

Candidates for SGA President and VP

Jason Werlin '00 and Skip Newberry '00



Photo courtesy of J. Werlin and S. Newberry

Let's face it, when you look at the alternatives, Colby College is a great place to have your college experience. However, there are improvements that can be made, and as pro-active student leaders we feel that we can enrich student life on campus. We have valuable experience as hall presidents of Leonard and Pee-Wee, as Class of '00 Representatives, and as active members of numerous committees including the College Affairs Committee and the NCAA Action Committee. Some of our accomplishments have included restructuring the Wellness Requirement, sparking debate on the diversity requirement, working to allow NCAA participation, writing the SGA Ethics statement, and starting the process of constitutional reform. Most importantly, however, we have always taken an active, not responsive, role in student government. As student leaders we have

initiated many changes and improvements to Colby that we plan to build upon as SGA President and Vice President.

In order to make the Pugh Center play a more active role in campus life, we plan to increase funding in order to enhance the variety and quality of substance-free events. We propose a shuttle bus that will take students to Portland and Boston either during vacation time or on weekends. So that students will not lose important messages, we will see that everyone has their own meridian mail voice mailbox. We believe that the College should include sexual orientation into its non-discrimination policies. In order to increase environmental responsibility on campus we will install motion sensor lighting in dorm hallways and implement better recycling programs. Most impor-

tantly, however, we see constitutional change as the most pressing issue on campus.

Constitutional change is something that we consider necessary to improve the quality of the SPB and SGA. This undertaking has been a project of ours for the last year and a half, and it will dramatically improve the workings of Colby's legislative and social bodies. Specifically, it will improve the substance and substance-free social life by creating a more efficient system.

We have prepared for this position for our entire college careers and have substantial experience as student leaders. If elected we will take the initiative to improve your college experience. If you have any questions call Jason Werlin at X4018 or visit our web site at <http://www.colby.edu/personal/jpwerlin>.

Benjamin Humphreys '00 & Jon Gray '00

We propose a platform of manageable, realistic, and progressive changes that will streamline the executive committee allowing us to serve the Colby student body more efficiently. Specifically, we propose the elimination of all SGA executive position privileges and special room draw choices; the creation of a student run book buy back program; the delivery of newspapers to dorms; and an increase in the Career Services budget to help increase job recruitment on campus.

Currently the SGA executive committee receives stipends totaling \$15,000 each year and the privilege to make personal long distance phone and spa charges against the SGA account. We propose the elimination of these stipends and privileges and the redistribution of the funds to the Student Programming Board budget, Colby Emergency Re-

sponse, and the Colby Rape Crisis center. We will also work to eliminate preferential room draw treatment for both the President and Vice-President. Regardless of whether we succeed in eliminating such privileges, we pledge to forgo these executive perks by accepting our assigned lottery numbers, and donating our stipends to charity.

Every year, students at Colby purchase used books for high prices but can only recoup miniscule sums when selling them back. We propose a web-based book sales system between students throughout the year, and to hold a student book fair at the beginning of second semester for students to sell books to one another. This policy will result in higher prices for students selling books, and lower prices for students buying books.

The Colby student body every

year complains about living in the "Colby bubble." To help remedy this problem, we propose the delivery of newspapers to the dormitories, a current practice at similar colleges such as Bates.

Another common complaint from seniors is the lack of recruitment by top firms at Colby. Colby must go to the top employers and sell itself, to show these corporations that Colby is a top school. This project will take an increase in funding approved by the Board of Trustees, and we will fight for it.

Our campaign is based around accomplishing realistic and impacting change at Colby. We hope that this introduction to our platform has interested you in the progressive changes we stand for. More information about our ideas can be found at our web site, <http://www.colby.edu/personal/bjhumphr>.



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Thank you for your consideration. We hope that you will vote for Benjamin

Humphreys and Jon Gray for SGA President and Vice-President.

Geoff Starr '00 and David Normoyle '00



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We, Geoff Starr and David Normoyle (aka: Bamboo), are candidates for SGA President and Vice-President. We are running because, while we believe Colby is the greatest place to spend four years, we realize much can be done to make our time here more enjoyable and fulfilling.

As juniors, and active members of the community the past three years (David as an HR in Treworgy and Woodman and Geoff as a Hall President and Lovejoy Commons Leader), we have witnessed first hand the changes occurring on campus. Some are for the better, yet too many, unfortunately, are detracting from our experience at Colby. To address these issues, we have established goals we wish to pursue when elected.

First, and most importantly, we will be involved with social life. The President and Vice-President must be active in the social life at Colby, ensuring

elected officials fulfill their responsibilities. We believe the current system (with few minor amendments) has the ability to function with the proper leadership, and we will ensure that a system of accountability is in place, protecting the student body from those who neglect their duties. Secondly, we will ensure that students are heard and informed. With the numerous forms of outlet on campus, students are often unaware of events, activities, and issues around campus, resulting in a perceived lack of school spirit. Through accountability of elected officials, we believe better communication will be achieved and social life restored. This is especially important next year, as the College intends to be fully residential.

We will also address growing tensions on campus, as students and employees are being disrespected and

groups are being isolated. For Colby to survive in the 21st century, we must learn to utilize the Pugh Center more effectively, fostering an atmosphere where ALL opinions are respected and where constructive dialogue is encouraged.

We also plan on addressing the temporary housing situation, as we believe no student should live in a lounge, the future of NCAA post-season play, and the future of Jan-Plan.

Finally, we believe it is our passion for Colby that will allow us to realize our goals. An active social life, respect, and being informed will allow every member of the Colby community to achieve greater fulfillment in their experience here on Mayflower Hill, while at the same time prepare Colby for the future.

On Wednesday April 7, vote Geoff Starr and David "Bamboo" Normoyle for SGA President and Vice-President.

Candidates for SGA Treasurer

Parke Burmeister '00

My jaw drops as I pick up the Echo. Colby is considering a ban on drinking games? They are talking about abolishing JaniPlan? Do they think that these measures are going to repair the damaged social scene on campus? Will it reverse the trend of alcoholism whereby people disappear into the solitude of their own rooms to shoot rum every weekend for lack of anything better to do? Every semester and indeed every month it seems that there is less and less social activity on campus. Yet there has been no movement to revamp Colby's more than 70 clubs and organizations. There has been no influx of alternative activities to fill the void of a dying party scene.

