

Police chief to Colby: I will enforce the rules

BY MATT APUZZO
News Editor

Waterville Chief of Police John E. Morris said in an interview Friday he would increase the police presence on Mayflower Hill until he was assured that Colby officials were taking a hard line against drunken driving. Six students received summonses for possession of alcohol and one was charged Thursday night for violating Maine's "zero tolerance" law when he was stopped by police while driving.

"Until I can once again have confidence that Colby can do what's correct as far as enforcing rules regarding criminal activity, I have to enforce the rules myself," said Morris.

Benjamin Fuller '02, Andrew Hoyt '02, Katherine Dimiero '02, Matthew Goehring '02, Evan Anderson '02 and Kathryn Levy '02 received summonses to Waterville District Court for possession by consumption in and outside of the Mary Low annex Thursday evening. Maine law considers consumption of alcohol by a minor to be the same as possession. The students' court date has been set for May 19.

Later that night, Fuller was stopped in his car by officer David Caron, who was also on the scene at Mary Low. Fuller was taken to the police station, where his breath test showed alcohol in his system. Police officials said Fuller would likely lose his license for one year, but would have an opportunity to contest the decision.

The police presence stemmed from a March 13 incident in which a West Quad senior and her visiting friend were stopped by security officers while driving while near Roberts Union. The two were subsequently released by the officers after talking to Associate Dean of Students Ronald Hammond.



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Waterville police officers stationed in the PPD parking lot prepare to pull over an oncoming car.

"I was offended both morally and professionally when I learned of this," said Morris. "We're walking right along the fine line of obstructing."

Director of Security Peter Chenevert originally said his officers used discretion when deciding whether or not to contact police officials, but said Monday that the incident was a break from normal procedure.

"It was definitely an anomaly," said Chenevert, but added that "From my perspective, the officers did the right thing by contacting the dean on call. The dean made that decision."

Dean of Students Janice Armo Kassman, however, suggested that the decision to contact the police is made by the Department of Security.

"I don't think this is a case-by-case basis decision," said Kassman.

She also said officers should contact the police regarding intoxicated or erratic driving incidents, but said she wouldn't necessarily classify the incident as deviating from established policy, either.

Following the fallout from the incident, the Dean of Students' Office and the Department of Security have devised a new statement regarding intoxicated drivers.

"Any operation of a motor vehicle on Colby property that endangers the safety and well-being of people or property will not be tolerated. Any violation of Maine's motor vehicle laws involving alcohol will be reported to the police department," according to the statement.

The question Morris and other police officials have, however, is whether or not this statement will be upheld. The student hand-

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Students confused over legality of police presence

BY MATT APUZZO
News Editor

Several students visited the Waterville police station this week to contest their traffic tickets arguing that police officers were not allowed to patrol Colby because it is private property.

Waterville Chief of Police John E. Morris and Deputy Chief of Police Joseph Masse explained to the students that Colby is part of Waterville and that the laws of the state and city apply to the College.

"The Colby campus is not its own sovereign nation," said Morris. "It is still subject to the laws of the community and the state."

Dean of Students Janice Armo Kassman supported Morris' statement and hoped students understood that Colby falls under the jurisdiction of the Waterville Police Department.

"Of course the police can be here," said Kassman. "We're not like Monaco or the Vatican or something. I think students are under the mistaken impression that because we are a private college, the police can't be here."

Police can patrol the campus and can enter dormitories if they have a reasonable suspicion that a crime is being committed or if they are invited into the complex.

Morris said one student came to the station and said a lawyer had told him the police had no right to enforce a stop sign that was not directly erected by the police department.

"Did you run the stop sign?" Morris said. "Pay the ticket."

Police officers patrolled Colby for much of the last two weeks, ticketing students for traffic infractions and alcohol violations. □

SGA privileges highlight debate

BY PATRICK J. BERNAL
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Student Government Association presidential candidate Jason Werlin '00, speaking also on behalf of his running mate Warren Newberry '00, came out against the elimination of executive stipends and special privileges at Monday's Presidential debate.

"It is a hard job and it has to be rewarded. If we eliminate SGA stipends, anyone who is on work-study will be hard-pressed to also become an SGA executive officer," said Werlin. The elimination of these

stipends and privileges, which include long distance phone calls and meals at the Spa on the SGA budget, has become a central part of the campaign platform put forth by Ben Humphreys '00 and running mate Jon Gray '00.

Humphreys and Gray suggested that, if elected, they would give their stipends to charity, and reallocate the funds currently earmarked for SGA privileges into club budgets next year. Their proposal, if elected, would not extend to other SGA offices, or beyond their term of office.

Presidential candidate Geoff Starr '00 spoke of increasing dialogue among members of the Colby community.

"Colby students are sick and tired of not being put first. Any Colby student who was unable to get into the Lech Walesa speech because a number of Waterville residents arrived early understands this frustration," said Starr who is running with David Normoyle '00. Starr said it is "paramount that students believe their voices are being heard."

All the candidates expressed their desire to create increased interaction between students and SGA leaders.

"Let's hold meetings at times that are convenient for all students," said Werlin. "Discussions over dinner in Dana at 6:00 could provide a useful time for students to voice their concerns and criticisms of student government."

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SGA Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates Ben Humphreys '00 and Jon Gray '00

SGA election results were unavailable at press time, but are currently posted in the Cotter Union.

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News Briefs

Chang to lecture on the Rape of Nanking

Iris Chang, author of "The Rape of Nanking," the first full study in English of the Rape of Nanking, known as the forgotten holocaust of World War II, will give the Gannett Lecture on her studies of the tragedy at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the Page Commons.

Euro Adoption discussed in annual Grossman Lecture

Jan Hogendorn, the Grossman Professor of Economics, will lecture on "Emu or Ostrich? What Could Go Wrong With the Euro?" His discussion on the European Union's adoption of the euro currency will be at 8 p.m. tonight in Lovejoy 100 and is the annual Grossman Lecture.

SGA election runoffs scheduled for Monday

Student Government Association election runoffs will take place on the Colby website Monday for those positions where less than 51 percent of the vote was cast. Assistants will be in the Fishbowl of the Cotter Union for those needing technical help in casting their ballots.

Polak to deliver first Berger Lecture

Rabbi Polak, director of the Boston University Hillel House and a survivor of the Bergen - Belsen concentration camp, will give the first Berger Lecture on the Holocaust, entitled "The Lost Survivor." He will speak at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Robins Room of Roberts Union.

Cullinen shares experiences of Spanish Civil War

Communist, environmental activist, and filmmaker George Cullinen will talk about his participation in the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939) and his experiences in the political and labor movements of the 1930s. His talk will be in the Pugh Center April 15 at 7:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Spanish Department and the Integrated Studies program.

Taking a Spring break



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Spring is in the air, finally! Last week, Colby students took advantage of the balmy weather to break out the baseballs and frisbees, or just relax with a good book.. It may not be Spring Break, but at least the sun is out again.

Zhao awarded Campbell National Fellowship

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Suisheng Zhao's two youngest children will have to get used to the hot sun and prepare to make new friends, at least for a year. The associate professor of government and East Asian politics, was recently awarded a Campbell National Fellowship, and will spend next year in Palo Alto, Calif. at Stanford University.

"For me, I'm excited at the opportunity. They'll make friends there, too," said Zhao.

The fellowship, which is normally only given to members of the nation's top research universities, provides a \$50,000 stipend and round-trip airfare for Zhao and his family.

"It's a big honor for me and for the College," said Zhao. "It's not only a big honor, but more importantly, it's a good opportunity."

While spending a year at Stanford's Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, he will research and write a manuscript entitled, "In Search of Grandeur: Construction of Nationalism in Post-Mao China." It is purely a research fellowship and requires no teaching responsibilities.

The Campbell Fellowship is awarded annually to 12 junior scholars in the social science disciplines - six who study the United States and six scholars focusing on international issues.

According to the Institution's website, "The Campbell National Fellows Program allows outstanding



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Prof. Suisheng Zhao

ing junior scholars to devote a year to unrestricted, creative research and writing at the Hoover Institution, during which time they are freed from all other academic responsibilities."

Zhao was accepted as a fellow after three years of applying. He described the competition as fierce and said, "I'm really glad that they gave it to me after three years."

This will be the first time since coming to the United States from China 15 years ago that Zhao won't "have to work to be paid. They just pay for (my) contribution to the intellectual world."

Zhao already has already published several books. "Across the Taiwan Strait" is scheduled for release

this fall, and "China's Democratization Reconsidered" has recently been sent to publishers.

"I really enjoy teaching at Colby so much. I think liberal arts college professors deserve this kind of a break," he said.

While Zhao looks forward to focusing on research, he said, "teaching is more important for Colby and for me in my life."

Zhao said that working at the Institute, he will be in a "stimulated environment" with weekly dinners, coffee hours, and luncheons for the fellows to exchange views with Stanford and international scholars.

"I look forward to working with those from top research universities. I think I can learn a lot." □

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"We must make better use of e-mail and the World Wide Web to keep Colby students informed about campus-wide events," said Starr.

The subject of diversity and the future role of the Pugh Center were also discussed at the debate, with all candidates agreeing on the importance of fostering diversity.

