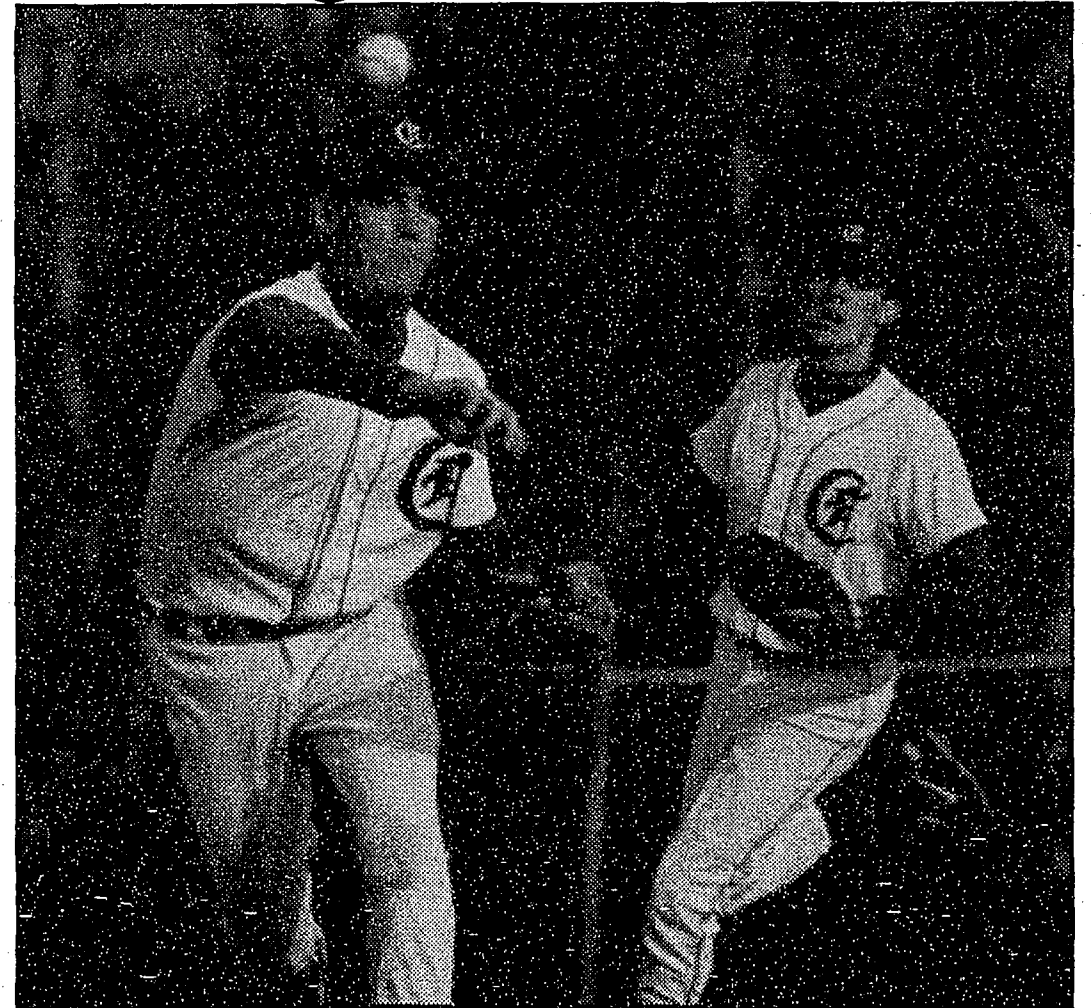
In a season defined in part by particularly high expectations, the baseball team took the first step toward establishing itself as one of the top Division III clubs in New England by opening its spring campaign in unprecedented fashion.

The Mules broke an all-time school record for total wins during their spring break sojourn in Florida, and continued to assert themselves when they came north by pounding eighth-ranked Plymouth St. this past Sunday.

The Mules, who were 9-3 going into yesterday's game against Bowdoin, are ranked seventh in the New England Division III College Baseball Coaches Poll. It is the first time in over ten years that Colby has been ranked in the poll.

The Mules, who compiled a 7-3 record in Florida, combined an opportunistic offense with a miserly defense, and came back to Maine on the up side of .500 for the first time since the club began traveling to the Sunshine State. Often calling on reserves to come up with key plays at key moments, Colby recorded wins against Hartwick, Central (Iowa), Roger Williams, Salve Regina, Macalaster (Minn.), Staten Island and Edgewood.

For the trip, designated hitter Gregg Forger '97 led all his teammates in batting average (.370), hits (10) and RBIs (nine). The burly senior also tied for the team lead in home runs (one) with sophomore first baseman Greg Domareki, reserve middle infielder/pitcher Matt



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Spring break allowed the baseball team to practice in the sun.

Paquette '99 and center fielder Todd McGovern '97.

Co-captain McGovern led the Mules with three doubles and collected 11 walks as the leadoff man.