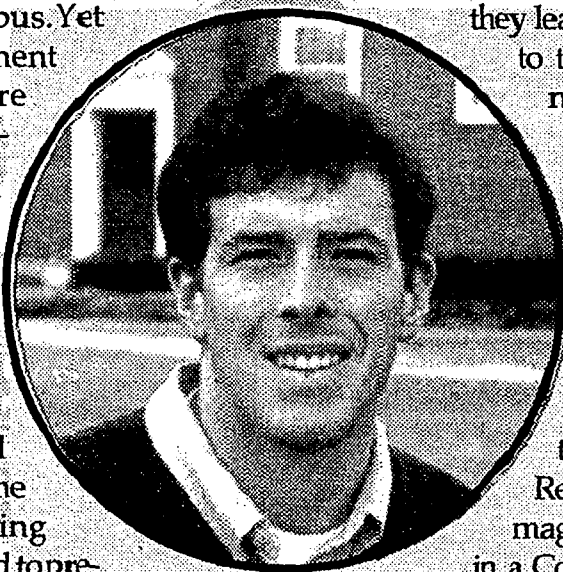
I am strongly opposed to placing regulations and inhibiting social activity in almost all forms. I am opposed to the proposed ban on drinking games, and would fight hard to prevent its implementation. Why? Because banning drinking games and restricting this sort of social activity is not the answer. Rather, promoting Colby's clubs and social organizations and providing them with adequate funding is. People disappear into their rooms to play Beer Die because they have no other social outlet. As treasurer, my main priority would be to provide those needed outlets. I would strive to distribute funding in a manner which would allow clubs and organizations to flourish, and would be open to suggestions and requests from club leaders. At the same time, I would work closely with the social and cultural chairs to improve Colby's level of weekend activity.

The leaders of Colby's supposed 70 clubs and organizations, who enter office with high hopes of

fostering within their club their own social circle, and their own alternative to alcohol-based social interaction, become disillusioned by inadequate budgets, bureaucracy and lack of cooperation (or uncooperativeness) on the part of the Administration. At the same time, club members are left in the dark, wondering when the next meeting is, and if maybe they just aren't getting the phone bombs. Students with fresh new ideas are subverted when they learn that Colby isn't willing to take the risk of funding a new organization.

In my three years at Colby, I have developed a deep love, even a passion, for my Alma Mater. However, in my experience re-starting Colby's inter-collegiate sailing team, helping to establish the Colby Political Affairs Reader (Colby's first political magazine), serving as an officer in a Colby political organization,

and playing for two athletic teams, I have become deeply frustrated. Colby's lack of support for on-campus organizations seems designed to inhibit healthy social activity, not promote it. We have seen three million dollars of spending for the "Colby Card" system, but can't seem to spare a dime for organizations and activities that might prevent destructive behavior in the first place. I am running because I love Colby with a passion and I want to help preserve its unique, active culture for future generations of Colby students. □



Joshua Sigel '02

My name is Joshua Sigel and I am seeking the position of Treasurer on the SGA Executive board. This year I have gained a solid understanding of how Colby student government works. I have participated on the Student Programming Board, and worked on several campus wide events. Through my participation, I have met many of my fellow students and gained valuable insight into the issues and potential opportunities within the Colby community.

I have been involved with Student Government since middle school, and in high school was President of my class for all four years. Over the years, I have developed a passion for student government, and believe that student life can be significantly enhanced through the hard work and dedication of those who are fortunate to be given leadership opportunities.

As treasurer, my responsibilities would be to work closely with the Presidents' Council to allocate funds to the various clubs and organizations on campus; coordinate auditing procedures of

zation through the OAC (Organization Administrative Committee) at the request of the Presidents' Council; and to prepare an annual budget for the SGA for presentation to, and approval by, the Presidents' Council. If elected I also look forward to working with the many clubs and organizations here at school who offer so much to the Colby community. I will work closely with the leaders of these groups, meeting with them at least once a semester or as needed in order to assist them with financial procedures and fundraising projects throughout the year.

To be a successful treasurer one must be knowledgeable in the areas of accounting and fundraising and be responsible and well organized. In addition I feel any-

one serving as a student leader should have a high energy level, a desire to be proactive on behalf of the student body, and be fair minded. I feel I have these traits. Colby is an amazing place. I am not going to waste your time with making promises that I can't keep but, with strong leadership, and a strong vision for the future you can rest assure that I along with my fellow SGA Executive Board members will bring Colby into the Millennium with a bang. On April 7, 1999, when you go to the polls to vote make the right choice. Please vote Joshua Sigel for SGA Treasurer. I would truly appreciate your vote. □



Rob Painter '01

My name is Rob Painter and I am running for SGA Treasurer. I am a sophomore from Pleasantville, New York, and a classics major. I think the role of SGA has been growing more and more important lately; this year alone we've seen the implementation of guest meal passes for all students and a handful of new clubs be formed under SGA funding, the Political Affairs Reader for one. It's an exciting time to be involved in student government - the SPB is being tailored to more effectively provide social life on campus, the number of Commons is shrinking from four to three, and we've got fresh new leaders full of ideas, who are devoted to bettering life at Colby. I am one of those leaders. I bring to the position of SGA Treasurer experience and commitment.

I have been involved in student government since my freshmen year at Colby, beginning as SPB representative of Coburn and continuing this year as dorm President, where I have been working hard to represent student interests on the Academic Affairs Committee and the Independent Study Committee. I am familiar both with the social aspects of producing events on a dorm, commons, and campus-



wide level and with the legislative aspects of dealing with various administrators and offices through working on the Presidents' Council.

I am committed to the SGA and dedicated to being fair and open-minded when working with clubs and club leaders. As a member of Colby Martial Arts and Badminton Clubs, I know how much clubs and organizations enrich life on campus. I understand the time commitment in-

involved and I am willing to give my undivided attention and patience to doing the absolute best job I can. Additionally, as Treasurer, I would like to see dorm funding which currently sits at \$300 per dorm rise to its last year sum of \$500, so more social activity and community can be built in the dorms. I would use my position on SGA Executive Board to help work on important issues, new and old, such as the role of the Senior Apartment Complex at Colby, NCAA, potential constitutional reform, and a modified meal plan.