"You can't forget diversity any more, we're heading into the next millennium and times are changing," said Gray.

After the debate, an informal meet-the-candidates event was held in the Spa. A number of Colby students used this opportunity to ask the candidates questions not covered in the debate and to get to know the candidates better on a personal level.

"I think the debate went really well. All of the candidates were really specific, each candidate framed their most im-

portant issues and there was a positive exchange of ideas," said Humphreys.

"We all agree that the SGA needs to take a more active role, we can no longer afford to just be reactionary," said Starr. Starr was not pleased, however, with the number of people at the event.

"I was really frustrated with the lack of attendance tonight. I wish that we would have had a better opportunity to dialogue with the students," he said. □

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Off the Hill

California student victim of sniper attack

Modesto Junior College in Modesto, California was the scene of a sniper attack on a student, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. A student was shot in the arm, but treated and released the next day. The student was sitting outside the school's art museum when he reported that he "felt a burning sensation in his arm." He noticed there was blood trickling and he "staggered into an adjacent building," according to the *Chronicle*. Two students heard the gunshot but did not notice anyone. They did, however, find a bullet shell near a door. The student did not know why he would have been a target of a sniper attack. Classes at the college were canceled, but resumed the next day.

Riots break out at Michigan State

Students at Michigan State University rioted last week over the loss to Duke University in the semi-final game of the NCAA basketball championships. Some observers said that there were as many as 5000 students riots. As many as 61 fires were set, cars were overturned and bottles smashed. The university suspended two students whom they believe were participants in the acts of vandalism. Additional students are expected to be suspended as investigations continued into the riots. 24 arrests were made by police wearing riot gear. The police reported that "over half of the students were not MSU students," reported the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

E. coli breakout at Sunday River

If you are thinking about doing a little more skiing this season, watch out for the E. coli breakout at Sunday River Ski Area. Officials at the State Bureau of Health said that there were people hospitalized after eating at Sliders restaurant at the resort. E. coli is "spread by drinking or eating food contaminated by the feces of people or cattle," according to *The Maine Campus*. Things like uncooked beef, vegetables or bad milk can carry the virus. Symptoms include bloody diarrhea and the chills and most people go to the hospital to get checked out. While there is not confirmation that this restaurant is responsible, it is the only common thread in all of the victim's cases.

Bates students taunt young boy

Town relations were strained at Bates College last week on Thursday the 25 of March when members of the Bates football team taunted an eight year old boy on the Lewiston, ME campus. Witnesses reported that "an eight-year-old boy from the Longley Elementary School was teased mercilessly by a small group of men from the football team. These men purportedly teased him about his weight and referred to him as 'trailer-park trash,'" according to the Bates Student.

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book states that security officials will uphold Maine law and will work with Waterville Police to uphold these laws.

"I think it's a patronizing statement for the community's benefit," said Morris.

When asked what actions Colby officials could take to renew his confidence, Morris said they would "need to try to open a dialogue with me, and not a dialogue that patronizes me. I'm tired of that."

Morris said nobody from Colby had contacted him, Friday. Following a meeting between the Echo and Kassman Monday, however, Chenevert reportedly met with Morris. Details of the meeting were not available Tuesday.

"We're not picking on Colby," said Morris. "We did 318 off campus last year. Now we are going to be looking at Colby."

With most candidates for Student Government Association President running on a platform including an improved social scene, Morris offered a suggestion.

"Never once in four-and-a-half years as chief has any member of student leadership come to speak with me," he said. "But I'd be happy to talk to them."

Oak Fellow defies Pakistani government

Ahmed will not return to the country that branded him a traitor

BY BROOKE FITZSIMMONS
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Former Pakistani journalist and Colby's first Oak Fellow in International Human Rights Zafaryab Ahmed has decided to seek political asylum from the United States and will not return to Pakistan.

Ahmed, an established journalist in Pakistan for 15 years, currently faces sedition charges in Pakistan stemming from a script he wrote for a Hollywood producer outlining the murder of 14-year-old Iqbal Masih, a young human rights activist who spoke out about his personal experiences with forced child slave labor in Pakistan.

"Masih was murdered on Easter Sunday of 1995. Police and medical representatives who examined his body suggested that this was not a simple murder, and that some type of conspiracy had taken place. This issue was very hot at the time in Pakistan," said Ahmed. "The producer who contacted me was of Indian origin and India and Pakistan are hostile neighbors. The charges the government accused me with said I was exploiting Masih's death and that I wanted to harm Pakistan's business interests abroad."

Ahmed explained that while he attempted to fight back against these false accusations, it was difficult for him to fight against an entire organized government. During this time Ahmed was placed in prison, and two attempts were made by guards in this prison to murder him.

After petitioning on Ahmed's behalf from many organizations and individuals including Iowa Senator Tom Harkin, the State Department, the United States delegation in the United Nations, and the Colby administration, Ahmed was granted a 90-day leave to come to the United States to fulfill his position as a professor of humanities for Colby during the spring. Now that this leave has expired, Ahmed has been

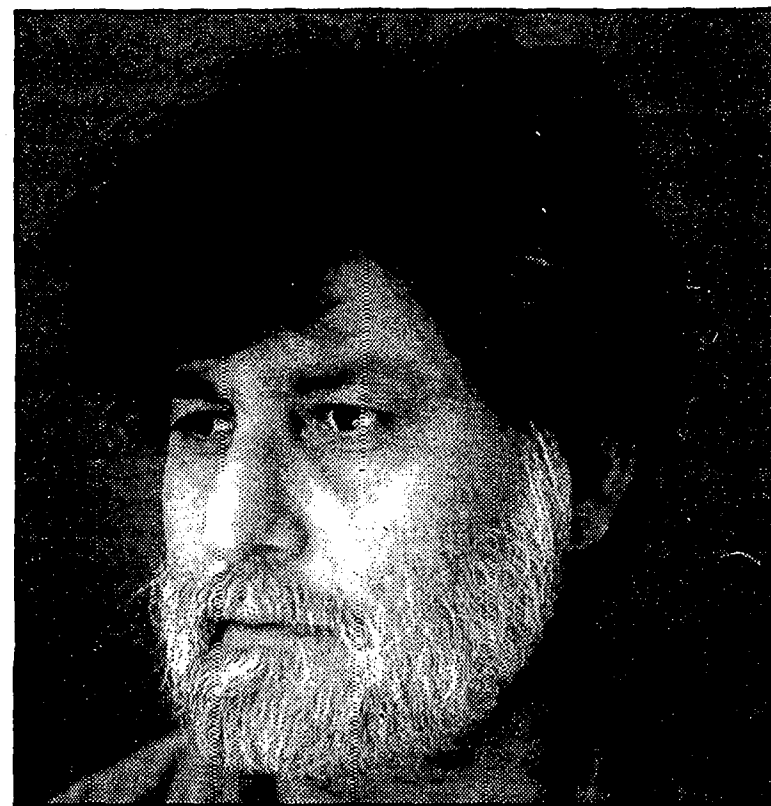


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Oak Fellow Zafaryab Ahmed

forced to make a very difficult choice.

"I used to think that it was better to fill the prisons than to run away. I have maintained that position for so long, and the most difficult aspect has been facing that. I was not concerned about my safety, but I wanted to go back and fight. But at this stage in human development, I think the United States is playing a very important role in human rights activism and making the world a place of harmony and justice."

A march, a lecture and student-performed skits concerning human rights will take place on campus from April 19 to April 23. The march will commence at 2:30 p.m. April 19 at the Pugh Center as part of a welcome to Harkin, who will be awarded an honorary doctorate for his work in human rights in Lorimer Chapel at 4 p.m.

Local News

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Drunken driving bills debated in State legislative committee

Two competing bills were brought up Monday by a Maine legislative committee to make it harder - or easier - for repeat offenders to return to the roads. One bill would allow the state to give work-related drivers' licenses to habitual drunken drivers; the other would toughen laws by forcing police to impound vehicles of those arrested for drunken driving. State law currently requires a minimum 90-day suspension for a first drunken driving conviction, 18 months for the second conviction, four years for the third and six years for a fifth and subsequent offense. Neither bill won much support at the hearing.

Layoffs permanent at Dexter Shoe

Dexter Shoe Co. announced plans Monday to layoff 200 employees statewide. The layoffs will go into effect April 12 and the cutbacks are expected to be permanent. Company spokesman Alan Lunder blamed a worldwide downturn in the retail shoe market and increasing foreign competition as the causes of the layoffs. Lunder said the company has, for the last 40 years, been fighting a losing battle against foreign imports, which occupy 90 to 92 percent of the footwear market in the United States.

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FEATURES

The inner workings of Colby's phone system revealed

BY JACKIE OGUTHA
Staff Writer

Having reliable access to a telephone while on campus is invaluable. There are phones in every dorm room, on most hallways and in every building. It is difficult to imagine a different set-up.

However, according to Kenneth Gagnon, director of administrative services (AdServ), the phone system at Colby has not always been as accessible as it is today.

"There were hall phones on each hallway, and no phones in any rooms," Gagnon said. "If one made a call to another dorm, they could only hope that someone would answer the hall phone and be willing to locate the person they were looking for."

