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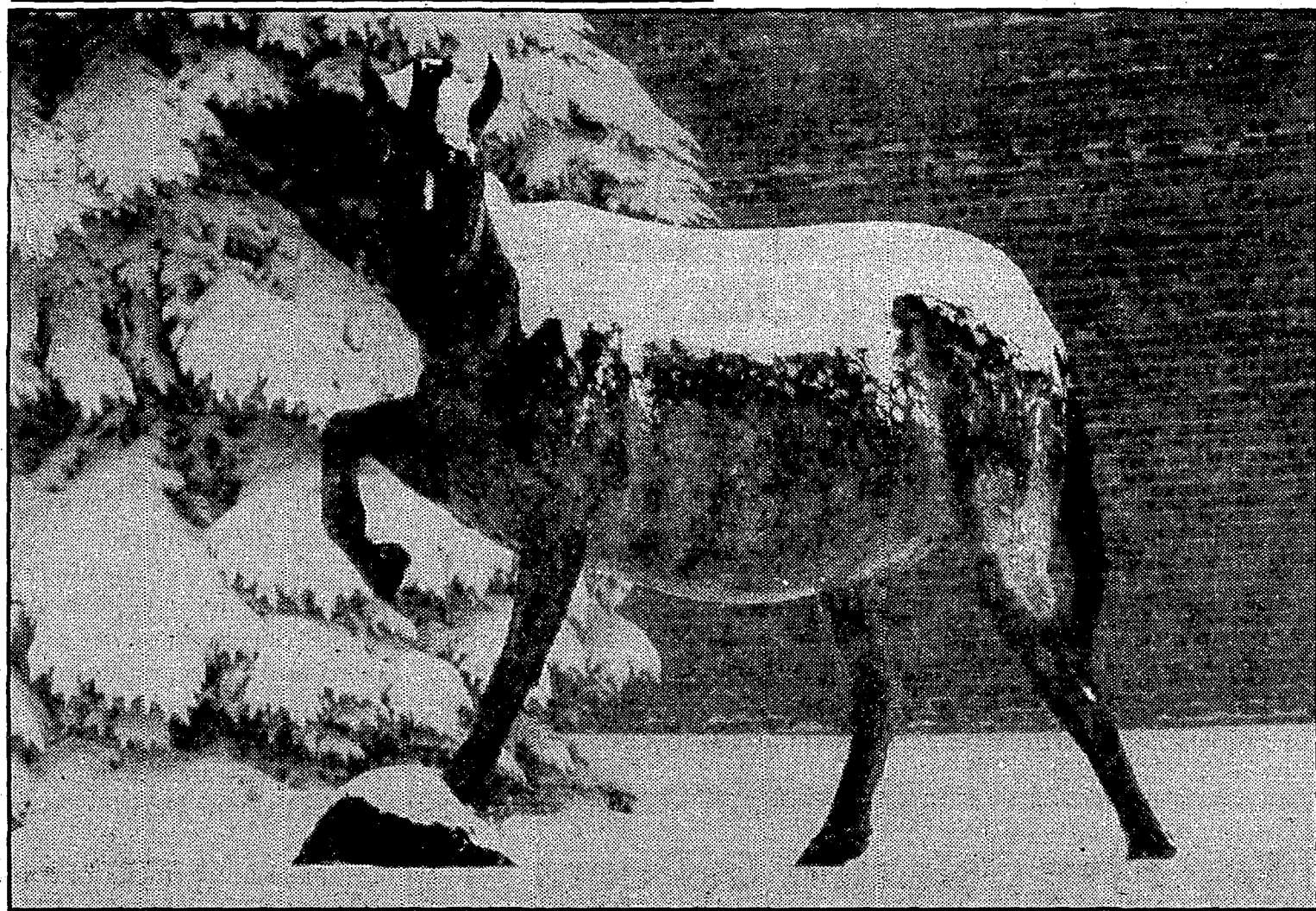


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Winter storms enveloped central Maine with snow early this week. The Colby Mule felt the storm's wrath in full on the first day of spring from its home in front of the Alford Athletic Center.

## Faculty delays debate about JanPlan, allows crew team to compete

BY BETSY LOYD  
Asst. News Editor

After much discussion, the faculty approved a motion at its March 10 meeting to allow the crew team to enter a competition conflicting with the spring exam period. The discussion was followed by a request from Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, John D. MacArthur associate professor of sociology and African-American Studies, that further debate over Colby's JanPlan be postponed until next month.

The Athletic Advisory Committee proposed the motion to allow the crew team to compete in its Champion International Collegiate Regatta in Worcester, Mass. on May 16. This meet occurs during the exam period, in which no events are to be scheduled.

John Sweney, the Class of 1940's distinguished teaching professor of humanities, proposed the motion as a faculty representative to the Athletic Advisory Committee. Sweney recognized that academic and athletic programs are both important parts of Colby and pointed out that the faculty has "certainly made exceptions for individuals" in the past.

President William R. Cotter said that the New England Small College Athletic Conference used to have a prohibition rule in allowing any student athletes to compete during exams, but the Colby faculty had approved teams even with the NESCAC rule. Cotter also said that since the rule has been abolished, Colby is the only college in the NESCAC not to endorse team play during exam week.

"I don't think it's appropriate that we give up the See **FACULTY**, continued to page 2

## Class of 2003 shows increased ethnic, geographic diversity

BY PATRICK J. BERNAL  
Staff Writer

Early indications show that the Class of 2003 will be Colby's most diverse ever. Out of the 199 early-decision applicants accepted, 14 were of African, Latino and Latina, Asian or Native American descent. Over 10 percent of the total applicant pool is ALANA, which is a 40 percent

class who were admitted early-decision represent 32 states and 10 countries. Fifty-six percent of the members of the Class of '03 who were admitted early-decision come from within New England.

These future Colby students scored an average of 640 verbal and 650 math on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests, but Director of Admissions Steve Thomas said "this will not reflect the total

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increase from the Class of '02.

"Both my parents went to Colby, and whenever we came to Colby for reunions and other events I felt really at home," said Kyle Mellen of Hingham, Mass., a student who was admitted to Colby early-decision for the Class of '03. "I've always thought that the campus was very beautiful and no other colleges that I visited made such a strong impression on me."

Mellen cited "the strong English department, and quality of the facilities" as reasons for applying early-decision.

"I just wanted to get college applications out of the way early, and I knew that Colby was the place where I wanted to be," he said.

Members of Colby's newest

class averages. The scores usually go up with the regular applicant pool."

Fifty-one percent of the members of the Colby Class of '03 who were admitted early-decision are male and 49 percent are female. The national average of college student gender is 43 percent male and 57 percent female.

Fourteen of those admitted early have siblings who attended, or are currently attending Colby.

Fifty-four percent admitted early-decision went to public high schools while 46 percent attended independent or parochial schools.

"It's a great group. The challenge is always to see how far to go with the early-decision application. See **CLASS**, cont. on page 4

## Calls to police, marijuana charges follow Black Crowes concert

BY PATRICK J. BERNAL &  
MATT APUZZO  
Staff Writer & News Editor

Frederic Chasse '01 of Oakville, Ontario, made several calls to the Waterville Police Department Friday night after he was escorted out of the Black Crowes concert. The Leonard resident complained that members of Colby's Department of Security were harassing him, according to the police log.

Monday, Chasse said his calls were a mistake, and that for this

reason, he did not fill out an official report with the Waterville Police Department.

"Security did not do anything wrong that night and that's exactly why I didn't fill out a report," said Chasse. "I realize that it was a mistake and I'm sorry for portraying security like that."

Chasse was expelled from the concert for attempting to crowd surf, and also tried to sneak back into the Wadsworth Gymnasium concert site. According to Deputy Chief of Police Joseph P. Massey and Director of Security Peter

Chenevert, three people were es-

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corted out of the building Friday night and each of them had been

drinking.

At 10:33 p.m. Sergeant Michael Beneche, who was stationed on campus for the concert, was dispatched to the Hillside dormitory to respond to the calls. According to police reports, however, Chasse chose not to speak with Beneche when he arrived.

Associate Dean of Students Ronald Hammond, who was the dean on call Friday night, was contacted regarding the incident.

Hammond would not comment, Monday, on what action the Dean of Students' Office would take in

response to Chasse's actions.

"The matter has been referred to the Dean's office and a member of the Dean's office will talk with the student who's allegedly involved," he said. "We don't discuss the specifics of any actions."

Two people also received summonses for possession of marijuana at Friday's concert. Maine residents Lisa Colantounio and Christopher J. Masovie were issued the summonses by Officer Scott Rochefort of the Waterville Police Department, who was unavailable for comment early this week. □



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one firm rule, which is to not allow teams to compete during exam week," said Julie Kay Mueller, assistant professor of history and a faculty representative to the Athletic Advisory Committee. She said the team would only miss one day of exams but would be practicing and thinking about the meet, which would interfere with studying.

The faculty needs to make a statement that "it's college athletics, not athletics college," said Mueller.

Dale Skrien, professor of mathematics and computer science, said sports seem to have priority over academics and there should be one point where academics have priority. He also said allowing teams to play during exams would affect recruiting of "academically-inclined students" who would "wonder 'what is the priority of this school?'"

Associate Professor of Economics Debra Barbezat asked how exams would be monitored. She said that she would not have time to self-monitor individuals taking exams outside of the regular exam times.

George Coleman, Colby's registrar, said that the crew team's

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missed exams could be monitored by his office during the regular make-up time.

In a close vote, the faculty approved the motion to allow the crew team to compete following the discussion.

The Academic Affairs Committee also proposed three motions, which will be voted on in April. The first was a motion to have a joint classics-anthropology major. Edward Yeterian, dean of the faculty, said the idea came in response to student interest and that it would be created using existing courses.

In a second proposal to create a 7-course minor in Jewish studies, existing courses would also be used, but the minor would expand if student participation were high. The proposal was to make it a minor, but members of the faculty raised questions about whether it was necessary for a program to exist before a minor was created. Yeterian said he would look into the dilemma, but that the motion in April would be to create both a minor and a program in Jewish studies.

Recommended by the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin deans and directors of off-campus study, the Academic Affairs Committee endorsed a motion on March 2 which would allow those attending CBB programs to participate in only two JanPlans if there was a conflict in starting dates for the spring semester. The proposal is being introduced in all three schools at the same time and will be voted upon by Colby's faculty in April. □

# Cotter, Archibald top latest faculty salary lists released to IRS

BY MATT APUZZO  
News Editor

Colby's financial information for fiscal year 1997, dating from July 1997 to June 1998, was made public Feb. 15 on the Internal Revenue Service's Form 990. The IRS requires the information contained in the document for all non-profit, tax exempt organizations to be declared and made public.

Among other information, such as detailed profit and loss data, the 990 Form requires the College to release annually the salaries of its five highest paid employees and its officers.

Colby President William R. Cotter received \$214,992 in compensation for the year. Cotter received, in the fiscal year of 1996-1997, the fourth highest salary in the New England Small College Athletic Conference according to data received in the Communications Office. President John D. McCardle of Middlebury topped the list, with Williams College in second and Connecticut College in third. Cotter then received \$205,000 per year. Rankings for the just completed fiscal year are

the Board initiated to conceptually pay off when he retires," said Douglas E. Reinhardt, Colby's associate vice president and treasurer.

The remaining seven officers listed on the form that received compensation were: former Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean

lege to purchase a house. In 1994, Colby also gave loans to McArthur and Helm.

"That is simply a way to create incentives to retain key employees," said Reinhardt of the two unsecured loans. "Development officers are particularly hot commodities these

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of the Faculty Robert P. McArthur (\$144,153), Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Peyton R. Helm (\$137,022), Administrative Vice President W. Arnold Yasinski (\$136,600), Dean of the College Earl H. Smith (\$106,800), Reinhardt (\$103,250), Dean of Ad-

days. It's a standard device and it worked. He's still here."

Colby paid the seventh highest treasurer salary in 1996, the second highest development vice president salary and the second highest salary to the dean of the faculty.

These salaries were, for all officers except the treasurer, equal to or higher than the NESAC averages in 1996.

Salaries for professors in the fiscal year 1997 peaked at the \$131,163 received by Roberts Professor of Literature Douglas Archibald. Pugh Family Professor of Economics Henry Gemery was second on the list with \$118,703, followed by William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Government L. Sandy Maisel, who chairs the government department and earned \$114,435. Grossman Professor of Economics Jan S. Hogendorn made \$112,993 and Distinguished Presidential Professor of American Government G. Calvin Mackenzie made \$111,045.

This list does not include professors who were on sabbatical but would normally make the list.

Reinhardt said it is difficult to compare the salaries of professors between colleges, because every college uses faculty members in different roles. Many of Colby's highest paid professors, for instance, also hold or have held administrative positions. □

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not yet available.

Cotter also received \$55,824 last year in contributions to his employee benefit plans such as health and life insurance. Colby was ranked behind only Amherst in the amount of money paid to its president's benefit fund during the fiscal year 1996.

In addition to this compensation, \$61,500 was paid into a "deferred compensation" fund, according to the form.

"This was an arrangement that

missions and Financial Aid Parker J. Beverage (\$98,400) and Dean of Students Janice Armo Kassman (\$91,919).

Faculty members also receive payment into their benefit plans, which ranged from McArthur's \$24,079 to Kassman's \$15,279.