I believe I am the right person for SGA Treasurer. I am committed to working for you and for Colby. On Wednesday, April 7, vote Rob Painter for SGA Treasurer. □

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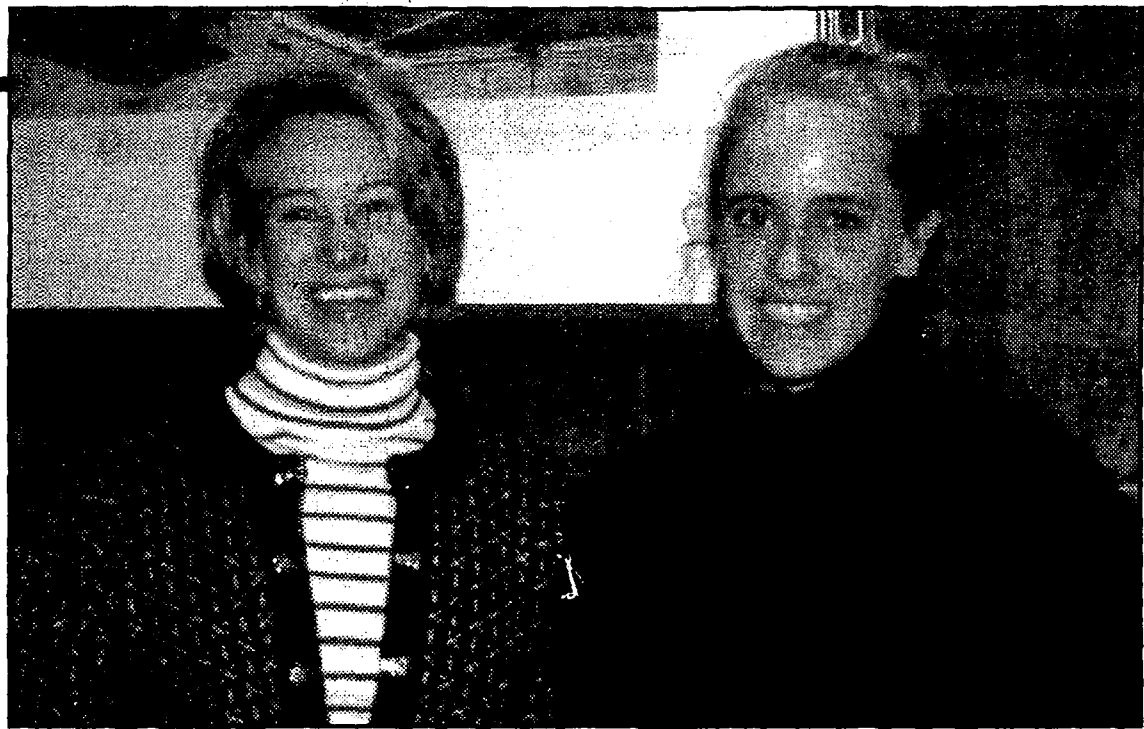
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Johnson-Chaplin Commons Leaders



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Jen Coughlin '01 and Wendy Heywood '00

Are you bored with the monotonous, restrictive social life at Colby lately? We are too.

That's why we have decided we want to change things. Our goal is to make social activities more fun and inviting for the student body as a whole. A lot of changes are taking place with next year's housing that will affect social life in great ways.

We don't believe Commons Leader is a position to be filled with proponents of strictly changing legislation. The Commons Constitution may need to be redone, but the job of commons leaders is meant to be more social and interactive. The legislative branch of SGA, Presidents' Council, should deal with legislative matters such as constitution revisions. When needed in issues of legislation, presidents will be called upon for guidance. It has been our experience

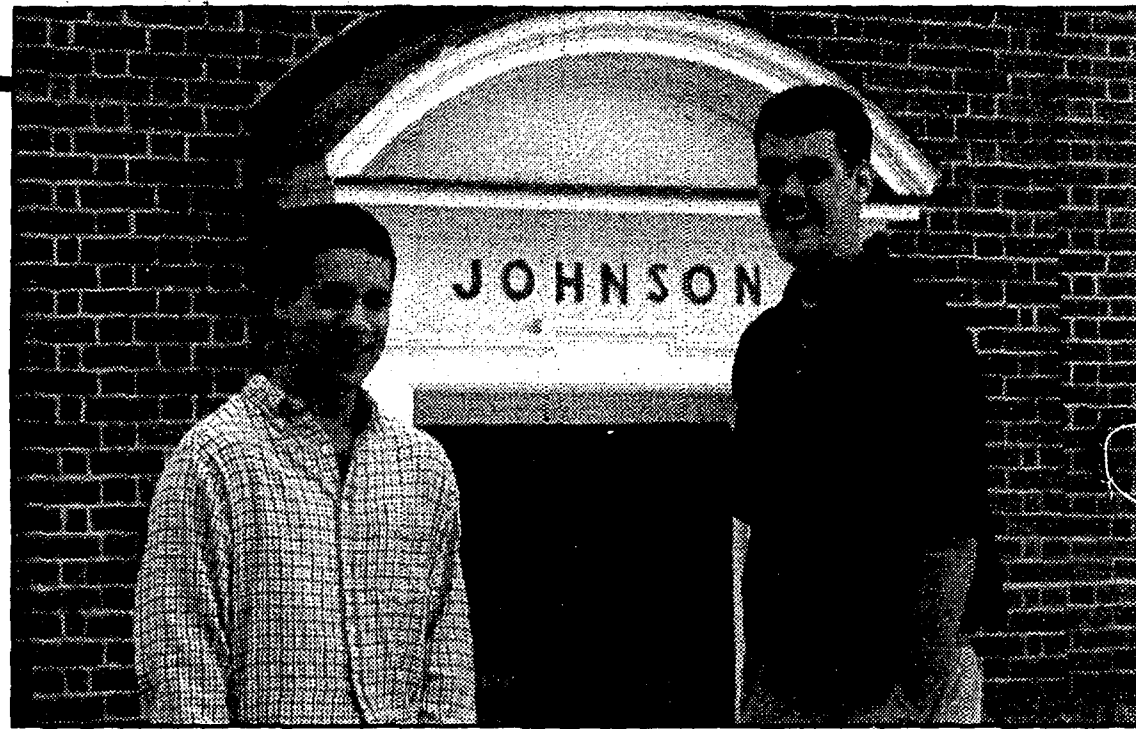
that too many people involved in the social programming process end up with nothing happening for the college community.