In 1992 Colby initiated changes that led to the birth of the phone system currently in place. According to Gagnon, a focus group of about fifteen students got together to discuss different possibilities for a new system.

"The students decided on various things," Gagnon said, "including having one voice mail per room instead of two. All decisions were reached by consensus." After the proposed system was approved by the Trustees, about half a million dollars was set aside to get the project underway. This resulted in extensive wiring that ensured access to a phone in every dorm room and college building.

A trip to the PBX room (Private Business Exchange), often referred to as the switch board, reveals the intricacy of this phone system. Battery back-up that lasts four to six hours, and an entire wall filled with thousands of tiny wires for every phone on campus, is proof of this. Colby has phone lines running underground, but because the risk of lightning is still present, lightning protection is available.

Despite the technological complexity, students have voiced concerns about the high calling rates and the subsequent size of their monthly phone bills from STS (Student Telephone Services). In response to this, Gagnon explained that STS is a billing company contracted by the College and is responsible for billing students and little else. Using a modem set up in the PBX room, STS records the date and duration of calls made using authorization codes, the extension from which the calls

were made and the outside number dialed.

Colby pays a base rate for all students and faculty, which means that upon joining the College, students do not have to worry about installing a phone or the cost of services such as voice mail.

"Colby wanted to keep base costs as low as possible," said Gagnon, although he acknowledged that "our rates are higher." A student living off-campus using a different carrier

switch and we're always doing upgrades."

Jane Robertson, assistant director of administrative services, added that upgrades had made "voice mail and system software year 2000 compliant."

The option of using other long distance carriers is, nonetheless, available to students. If a student chose this option, phone services would "take their (phone) wire off the wall and give it to the specific carrier, after which the student would pay for installation and all other costs," said Gagnon. He added that "students would have to dial 9 followed by 877 even when calling a friend on campus."

According to Robertson, "only one student (has chosen this option) in the past six years."

International students and students from Maine pay especially high phone bills — International students because of the distance involved as well as tariffs set by their respective countries, and students within Maine because the rates are regulated by the federal government. Consequently, some students have resorted to using pre-paid calling cards and other calling services. Although Gagnon acknowledged this concern, he had some reservations.

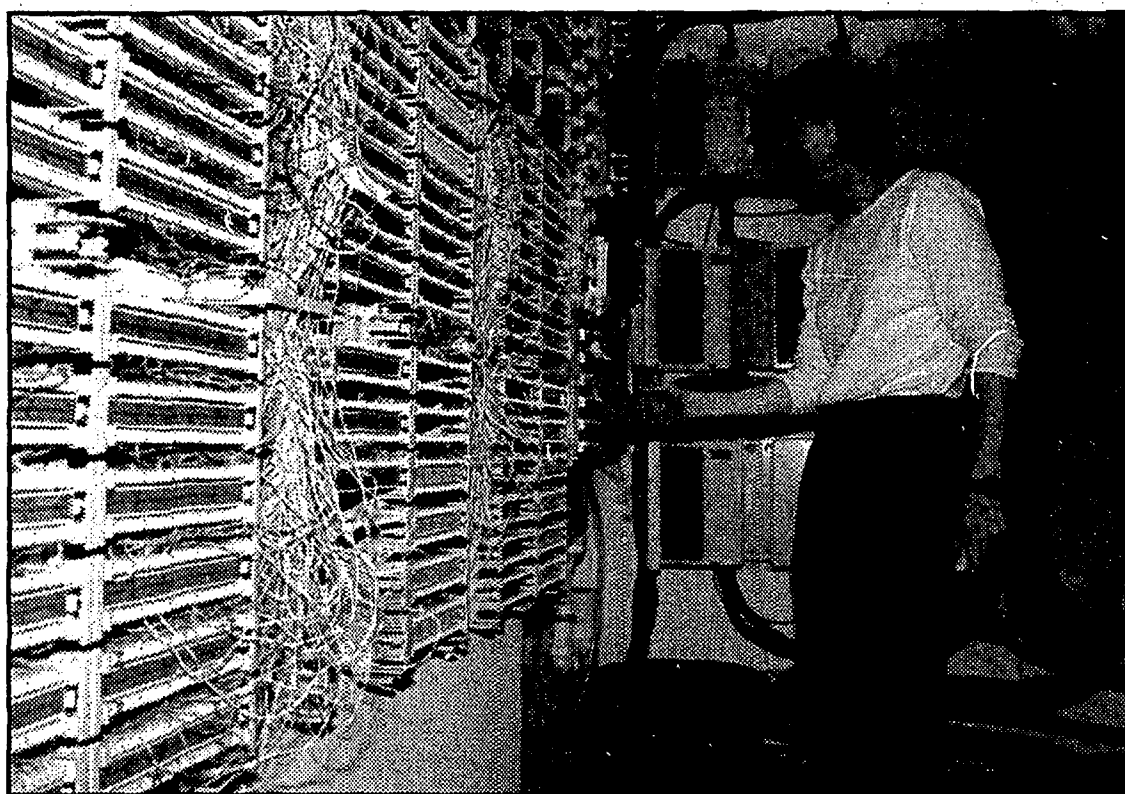
"I worry about doing special deals (for specific groups) because as the system gets more sophisticated it starts to look like a phone company," he said. This would place Colby under regulations set by the Public Utilities Commission. Gagnon clarified that "Colby's phone system is not a phone company."

Commenting on whether or not there is a discrepancy between student rates and rates

offered to departments, Gagnon said that because the College pays departmental bills it "doesn't matter what their rates are because it comes out of the College budget." He pointed out that because "people have control over the calls they make" the cost of their phone bills "depends on their long-distance calling habits."

Both Gagnon and Robertson, the pioneers of the Colby phone system, are willing to set up another focus group in the near future.

"If students want to get together again that's fine," said Gagnon. "There are no secrets, and our books are open." □



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Who knew that the Meridian Mail Lady actually existed?

would incur additional costs which Gagnon estimated as "a base rate of fifty-five dollars for installation, the cost of buying an answering machine and eighteen to twenty dollars per month for services." He added that if "students compared their average annual costs, to the costs for installation and service, they would still be benefiting."

Phone companies and long distance carriers offer up to forty percent discounts on calls. Colby does not have any such package in place.

"Colby charges DDD (Direct Distance Dialing) rates whereas long distance carriers take forty percent off these rates," said Gagnon. "We use the net income to pay off the

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Ecuadorian history in the making

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We are currently living in an amazing time in history. The president of the United States nearly gets voted out of office for a sexual act, the King of Jordan dies before our eyes and the Asian economy collapses, the struggle with Iraq continues, as do the peace negotiations in Israel, the situation in Kosovo and the hurricanes in Central America. But do we realize what all this means? Do we understand the direct effects that these events have on the people of the world? Do we really know what is going on? Or, are we trapped in a bubble where all we care about is how the ColbyCard system no longer permits us to use quarters?

Juniors abroad are currently living history. For the students in Ecuador, recent events are occurring which have never happened before in the world. For these students, their junior semesters abroad have become more than just enjoying cheap alcohol, learning to Salsa dance and, with effort, learning Spanish. These students are discovering the sometimes frightening learning experience of watching a third world country, Ecuador, crumble to pieces.

On March 3, 1999, the whole country of Ecuador watched with mouths wide open as their currency, the sucre, dropped in value from 7,500 sucres to the dollar to 18,000 sucres to the dollar. The banks were unable to handle this crisis and closed for the afternoon. However, this was just a taste of what was yet to come. The value of the sucre continued to fluctuate for the next two days, the economy was falling apart. In reaction, the Ecuadorian government decided to make world history and close every single bank in the country the following Monday, March 8. Every Ecuadorian waited in front of the television for the president of Banco Central to tell the country what the economic future of Ecuador was going to be. To the

surprise of everyone, the president simply said that the banks would once again be closed on Tuesday. There was no plan.

This crisis grew even larger when the President of Ecuador, Jamil Mahuad, declared a paro on Wednesday and Thursday (a paro is a national state of emergency, where everything shuts down). The people of Ecuador reacted by gathering in the centers of the cities to

has no light at the end of the tunnel.

On Monday, March 15, the country was once again paralyzed. This time it was not the government who shut down the city but rather the taxi drivers. All the main streets in the major cities of Ecuador had blazing fires of tires with yellow taxis in the background prohibiting any type of transportation besides walking and biking. The taxi drivers cannot make a living with the increase in gas and demanded that the government lower gas prices or they will continue to block the streets.

As of Tuesday, March 16, the taxi drivers and the military were still playing an never-ending game of moving the taxis in a peaceful manner, only to have them return to the same spot 20 minutes later after the military moved on. The government has said very little in reaction to the protest, even though the indigenous people and the bus drivers have now joined the strike. No one knows how today will finish or tomorrow will begin; everyone is living by the moment.

As foreigners, the students watch a country crumble to pieces. In fact, students and other Americans are wealthier than when they arrived. The real problem, however, is for the families that have cars and a somewhat stable job, i.e., the middle class. They can no longer afford gas, have to pay more for their bread and milk and, if things continue to get worse, sell their car and their home because their salary does not increase as the value of the sucre decreases. Meanwhile, the rich who govern the country are financially stable because they have their savings in dollars in banks in the United States or in Europe.