Reinhardt said that faculty members could also take advantage of Colby's employee mortgage benefit, as Yasinski did in 1992, when he borrowed money from the Col-

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## Colby student arrested, 15 others summoned

BY MATT APUZZO  
News Editor

Approximately 15 people received summonses Friday evening when officers from the Maine Bureau of Liquor Enforcement patrolled Waterville, MBLE Seargent Bob LaGuardia reported.

One Colby student, Zachary J. Liss '02, of West Bloomfield, Mich., was arrested for presenting false identification at the Shop 'N Save on Kennedy Memorial Drive at 7:30 p.m.

MBLE officials posing as Shop 'N Save workers arrested Liss when he presented his brother's Michigan identification card in order to purchase alcohol.

He was transported to the Waterville Police Department, where he was booked and detained until posting a \$25 bail. Tuesday, Liss said he planned to hire a lawyer to represent him on his May 12 court date.

Waterville area residents Eric Martinez, 20, and Aaron Burier, 19, also received summonses for transporting alcohol. Both were on their way to the Black Crowes concert, LaGuardia said.

Christopher Spaulding, who is also from Waterville, was summonsed for possession of alcohol by a minor. Spaulding, 18, was caught in the Wadsworth Gymnasium parking lot by MBLE officials. The paperwork for the remaining summonses had not been completed Tuesday, LaGuardia said. He did say, however, that in relation to the concert, a total of seven people were summonsed for illegal transportation or possession of alcohol. □

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## Mayer analyzes Peru's agrarian reform

BY KIM VICTOR  
Staff Writer

Enrique Mayer, Yale University Professor of Anthropology, told Colby students Thursday that citizens of Peru "will all have personal memories just as much as people here remember where they were when Kennedy was shot."

The comparison refers to Mayer's compilation of 80 interviews of Peruvians addressing the country's agrarian reform over the last quarter of a century.

A renowned expert in ecology and political economy issues in the South American region, he completed his graduate study dissertation in Peru.

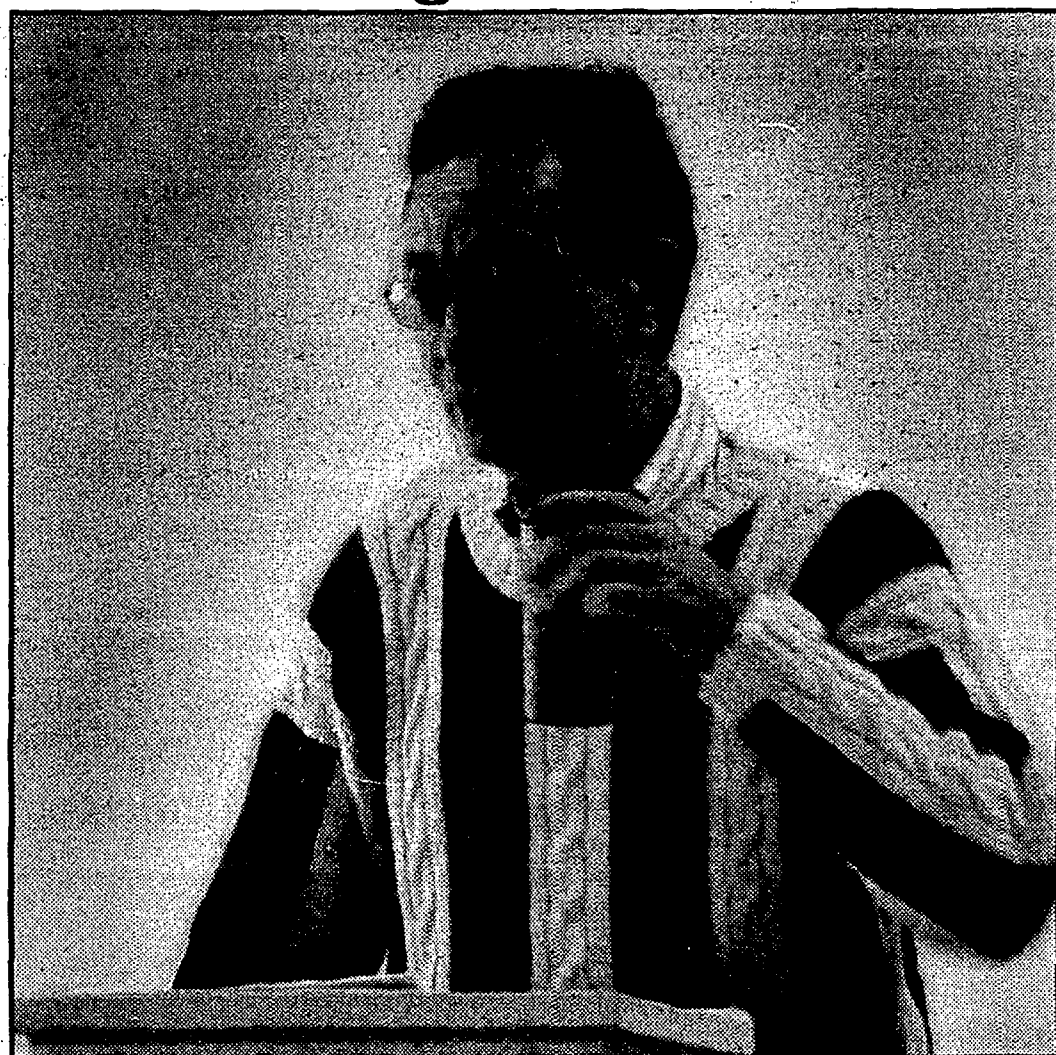
Mayer is using the interviews to write a book that he hopes will serve as a "peoples' remembered history of agrarian reform."

In addition to political and economic consequences, the Peruvian reforms had far-reaching emotional consequences, he said.

Mayer's interviewees varied dramatically in their socioeconomic status and their roles in the reform. They included peasant workers, government administrators and doctors.

The Peruvian reforms began between 1970 and 1975 when the government, under a left-wing military dictatorship, expropriated 30 percent of the land. The expropriation was "totally non-violent and very quickly done," Mayer said.

With the land, the government created collective cooperatives. The communities were part of the



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**Yale University Professor of Anthropology, Enrique Mayer**

larger Agrarian Societies of Social Interest, forming a supercooperative. These, in turn, generated profit through various farming and animal-breeding activities. The profits were distributed among the communities, but they were only to be used for community development purposes.

In 1980 democracy was restored under President Belaunde Terry, who gave the communities the right to dissolve themselves if they chose to do so.

The Shining Path, a guerilla

group supporting communist ideology, has caused the most turmoil, said Mayer. Their terrorist tactics, including assaults and threats, are aimed at "outright destruction."

Despite the political and social turmoil created by the reforms, Mayer stated that each person he interviewed was "much, much better off economically."

Mayer hopes that his book is "the book in which every Peruvian finds an experience of their father or uncle." □

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# Huntoon improving; doctors encourage visits from friends

BY MATT APUZZO  
News Editor

Lindsey Huntoon '01 is improving in Boston's Spaulding Rehabilitation Center. Huntoon, who fell from the third floor of Dana Residence Hall in mid-October, has emerged from her coma and can open her eyes and track objects with them, according to a letter sent last week from her father, Christopher Huntoon, to Dean of Students Janice Armo Kassman.

Huntoon's hearing is intact and doctors say she benefits from the presence of visitors. During the last vacation, Christopher Huntoon said, members of the women's rugby team visited the hospital and Lindsey's test results "went up for days afterwards."

According to her father, doctors encourage such visits "from noisy friends as a source of stimulus and encouragement." She seemed to benefit, he said, from "a major injection of

laughing, screaming and lurid gossip." He also encouraged students that wished to visit Lindsey over spring break to do so, even if only for a short time.

While she has not regained the ability to speak, speech therapists have reestablished her ability to swallow semi-solid foods and hope the "increased control of her tongue will allow speech in the near future."

It is still too early, he said, to forecast when she will make more recoveries. She does not, however, have a damaged spinal column or any shattered bones.

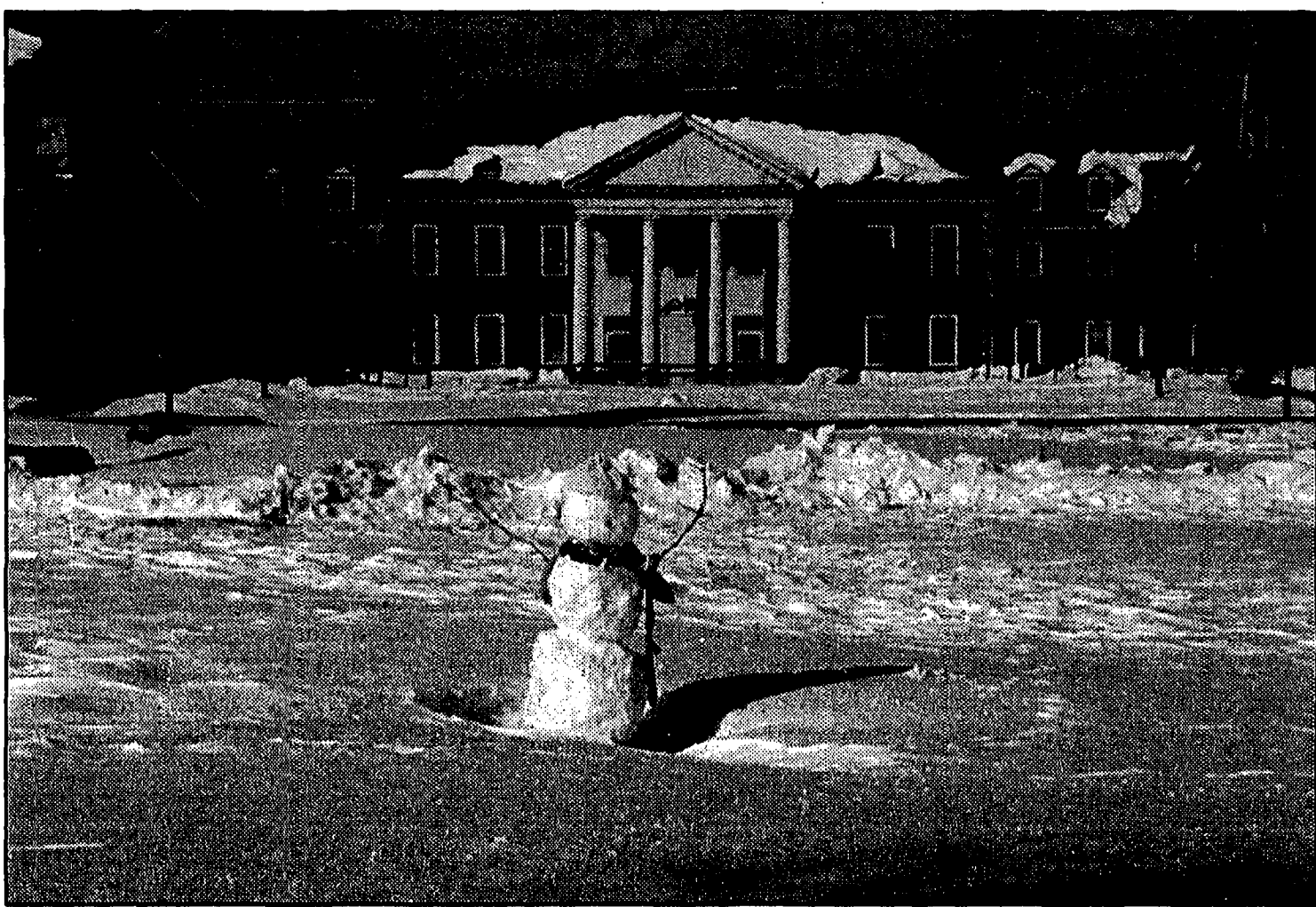
In recent weeks, Lindsey has re-

stored deliberate movement in her thumbs and her parents and doctors are working on using the 'thumbs-up' and 'thumbs-down' signs to establish consistent communication with her until she regains the ability to speak.

"It comes down to time and prayer," said Christopher Huntoon. "And we deeply appreciate the kindness and support of all her friends at Colby who have been so generous with their visits, cards, and prayers." □

“It comes down to time and prayer.”  
-Christopher Huntoon

## Frosty returns . . .



Echo photo by Jenny O'Donnell

Even Frosty needed a scarf to stay warm this past week on Mayflower Hill.

## Grasso '00 injured in London

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Nichola Grasso '00 of Burlington, Vt. was injured when she was struck by a bus while studying abroad in London last weekend. A performing arts major and a Russian minor, Grasso has been studying in the British capital city for the semester.

An e-mail sent to performing arts majors Monday afternoon told them that Grasso was conscious and

staying in the Royal London Hospital. Her parents, Sal and Carol Grasso, were both in England when the accident happened and are with her in the hospital, according to the e-mail.

There have been conflicting reports regarding Grasso's condition. Preliminary reports portrayed the accident as serious and possibly involving a head injury and a broken clavicle. More recent reports, however, list her condition as less critical following a re-evaluation of her head injury. □

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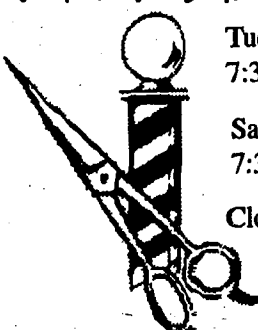
### Mitchell selected as commencement speaker

Senator George J. Mitchell will be the commencement speaker for the graduating class of 1999 on May 23. Mitchell is a former majority leader of the U.S. Senate, a peace broker for Northern Ireland and current chair of the United States Olympic Committee's Special Commission. He has worked as a trial lawyer for the Justice Department in Washington, D.C., was appointed to the Senate in 1980, and served for 14 years in the Senate. He was voted the most respected member of the Senate for six consecutive years.