While keeping the standard lounge parties in place, we're willing to take chances with new types of events such as frat row barbecues. We would like to try more day events such as winter carnival activities and various competitions throughout the entire year.

We want our peers' involvement at every step of the way. We plan to have suggestion boxes in each dorm. We will take everyone's input seriously and do our best to satisfy the needs of all students at Colby.

We want to make everyone's college experience a fun and memorable one.

So let's all come together to put the excitement back into the social life at Colby! □



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Kase Jubboori '01 and Tony Frangie '01

As most of you should know by now, the Commons System is going to be re-organized next year into three geographically distinct groups compared to the four that we see now. With the resurgence of the Commons as a vehicle for social inclusiveness and the unification of Johnson and Chaplin Commons, the role of the Commons Leaders becomes an even bigger responsibility than it has been in the past.

As our Commons combine and grow, we feel that right now is the perfect time to bring about a change in the way we do our social planning on this side of campus. You may hear a lot through this campaign that the SPB needs reform but we feel that the best way to bring about a change in this case is at the Commons level, specifically in Commons Council.

The main plank in our platform is the implementation of a Commons Constitution. This Constitution will ensure that everyone involved in Johnson/Chaplin social planning will participate actively in their elected roles. We intend to re-shape the role of the dorm SPB representative at the Commons level. Through better organization within the meetings of the Council, the SPB's will become more active planners and participants in commons events. As the SPB's role is better defined with our guidance, the new Commons SPB will have an

effect that will carry over into both individual dorm planning and campus wide events.

Our jobs as Johnson/Chaplin Commons leaders will not be exclusive to the revamping of social planning but instead to define an identity for the Row and the Quads. We can do this through increasing commons participation and visibility, planning creative events, and starting traditions. Our ideas include inter-commons competition, theme events encompassing more than just one night, and offering a better array of events from week to week.

We know that the community as a whole is teeming with ideas and suggestions and we can only ask that you share some of them with us. If you don't know us, don't worry, we're not shy. Don't be afraid to give us a call or send us an e-mail. We'd love for you to ask us about our ideas or give us your suggestions for next year.

Between the two of us, we have had a lot of experience dealing with Student Activities, the Dean of Students Office, the Administration, and the Student Body as a whole. All of this has come through our participation in Presidents' Council and as members of the College Affairs Committee and the Health Care Advisory Committee, among others. We ask you now, that you let us use this experience coupled with our ideas to elect us as Johnson/Chaplin Commons Leaders. □

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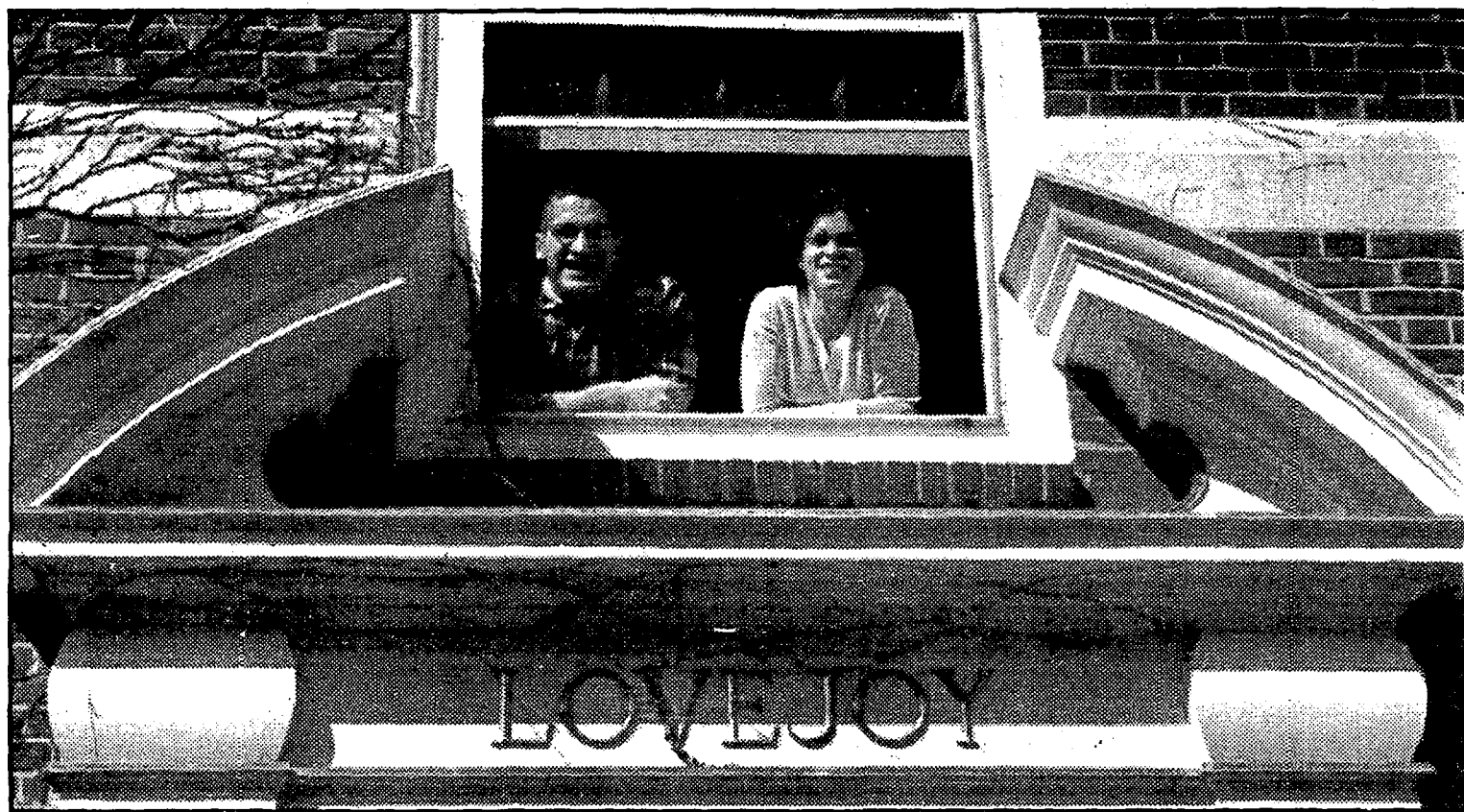
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Lovejoy Commons Leaders



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Jon Zadrozny '00 and Trish Akins '00

The reason why we chose to run for Lovejoy Commons Leaders was not because we wanted to have a good pick in the room draw this month. We chose to run because we feel that we are two capable leaders for social programming next year on campus. With the restructuring from four commons to three, the role of the commons leaders is going to be enlarged and we are ready to take on that responsibility.