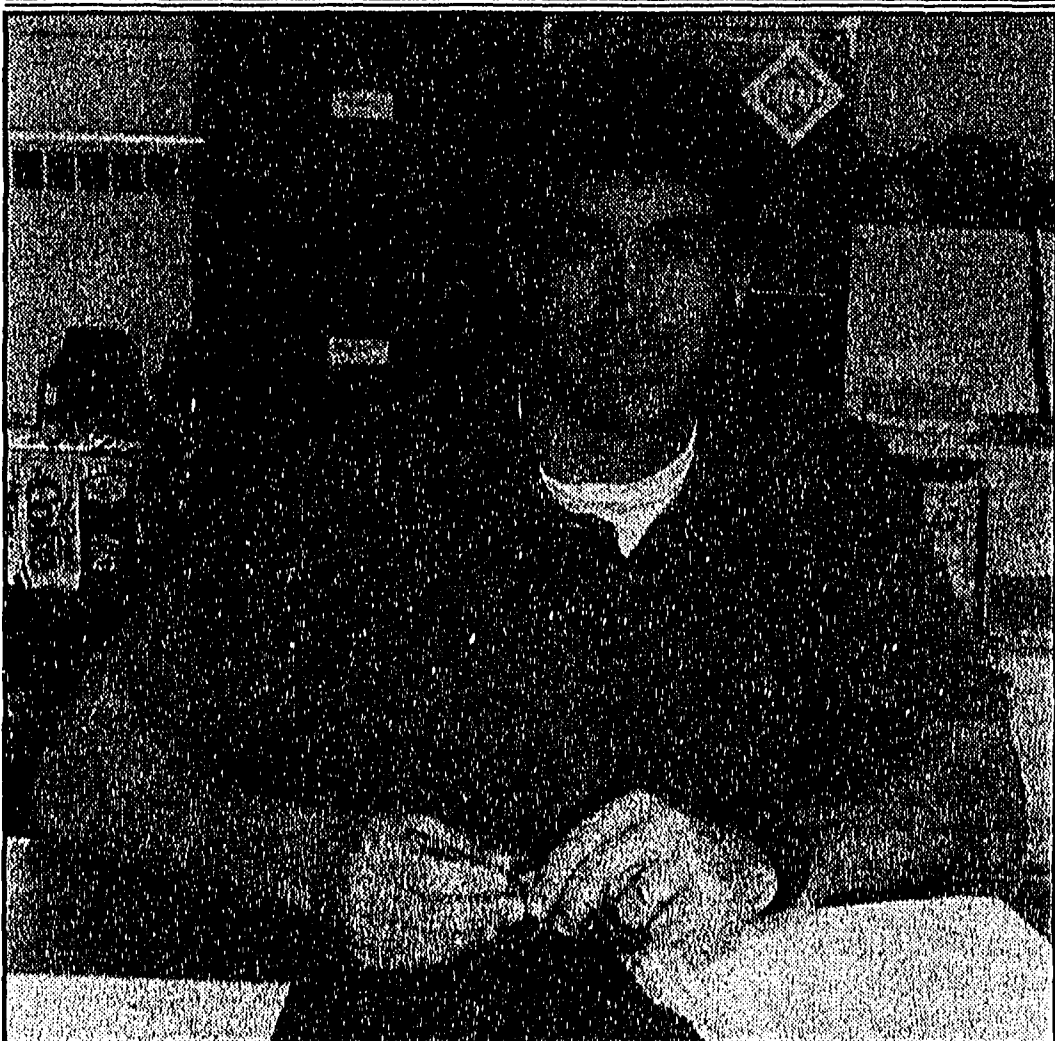
Not to be outdone, fellow outfielder and co-captain Pat McBride '97 drew a club high 12 walks and collected seven hits on his way to posting a .304 average for the trip.

But it was not always the big names who produced for the Mules. Paquette and reserve Jon Hiltz '99 each went 2 for 4 in their roles as pinch hitters. Shortstop E.J. Ander-

son '97 had two clutch hits that proved to be game winners on separate occasions. Second baseman Mike Choate '97 tied for the team lead in doubles (three) and triples (one) on his way to a .333 average.

The Mules combined for 67 total runs during the trip providing more than enough offense for a pitching staff that was equally as impressive.

Brian DiBello '99 went the distance on one occasion and finished the trip at an even 1-1 while putting up an impressive ERA mark of 2.61. see **BASEBALL** on page 13



Echo photo by Michele Weber

Coach Mark Godomsky heads Colby's Div. I Alpine Ski Team.

## Sports Profile Big fish, little pond

### Division I athletes conform to Division III world

BY LARRY BENESH  
Sports Editor

Most people tend to associate the world of NCAA Division I athletics with programs like Kentucky basketball and Michigan football, but while most sports here at Colby are played in Division III, there are two exceptions. Both skiing and women's hockey compete at the highest level in college sports, and that creates a unique situation for the Colby athletes on those teams.

Some of the teams that the Mules face have scholarship players, but according to Director of Admissions Thomas Kopp, Colby does not award athletic scholarships, regardless of the division the team plays in.

"We're still with the same philosophy that you're here to get an

education and you play because you enjoy it. Even though some of the teams that we have compete at a higher division level, we're still very much that of a Division III school," said Kopp. "We don't treat the teams that are playing Division I sports any different than the ones who are playing at the Division III level of competition."

While both Admissions and coaches want to enroll students who will help their programs be successful, the applicant's academic profile is important, regardless of his or her athletic ability, according to Kopp.

Coaches in all sports work with Admissions and send them forms evaluating a recruit's potential impact for a team. The form rates an applicant on a scale of A to D, with A being the best. There is also a space where the coach can comment on the

player's ability. This form is placed in the applicant's folder and is read as part of the decision process.

The number of recruits accepted per year in each sport fluctuates, depending on a team's particular need.

"We can't respond yes to all of them, it is kind of a give and take thing. They [coaches] push the people that they feel really can help their program," said Kopp.

Kopp notes that Colby attracts Division I athletes who may not want the commitment of having an athletic scholarship where they have less freedom to make decisions about their involvement.

"When you play for an athletic scholarship, you can't just be in a late lab. They tell you whether you can be in that lab or not," said Kopp. "We see **PROFILE** on page 13