### Honorary degree recipients announced

Six honorary degrees will be presented at Commencement on May 23. They will be awarded to Judy Woodruff, CNN's prime anchor and senior correspondent; Al Hunt, executive Washington editor of The Wall Street Journal; outgoing chair of the Board of Trustees Larry Pugh '56 and his wife Jean (Van Curan) Pugh '55; Angus King, Maine's independent governor; and genetic cancer-research pioneer Patricia (Davis) Murphy '68.

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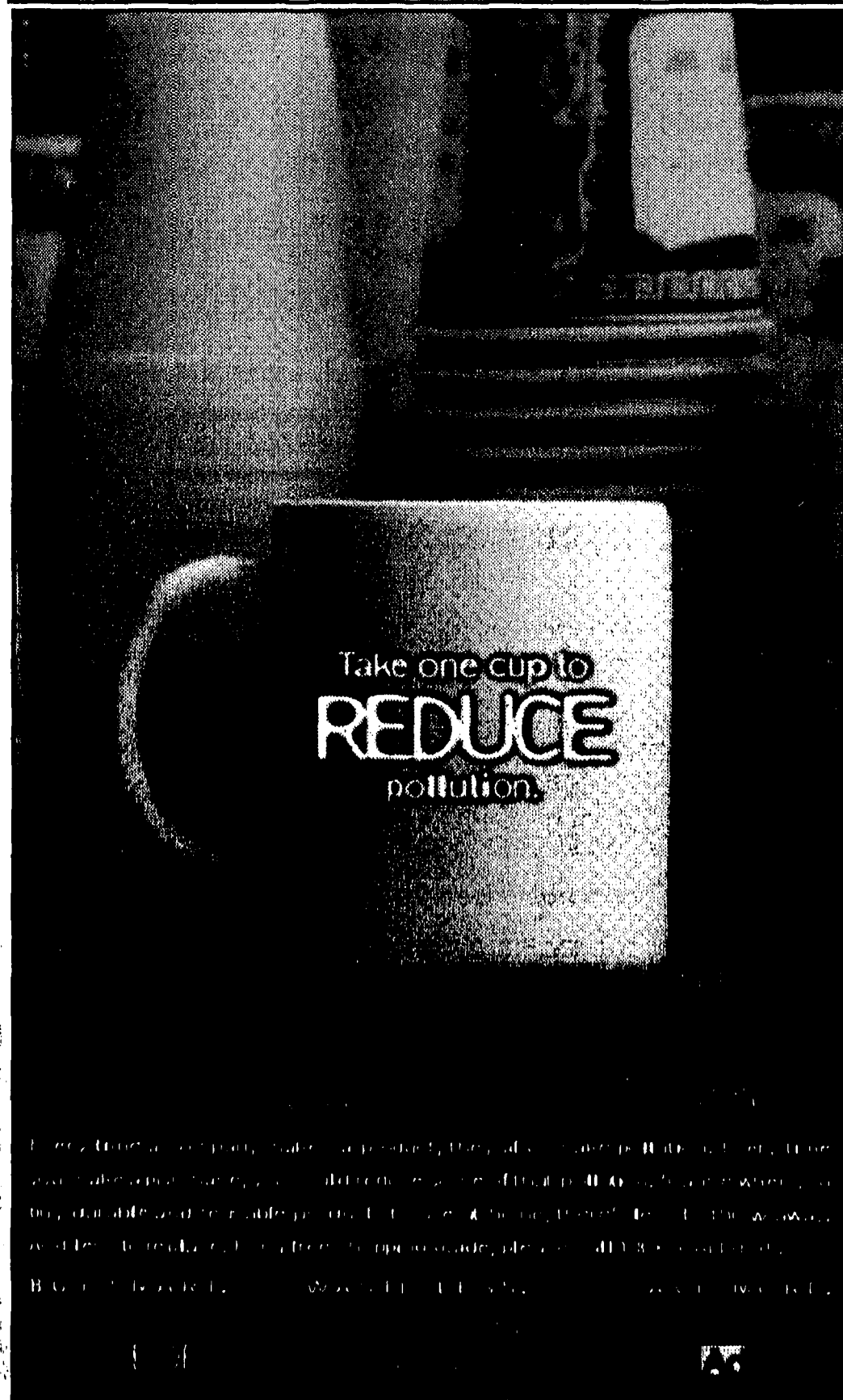
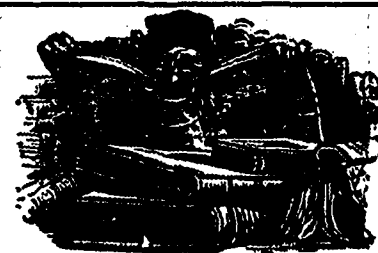
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cants," said Dean of Admissions Parker J. Beverage. "A lot of them are very talented, but you always want to save enough places for regular-decision applicants."

For the 470 spots available in the Class of 2003, the Admissions Office received 4,400 applicants.

"It is one of the strongest regular round applicant pools that I've ever seen," said Thomas.

While Colby had 462 early-decision appli-

cants for 199 spots, Bowdoin College had 443 applicants for 180 spots, according to the Bowdoin Office of Admissions.

The Colby Class of '03 received the second highest number of total applications ever, falling short only to the Class of '00.

"It's going to be a very exciting class, people from all over the world and students running the whole gambit," said Beverage. □



# No sanctions for drunk drivers

BY MATT APUZZO  
News Editor

One senior woman and her visiting friend were pulled over by Colby Security officials early Sunday morning for driving while intoxicated. The student was taken to the Garrison-Foster Health Center and the friend was taken to the West Quad room she was visiting. No official charges have been brought against the individuals, who were both over 21, although the Dean of Students Office was contacted.

At 12:35 a.m., Officers Lynn Lamontagne and Ronald Cutter observed a car driving on the Museum Road toward Roberts Union. The four-door automobile did not have its headlights on and was driving erratically, swerving from one curb to another.

After flagging the car to the side of the road, officers took the keys from the visiting driver, who owned the car. The Colby student was in the back seat and was visibly intoxicated. Colby Emergency Response was contacted to examine the stu-

dent in the back seat.

The driver also smelled of alcohol and slurred her speech as the two girls laughed about how "academic" the student was in her banter with the CER technician.

**“ They got very lucky, we gave them a break. -Peter Chenevert ”**

A second Security vehicle was called to transport the student to the health center, and Lamontagne and Cutter brought the driver to West Quad.

Officials decided on the scene not to contact the Waterville Police Department, a decision Director of Security Peter Chenevert said is made on a case-by-case basis.

“They were on College property and they cooperated with us,” he said.

Chenevert said that Security officers will contact police officials if

they encounter people driving while intoxicated on any Maine roads, but use their discretion when the crime occurs on campus roads.

Maine law prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while the driver is intoxicated. The law calls for a fine of at least \$300 and a license suspension of at least 90 days.

“Violations of the laws and policies will result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension . . . and referral for prosecution,” according to the 1998-1999 Colby Student Handbook. “Students and adults are thus expected to obey the law and to take personal responsibility for their conduct . . . Disciplinary action will result if a student’s use of alcohol creates disorder, public disturbances, danger to themselves and others, or property damage.”

Chenevert said he was pleased the officers were able to stop the car, get the keys and get the passengers off the road. He said the officers’ decision not to involve the authorities stemmed from the passengers’ cooperation.

“They got very lucky,” he said. “We gave them a break.” □

## In Echo History

### Twenty-four years ago . . .

On March 13, 1975, the *Echo* reported that President Strider was still waiting for a reply from an inquiry addressed to “a prominent woman” to be the Commencement speaker for the Class of 1975. The lady in question was the third person whom the President had asked, as two previous women had “graciously declined due to other commitments.” Strider purposely asked women that year due to a request by senior officials that a woman speaker be chosen.

### Sixteen years ago . . .

On March 10, 1983, the *Echo* reported that Colby fraternities were preparing to begin their tax suit against the City of Waterville in the Kennebec County Superior Court. Although Maine law stated that all fraternal groups “except college fraternities” were exempt from property taxes, the argument was based on the claim that Colby fraternities are “charitable and benevolent fraternal organizations similar to the Elks, and are thus exempt from property taxes.” The case of the fraternities was being argued on the grounds that the fraternities benefited the community at large through various social service activities and that Colby fraternities owned only their houses and not the land on which they sat and they lacked facilities that would give them market value to any one other than the College.

### Ten years ago . . .

On March 16, 1989, the *Echo* reported that approximately ten Colby students had been caught using fake IDs while trying to buy alcohol at Joka’s Discount Beverage. After paying \$900 in fines for selling alcohol to minors, Joka’s put a new policy into effect which involved reporting names of Colby students suspected of using false identification to Colby Safety and Security. According to Joseph Karter, owner of Joka’s at the time, “The way that the state of Maine law is set up, someone gives me a fake ID, they get a slap on the hand, my cashier gets a kick in the butt, and I lose my head.”

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## Local News

### Mobile hot-dog stand gains new permit

Scott Dorval of Winslow has been given a victualer’s license for his mobile hot-dog lunch stand. Dorval was forced to close his stand “Courtney’s Countertop” last summer because he had a permit for a mobile lunch stand, but it was in fact stationary. The restaurant had wheels, a trailer hitch and an axle from a Plymouth Horizon, but it also had four walls, a roof and doors to keep customers out of the weather. “It didn’t appear mobile to anyone but him,” said Winslow Town Manager Edward A. Gagnon. “It appeared pretty permanent to us.” With the new permit, the Winslow town council stipulated that Dorval’s lunch stand must be located in a commercial zone and must be moved every day at the close of business. “Courtney’s Countertop” is scheduled to reopen for business once the weather warms up.

### \$3000 raised for after-school programs in Polar Bear Dip

Twenty-one people jumped into Snow Pond in Oakland to benefit the George J. Mitchell School’s Before- and After-School program and after-school programs at the Waterville Area Boys and Girls Club Sunday. The Polar Bear Dip is in its sixth year, in which participants wade, walk, or dive into the frigid water. Over \$3000 was raised in the event this year.

### L.L. Bean not able to give employees bonuses

For the third time in four years, L.L. Bean employees will not be granted bonuses. In 1998, the company had sales of \$1.07 billion, which had not risen from the previous year. A major incentive to work at Bean has been the yearly bonuses, which reached a high in 1988, at 18 percent of annual salaries. The decision affects all salaried workers and part-time workers who work more than 1,000 hours per year, approximately 4,500 workers.

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## FEATURES

# Getting to know the folks behind the Blue Light Pub

*After over one year of operation, the Colby bartenders still serve us with a smile*

BY KELLY FIELD  
Staff Writer

They pour your beer. They sell you sex (on the beach). And sometimes, when you've had too much, they kindly, ever so gently, cut you off.

But how well do you really know the Colby bartenders?

Were you aware, for example, that Sheryl Jason works in a nursery school? Or that Don Clark sells rebuilt engines and wore a tux in his last job (at a four-star inn in Bar Harbor)? And what about Monique Rossignol and the dearly departed Dan Barrows, gone as of last Thursday? One works in accounts payable, the other, variously at Shaw's, for Honda and at landscaping firms.

Monique likes gin and tonic, Rolling Rock and Margaritas, while Sheryl prefers Midori sours, after 5's and Heineken. And Don is a Shipyard and Captain and Coke man.

But what might most surprise you about Sheryl, Don, Monique and Dan, is not their daytime employment, or drinking preferences, but their apparent affection for Colby students. Noisy and raucous as we can be, they actually seem to like us.

"(Colby students) are very well-behaved," said Don, a hobby guitarist and singer. "I've had no troubles with them at all. I've got a

smile on my face all the time, and I always get one back."

"The noise doesn't bother us," said Sheryl. "We just turn up the music. And we can scream and holler just as loud as you guys."

According to Monique, "The town people act a lot worse. People will be on the tables, shouting. We've never even had a fist fight in here."