We will bring back many of the old traditions that gave Colby its reputation as a great school socially and we will also start up new traditions that will go on for years to come. We are two different people with two different sets of ideas. One of us

is chem-free and the other is not. One of us plays football and the other sings for the Sirens. But we do see eye to eye on the fact that we are going to have to give all of our effort into the programming that we provide and we are willing to do so.

Much of the programming will also revolve around commons unity. It is a sad fact today that many students do not know which commons they even live in. We will make sure that we use all of our resources to better utilize the commons system at Colby and make it work for all students.

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Echo supports Werlin, Newberry

Amidst the many promises put forth by candidates for president of the Student Government Association, one quality needs to stand out. Experience. Like every year, experience will play a crucial weapon in the ever-changing system that is SGA at Colby. The ticket of Jason Werlin and Skip Newberry has the experience needed to immediately take control of the SGA in September and put forth the ideas they propose today.

Still, the Echo hopes the duo will look to its competition, namely Benjamin Humphreys and Jon Gray, for some innovative ideas and fresh perspectives of which such experience often makes politicians blind.

Werlin and Newberry have the experience; they are no strangers to student government. Werlin served on Presidents' Council as president of Leonard as a sophomore and currently serves as a Class of '00 Representative. Newberry served as the vice-president of Perkins-Wilson as a first-year, and has served as the president of Perkins-Wilson both last year and this year. He also served as the Class of '00 Representative while Werlin was abroad this fall. In addition, the pair has served as active members of the College Affairs Committee and the NCAA Action Committee. They have taken part in debates crucial to the Colby community, including wellness, diversity, ethics, NCAA participation and constitutional reform.

The two are proposing to make the Pugh Center a more integral place on campus by increasing funding to substance-free events. They also have some innovative ideas that include establishing a shuttle bus for transportation to Boston and Portland, the inclusion of sexual orientation into the College's non-discrimination policies and more.

In addition, Werlin and Newberry are looking to enact constitutional change in an effort to improve the workings of Colby's legislative and social bodies, therefore improving social life on campus. If any two people could do such a thing, it would be Werlin and Newberry. They have been working on the project for the past year-and-a-half and seem determined to achieve an efficient and productive system.

This aside, we can't ignore the ticket of Humphreys and Gray. They stand for progressive change, something that many Colby students are sure to welcome. They are original and more importantly they are realistic, with proposals that include the elimination of SGA executive position privileges and special room draw choices. They see us as more than Colby students stuck in the "bubble" and they aren't promising what they can't deliver. Still, they are inexperienced. In a position where experience is a virtue and even a necessity, we're not sure if we can count on the unprecedented enthusiasm of Humphreys and Gray.

Election time is here, and it's our belief that the ticket of Werlin and Newberry has the experience and the know-how. We are confident that they can represent the Colby student body well in 1999-2000. Still, we suggest they look at the ticket of Humphreys and Gray as more than rivals, but rather as fellow students whose realistic, fresh perspectives and ideas could invigorate the Student Government Association.

We need solid ideas, solid leadership

We're approaching a critical year in terms of Colby's Student Government Association. In the wake of changing alcohol policy and a reorganized Social Programming Board, next year's leaders need, more than ever, to bring to the table a firm platform and a commitment to get things done.

1998-1999 was not an easy year for SGA, but then again, no year is without its challenges. What students should be looking for when they head to the online ballot box is a candidate with a willingness to get things done.

Perhaps more importantly, Colby needs a candidate that offers us more than political rhetoric. Every year, we hear candidates tell us of an improved social system, more diversity, and the elimination of the Colby "bubble."

The bottom line is that this year has shown that it takes more than stock ideas to make a good SGA leader. It's not necessarily that this year's leaders have fallen short; it's just that candidates have tendencies to make promises that they can't keep. Perhaps a lot of this comes from not knowing the limitations of the power of the office. But perhaps even more comes from a desire to please with unattainable promises.

This year, give us realistic promises and have the perseverance to see them to fruition. More importantly, students should put personal allegiances aside and vote for solid campaigns.

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Mary Low Commons Leaders

Anna L'Hommedieu '02 and Jess Bennett '02

Diversity of living choices, two brand new dining halls - one organic, one American buffet, a student-operated coffeehouse, a performing arts studio, and a communal atmosphere make Mary Low Commons a destination. You know that - that's why you live here. With the completion of Foss-Woodman renovations and the addition of Dana Residence Hall, look for the all-new Mary Low Commons to break ground and stereotypes.

The purpose of a Commons is to promote pride, create social structure and unite a sector of the student body. Still, less than half the Colby population can identify the Commons to which they belong. The redistribution of residence halls for the upcoming 1999-2000 school year gives a clean slate to the Commons structure, encouraging new ideas, new leaders, and an abundance of new possibilities.

Allow us to introduce ourselves. We are Jess Bennett and Anna L'Hommedieu and we'd like to give you a sampling of our vision for the future of Mary Low Commons. Our main objective is to promote unity while harboring old traditions and fostering new. Preservation of Foss Arts, revival of Commons barbecues and competitive scavenger hunts, as well as the creation of new Mary Low Commons events such as white water rafting trips, a Spring Fling



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Weekend, and continued parties on Dana Beach will result in a social atmosphere unrivaled by any other Commons.