So, the next time you get frustrated with your ColbyCard just remember that there are other people in the world who are frustrated too; but their frustration stems from the fact that they don't know how they are going to feed themselves, let alone their children, tomorrow. Lets pop the bubble and open our eyes to this amazing time in history. □

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protest or by setting up road blocks with rocks and fires to prevent any movement in the country. The police and military in return, responded by throwing tear gas bombs and firing shots into the crowds of protesters.

On Thursday night, March 11, Mahuad spoke to the country addressing the economic crisis of Ecuador. His immediate solution: to increase gasoline prices by 100% until the congress passed a 5% increase in sales tax. This means that Ecuador's largest bill, 50,000 sucres, could now buy a mere two gallons of gasoline. The immediate effect of this increase is that almost everything in the country will increase in cost by 100% or more. Mahuad also presented new "methods" for the banks of Ecuador which prevent every Ecuadorian from withdrawing all their money and collapsing the economy of Ecuador even more. To install this new method the banks closed again on Friday. This is the first time in world history that a country has closed down its economic system not just for one day but for a whole week!

On Friday things in the capital city of Quito appeared to be more or less back to normal with the exception of a few road blocks and protesters that were quickly dispersed by the police. However, the only topic of discussion was Mahuad's speech and the economic crisis that

In Echo History

In 1976 the former Director General of Health Services in India visited Waterville and "advocated the decriminalization of marijuana," according to the Echo. He said that abuse of the drug was "a personality problem not to be solved by legal means." He argued that there is no mental or physical dependence on the drug if used in moderate capacities. The physician spoke at Thayer Hospital, and stated that students use pot as a reaction against a disturbed society, everyone needs to examine their values and the use of pot "indicates a yearning on the part of young people for more genuine human emotions."

Graduating students in 1989 were heading into a welcoming job market. According to the 1989 Echo, the job market was better then "since the late 1960s for those with bachelor degrees." Some seniors, however, refused to capitulate to the fertile market. According to one senior, "I'm going to get a job that doesn't require much thinking. I've been thinking for four years and I want to take a break for a while." Another student was concerned for her fellow classmates. She said "most students at Colby are used to living a certain very comfortable lifestyle. When they graduate from this cozy little world of Colby... they're going to have to do it on their own." Another student also lamented the loss of life at Colby. He had gotten used to sleeping until all hours of the day, drinking on a regular basis with his buddies and playing basketball.

Though we have no ski slope at Colby today, the 1964 Echo reported that the Colby hill underwent massive improvements from its construction the year before. Due to poor snow conditions, "student use of facilities did not live up to the investment expectations of the college." Colby was not discouraged, however, and installed "the most up-to-date lift, lodge, and slope maintenance equipment available." A 32 meter ski jump was also added. The lodge was insulated and safety measures were installed. Seasonal rates for an individual student, faculty or staff was \$5.00 and daily rates were \$1.00 on weekdays and \$1.50 on weekends.

Women's sports were suffering at Colby in 1979. Two female athletes said that while "there have been many efforts to promote women's athletics, there are still some questions." The women brought up the question of certified trainers. While trainers were present at men's games, they were rarely present at women's games. In response, the athletic department said that trainers were present at the most injury-prone sports events, namely men and women's hockey and football. There were also questions about locker room facilities, for which the Director of Athletics agreed that there were numerous problems.

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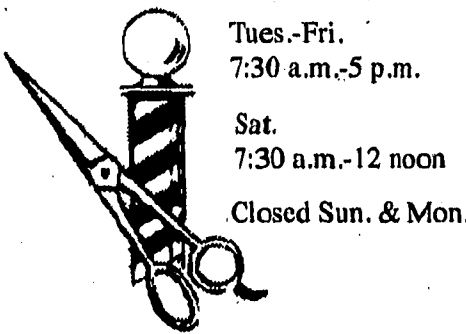
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



"Rushmore"

★★★ out of five

Bill Murray, Jason Schwartzman, Olivia Williams
Directed by Wes Anderson

It's difficult to watch a movie that you feel you should be laughing at, or with, and find yourself bored or giggling from guilt. "Rushmore" has been hyped as the year's finest film from indie rags to giant papers (including the New York Post and the Village Voice) so I expected a classic: a funny, engaging, moving coming-of-age film that I would see repeatedly with refreshing nostalgia. Think "Harold & Maude." Think "The Graduate." No doubt director Wes Anderson kept both of these films in mind, and even offered a gracious, though obvious nod to both. "The Graduate" was recalled when Bill Murray, who tenderly plays a self-hating millionaire, swims underwater, like Dustin Hoffman, as if floating in embryonic fluid. The soundtrack, while mostly modern British rock, features a Cat Stevens song (the entire soundtrack of "Harold & Maude" features Cat Stevens) while Max, the main character, silently becomes aware of his inability to eternally love the woman of his dreams, much like Harold's plight. However, while "Rushmore" is dependant on earlier squeaky-voiced-boy-angst films, it confidently presents its own story to tell. Unfortunately, it's not that great of a story.

Max Fischer is possibly the most academically-challenged student at the prestigious Rushmore Academy, a private primary school of oxford-blue shirt and chino clones. Max, however, stands out, and not only for his awful, failing grades. Decked out with pride in a school blazer, tie, and red beret, Max is the president or founder of practically every extra-curricular group at Rushmore: the beekeepers, astronomy club, fencing team, French club, and most importantly, the Max Fischer Players. Max was given a scholarship to Rushmore when he wrote a play in second grade.

Max's character is believable but ultimately boring

Jason Schwartzman stars as Max Fischer, a student at Rushmore Academy, one of the finest prep schools in the country.

Since then, he has written many more, concerning police corruption and gang-bangers, and he puts them on, in ridiculous, hilarious style, with the help of his actors and a Little Prince of a sidekick (who he apparently adopted as a best friend in order to get a handjob from the boy's voluptuous mother). Max falls in love with a young teacher, but has to fight for her love against an older man, Murray's steel tycoon. The battles that ensue (and in many cruel and twisted forms they really are battles) are funny and disturbing, but ultimately boring. We know from the beginning that the

lovely Miss Cross will never fall for Max, and his attempts to win her heart eventually become over-stretched and stupid. We realize, just as the school president had earlier in the film, that Max is an immature brat who's not the brightest on the block.

He is, however, magnificently portrayed by newcomer Jason Schwartzman. Bill Murray, never one to act his age, gets to triumph in a quirky, reluctant boyish role. Olivia Williams, who plays Miss Cross, starts out strong but eventually slips into a caricature of Elizabeth Hurley in Austin Powers: flat delivery, three facial expressions and an unexplainable attraction for ugly weirdos. The acting isn't the problem. Neither is the camera-style which joyfully plays with slow-motion, sweeping

pans and purple-curtained interludes. The problem is the obsession: like Max's stalking of Miss Cross, Wes Anderson seems to be unrelentingly fixated on the exterior complexity of Max's character, but he never really shows much of Max's moral mechanics. Sure, Max goes through a hell of a lot, but nothing ever really changes. Max's gigantic aspirations only get larger, and his willingness to destroy everything in his way remains. Max's character is believable but ultimately boring, even despicable, and like the humor of the movie, only compelling for its strangeness. Too bad. "Rushmore" is at Railroad Square until April 15. □

Rosecrans Baldwin is an Echo film critic.



Photo courtesy of Buena Vista Pictures

"Mod Squad"

★★★ out of 5

Claire Danes, Giovanni Ribisi, Omar Epps

This flick about three flip-pant and fresh juvenile delinquents is a modern version of the late 60's and early 70's TV show, and it is almost as dope. The plot: three hoodlums are recruited by the police to infiltrate crime sights such as clubs which are unsuitable for dorky and unhip cops. While engaged in this activity, the three youngsters find that 1) operations at the police station are suspicious, 2) life is a lot cooler when fresh 70's tunes are playing while you're running around L.A. and 3) acting bored and

moody is sometimes more fun than catching bad guys.

This movie may not be Oscar material, but let's talk about its best trait: its devotion to and obsession with all things 70's. The costumes were nothing less than fresh. If you thought Snoop's car was cool, forget it. This movie has a pimp car to end all pimp cars. And the decor... wow. The apartments of the three Mod Squad members had more fake wood and shag carpet than your parents' first house. Even the refrigerators were retro. The soundtrack was also excellent, with a good mix of modern teen rage and moody funk.

The real "Mod Squad" was on the air for so long in part because it had captivating plots. Unfortunately, the plot of this modern ode has none of the original flavor. The acting was

also pretty weak, and some of the dialogue was trite. But it is still fun to watch Danes, Ribisi and Epps do their thing. Ribisi is especially funny in his role as the Squad's screwup.

Since this movie caters to a teen audience, it will probably do well in the box office. At its best, the movie captures the rebelliousness and savvy of the original squad. At its worst, it resembles a Fiona Apple video. Is "Mod Squad" worth seeing? Yes, if you ignore the plot and some of the lousy acting. The movie is one of many of the past five years fascinated with the 70's aesthetic. It quite obviously had fun with it, and you most likely will too. □

Braxton Williams is an Echo film critic.