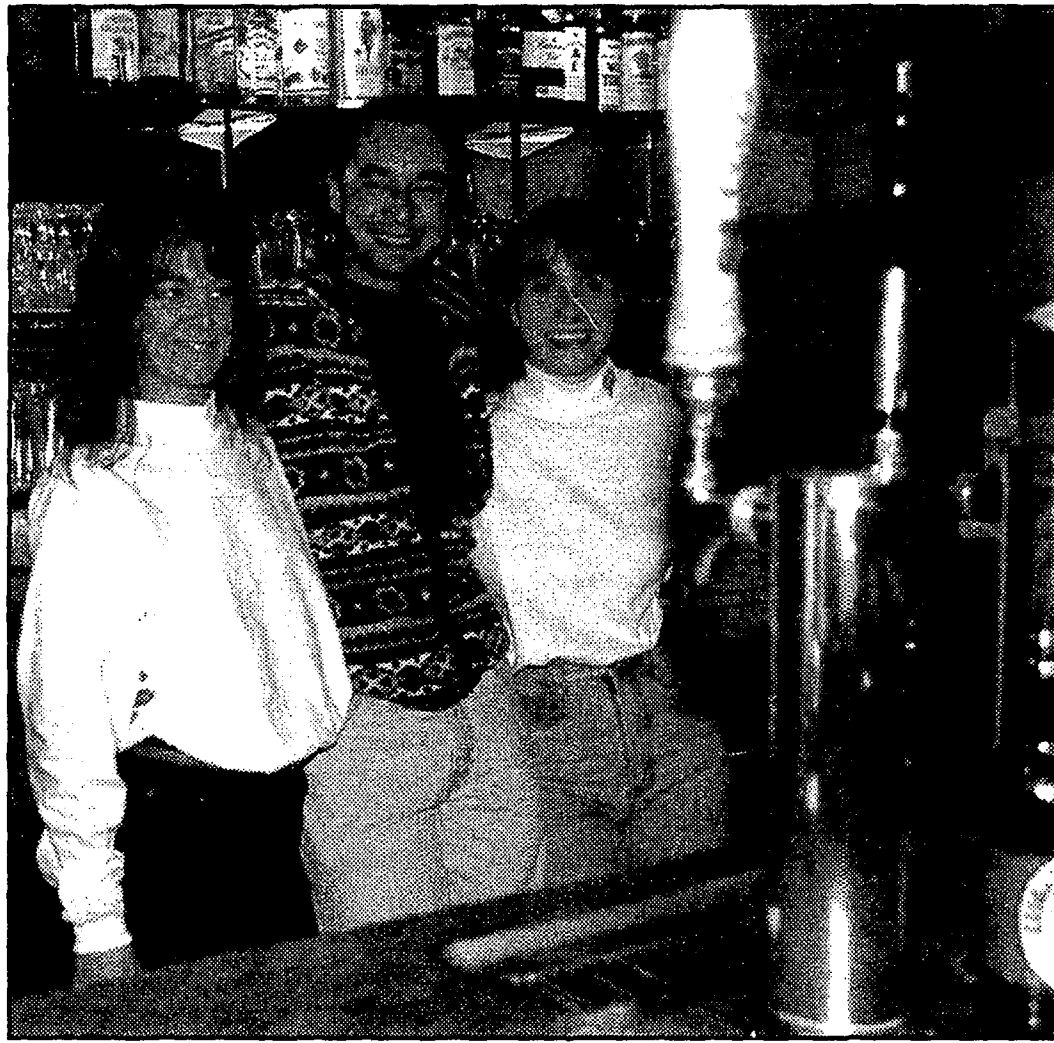
Both women agreed that the prevailing stereotype—that Colby students are a homogeneous mass of Northface-wearing, Nalgene-toting materialists—misrepresents their pub patrons.

"I've seen people with tattoos in here," said Sheryl. "It seems to me that anything goes."

"Townies (I guess that's what you'd call us) have certain impressions of Colby that aren't accurate at all. They say 'oh, you're working at Colby,' and I say 'actually, it's really fun.'"

"I think the opinion has come about because all you see in the paper is the bad news," said Dan.

And while they probably have more dirt on us than our best friends, Sheryl, Dan, Monique and Don are among the most tactful bartenders you'll ever meet. They've seen us walk into walls, lie down on the stairs, and even get sick, and said nothing the following night. They've witnessed our all-male "pickle parties," tearful arguments, and most heated disputes, and then, like a



Echo photo by Jennie Record

**Sheryl, Don and Monique take a quick break from the barrage of thirsty students.**

compassionate friend, conveniently "forgotten" everything by the morning.

Why, we wonder, are they so loyal?

According to Don, it's partly bartender etiquette.

"We have a doctor-patient sort

of relationship," he said. "It's very confidential."

Sheryl, who admitted that she herself has done some crazy things in pubs, added that it's also a matter of consideration.

"People can come in here and act wild, and then come back and have

us act like nothing happened," said Sheryl.

But don't try to take advantage of their kindness. The Colby bartenders are strictly by the books when it comes to fake identifications.

"If we're not sure, we call Security to see if they can verify birth dates," said Sheryl. "If we find out its counterfeit, we hold them there until they come."

Dan, the former bouncer, added that this happens quite frequently.

"We've had quite a few. The last one I got was a 5'8" guy trying to pass as 6'1."

"Last year, one guy tried to pass off as his brother," said Sheryl. "But I knew his brother, he'd been in there all year, and I said 'uh, huh.'"

Sheryl added that they have become increasingly strict over the past year and a half.

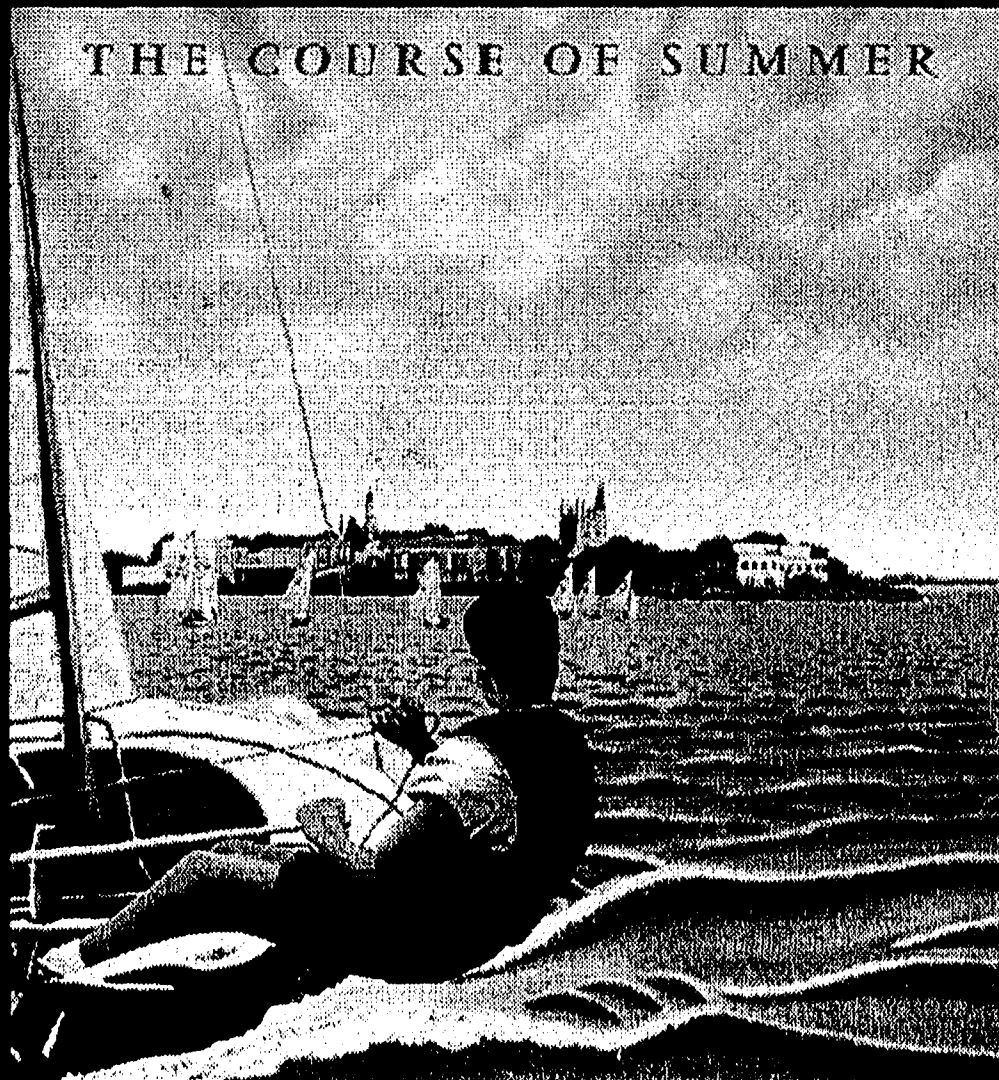
"At the beginning we were too lenient. We would send people off and tell them not to come back again. I don't think they realize how much trouble they'll get the school in. They'll ruin it for everyone," she said.

Dan's almost tearful departure last week showed everyone present that a bond has quickly developed among those that are technically staff, but realistically our close friends.

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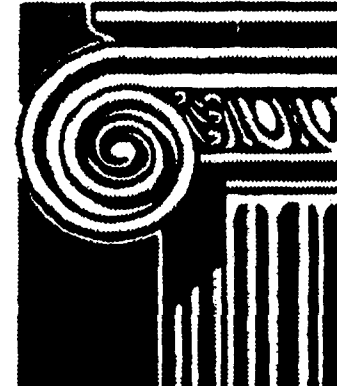
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# Tenured professors speak out about their experience

BY CHRISSY BARNETT  
Staff Writer

Receiving tenure as a professor is a great honor. It means that you are well respected by your colleagues, have achieved success in your line of teaching, and most of all, are now considered a permanent and integral part of an intellectual community.

Just ask any of the five recently tenured professors here at Colby. These five professors, Professor of Anthropology Mary Beth Mills, Professor of Russian and German Julie de Sherbinin, Professor of History Raffael Scheck, and Professors Shelby Nelson and Duncan Tate from the Physics department, were all notified of their acceptance for tenure this semester.

Most students at Colby have probably had the experience of writing a letter of recommendation for a professor up for a promotion. Student evaluations as well as letters submitted by students on behalf of their professors are very important in the tenure process. Some students may think that the tenure process is relatively easy. All of the five professors will tell you that it is not.

Not only are course evaluations and letters from students included within the selection process, but published work dependent upon the field, and above all, service to the college are also taken into consideration by the promotion and tenure board committee.

The promotion and tenure committee, a board composed of nine faculty-elected professors, properly evaluate all of the achievements of the professor. The board evaluates the professor based upon his/her teaching, scholarly work and service to the College in the form of being a resident advisor or an advisor to a college club.

In addition to the promotion and tenure board's evaluation, the professor's resume is also evaluated by five external professors outside of Colby. These five professors are better able to objectively evaluate the professor's achievements.

For any professor, this promotion and tenure process can be stressful and require quite a lot of patience. The professors are honest about the selection process and can even view the situation humorously. The Echo had the opportunity to interview these professors.

**Echo:** Now that you are tenured, do you feel that you will change anything in your teaching?

**Professor Tate:** No, I don't think so, though I'll almost certainly be more relaxed about it.

**Professor Scheck:** I will continue to improve my teaching wherever I can. This is not a change. But I will probably be less shy about trying out riskier courses and new teaching methods.

**Professor Nelson:** No, actually, I think I've been doing my idea of the 'best' I can all along.

**Professor Mills:** I don't think my teaching will change but I will have the opportunity to try out new courses and areas of instruction in the future. That will be fun.

**Echo:** What does being tenured mean to you? Do you think it is a reflection of your accomplishments in your work?

**Professor de Sherbinin:** Tenure means 1) a confirmation that your work is valued by the Colby world and by colleagues in your scholarly field; 2) buying a house; 3) putting down deeper roots in the Waterville community.

**Professor Mills:** Receiving tenure is a great feeling - both the honor of receiving one's colleagues approval and a sense of being able to settle into a place.

**Professor Tate:** I spent a lot of time building a lab and demonstrating a productive research program at Colby. I also think that I showed that I was committed to the physics program at Colby by creating new courses and obtaining grants to improve teaching and student research opportunities. Finally, I wanted to be clear in my teaching as I possibly could be, and spent a lot of effort in figuring out how to do that. I hope that the students I have taught think that I succeeded.

**Professor Scheck:** It means, above all, some security. A committee of very accomplished colleagues conducted a thorough examination of my research and teaching and deemed me worthy of tenure. I am happy about this but would

like to know what shortcomings they saw and where I can improve.

**Professor Nelson:** It is a vote of confidence from my community. It certainly feels good!

**Echo:** How would you describe your reaction to the news?

**Professor de Sherbinin:** Just like Alka Seltzer, tenure spells R-E-L-I-E-F.

**Professor Mills:** Receiving tenure is a great feeling - both the honor of receiving one's colleagues approval and sense of being able to settle into a place I've come feel very attached to.

**Professor Tate:** Relief that I knew what my 'fate' was. I think if I hadn't made it, it would have been a real bummer. One just gets to do the same thing for the rest of one's life, if one wants.

**Professor Scheck:** In the night before I got the news I dreamt that I was applying for a job as a dishwasher in rural Maine. I am not a person who celebrates enthusiastically. My colleagues were wonderfully supportive. Some brought champagne and one of them organized a party later. As to myself, the news sank in only gradually, over a couple of days or weeks.

**Echo:** What do you hope to achieve with your status as a tenure professor?

**Professor Scheck:** Getting ever better at research and teaching.

**Professor de Sherbinin:** I hope to be able to lend more consistent support to all of the wonderful students on campus - many of them active in the Pugh Center organizations - who are committed to issues of social justice.

**Professor Tate:** More resources and more space for physics! ☐

## Off the Hill

### Berkeley students learn to spin records

Students at the University of California at Berkeley are treated to a class in "turntablism." Essentially this class teaches students "how to actually spin records," according to course instructors. Two students teach the course, one an American Studies major, the other a political science major. One explained that "A turntable is meant to play back vinyl records, but what turntablism does is that it moves records around and manipulates them to make them sound different than they sounded before. That's a real different concept in music. We're using these turntables for what they're not meant for at all." According to the Daily Californian, a TA of the revolutionary class said that with this hands-on instruction, they can separate the "men from the boys," probably meaning the "real" DJs from the "quasi, wanna-bes." The instructors were very excited that the class was being offered through the music department, rather than through Ethics Studies or American Studies because it indicates "a drastic, even revolutionary, move that signals the first steps toward making turntablism a recognized musical technique."

### Graffiti plagues Williams

Despite the growing awareness of homophobic incidents across the country, Williams College is still experiencing cases of graffiti based on sexual preference. According to the Williams Record, "a concentrated series of incidents of homophobic harassment have occurred on campus over the past two months." The co-coordinator of the Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Transgendered Union said that "homophobic harassment is especially prevalent among first-years." The BGLTU is working with security and the deans to address the problem as well as to hold meetings for students on how to report incidences of harassment and graffiti.