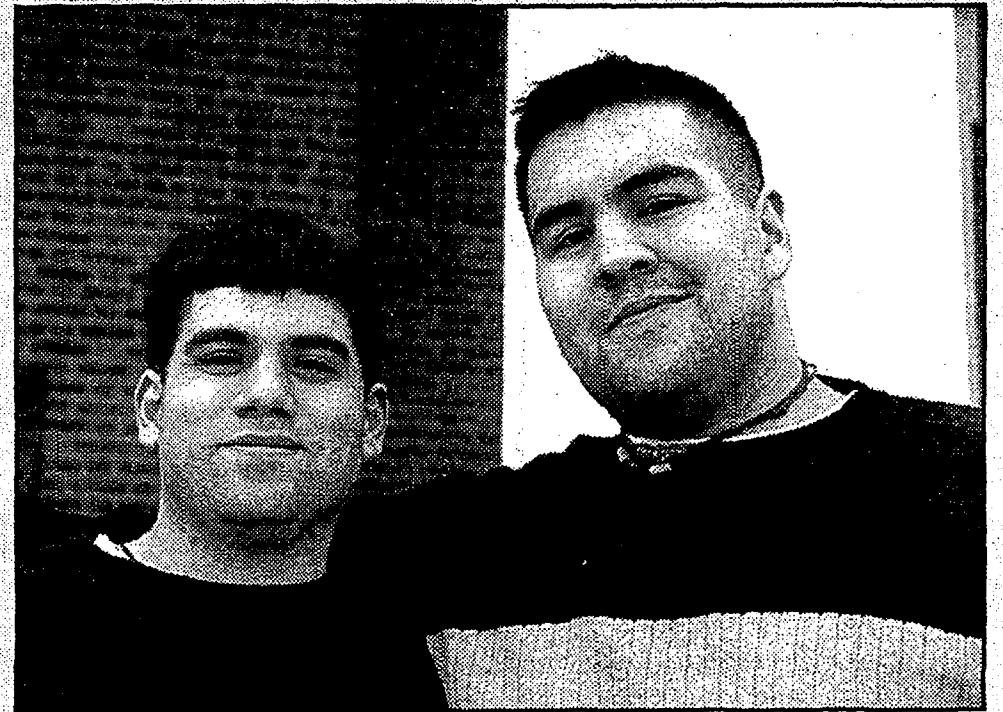
A second purpose for the Commons Systems is to promote the general interest of the entire student body. As elected Mary Low Commons Leaders, we would make a cooperative effort to address two of the main issues facing Colby today. 1) Low enthusiasm for athletic events. We need bonfires and pep rallies to spark Colby pride. 2) Poor scheduling of shows. Why not draw from the support of the other colleges in our area? With a collaboration of funds, resources, and interest, the CBB consor-

tium will be valuable for more than just inter-library loans. The ability to book bigger names and create a more diverse social atmosphere is promising.

With wellness as a priority on campus, limited equipment and space make it difficult for both teams and individuals to use the Athletic Center. Beyond social planning, as Mary Low Commons Leaders we will take an active stance on Colby legislative issues including extended library hours, housing policy, and most importantly the expansion of gym facilities.

Help us put our plans into action. This spring vote Jess and Anna for Mary Low Commons. □

Alex Moskos '00 and James Mason '00



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We have chosen to run for Commons representatives because we have lived in Mary Low Commons for a combined 5 years. We have seen, in the past, how this commons becomes so tightly grouped and we think that is what makes Mary Low Commons great. We decided not to apply for senior apartments because we would rather stay in Mary Low Commons. Our goal, if we are elected, is to try to make next year the best year for the commons. We plan on organizing activities that will bring the commons together and give it a unique identity. We hope to use our connections with the bands and musicians on campus and invite them to play not

just at Foss Arts but at various events throughout the year. We know that there are many talented musicians on campus and we hope to give them a chance to perform.

Another goal of ours is to give the residents of Mary Low Commons a voice in organizing activities; we want to help them organize the events that they want. If a student comes to us with a suggestion for an afternoon athletic activity or an evening event we will do our best to see that event happen. We believe that if we are accessible to the students and have their input we will have events with higher attendance. We have had a lot of fun living in Mary Low Commons and in our senior year we will work hard to make it fun for everyone. □

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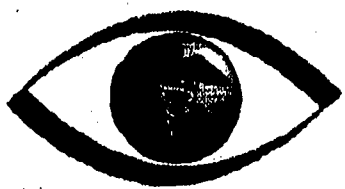
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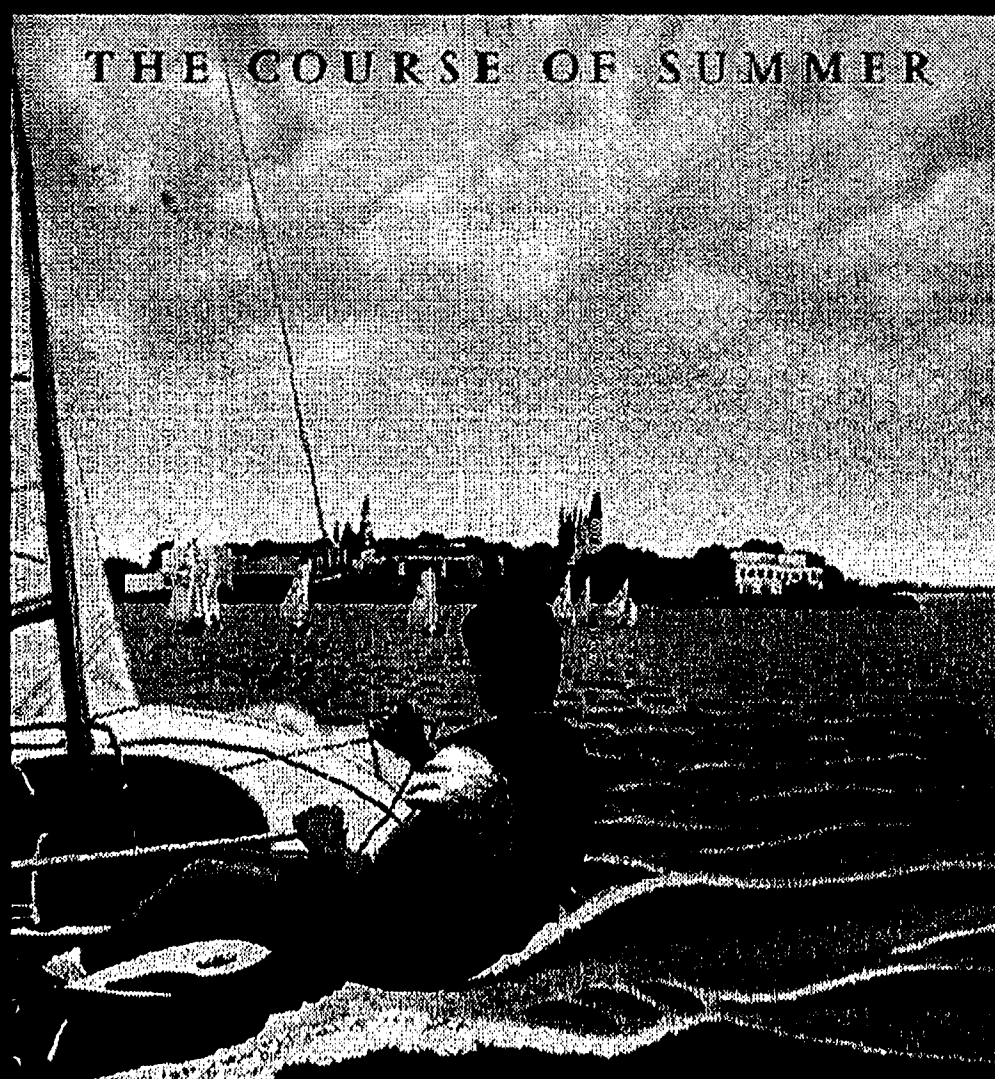
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Candidate for Cultural Chair