Photo courtesy of MGM Pictures

Colbyettes give seniors a chance to shine



The Colbyettes sang their hearts out in the Pugh Center on Thursday.
Echo photo by Jenny O'Donnell

BY OLIVER GRISWOLD
A & E Editor

The Colbyettes gave a semi-spontaneous concert in the Pugh Center the evening of April 1. The crowd was sizable for a show held on short notice and minimal publicity, but judging from the head-nodding and toe-tapping, the assembled a cappella aficionados had much to appreciate.

Most of the performance concentrated on established audience favorites. The purpose of the gig was a retirement of those songs by the seniors who sang them.

Emily Dowd '99, accompanied by Meredith Renda '02, opened the show with The Sundays "Summertime," a musical forecast of romance and warm weather ahead. Nicole Fallat '99 then led a fierce

and funny, "Untouchable Face," during which she spat the chorus, good-naturedly of course, at an over-eager audience member. Melissa Trachtenberg '99 followed a rich, sad "Fast Car," and Drea Doucette '99 carried a rousing "Say A Little Prayer." Laurel Coppock '99 cruised into Sinead Lohan's "Whatever It Takes," a new number by a rising Irish diva, and Chrissy Barnett '99 capped the evening nicely with "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," complete with Beastie Girls interruption (Coppock and Trachtenberg poking hilarious holes in the anti-feminist "Girls").

The 'Ettes eschewed their usual formal dress for the evening, instead going random and casual, setting an informal mood. The audience relaxed accordingly, ignoring the futile blues chords filtering down the hall from the Page Commons Room. The 'Ettes, and their fans, were all smiles and energy.□

In the Near Future...

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Contact: Alli de Groot; email, akdegroo@colby.edu

Saturday, March 10:
Music at Colby Concert Series:
Colby Wind Ensemble 8 p.m., Lorimer Chapel. Tchaikovsky's "Fourth Symphony" and Mozart's beautiful "Third Horn Concerto," featuring local high school sensation Caitlin Ramsey. Also in the program are Nelhybel's "Antiphonale," John William's "The Dance of the Witches" from "The Witches of Eastwick" and the inspirational "Olympic Fanfare and Theme." A Sousa march and original compositions by director Eric Thomas also will be featured. Contact: Barbara Russo;

phone, x3236

Sunday, March 11
Senior Recital
8 p.m., Lorimer Chapel. Christina Barrett, '99, soprano and Dylan Commeret, '99, bass

Wednesday, March 14
Colby Film Society
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Contact Paul Lee x 4275

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Martin Sexton
Stonecoast Brewery, Portland, ME

Friday April 16
Ben Folds Five
Bowdoin College

DISCUSSIONS

The American

★★★★★

Martin Sexton

If you have been fortunate enough to hear Martin Sexton in any capacity - live (even here at Colby), in the car, down the hall, from a radio transmitting through the braces of the geeky kid next door - then you don't have to read this review of his latest CD. You are one of the lucky ones. Just go buy the damn thing. You already know.

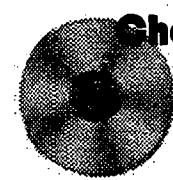
The rest of you, listen up here! Martin Sexton is the angelic god of folk. And soul, too. Oh, and rock. His voice is as beautiful as they come, dipping and diving from bass to falsetto like a hungry kingfisher looking for trout. His vocal tones metamorphose from rough to rich, pained to soothed (and soothing) in a span of three strums of his acoustic guitar. He can also yodel, sing gospel and imitate a heavy metal guitar solo. If Ellis Paul is the storyteller, Sexton is like the musical equivalent to a virtuoso farmer. He can do anything in his field.

"The American," Sexton's third album, is a continuation on the road tripping theme that he explored in his last effort, "Black Sheep," but with a few more complex sub-



jects thrown in for good measure. "Maria" describes a search for Catholic redemption, while "Beast in Me" and "Where It Begins" tackle sexual situations. "Beast," the remake of his own "Glory Bound," and the title track are each demonstrations of pure genius. But the most incredible song on the album, though not the most fulfilling, is the final track, "The Way I Am." It is a simple shanty that exhibits Sexton's perfect falsetto pitch as well as his fantastic range.

If you put Aretha Franklin, Johnny Cash, Axl Rose and Enya into one of those cake frosting bags, then squeezed, you might get something akin to Martin Sexton. There is no excuse for not picking this one up.□



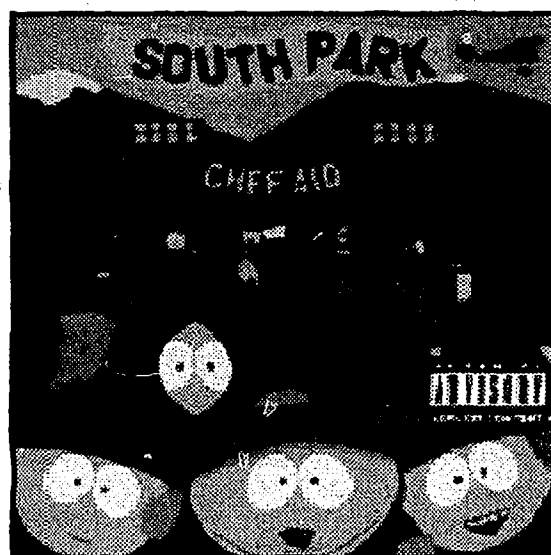
Chef Aid: The South Park Album

★★★★★

Various Artists

Let me begin by saying that this album includes quite a few dangerously hummable tunes. I say "dangerously" because you're bound to draw some unwanted attention in the dining hall as you hum to yourself "C'mon everybody have you seen my balls they're big and salty and brown." That's from the hit single "Chocolate Salty Balls (P.S. I Love You)" by Chef, AKA Isaac Hayes. "Simultaneous" is just as catchy, and even more than usual I've caught myself muttering "Oh baby you, and me, and her, simultaneous lovin' baby." And while the rest of the album is filled out with the likes of Elton John, Wyclef Jean, Primus, Puffy, Mase, Lil' Kim and Master P, it is Chef who steals the show.

If this album could be classified as belonging to any one genre, it would have to be "love-makin' music." And love-makin' is what Chef is all about. After "Simultaneous," we have "Hot Lava," "Horny," "Love Gravy," "Feel Like Makin' Love," and "Tonight Is Right For Love." Believe me, nothing



will get you ready to get your groove on quite like listening to Chef sing about love gravy.

Unfortunately, the songs on this album not performed by Chef tend to suck ass, dude. Not that I'm a big Elton John fan anyway, but "Wake Up Wendy" is just never going to do as well as "Candle In The Wind." And I thought that "Come Sail Away," by Cartman, was funny the first time I heard it and unbearably annoying every subsequent time.

Nevertheless, the album is good enough overall that you should buy it. If nothing else, you'll get Chef's Chocolate Salty Balls whenever you want 'em. □

Ezra Dyer is the Echo's Opinions Editor.

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EDITORIALS

Signs, signs, everywhere there are signs

Blocking up the scenery, breaking our minds. Sound familiar? Last week, the Colby campus looked much like a bulletin board. Looking around Colby during election week, one could conclude that SGA elections are really about who can plaster the campus with the most signs. True, this does happen every year, but does it have to? The candidates have limits on their campaign budgets, how about limiting the number of signs? The signs can be clever and even helpful to the voter when the candidate's platform is included. Environmental concerns and visual pollution aside, the posters are often obstructive, counterproductive, and even disturbing. The signs that cover the window panes of the dorm doors prevent students from seeing into or out of the dorms. These posters are not even good advertising, as there are too many different messages to take in at once. And although many of the signs' photo graphics are inventive, the large color photos are downright disturbing. Some of the flyers include website addresses, but this does not seem to have affected the amount of signs. Perhaps the candidates could be given the ability to send mass emails to the student body in exchange for decreasing the number of signs. Plus, the students would have the choice whether to read the candidates' messages or ignore them. As for the 1999 campaign, please, candidates, do your constituents a favor: take down your signs today.

Spring brings flowers, cops

Some Colby students would claim that the Waterville Police Department is joining the crocuses in blooming on the Colby campus. While given recent incidents in the Grossman and AMS residence halls, one may believe the Fire Department to be a more appropriate choice. Be that as it may, the police presence is justified.

Colby Security Department officers stopped a car driven by an allegedly intoxicated individual on campus April 1. Instead of notifying the police, the officers handled the incident internally. Now the Waterville Police Department is looking into the matter. If the college is not going to help ensure the safety of the Colby Community, the public servants of the local police departments have a legitimate reason to pick up the slack.

Not all of the so-called "heightened enforcement" is related to this single incident. With the warm weather come the feelings of invincibility, so prevalent amongst our age group, that give rise to poor decision-making. There is indeed a reason automobile insurance companies charge us such high premiums.

Unfortunately, our poor decision-making does not end when we exit our automobiles. Warm weather brings people outdoors. Colby students need to take responsibility for ourselves as we venture outside. Leave the beer inside, or be prepared to pay the fine and do the community service. If you are underage, please abide by Maine State Law. Whether in Waterville, Washington or West Africa, you are responsible for your own actions. Being enrolled at Colby makes you a representative of your fellow students in your dealings with people off Mayflower Hill. Please act in a manner that exudes maturity and responsibility, no matter where you are.