### University of Wisconsin students stranded during spring break

Students at the University of Wisconsin experienced delays on their return from spring break. Students booked fairly inexpensive packages (between \$400 and \$1000) to places like the Bahamas and Mexico, only to find themselves stranded at the airport for 15 or 20 hours. Individuals who were supposed to be directing the students were clueless and according to Badger Herald, one student said "their right arm didn't know what their left was doing." Students were encouraged to contact their professors, but as many as 120 students were stranded.

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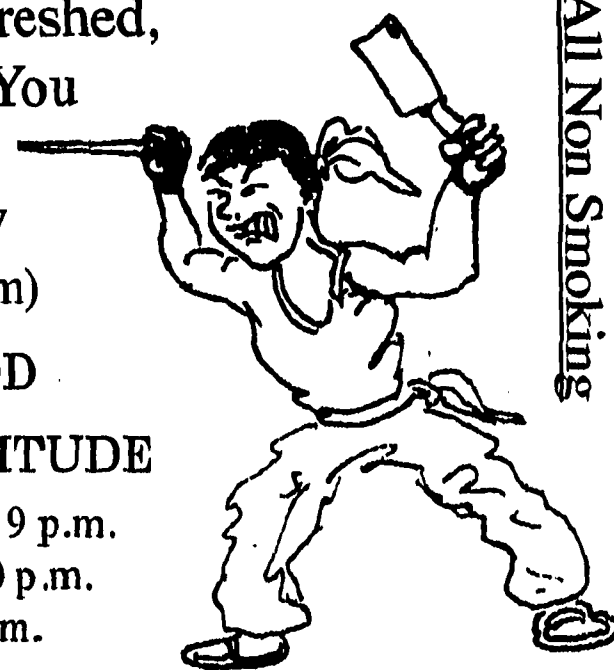
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## EDITORIALS

### Drunk driving is not okay

Everyone in our bubble of educational splendor should now know that driving drunk is a very naughty thing to do, and thankfully most of us here at Colby have the common sense not to put an inebriated foot on the gas pedal.

There are some members of the Colby community, however, who seem to think that operating under the influence is nothing to get worked up about. It would appear that among these individuals are officers in the Colby Security Department, who released a visitor to Colby who was driving on a Colby road after midnight last Sunday morning with her headlights off. The car was swerving from one curb to another, and the driver's friend, a Colby student, was in the back seat. Both driver and passenger were over 21, not that age makes a single whit of difference in this case. The officers did not report the serious criminal offense to any Maine authorities.

Drinking on campus is one thing. Drinking and driving is quite another. Security needs to formulate a specific response to the inexcusable, dangerous action of these individuals and others who are OUI inside our little piece of the world. Had the driver in this case been on any of the main Waterville roads surrounding Colby, Director of Security Peter Chenvert, said, Security would have reported the incident to state authorities.

Not only should students also be made aware of the penalties for the real threat of OUI on campus, but the consequences, for our safety and security, must be consistent and severe. In future instances, police officials should be contacted immediately when people risk their lives and the lives of others by driving drunk.

### Pub, we love you

What would we do without Thursday night Pub breaks? Or Wednesday, Tuesday or Monday night Pub breaks, for that matter? Celebrating its one year anniversary, the Pub has added more to social life at Colby than anyone could have imagined during the long months of planning that preceded its opening. The pet project of Shannon Baker '98 and Jill Marshall '98, last year's SGA President and Vice President, exemplifies what the Colby community can accomplish with a little innovation and optimism.

The Pub has actualized the sense of community that Colby's viewbook promotes so fastidiously. Perhaps most importantly, the Pub has kept seniors on campus. And in a year when a housing crunch relegated many seniors to off-campus housing, it has served as a prime bonding tool for the Class of 1999, the first class to reap the benefits of the pub for an entire year. Twenty-first birthdays can conveniently be celebrated in the on-campus venue. If your birthday falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, your underage friends can share in the festivities instead of being turned away. The Pub staff is more friendly and responsible than we students could have ever hoped for. Sheryl, Don, Monique and recently-departed Dan know us all by face and most of us by name. Yet their judgment is key to the pub's reputation as a safe, regulated place to have a few beers.

Thank you Shannon, Jill, last year's Presidents' Council and Trustees. Also, thanks Sheryl, Don, Monique and Dan. We REALLY, REALLY appreciate it. The Cheers-like atmosphere was the most encompassing SGA success story in recent memory. The Pub where everyone knows your name will leave an indelible mark on the seniors that spent hours upon hours inside of its walls. It may even prove to be the savior to the future of Colby campus social scene, with the tides of change and restriction flowing outward more and more every year.

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## LETTERS

### In defense of my presidency

I am writing in response to the editorial in last week's *Echo*, which portrayed a select few hall presidents as disinterested, unconcerned members of the Student Government Association. As president of Treworgy, I take my elected position seriously and have carried out the duties that my position entails. This has been shown all year in my commitment to attending Presidents' Council meetings, representing the residents in my dorm,

and serving on the Campus Community Committee.

Speaking on behalf of several other presidents as well as myself, we understand and appreciate the power Presidents' Council holds, but also have roles as students which occasionally inhibit us from spending multiple hours debating issues which become circumvented by fancy language and strict rules. Perhaps if the members of the Council allowed the meetings to be more

efficiently run, attendance would be more favorable.

It is an important yet unpaid and unappreciated role which hall presidents play in the Student Government Association at this college. I resent that because I chose to leave a three hour long meeting twenty minutes early my presidential capabilities, which I have proven all year, are being questioned.

Jen Coughlin '01

### In defense of my dorm president

I was dismayed to read the editorial in last week's *Echo* about the "Lazy Presidents" of the SGA. My dorm president Devin Beliveau was one of the people who was slandered anonymously. As a constituent, I do feel that Devin does his job wonderfully. He keeps the dorm in-

formed faithfully every week, as well as providing much needed bathroom reading. He is not only sociable, but interested in other dorm members' opinions about issues confronting Colby students. As I see it, Presidents' Council meetings are horrifically long-winded, and we cannot ex-

pect dorm presidents to sacrifice their academics for the "good" of all. Perhaps the members of Presidents' Council should learn efficiency, instead of chastising others for being academic. Thank you.

Kelley Moore '00

### Swillinger misinterpreted Constitution

I am writing this letter in response to Patrick Swillinger's article on the death penalty.

Mr. Swillinger first attempts to prove that the death penalty is unconstitutional because it violates the words of the Eighth Amendment prohibiting, "cruel and unusual punishment." That precept of the Constitution is taken out of context. When the framers of the Constitution wrote the Eighth Amendment executions were not considered cruel, and they certainly were not unusual. Executing criminals has been a common practice since time began. Yet Swillinger goes on to say that "passing 50,000 volts of electricity is quite cruel [and] it is not every day that lethal drugs are injected routinely by the police." By that reasoning, one could propose that locking someone up for the rest of his or her life is cruel as well. It is certainly not every day that the police permanently remove someone's freedom and force him or her to live out their days among other incarcerated criminals. So what are we to do?

The fact remains that while executions may not be commonplace, nor are they nice things to do, they are necessities of maintaining law and order and according to the Su-

preme Court are protected under the Constitution. Swillinger counters that the death penalty is too costly and does not deter crime. First of all, as Swillinger admits, the death penalty is expensive because of the lengthy and inefficient appeals process. This does not mean that the death penalty is itself at fault, rather the legal process is. If appeals were required to be filed at once, instead of in consecutive order after each one fails, this would

**The fact remains that while executions may be commonplace, they are necessities of maintaining law and order.**

not be the case. An inmate on death row would then at least cost the same, if not remarkably less, than the average convict. Second, Swillinger's parallel of Massachusetts and Illinois as proof of the failure of the death penalty is misleading. According to Swillinger, "Massachusetts does not have the death penalty, but Illinois does.

Both have major cities with massive population. But does Chicago have any less crime than Boston?" The Chicago metropolitan area has a population of 7.4 million as opposed to Boston's 5 million. Boston has 7.8% unemployment and a per capita income of \$23,000. Chicago has an unemployment rate of 9.2% and a per capita income of \$20,000. Chicago is much larger, has a worse economy, and a poorer average population. But this is mere trifling.

While it is far from perfect, the real reason the death penalty "doesn't work," is because of the bureaucratic and obstructive appeals process. The death penalty does not adequately deter crime because criminals sit on death row for up to fifteen years. By that time the horror of the crime has been forgotten, the victims and their families may be dead or out of the spotlight, and those who call for justice never see it happen. The association between the crime and the punishment is obscured by years of legal red tape. The true Constitutional challenge does not concern "cruel and unusual punishment," but the right to "a speedy and public trial."

Dan Rogers '99

### What if they gave a concert, and nobody cared?

Last Friday the Black Crowes were at Colby. I say that because I'm not sure everybody knew that. Of course, why should you care?

The Black Crowes are a great rock band with a decent live show. They have a handful of hit songs ("Hard to Handle," "She Talks to Angels," "Jealous Again," "Remedy"); unfortunately they pre-date Nirvana. And Nirvana's dead. So why were they here when most of their peer bands are either disbanded or stuck in lounges somewhere?

Money. Everyone knows Colby College is all about money. Hey, that's no revelation - that's life. The problem lies in the hypocrisy involved here. We, as students or parents, pay exorbitant amounts of money to receive the best services and education that 30+ grand can

buy. We have a president tempted to lead us well with an income over \$200,000. We have numerous professors making over 100 grand. And then there's the rest of the faculty, staff, and services, which the big money never seems to trickle down

**There's no reason Colby can't have a concert people give a damn about.**

to.

The inequality of the distribution of wealth among the less-than-saintly members of the faculty, however, is not my concern. Entertainment is my concern. Have you ever wondered why other schools get

bigger, more enticing concerts? Perhaps you explained it away as our distance from civilization: a band will play Albany if they're playing New York City, that's simple logistics.

Distance is a factor; there's no denying that. But a band will play the North Pole if the money's right. There's no reason Colby can't have a concert people give a damn about. All it would take was a few people to be a little more in touch with the music scene, and a college a little more committed to putting on a good show, not just a cheap show.

Anyone who tells you Colby just doesn't have the money is lying. Colby has the money, they're just sometimes misplacing it in the wrong paychecks.

Jeff Calareso, '01



# OPINIONS

## To Alden Kent: a modest proposal

BY EZRA DYER  
Opinions Editor

Dear Alden,

I love these computer spell-checkers! The Autocorrect on Word '98 wants to change your name to either "Aladdin" or "Alien." But that's not why I'm writing.

I read with great interest last week's front-page Echo article regarding the future of drinking games at Colby. Basically, I wanted to know why the proposal to ban drinking games got rolling in the first place. Alden, your reasoning that "the College is setting a double-standard saying that you can't binge drink publicly, but in private, binge drinking is OK" sounds to me like an argument that could be ridden all the way to a dry campus. And I think that it should be taken that far. Because after all, if we banned drinking games then wouldn't it also be hypocritical to allow people to drink at all? Hey, Ald, we're talking about college kids here. We don't need a beer die table to drink ourselves silly. So let's just cut to the chase and eliminate this namby-pamby "one more restrictive rule per year" strategy. Let's put an end to alcohol abuse at

Colby altogether and just ban booze outright.

You also said that banning drinking games was necessary to show that "the College is serious about preventing binge drinking at Colby." That's absolutely right. And what better way to prevent binge drinking than to make a rule against it? The Temperance

be kind of like a babysitter who could stay in their rooms and follow them around and make sure they don't drink. And what a secure campus we would have! I'll bet applications to Colby would instantly double with that kind of a program in effect.

I also understand that many Colby students are sexually active, and may not always use protection. This is plainly dangerous and cannot be tolerated. I have thoroughly perused the Student Handbook and could find no rule against having unprotected sex. This reminded me of your criticism of Colby's drinking-game policy. You said that "the College is not sanctioning public drinking games, but is basically saying that what goes on behind closed doors, as long as you don't get caught, is OK." I don't know how you can get "caught" doing something that is not currently prohibited, but that's not the point. The point is, this is a parallel situation to our drinking dilemma, is it not? Colby does not have a rule against having unprotected sex, so to me that means that our venerable establishment is in fact sanctioning an activity that is potentially injurious to the student body (so to speak). Also, it

**We don't need a beer die table to drink ourselves silly.**

Movement was a great success, from what I understand. These Colby kids are all good kids, so I don't doubt that they'll follow whatever rules we decide to impose.

But what should we do if students do decide to try to get away with drinking in their rooms? That's a good question. Security couldn't keep tabs on every single kid to make sure they don't drink, at least not with their current staff. But I have a solution to that problem. Perhaps we could hire Security officers on a one-to-one ratio with the students! It would

## Overcrowding at Colby

BY PATRICK J. BERNAL  
Staff Writer

Colby is too crowded. Walking through the Cotter Union between 8 a.m. and noon is like forcing your way through a West Virginian coal mine on bring-your-incestual-daughter-to-work-day. The sheer number of students at Colby has taken its toll on our dining options

too, and top authorities have recently deemed that it is physically impossible to eat at Dana during lunchtime. Finding a table has become an exercise of Darwinian survival, and your chances of getting a seat are about as high as your chances of finding that your beverage of choice is actually in stock at the drink machines.