Jake Conklin '00J



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What's next for the Cultural Chair? In the wake of three years of committed leadership from Walter Wang, the Colby community has benefited from a previously unachieved level of quality rivaling the best of colleges of comparable size. Walter has indeed brought the world to Colby. With the graduation of Wang comes a very important next step in the development of what exactly a Cultural Chair is. When I think of my definition of Cultural Chair, I think of more than a student who coordinates cultural events at Colby - I also think the Cultural Chair should be a resource to assist students in both finding and funding non-school related summer experiences abroad. When I desired to spend the summer of my sophomore year working with a medical team in the mountains of Peru, I found the small level of funding both on-campus and off-campus to be quite disheartening. In fact, my 142 letters detailing the experience to organizations yielded only one-half of the necessary funding for my trip - causing a marked amount of debt from my experience. The experience was, however, one that forever changed me and the way I looked upon the world.

As Cultural Chair, I will make it my first priority to see that the price I paid for this experience of a lifetime will not be as costly for those in the future. From my first day as Cultural Chair until the day I graduate and beyond, I will create and lobby for a program I call COLBY ABROAD, a fund for students participating in non-Colby summer experiences in foreign countries.

While the lack of funding for such experiences has somewhat disheartened me, my searching has yielded a number of opportunities and has led to an optimism of the number of volunteer positions avail-

able that could be funded with COLBY ABROAD. Therefore, the second component of COLBY ABROAD will be the creation and maintaining of a database for projects abroad and contacts from those projects. The creation of such a database readily accessible by Colby students will not only allow for greater participation in international projects, but also for a greater representation of Colby students on the world spectrum.

For all that speakers and events bring to Colby, experiences such as these abroad are unparalleled. As Cultural Chair, I can see no greater success story in my work than, instead of bringing the answers to the students of Colby, allowing Colby students to find their own answers in the world around them. For in that search lies the true learning experience that college is all about.

Of course, some fine-tuning of the cultural experience on campus is necessary as well. I propose the return of the Spotlight Lecture Program, which, many upperclassmen and alumni would agree, was a wonderful cultural experience for the Colby community. Its loss is a tragedy, and its return a necessity.

Also, the cultural clubs of Colby must become more involved in the scheduling of cultural events to create a fully diverse cultural schedule that caters to the wishes of the entire community. As Cultural Chair, I guarantee that each club, in accordance with myself, will bring one Spotlight Lecturer each year that would be subsidized by the Cultural Chair.

Of course, there are many more ideas that newspaper space simply does not allow for. Therefore, I encourage you to read my platform on my posters and in my leaflets.

For three years, Walter Wang brought the world to Colby. A vote for Jake Conklin means an expansion of the role of Cultural Chair that will better serve the Colby community. Not only will I bring the world to Colby, but also bring Colby to the world. □

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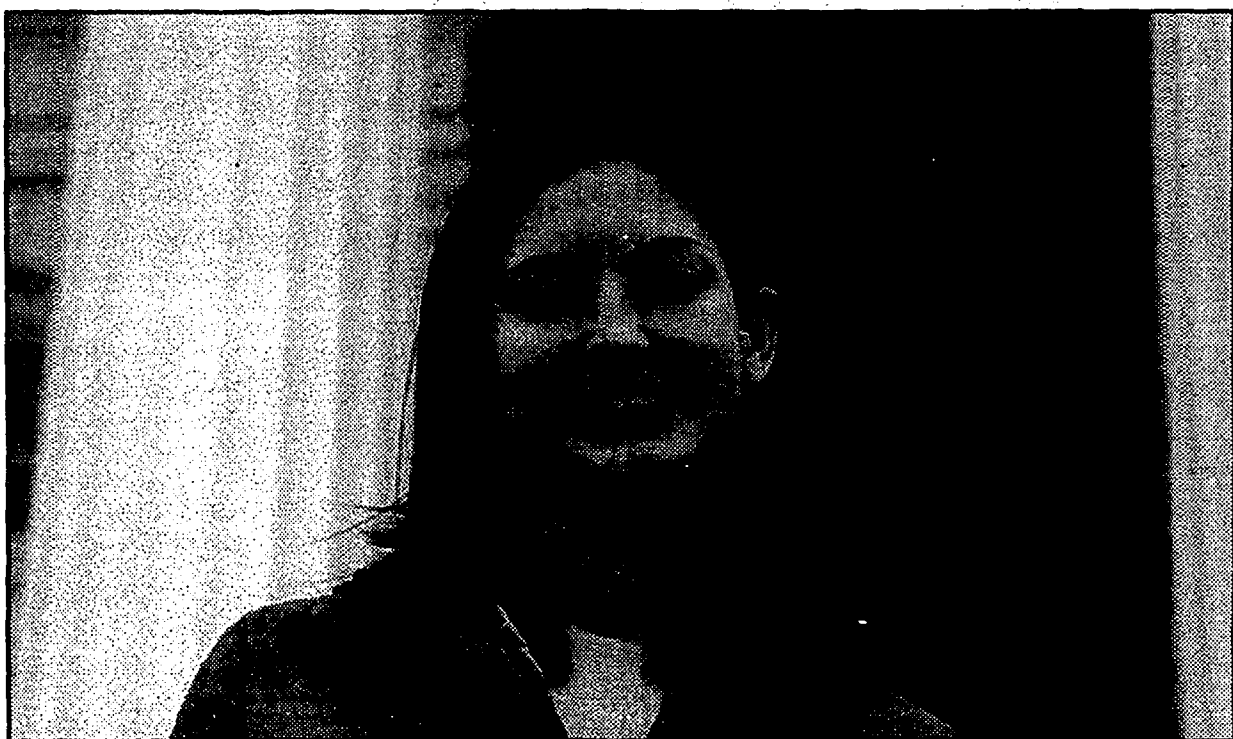
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Candidates for SGA Social Chair