As we encourage students to do our part, we urge the administration and local authorities discuss Colby Security's own enforcement procedures. The best way to create confidence and respect is if all the organizations who help keep us safe engage in open communication and ongoing cooperation. If the police chief has doubts about Colby's enforcement procedures, or vice versa, small mistakes could easily provoke unwarranted responses.

The fact that most squabbles are over speeding tickets and open container fines shows that both the Waterville Police Department and Colby's Security Department are on the right track. We are confident that with a little advance planning, all parties, including students, will be able to achieve their basic objectives.

LETTERS

Greetings from the Emerald Isle

Today I had an enlightening experience here at University College in Ireland which I would like to share with the Colby Community. My reasons for studying abroad were typical of most Colby students - to broaden my horizons and understand how other cultures operate. Today, these two reasons were put to the test and I almost failed. I hope the Colby Community will learn from the mistake I almost made.

Ecology class today featured a lecturer from Oxford who studied insects. "Wonderful" thought I, "an hour long lecture on the mating processes of ants or some other such topic." A jolly man with a scrappy beard jovially bounced into the room, setting up a frying pan, a hot plate stove, and a rack of seasonings and sauces on the lecturing table. My Irish comrades and I eyed each other suspiciously, wondering what this man was doing.

Oddly, he rapidly proceeded to describe the mass failure of the potato crop in Ireland from 1845-1850 which resulted in the deaths of over one million people. As I listened transfixed to his description of the Great Potato Famine, I wondered what this had to do with our class. He then concluded his animated speech by sadly proclaiming that the Famine was preventable.

Now I was truly intrigued by what this gray haired bundle of energy had to say. "Social norms and mores often kill people as was the case in Ireland." Then, he ran to the light switch and flashed a transparency on the screen with the nutritional value of various types of insects and the value of the potato.

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The class was in awe. He then flipped the lights back on and turned on the small hot plate stove. With an expert flick of the wrist, he poured peanut oil and then light soy sauce into the frying pan and threw in some vegetables. "As you can see from the transparency, the deaths of over one million people could have been prevented if they had just made use of the insects available to them."

He then put many different types of insects into the pan, including crickets. Then, he showed us various articles featuring himself and colleagues eating insects and devel-

oping recipes for them. Soon, a delicious smell filled the air and he offered members of the class to try the fried insects. "Good Lord," I thought, "this man is mad."

I became really pissed off at myself at that point. Here I was, studying in Europe to broaden my horizons and all of that and I was snubbing my nose at eating insects (honey, as we learned later, is bee vomit). Not only that, I was following the same stupid social norms that indirectly resulted in the deaths of over one million people. So, I marched up to the professor, waited in line, and tried a cricket. I closed my eyes and popped the sucker into my mouth.

It was delicious. I could not believe it. It was delicious. Not even just good - delicious. The line grew bigger and I went back for seconds and thirds and then fourths. I ate beetles, crickets and other insects. As I later discovered, crickets are eaten in some parts of Asia, and can be purchased here in Ireland. This weekend, I am having fried crickets and vegetables in light soy sauce.

Please, members of the Colby Community, learn from the mistake I almost made.

Peace out from the island of saints and scholars.

Michael Kevin Farrell '00

Colby's icy walks don't even compare with Russia's

Greetings from Colby in St. Petersburg! All four of us would like to thank you for sending copies of the Echo, no matter how long it might take them to reach us. At a time when we are constantly bombarded by Russian with such radio stations as EuropaPlus, the Echo is greedily read from cover to cover. Of the few issues we have received, the most recent Feb. 18 issue contained an article near and dear to our hearts. This article discussed the yearly phenomenon of icy sidewalks on campus and included an off-hand reference to studying abroad in northeastern Russia.

While not actually in the northeast, the extreme northwest has presented its own set of weather obstacles. Since arriving over a month ago, there have been a range of tem-

peratures starting with a warm 2C going down to -30C. We celebrate every time the sun makes an appearance, but at the same time we all know the melted snow will quickly turn to ice. With the onset of the economic crisis, many streets and sidewalks have remained unshoveled for lack of funds, leaving them far more treacherous than anything ever seen at Colby. There have been times when the endless expanses of ice resemble Johnson Pond more than a sidewalk and one is left wondering whether it might be safer to walk in the middle of the street with the cars, buses, trams, and trolley buses which always seem to aim at pedestrians and not away.

The ease with which the Russians speed across this frozen landscape is still a secret we have yet to

learn as we desperately flail about grabbing onto whatever and whoever is within reaching distance. Currently, half of our group has already sprawled both their belongings and self-respect across the ice in the middle of this bustling city of 5 million. But with two-and-a-half months of winter left, we have faith that the rest of our group will soon be humbled.

So the next time you curse PPD for plowing outside your window at 7a.m. just be thankful Colby has the money to pay for the salt, sand and labor involved in clearing all those sidewalks: it is more of a luxury than you think!

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Marchese Blue Light Pub shouldn't be the only social opportunity on campus

After reading the March 18 Echo opinions piece, "Pub, We Love You," I was filled with both delight and disappointment in my alma mater on Mayflower Hill.

I am very pleased and proud to know that the Marchese Blue Light Pub has become a popular spot on campus. I enjoyed being a regular customer last spring, and have further enjoyed hearing from many at Colby that the pub continues to be an important place for friends to congregate. I cannot tell you how important those memories become after one graduates.

As head of the committee that brought the pub to fruition, I now look back on this accomplishment

with an incredible sense of pride in what the student body is capable of accomplishing at Colby College. On

Hopefully new efforts to build community were initiated this year.

the Pub Committee, student leaders, students-at-large, faculty and administration were able to come

together and further a simple idea that previous campus leaders had ridiculed and rejected. This challenge was made easier by an interested student body and strong student leadership.

However, I am discouraged by the fact that the Echo feels that the Pub may be the "savior of the future of the Colby campus social scene." This place should be just the beginning of a reinvigoration of Colby's social life; on the anniversary of its one year in existence, the pub should not be all that students can look forward to at night! Shannon Baker and I pursued this idea. See PUB, continued on page 10

LETTERS

Echo should give editorial bylines

I have read the Echo every week since I have come to Colby. However, I did not notice until this semester that the editorials are never signed. Now that I have become aware of this, I am both shocked and angered.

First of all, it is expected that anyone submitting a letter to the editor will provide their name, phone number and address. One's name is added to the bottom of their letter when the letter is printed in the paper. No opinion is expressed in the Echo without providing a way to identify the author. What are editorials if not opinions expressed by the paper's staff? The editorials

should be signed.

I may not have become so insistent if the editorials had not been rather negative in the last few weeks. I'm speaking specifically about the editorial pertaining to the Presidents' Council and the dorm presidents who left before the meeting had ended. The opinion expressed in that editorial definitely raised some eyebrows and, I think, was not justified. The fact that the name of the author was not provided makes the editorial even less legitimate. The Echo is shamefully promoting a double standard which rightfully forces students to face the music when they write controversial letters to the editor but

which allows the paper's staff to write anything they can get published without any sense of responsibility to this community.

I encourage the Echo to re-evaluate its policy on editorials and signatures. It is important to uphold journalistic integrity at a time when so few even consider the notion. Thank you.

Jarrod Dumas '01

Editor's note: Like most newspapers in the United States, the Echo does not sign its editorials. As written in our staff box on page 8, "The Editorials, above, are the official opinion of the paper," and are not individual editor's opinions.

Presidential candidates speak out

As we write this article we still do not know the outcome of the election, but as you read this, you know the winner. We are writing to thank the Colby College students for putting up with the barrage of signs, the life-size pictures of my face (they even sometimes scared me), and for listening to our ideas when we came to your door.

Most importantly, however, I

want you to know that regardless of if we won or not, we will continue to fight for you over the upcoming year. We will try to see that our platform is fulfilled, and we will continue the process of constitutional change. As regular students, not candidates, we truly believe that constitutional change will get substance and substance-free social life back on track. If anyone would like to express their

ideas to us please email us at jpwerlin or wnewber. Whether or not we have been elected President and Vice President, we will continue to work for you throughout the following year because we truly believe that we can, and will, make Colby a better place.

Sincerely,
Jason Werlin
Skip Newberry

OPINIONS

When in Nassau, do as the Bahamians do

BY EZRA DYER
Opinions Editor

I've considered the issue thoroughly, and I have come to the conclusion that I should have run for the Student Government Association President last year. Unfortunately, I just now thought of the killer issue that I could ride all the way to the presidency. But since I'm a generous guy, I'm going to share this idea with everyone, in the hopes that someone will decide to fight the good fight for me next year. My pet project, which I think will enjoy

widespread support from the student body, involves off-campus study opportunities. Currently Colby endorses programs all over the world, but there is one major area rich in cultural diversity that is sadly neglected by The College. That's right, I'm talking about the Bahamas. If we truly want to establish ourselves as a Mecca of cultural and intellectual opportunity, next year would mark the beginning of the new Colby In Nassau program.