I remember when my dorm used to have lounges. It was nice to have a place

available for late-night, social study. Unfortunately, lounges seem to be a thing of the past as the college has recently given Feb-Fresh the go-ahead to move into last semester's lounges.

Colby's student body can expand no more. In fact, in order to eliminate this problem of overcrowding, extreme measures must be taken by the Dean of Students. I know, this problem seems overwhelming, but don't worry, together we

can solve it.

The first step is to eliminate superfluous students. For instance, kids that have GPAs of 4.0 and above - do we really need them? Don't they already know everything? Shouldn't they really be at MIT mopping floors?

Second, fraternities must be reinstated, and this time with grueling, life or death initiation rituals. The elephant

See *CROWDS*, cont'd to page 10

### LETTERS

## Does SPB really need an overhaul?

There has been a great deal of talk lately in SGA and SPB about the need to reorganize the present SPB system. SPB has already stopped meeting as one large group. We now have a SPB executive meeting and then separate meeting among SPB's and Commons Leader called Commons Council. I am not opposed to the reorganization of the present SPB system. I do believe, however, that other things could be done to help the social planning at Colby work more smoothly. The SPBs elected by their peers should actually do something. I believe that most SPB representatives do not take their responsibility seriously. Phone bombs do not go out, dorm news letters are not made and posted in order to inform the residents of the dorm on the social events planned on campus and some SPBs do not even attend the one weekly meeting that is required of them.

A prime example of the lack of participation by SPBs was this weekend at the Black Crows concert. Four SPBs showed

up to help. Four, all day. Load in was so badly attended that people doing community service in order to satisfy parole requirements were brought in to help. At load out those temporary workers were still there along with 20 or so Colby students, two of whom were SPBs. The rest of those helping were students who were volunteered to help. Thank God they did. I thank all of them for staying till three o'clock in the morning. Seeing that the SPB did not think it was their responsibility, I have to wonder whose responsibility they thought it was. Jesse Dole left several desperate messages during the day begging SPBs to come down and help. None did.

While people discuss an overhaul of the present SPB system and perhaps a change in the Colby Constitution I just wanted to bring up the idea that perhaps the SPB system would be working better if the SPBs followed through with the commitments they made.

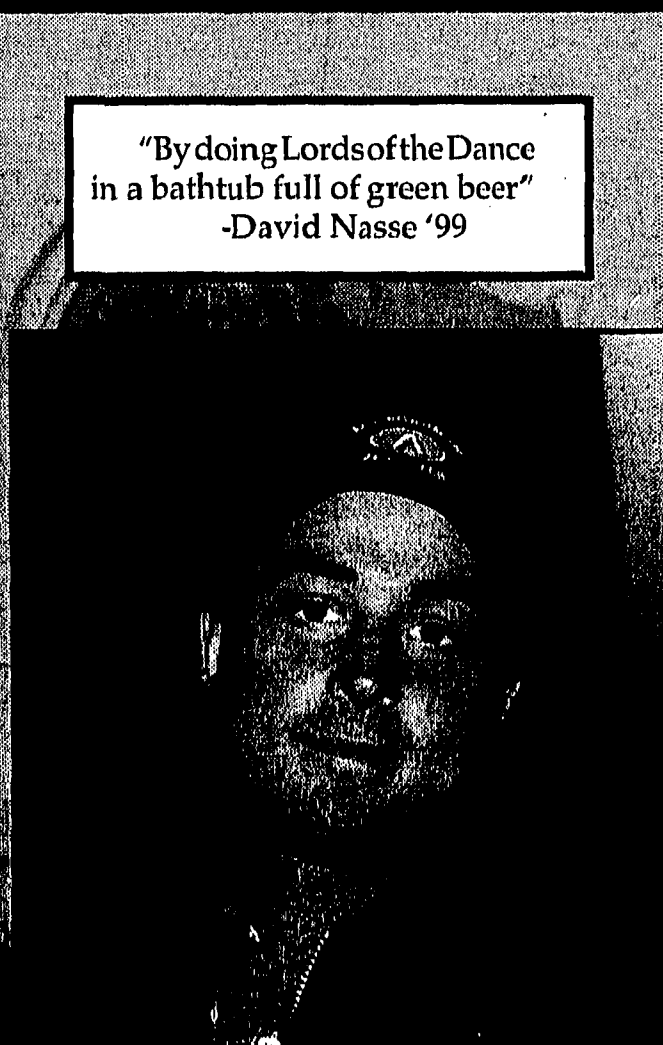
Emily Mahlman  
'01 Class Representative

**The SPBs elected by their peers should actually do something.**

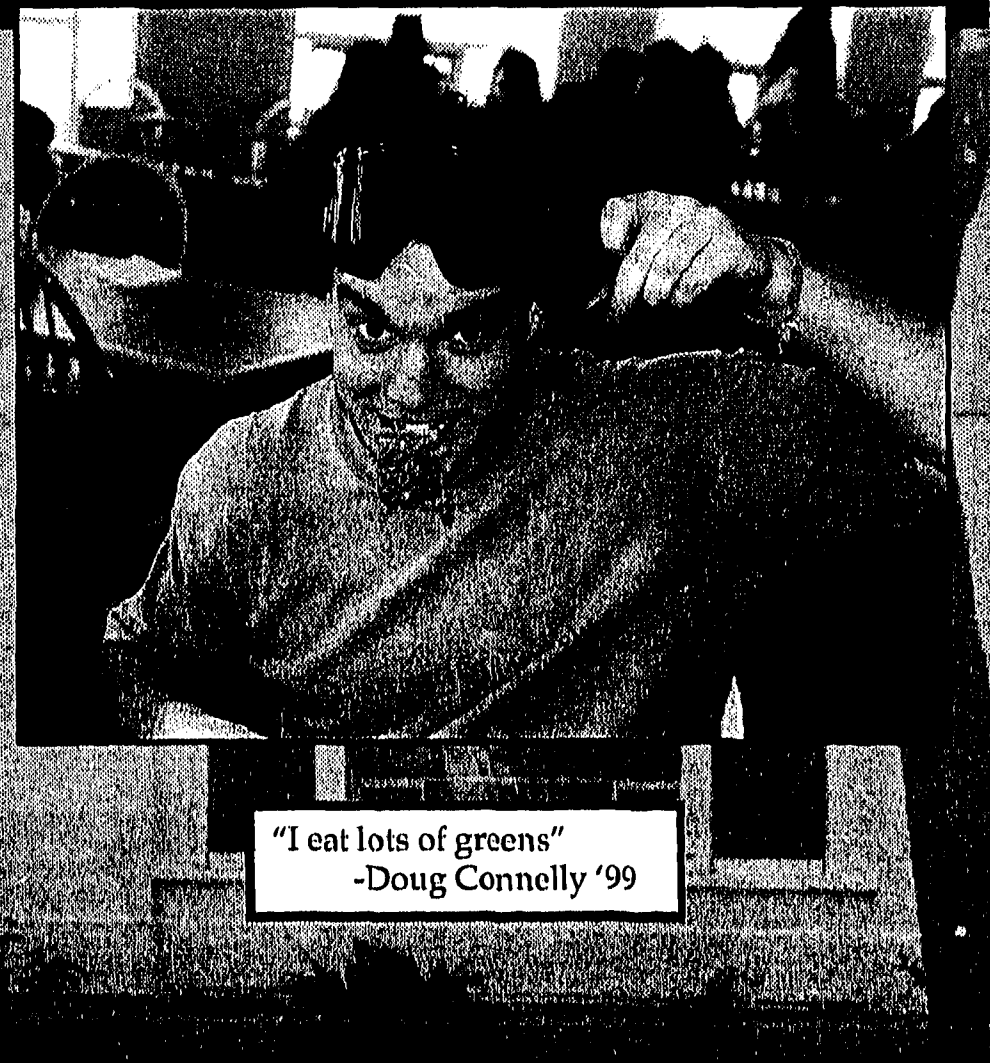
## Students on the Street: How do you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?



"I eat me Lucky Charms"  
-Nicole Laurent '02



"By doing Lords of the Dance in a bathtub full of green beer"  
-David Nasse '99



"I eat lots of greens"  
-Doug Connelly '99



**HANG 'EM, cont'd from page 9**

would be a terrible double-standard if Colby students were not allowed to drink but they were allowed to have unprotected sex. But again, we can stop alcohol abuse and unprotected sex at the same time by merely hiring a security officer to shadow every student. If a student got into a situation where there was a possibility of their engaging in sexual activity, that student's security person would merely step in and make sure that adequate precautions were being taken to avoid the contraction of a sexually transmitted disease. But now that I think of it, nothing is 100-percent-safe except abstinence, so maybe we should propose outlawing sex completely. I'm sure people are going to see me as the "bad guy" here, but I'm not the "fun police." I only want to ban drinking and sex. Anyhow, I know that it would require quite a chunk of cash to hire all these new Security officers and build new dorms to house them and their students, so I do have one other alternative.

We'd have to go back to the drawing board to stop the sex, but we may be able to regulate the drinking without all the extra Security folks. I have a friend who goes to a college that already has a dry campus, and they have an effective method for dealing with drinkers. My friend got caught

drinking in his dorm, and he was promptly kicked off campus. Of course he learned his lesson and never had another drop, but there was another student who lived in the apartment across the hall from him who still drank, even though he too had been expelled from the dorms. One night in his apartment this student drank so much that he died of alcohol poisoning!

The end result, of course, is that this troublesome person was no longer a nuisance. If we succeed in making Colby a dry campus, the problem drinkers will be easily weeded out through this process.

No longer will they be at parties surrounded by a crowd of people, no longer will they have to worry about being "social." They can just hide in their rooms with a bottle of grain alcohol and drink until they cease to be a problem.

So forget the drinking games, let's get to the root of alcohol abuse: rules that are just not strict enough. It's so simple I don't know why it wasn't done years ago, but now is the time to eradicate this pox on our little society.

I'll get back to you soon about the whole sex thing.

Cheers!

Ezra

### I'm not the "fun police." I only want to ban drinking and sex.

**CROWDS, cont'd from page 9**

walk should be performed over burning coals, the St. Patty's Day practice of swallowing goldfish should be replaced by the swallowing of live manta-rays and pledges should be forced to take keg-stands under rounds of live, sniper fire.

Two select freshman virgins should be sacrificed during loudness to appease the Gods of the Maine winter, and to bestow luck upon their classmates during exam week.

The PDA couple should be treated as a single entry at room-draw, and science students should be provided with cots in Olin to save them the time of returning to their rooms to sleep and look at porn on the Internet.

Call me a dreamer, and call me crazy, but I believe that a day will come when it is again possible to eat lunch on campus, and when all students will enjoy the luxury of having a lounge. Dean Johnston, if you can't adopt all of my policies, please at least adopt the one about the cots in Olin, because I want my lounge back. □

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Black Crowes rock Wadsworth; Dole "very pleased"

BY LISA MARK  
Contributing Writer

Last Friday night the Wadsworth Gymnasium was host to one of the biggest bands Colby has seen in a few years, the Black Crowes. Although the show did not completely sell out, the production was nothing less than spectacular. The Crowes' "Souled Out" tour, which has been rocking it's way across the United States since this past February, produced sounds in our tiny venue that one would expect to hear in a place like Madison Square Garden. With their soulful lyrics and no-nonsense guitar jams, the Black Crowes proved once again that the heart of American rock and roll is still beating furiously.

Starting the show with perhaps one of their best-known songs, "Remedy," the group jammed for a good two-and-a-half hours until they had all but taken every drop of energy out of the crowd. Their set-list, comprised of 18 songs and 3 encore performances, included such hits as "Jealous Again," "She Talks to Angels" and "Twice as Hard." Aside from a few incidents of crowd surfing, the production was flawless, ushering in crowds from all over the New England area.

Following the show, SGA Social Chair Jesse Dole '99 said that he was very pleased with the performance.

"Overall, we had a good night. Everyone seemed to be having a great time and the turnout was great too. We (SGA) hoped that this show would make up for last semester when we really couldn't get anyone. We were actually really lucky to get such a great band. Usually you can't get big groups like that any further north than Portland. I guess we just happened to bid at the right time."

Dole was also grateful to everyone that helped make the show a hit.

"There were a lot of people helping out that really weren't obligated to be there. Without them we wouldn't have had a show," he said.

The Black Crowes, who got their start in the mid-eighties, came together in the heartland of American jazz and blues, Atlanta, Georgia. Although the band has been host to a number of various musicians, brothers Chris and Rich



Photo courtesy of Columbia Records

Led by Chris Robinson (center) on vocals, the Black Crowes performed at Colby on Friday night.

Robinson have remained at the core of the act, and will most likely continue to be the most recognizable members. But the Black Crowes wouldn't be the band they are today with just a singer and a drummer, and so the unmistakable talents of Steve Gorman, Sven Pipien, Audley Freed and Eddie Harsch certainly do not go unnoticed.

Known for their distaste of large corporate-sponsored shows, the Crowes' "Souled Out" tour has been one

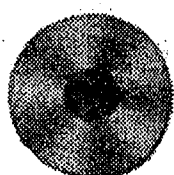
comprised of surprisingly small venues, emphasizing their dedication to the true spirit of music. Although they have long drawn comparisons with the legendary Rolling Stones, the Black Crowes still manage to bring a soulful style to their very own version of southern-fried rock and continue to be a band that just won't "sell out."