Amanda Carucci '00

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This past year has presented many problems that have forced us to re-evaluate the way our social life operates. We have had to deal with liquor inspectors and stricter rules and both have completely altered the way we can throw parties. Next year will present even more challenges to SPB. The board will be under increased scrutiny to determine if it is effective and necessary in its present form. Also, the new senior apartments and drop in off-campus housing means that the entire social scene will be moved onto campus.

Because of these changes, it is essential that the Social Chair be someone who has had adequate experience. I have been involved in SPB since its creation two years ago. I was an SPB representative for Johnson my sophomore year and I spent this year as a co-leader of Johnson Commons. This means that I have spent a lot of time learning the ins and outs of the system. I understand the roles of the different positions and I have spent a lot of time interacting with the Deans, the liquor inspectors and the Office of Student Activities.

I recognize that the Social Chair manages dual positions. These positions are as a co-chair

of the SPB and the planner of large campus-wide events such as Loudness and major concerts. As a co-chair, I would dedicate myself to refining the organization of the system so that it runs smoothly and efficiently. As I see it, the major problems this year have been a lack of communication and exchange of information among members. I would work hard to strengthen common unity, communication and assure that each member is aware of their responsibilities.

In planning events, the most important factor is student input. Therefore, I would make a conscious effort to assure that the bands we bring to campus and the events we plan are sure to satisfy everyone. I also realize that there is a need for diversified planning so I would be sure to strengthen SPB's communication with other clubs and groups on campus that plan events.

Everybody reminisces about the way that Colby was "back in the day." I sincerely believe that we can once again have a crazy and exciting social life and I would love to have the opportunity to help it return! □



Ben Heneveld '00

Photo courtesy of Ben Heneveld

My name is Ben Heneveld. I'm running for Social Chair for the 1999-2000 year. For those of you that know me, you know that I am very much interested in having a great social scene at Colby. For those of you that don't, let me introduce myself.

I applied to Colby early decision and am currently doing my junior year at Dartmouth. I will be back next fall and I want all those at Colby to have as an enriching and FUN time at Colby as I have had.

One of the reasons that I chose to apply to Colby early was the relaxed and happy atmosphere. One of the things unique about Colby that perhaps struck me the most as a prospective student was the smiling faces of all the people that are part of Colby. That's probably the one thing that I miss the most about being away. The happiness of the students depends very much on an active social scene, and I want to ensure that there is one my senior year.

On my visits to Colby this year, I noticed a difference in the smile factor. If I had been a prospective student this year, who knows how

this would have affected my decision? Nonetheless, I know how good Colby can be, and I want to work with everyone - students, staff, faculty, and administration - to make sure that the quality of life at Colby is maintained at a high level.

Some of the best times that I've had at Colby were outdoor barbecues and other parties where people were able to relax outside. I plan on having more of these.

Also, with the growing discouragement by the administration for people to throw parties, I plan to initiate some incentives for those who do want to play an active role in Colby's social scene.

I have worked for Safety and Security in the past (no, I have never "busted" a party), and I hope that this will help me to work with Safety and Security and the administration to ensure that there is an active, fun, and safe future for the social scene at Colby.

I will play an active role in the social scene at Colby next year regardless of if I am elected Social Chair; however, I think that I will be able to make a much bigger difference if I am elected. Thank you for your vote, and I look forward to next year. □

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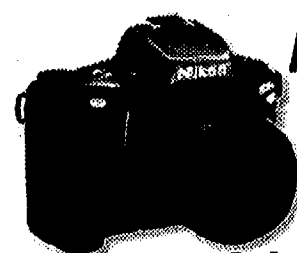
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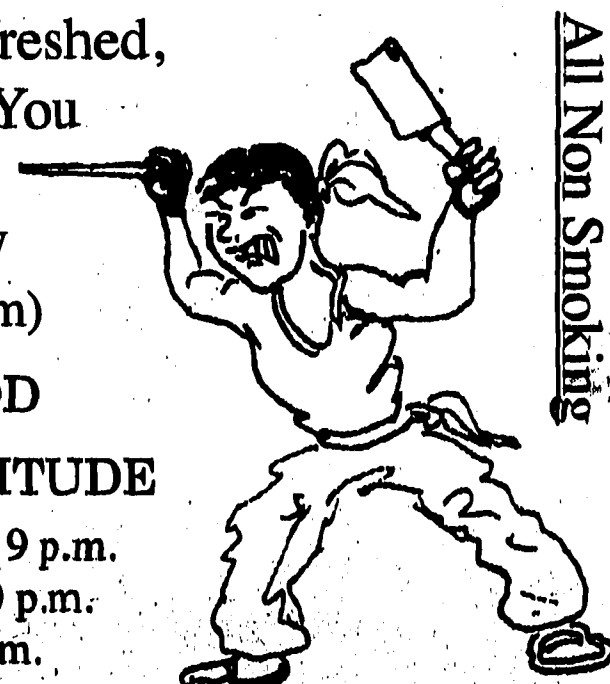
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