I recently spent a week in Nassau immersing myself in diverse native customs and dialects and rum punch. But the truth is, one week is

really not enough time to fully understand the Bahamian culture, thus the need for Colby In Nassau.

Actually, Colby was fairly well represented in Nassau already. Many of us got to bond at the Rêverie, Mass., Howard Johnson's while our airline (the reputable Falcon Air) explained to us that the plane was having mechanical difficulties and the pilot needed to sleep and they were all stuck in Cancun because the airport ran out of jet fuel. We were offered all of these explanations, but personally I liked to imagine the chaos down in See NASSAU, cont'd on page 10

Disaffection in the ranks

BY PATRICK SWILLINGER
Staff Writer

Colby's upcoming elections inspire about as much pride in me as one-ply toilet paper. Now two-ply toilet paper makes me very happy indeed to be alive, and I wish that the SGA elections had the same effect. (I would now like to throw a pitch for Chris Castle and Ben Colice for Reps '02, whose platform includes two-ply toilet paper. Good luck, boys.)

I began to see flyers up for these elections right after spring break. And since then, an ever-

increasing number of colored pieces of paper hide the walls of my dining hall and of my dorm. Even fake ones adorn Dana's lobby, a testament to the

seriousness these elections hold for the students. I have never been one to ignore campaigns, but these flyers are not the best way to encourage students to vote. Indeed, on the basis of these flyers alone, I was not even going to make that proverbial trip to the polls this Wednesday.

So I asked a potential class representative whether there would be speeches or other means of judging the various candidates, and she sadly told me that only the prospective President and Vice President will give speeches. As a freshman, this made me rather disconcerted. I would like to hear my wannabe representatives tell me what they are going to do. The way politicians win elections is telling the people what they want to hear; well, I am telling you what I want to hear. A little class meeting for at least the freshman (to inspire belief in

the system) would go very far in making me and my compatriots want to log onto the homepage on Wednesday and cast an e-vote.

As a result of the system, I don't think I'm going to vote for SGA president. I have never been a fan of uneducated voting; that is, casting my ballot for candidates I know nothing about in an election that doesn't seem to affect me. Who knows, maybe next year I will learn my lesson and vote because the people who were elected were awful. But you won't see me complaining about them. People should never abstain from voting and then complain about the results.

I recognize the value of the SGA. Without them, I think dances and other planned social events would be neglected. But the general feeling is that the SGA

doesn't really affect us. One other freshman said that she would probably miss it if it were gone, but that the SGA hasn't done anything real this year. It could have been an "off year," but what proof have I that it won't be the same next year? None. And those flyers don't instill much faith in student government.

I think that the web pages (which only a few of the candidates used) should be encouraged by the school. These pages are sites that are always ready to answer questions whenever a student sits down at a computer. The school should encourage candidates to use this Colby resource to advantage next Wednesday.

I will keep the hope up that next year, the government will truly make itself known to this student. I can't tell if it will, but there is always hope. As long as they get me some two-ply toilet paper. □

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Students on the Street: What would a SGA candidate have to do to get your vote?



"Coed naked chocolate pudding wrestling"

- Jon Zareki '99



"Take me out on a date."

- Sarah Dressler '02



"Say something nice about North Dakota."

- Alyssa Severn '02



"I like naked women."

- Steve Mosca '99

Columnist Will needs a breath of fresh air

BY BRAXTON WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

In every country's history, there have been very stupid people who somehow managed to have a say in the goings-on of their country's government. Take Dan Quayle, for example. Very smart in many ways, yes. But very stupid. The fact that he's running for President places him at the very top of my Dumb-O-Meter. There have also been very stupid people who have managed to find a public forum for the expression of their ideas. At the forefront of this group, which also includes Rush Limbaugh and Marilyn Manson, is Newsweek columnist George Will, an arguably smart guy who often comes across as an idiot because he is an idiot.

In the February 15 issue of Newsweek, Will attacks Al Gore's proposal of "smart growth" to cure the rapid suburbanization of America. Basically, Gore wants to use 10 million dollars to convince communities to initiate higher-density housing instead of sprawling suburban land-eating conformity in an effort to preserve "green space." Since Will is a Republican, his response is predictable: "Gore's environmentalism seems to make everything government's business." Yeah, totally, George. Liberals don't actually care about the preservation of America's natural resources, they're only out to set up a fascist regime under which all Republicans will perish and have to pay taxes.

What Iron Will overlooks in his politicized diatribe is that he is wrong. All issues of conformity aside, suburban development at the end of the millennium has become mindlessly rabid. What started as the American Dream in the 50's has become the need to subdivide open space and wilderness areas

for the simple reason that, eventually, people will be searching for houses.

Good Will Hunting dismisses Gore's worries about "unsustainable" growth, asking, "Does [Gore] worry that unsustainable growth will be sustained? Is a suburb without a family farm unlivable?" Wait a minute - what? And to think the Republicans complained about President Clinton's use of semantics to weasel his way out of damaging testimony during the impeachment hearings! Can you tell us, Mr. Will, what the exact

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meaning of "is" is?

The bottom line is that the issue of suburban sprawl is a clear cut one, no pun intended. If George Willie Mays Hayes wants to get into semantics, it just takes away what little substance might have otherwise existed in his argument. How can one justify the merciless expansion of suburbia at the expense of our nation's wilderness? If Will was president, we'd be entering a millennium in which Route 6 across southern Nevada looked like the New Jersey Turnpike.

I recently heard the age-old complaint that Waterville "has nothing to offer." This made me want to bang my head against my desk really hard. I don't know about anybody else, but when I moved onto Mayflower Hill for the first time I wasn't asking directions to the Prada store. We should be thankful that

towns in Maine don't look like Pleasantville and instead have an actual local character, that we can get on I-95 and almost immediately find ourselves surrounded by farmland and wilderness. Besides, Waterville has a Dunkin' Donuts, and what else is there, really?

If George Will was sitting in front of me I'd flick his ear and then steal his lunch money. Sometimes I wonder why People Like Him associate protection of the environment with all-out communism. His disregard for the environment probably stems from Anglo Saxon notions of Pagans as philistine perverters of Christianity. Perhaps Will is continuing his predecessors' crusade against such "non-believers" as Native Americans.

I would love to take Will on COOT. It might reinforce his hate for all things green (and reinstalled his love for all things Brooks Brothers), but maybe he would enjoy the summer sausage and the Wazi-Tac. Actually he'd probably just cry a lot and pee in his sleeping bag at night. But either way, at least he will have had a healthy dose of one of America's great wilderness areas, and this I don't think one could say for many of his conservative cohorts in Washington. Bill Clinton may be known to get his extramarital freak on a little too often, but at least he has a Vice President who is willing to take what seems like the unpopular stance on Capitol Hill: using the power of the federal government to help protect our nation's natural resources. Gore may be boring as hell, but at least he isn't boring and stupid. I wish I could say the same for Will, who not only needs to get a big can of Whoopass opened on his head, but who also needs to stop taking classes at Dumb Ideas College and instead enroll as a student at Colby, a place I am proud to say knows a thing or two about the outdoors. □

LETTERS

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because we saw it as the major "social" project for our administration with the hope that future leaders would continue to find innovative ways to change Colby's atmosphere. Hopefully new efforts to build community were initiated this year. If not, a tremendous opportunity has been lost.

I'd like to urge the winners of this year's SGA elections to look at new ways to work together to promote a new sense of spirit on Mayflower Hill. You will have the power and resources to make some serious change and the rest of the student body should hold you responsible to take action. If the Executive Board, Presidents' Council and SPB work together, I know that things can be improved. In the meantime, do use the pub as a sanctuary of sorts, but do not see it as the end all and be all for Colby students' social success.

Jill Marshall '98
SGA Vice President 97-'98

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NASSAU, cont'd from page 9

Cancun when the airport ran out of gas. Ha! That must have been crazy. We spent our time at HoJo's watching spring break on MTV, which made us cry bitterly.

When we finally did reach our destination, we realized what we'd been missing. A band started playing as we waited in line at customs, and between customs and the baggage claim there was a free bar. This is the kind of thing that wouldn't work so well at, say, Logan. "Don't leave until you happy, mon!" the bartender told us. This pretty much set the tone for the rest of the week. There are far too many interesting things to do in Nassau than I can get into here, but let me list the high points, as recorded in my journal.

First Night: I wisely refuse to let myself be pushed onto stage for the male hot body competition, which is won by an individual who looks a lot like Arnold Schwarzenegger, before he stopped taking steroids. Later on, as we try to leave, prostitutes get in the cab with us. Then the driver asks if we want any cocaine. Party poopers that we are, we pass on both the hookers and the cocaine. (Note: after the first night, my journal becomes unclear as to which day it is).

Sometime After Night One: I

get my first real run-in with Bahamian social mores early one morning at a Dunkin Donuts. Although I could have procured hookers and cocaine within minutes, there was positively absolutely no way I was going to get a bagel sandwich. Although they did have bagels, and they did have ham-and-egg sandwiches, they did not have ham-and-egg sandwiches on bagels, no matter how much I bribed, begged and pleaded. Eventually I was reduced to ordering a bagel-and-cream cheese, hold the cream cheese, and a ham-and-egg sandwich on a bun, hold the bun. I got these two items wrapped separately and put them together myself to create my own illegal bagel

little they know about anything. If you're ever in Nassau, a fun thing to do is to go to a tourist information center and ask which country you're in, or how to get to the ocean, and then watch the information person frown thoughtfully and tell you to go ask someone else, mon.