## DISCUSSIONS

### No Mermaid.

★★★★☆

Sinead Lohan  
Interscope Records



Every once in awhile you discover an entire album of pristine songs, by a relatively new artist, that you make excuses to listen to, even if you are on page 6 of your honors thesis. You put off other plans that might interfere with the completion of the CD. These jewels usually arrive in your personal hemisphere not because one of your friends asks if you have heard a certain song on some generic mass-market station (à la 98 Boyz N' Sync or Third Limp Box 20), but almost by accident. And when you, in turn, recommend it to another, you always mention the artist first, never a single tune, mainly because all the tunes are equally excellent.

Well, enough of the hypothetical and the abstract. This phenomenon has happened to me just a few memorable times, often sparked by a chance encounter on Maine Public Radio. Find the CD. Transfixed, over and over

again. Repeat all. Running to friends, "You have GOT to hear this!"

You can add Sinead Lohan to the list. At once traditionally Irish and subtly synthesized, she is a romantic, a philosopher, and writes much more solid pop songs than her closest musical match, Sarah MacLachlan. The title track is a pop force by itself, oozing complex rhythm while Lohan's straightforward message rings true: that she likes love fine, but she will not lean on anyone too hard. "Whatever It Takes" contains the best line of the disc: "You will find me down by the river/ getting high on my mortality." And the lilting beat of "Believe It If You Like" will have you reminiscing about the Emerald Isle, even if you've never been there. The rest of the album follows in similar breathtaking form.

Be careful of Lohan's magic, I tell ye. She'll have ye daydreamin' when you're s'posed ta be workin'. Right, like I said t'would. □

Olive Griswold is the Arts and Entertainment Editor for the Echo

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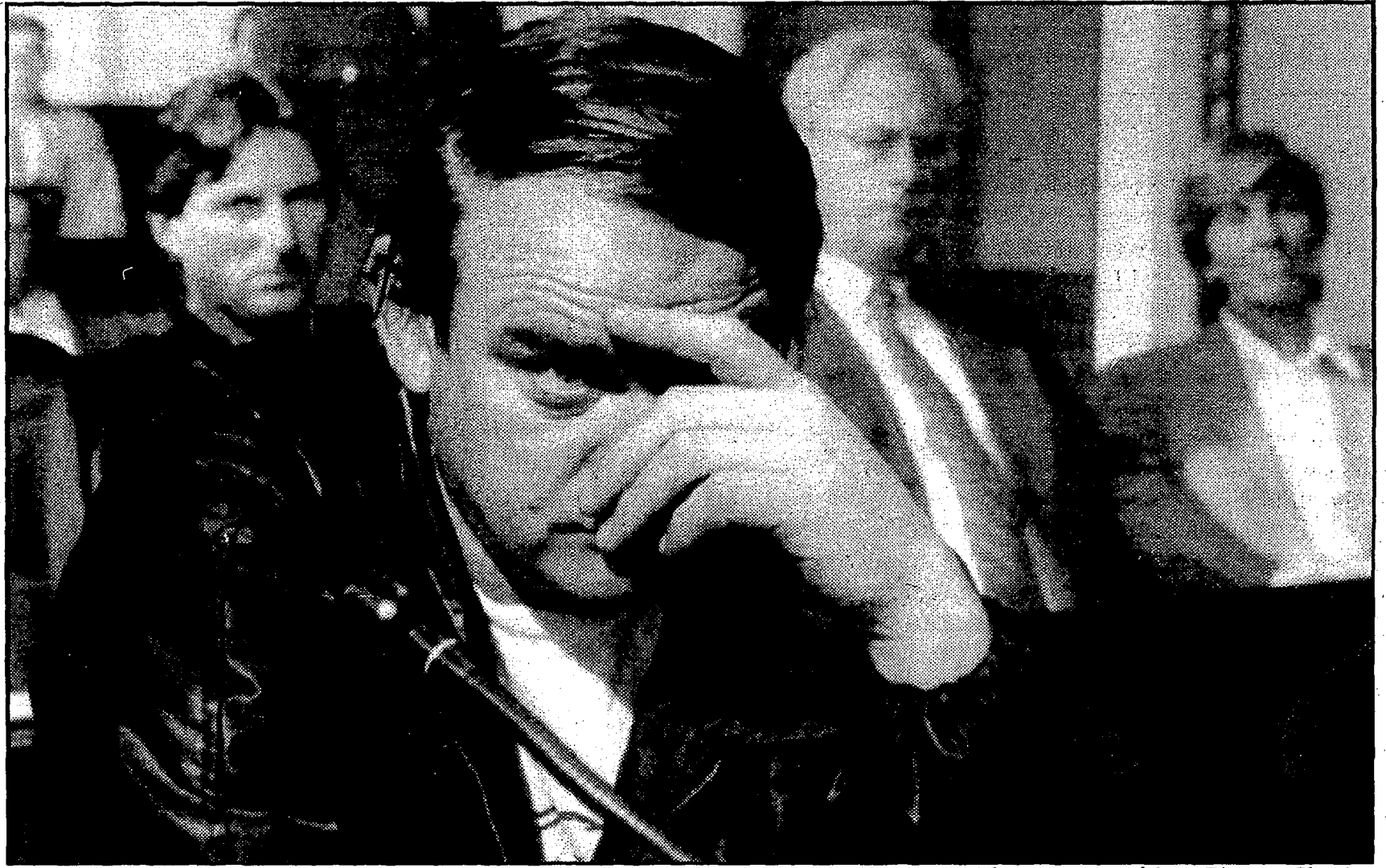
★★★★☆

Brendan Gleeson, Jon Voight  
Directed by John Boorman

The first noticeable technique of John Boorman's new film "The General" is the black and white cinematography, and unlike "Pi" or Woody Allen's "Manhattan," the device is never used for illustrative purposes. This film is black and white because it wants to suggest that the morals of the protagonist, the Irish thief Martin Cahill, are defined and simple. A 20-year career thief whose nickname became the General for his wit and meticulous planning, Cahill is portrayed as a man of principle. He equally despises the police, IRA, state and the church. He doesn't drink, smoke, or take drugs, and, in general, is a pleasant man whose mistress describes him as "cuddly." He also, however, tortures one of his own men and has a child with his wife's sister, albeit with his wife's approval.

As Cahill's character develops to include such seemingly-odd behavior, Boorman treats it as a natural progression of a criminal who is in touch with the lower classes. Cahill's character is allowed to expand without discretion, despite the camera's judgment for everyone else. Boorman wants Cahill to be a man of simple values, but when it comes time for Cahill to do something "bad," Boorman looks the other way. With this confusion of direction, the film becomes light and actually delightful as Cahill's gang of thieves continually one-up themselves in heists, robbing a twenty million dollar cache of jewels and a collection of Dutch Master portraits.

I can't figure out why the Cannes Film Festival gave Boorman the Best Director prize. The film's only



Martin Cahill (Brendan Gleeson) stars in John Boorman's "The General."

Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures Classics

strengths were Brendan Gleeson's convincing and varied portrayals of Cahill and the affirmation of my theory that Jon Voight's face is a synthetic plastic compound. The subject of "The General" is obviously seductive (it's based on a true story) though I wish Boorman had pursued one of two angles: cops-and-robbers or feel-for-the-bad-guy. There was a boyish pleasure as I watched the bags of money get passed around, but any kind of emotional attachment to Cahill's demise was severed

early on. To be honest, I wished I was at home watching "Out of Sight" or "Charade": two films that you may not like, but you'd have to admit the burglars are handsome.

"The General" opens on March 19 at Railroad Square Cinemas. □

Rosecrans Baldwin criticizes a multitude of cultural forms for the Echo.

## Midsummer Night's Dream raises the roof of Strider Theater

BY EZRA DYER  
Opinions Editor

I'm no theater critic, but I know what I like in a production. Fast women, booze, sex, fairies, a lion, and a guy with a donkey's head - that's what really does it for me. And "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which ran in Strider Theater last weekend, delivered on all counts.

Like I said, I'm not a theater critic, so I had to look up technical theater terms to describe my feelings about "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The set was "a veritable visual feast," the acting was "superlative" and the original score by Professor Stephen Nuss "pumped my nads hard, dude."

I seriously enjoyed this play. After the first few minutes I was a bit apprehensive, because I have never read or seen performed this particular work of The Bard. So after a quick series of "thou's" and "thee's" and unintelligible (to me) Shakespearean banter, I was lost. But the play quickly unraveled and drew me in for the entire two-and-a-half hours. This is impressive, because I have the attention span of a six-year-old on a sugar high.

And speaking of sugar highs, let's talk about the acting. Neil Crimins '02 delivered perhaps the most energetic performance I have ever witnessed as Nick Bottom The Weaver. Crimins' hilarious portrayal of an overacting actor had the audience looking more like they were at Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam than a Shakespeare play in Strider. Nate Jue '99 and Michael Eller

'00 also had the audience roaring as Oberon, King of the Fairies and his trollish servant, Puck. I'm guessing that these two were pretty sore after four days of crouching/tiptoeing/jumping around the stage in an appropriately fairy-like manner. And Hermia (Emily LeBlanc '99/ Erin McConaughy '99) looked as if she actually wanted to throttle Helena (Julia McDonald '99/ Aleka Krueger '00) over their disputed love-interest. I could go on about pretty much the entire cast, but suffice it to say that everyone seemed very well suited for their roles.

I give the Colby production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" both of my thumbs up. □

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# Tough men's lax to push limits in '99

BY JAMES SPIDLE  
Staff Writer

Throughout the 1990s, the Colby men's lacrosse team has accumulated an impressive collection of accolades and made its presence in post-season play routine.

The Mules advanced to the New England Division III Eastern College Athletic Conference semifinals in 1990, 1991 and 1998, and to the quarterfinals in 1994, 1996 and 1997.

Last year was the best in the program's history. The 1998 campaign included a record of 12-4. The Mules were ranked as high as 13th by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association, captured New England Small College Athletic Conference regular season championship honors and nearly earned the first National Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament seed in the program's history. In 1999, the team is ready to continue its dominance.

Led by senior tri-captains Mark Melander, Brad Selig and Matt Williams, the Mules will attempt to defend their Snively League Championship and eventually to advance to either the NCAA or ECAC post-season tournament.

Williams is on pace to set Colby's all-time scoring record in his senior season, while Selig ranks as one of

the team's most capable and aggressive defenders. Melander looms as a dangerous two-way middle.

The captains will be joined by other talented seniors including last year's points leader Tom Buchanan, top goal scorer Lyle Bradley, leading assist man Peter Kugeler, gritty defensemen David McGill and Jason Cuenca and proficient midfielders Tucker Jones and Ian Musselman.

The Mules opened one of the most challenging schedules in the nation on March 13 with a disappointing 20-5 loss to the Panthers of Middlebury. Head coach David Zazzaro attributed the loss to the team's inability to find its rhythm.

"We took one on the chin as we just had trouble stringing plays together," he said.

Despite the season-opening loss, Zazzaro remains optimistic.

"We have a talented and experienced nucleus of returning seniors complemented and supported by a very deep sophomore and junior class," said Zazzaro.

The coach is also encouraged by the potential of his freshmen.

"We also have some nice freshmen that may work themselves into the mix," he said.

The nineties have treated the men's lacrosse team well. And as they enter the final season of the decade, the Mules hope the 1999 effort will be their finest. □

**"We also have some nice freshmen that may work themselves into the mix."**

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### Colby baseball @

• Gene Cusic Classic Ft. Meyers, FL Mar. 21-26

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• Williams Sunday, Mar. 21

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• St. Mary's, Md. Mar. 23

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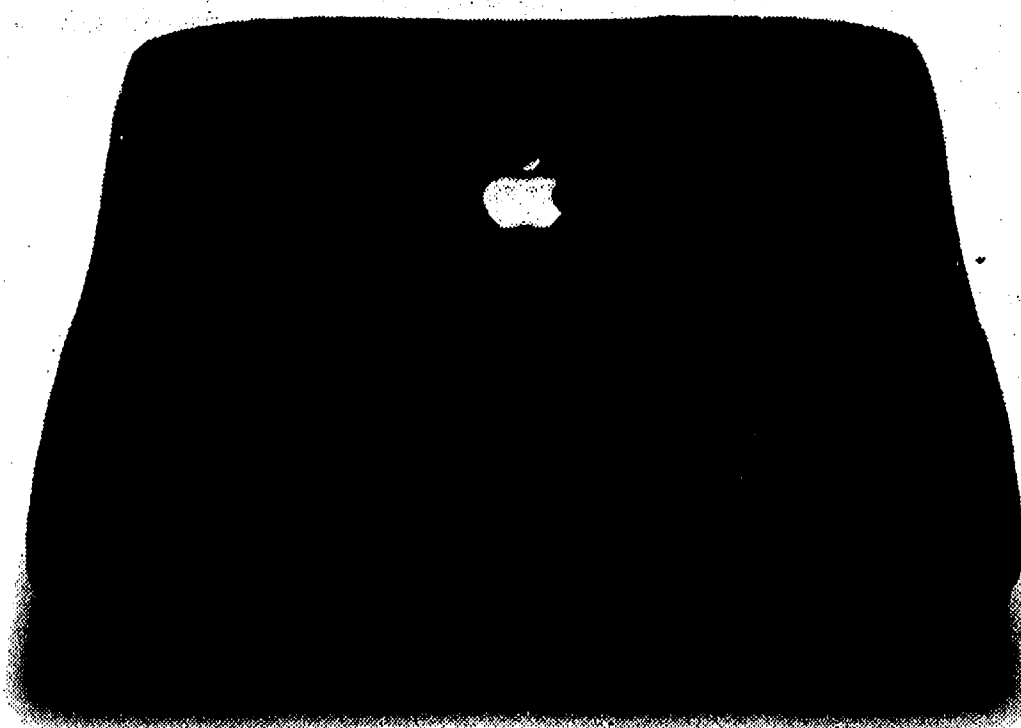
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## Youthful men's tennis team anticipates success

BY BROOKE FRAPPIER  
 Staff Writer

This spring break, the men's tennis team will head to Hilton Head, S.C. to warm up for the 1999 spring season.

Coming off last year's 7-7 finish, the young team expects to perform solidly. There are no returning seniors on this year's squad, and only two juniors return for the Mules. Still, the talent is not lacking.

According to third year coach Fred Brussel, it is "a good solid team who's getting their game together for the season."

The team is led by captains Jeff

Nichols '01 and Owen Patrick '01. Expecting to highlight the team's play is Patrick, along with Peter Bruhn '00, who has led the team in past seasons. First-year Jason Bidwell is an up-and-coming player looking to contribute in the first or second singles position.

According to Patrick, Bidwell has "a solid groundstroke, is an energetic player, and will make a real impact on the team."

Bruhn, coming off of a semester abroad, is quickly getting his game back in shape. And as one of the top three players on the team, he will strengthen the formidable offense that the Mules hope will bother their

opponents this season.

Brussel claims the team, albeit with no seniors on the roster, contains an abundance of young talent. Brussel sees the "good, tight team" as one that could "equal or pass last year's records."

One of the uncertainties of traveling south for spring break competition is that the Mules have not seen most of their opponents. The teams go into the matches knowing little about the play of their foes. Still, the training trip provides a valuable experience for introducing new players to college competition. The White Mules leave for South Carolina this weekend. □

## Where's Spring Training?



Photo by William Flaherty III, Morning Sentinel

Just when everyone thought spring was in the air and sports teams would soon be able to take to the outdoors, Mother Nature struck with another wintry mix. The men's baseball team continues to practice indoors and are anxiously awaiting the melting of snow covering their diamond.

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# Losing only two seniors, women's lax is ready to win again

BY STEPHANIE  
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Last year the Colby women's lacrosse team began its season with six straight wins, outscoring its opponents 86-33. They ended their season with a 9-6 record, losing their last game to Connecticut College in the first round of the Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament.

This year the Mules look to continue that success. And losing only two seniors to graduation, the team returns the experience to do just that.

Captain Louisa Williams '99 anticipates a winning season.

"The experience and the talent this year are incredible," she said. "There are no weak links."

With seven seniors, the Mules hope for another year of post-season play. Tri-captains Williams, Emily Etchells '99 and Caroline

Kasparian '99 are back to lead the team along with seniors Christie Browning, Kristina Stahl, Abbey Healy and Allison Birdsong.

Browning led the 1998 squad in goals with 33 and made the New England All-Star team. Stahl earned Division III All-Star honors. Robin Ackley '00 also returns her solid defense skills to the field.

But experience is not the team's only attribute.

Marcia Ingraham '02, a standout first-year for the field hockey team this fall, has also proved her "outstanding" lacrosse offensive skills in the pre-season, according to head coach Heidi Godomsky.

In the Women's Division III preseason polls Colby was not ranked in the top 15 but did receive some votes.

"This team is definitely capable of earning post-season play," said Godomsky, now in her sixth year coaching.

The Mules' toughest game of



Kristina Stahl '99 (left), shown here in a 1997 practice, will be a leading player on this year's women's lacrosse team. Echo file photo

the season will be in Virginia during spring break when they take on St. Mary's, ranked 15th in the national preseason poll.

Colby's first home game is

against Bridgewater State on April 13.

"We had a good year last year, and were a talented team, but mentally we weren't prepared for

the success we had," said Godomsky. "I think we have a positive outlook on this season and everyone is ready to pick up where we left off." □

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## New talent, veteran hitters to pace Colby softball

BY BECKY SCHECHTER  
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Head softball coach Dick Bailey hopes that combining a skilled group of freshmen with strong-hitting veterans will be an equation for success. The team looks to improve on its 14-20 1998 record when they begin their season in Ft. Meyers, Fla., on March 21 against Plymouth State.

Bailey, in his third season at Colby, is positive about the team's chances to do just that.

Although the snow and New England Small College Athletic Conference regulations have prevented him from seeing his new players perform on the field, Bailey has great confidence in his rookies.

"I'm optimistic," he said. "We have quite a few freshmen. . . We'll possibly be starting three to five freshmen."

The eight newcomers to the squad include third baseman Allison White '02, shortstop Kate Magnuson '02, first base/outfielder Christy Person '02, first base/third baseman Marcy Wagner '02, first baseman Kate Dalton '02 and catcher Lizzie Parks '02. Kim Chadwick '02 will start in right field and Lindsay Santini '02 will play left.

"It's hard to predict how they're going to react, but I've been a pretty good judge of talent in the past," Bailey said.

These first-years join a solid group of veterans. Bailey feels that the mix of new and proven talent should produce a formidable squad.

"We have excellent returning players," said Bailey. "We're going to miss (Ann) Mortenson's '98 bat, but the returning players have done well offensively and defen-

sively. The returning players and new players together, I think, will be a stronger team."

The Mules will have the same pitching corps of Brooke Fitzsimmons '01 and Stephanie Greenleaf '01 as last year. And with 33 games on their schedule and only two pitchers, Bailey is concerned about their ability to remain injury-free.

If the two pitchers remain healthy, Bailey is positive about the team's chances.

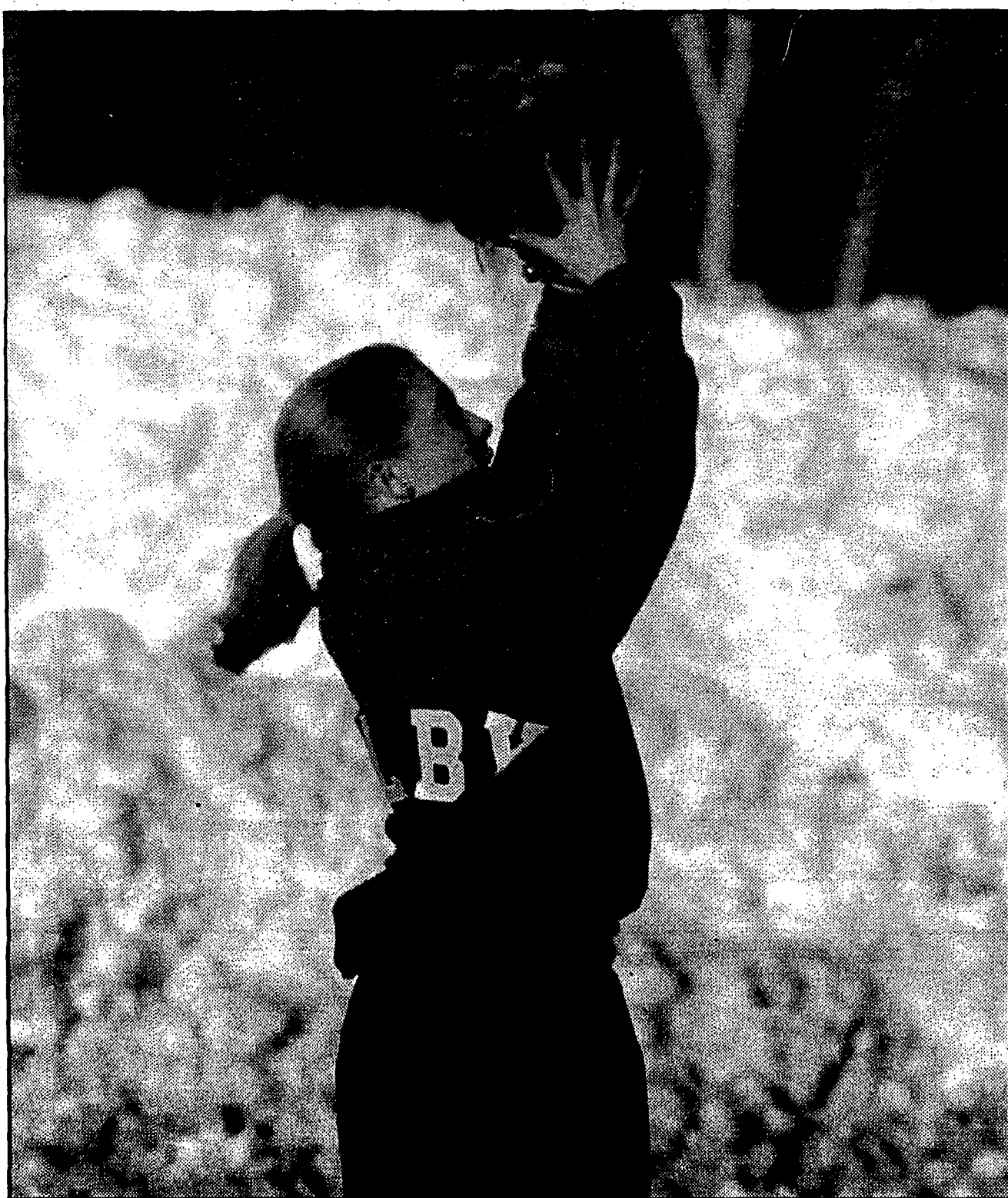
"We're looking to have a better overall batting average and fewer errors," he said. "Hopefully that will translate into a better season. . . It's never been a winning and losing situation with me. It's about playing your best."

The Mules return three of their top four hitters to the lineup this year with co-captains Stephanie Patterson '99 and Becky Pollard '99, along with Becky Rasmussen '00. Patterson will likely move to play second base this year with the departure of Mortenson. Rasmussen returns to stabilize the outfield in center and Pollard will serve the role of designated hitter.

Bailey's coaching staff includes head volleyball coach Candice Parent, who is new to the team this season, and fourth-year assistant coach Patricia O'Brien.

"I rely heavily on them, as I do on my captains Stephanie Patterson and Becky Pollard," he said.

The Mules' schedule is competitive again this season, including games against the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater in Florida and the Division I University of Maine Black Bears. The Mules begin their nine-game, spring break road trip when they leave Mayflower Hill early Saturday morning. Colby's northern season opens with a doubleheader at Brandeis on April 3.



Echo photo by Jenny O'Donnell

Rightfielder Katie Mitchell '00 bears the snow to shag some fly balls in the Athletic Center parking lot.

## Baseball team opens season in Florida, Sunday

BY BECKY POLLARD  
Sports Editor

On Saturday, the 11 senior members of the Colby baseball team will leave for the sun and clay diamonds of Fort Myers, Fla. for their fourth and last year.

With so much experience, including a pitching staff heralding six seniors, the Mules want this trip to be the one they remember.

"We have a lot of focus because we know this is our last chance to do something special," said co-captain Greg Domareki '99. "In general, it brings maturity to the team."

Still, with what is perhaps the most competitive schedule in the program's history, head coach Tom Dexter says the wins won't come easily.

"We have a good class (of seniors), but really good competition, so we're going to have to play well, there's no question," he said.

Colby will take on annual post-season contenders at the Gene Cusic Classic in Florida when they play Alleghany and MacAlester. When they return north the Mules will battle

Division I University of Maine at Orono and the 1997 Division III National Champion University of Southern Maine Huskies. Tufts and Suffolk will also challenge the Mules in April doubleheaders. Colby plays 10 games in Florida and 19 in the month of April. Getting the team through these dense parts of the schedule will be up to the strength of the pitcher's arms.

"Pitching should make us able to be competitive in most of the games," Dexter said.

Kris Keilty '99, with his 4-4 record and 2.65 earned run average in 1998, will anchor the pitching staff this year. As a sophomore, Keilty went 7-1 for the Mules.

"He's got good velocity and he really has command of all three pitches," said Dexter.

Co-captain Brian DiBello '99 will be the number two pitcher, while Alex Parrillo '99

will take the number three position. DiBello went 2-1 last year and Parrillo was 3-2 with two saves. Rounding out the pitching staff will be seniors Nate Bradley '99, Dave Mattatall '99 and Marty Whitmore '99, who are "all projected starters in Florida," said Dexter, and first-year pitchers Jon Lord and

James Garrett will complete the staff.

The Mules return seven starters on defense, including first baseman B i l l

Goldman '01 who led the team in hitting as a freshman last year. Batting cleanup, Goldman batted .375 and compiled 21 runs batted in.

Andy Tripp '01 is back at second base. As the team's home run leader last year with five, he looks to contribute even more power this year.

At shortstop is Matt Paquette '99. Rehabilitating a pulled hamstring, Paquette should be healthy by this weekend so he can hit in the crucial number three position.

A spot starter in the hot corner last year, Lou DiStasi '01 will play third base.

Domareki '99 brings his explosive bat and steady outfield play to right field again this year. He was second on the 1998 squad for RBI with 18.

After nursing injuries most of last season, speedy Yuma Morita '99 returns to centerfield this season. Left field will be manned by Lucas Cummings '02, Dave Forsyth '01 or Lord.

Jon Hiltz '99 will start behind the plate catching for the Mules. Hiltz brings a .333 batting average to the number five spot in the lineup. He will be backed up by the strong defensive catching skills of Matt Smith '00.

After a sub-.500 season last year, with a record of 14-15, the Mules have more than just improvement on their minds this year. The team is thinking playoffs and a 20-win season for the first time in the program's history since 1974.

The chance to start realizing those goals is only three days away.

### Baseball

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