Another fun thing to do is to go to The Atlantis. The Atlantis is the recently-refurbished mega-resort where the stars go to play. It is also evidently where many Speedo-clad, hairy, jewelry-encrusted French men and their breast-implant-having-20-years-younger wives go to play. After a week at the beach near the Atlantis I decided that humankind has definitely not yet finished evolving, and will not

ever, it's worth enduring the Speedo-men to be able to go on the waterslides, one of which is called

Party poopers that we are, we pass on both the hookers and the cocaine.

"The Leap of Faith" and plummets you through a shark pool in a Plexiglas tube. By the time you get to the bottom you are far less worried about sharks than the fact that you are now wearing your bathing suit around your head.

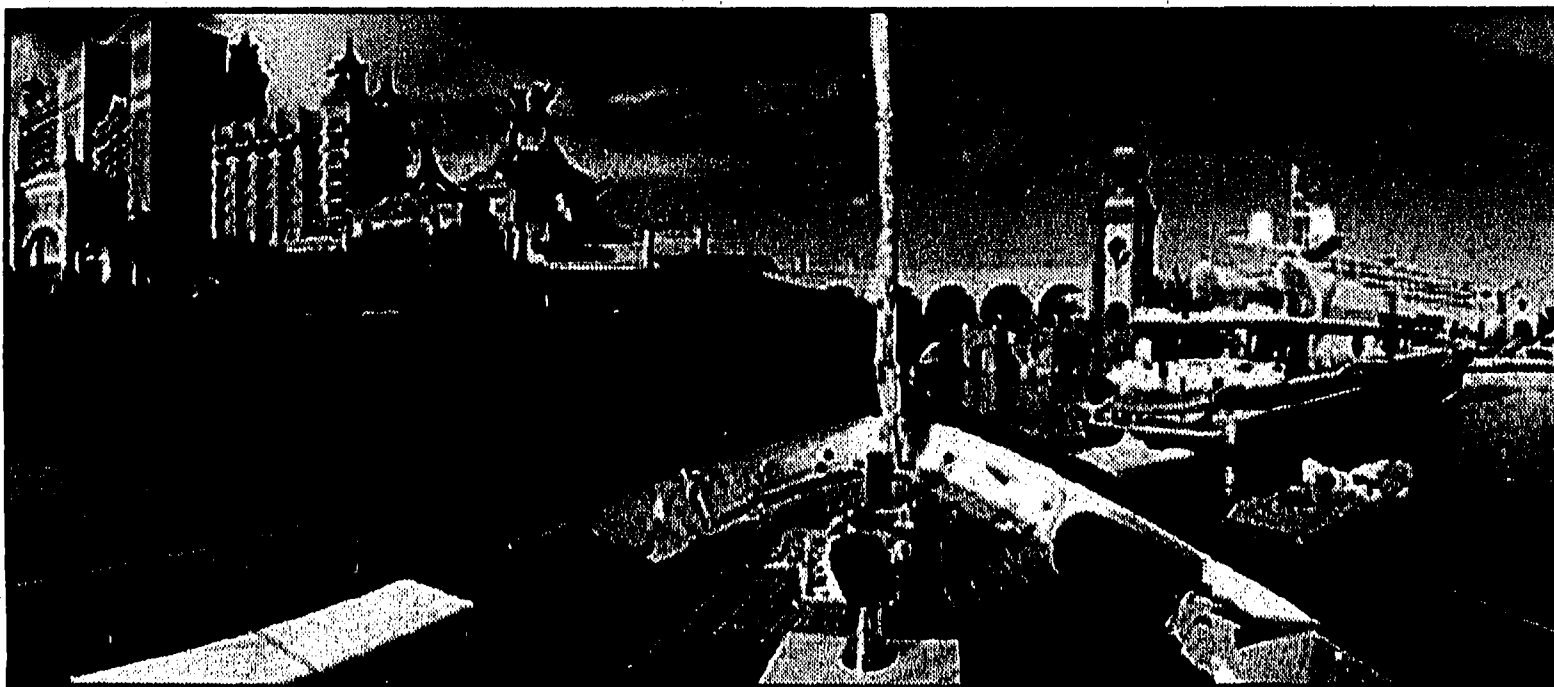
At night you should definitely head back to the Atlantis to gamble away whatever money you haven't spent on hookers and cocaine. The Atlantis casino is an evil place with no clocks or windows and cash machines around every corner. The casino invariably made me bitter because I always

fail miserably at games of chance. I can't even win the cheesy consolation prizes at fairs, so I shouldn't be surprised that I didn't break the bank at the Atlantis. I resigned myself to playing the 25-cent slot machines and trying to get the complimentary-

drink lady to come my way. This was a tough strategy, as I think the complimentary-drink lady has instructions to ignore the dregs of society on the quarter-slots for hours at a time. At least I got to see Michael Jordan (although I had to peel myself away from my "lucky" machine for a few minutes to do so. His Airness did not seem to share my affinity for the quarter slots.)

If you tire of the casino, there's always the parties at the local clubs. Colby students demonstrated their passion for excellence to all the world at these parties, placing well in such competitive events as the "sexual position contest," the "clothes-switching contest," and "naked Twister." No, they didn't really have naked Twister, at least not formally. But if you took a stroll down to the water you'd see that there was plenty of sex on the beach. (For those of you expecting me to make an incredibly witty comment here involving Sex On The Beach, the drink, I'm sorry. I really did see people having sex on the beach.)

Bottom line: it is high time that we push through Colby in Nassau. Every student should have the opportunity to find out what it's like to spend a semester immersed in the Bahamian culture, playing blackjack, falling out of coconut trees, sleeping on the beach, making daily trips to the Bacardi factory and subsisting entirely on Valu-Maid mac and cheese and fruity rum drinks. This is what studying abroad is all about, mon. □



Dock your boat in Nassau over Spring Break.

sandwich. This is the type of cultural encounter I had throughout the week with helpful Bahamians, many of whom appeared to have recently arrived in Nassau from Mars. Here I'm thinking particularly of the tourist information people, who seem to be hired based on how

until men stop wearing Speedos (This brings me to the best dirty-sounding word I picked up in the Bahamas, "conch." I understand that conch is actually seafood, but the word works much better in sentences like, "somebody really needs to tell that guy that his conch is showing.") How-

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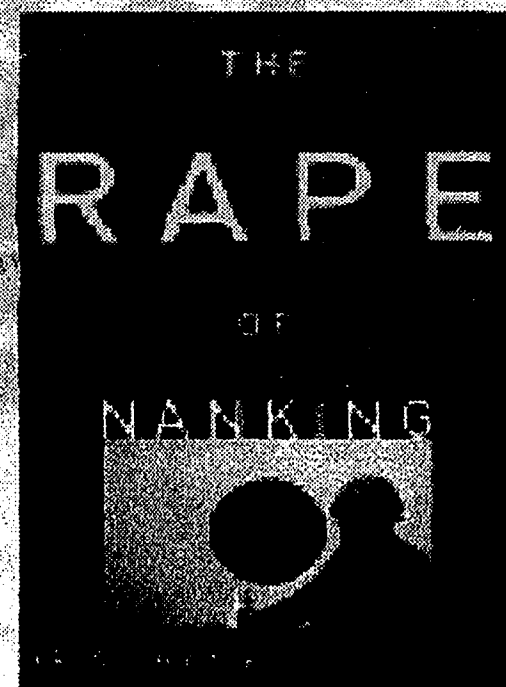
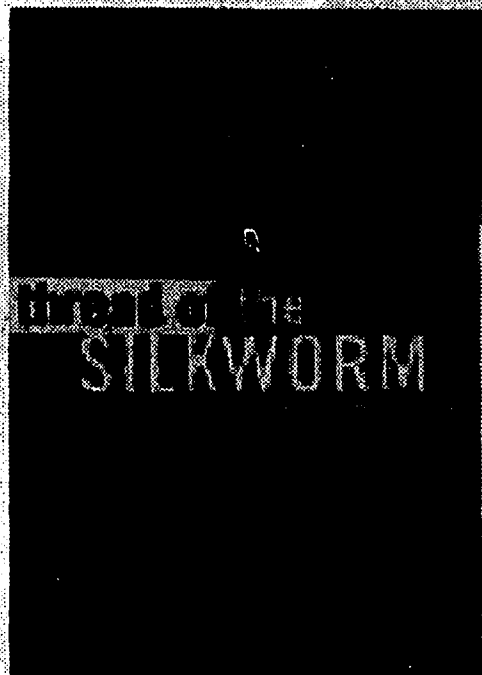
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Men's lax drops NESCAC foes

BY BECKY POLLARD
Sports Editor

The Colby men's lacrosse team was ranked 19th in the country. After last Friday's mammoth win against 15th-ranked Amherst, the Mules are sure to see their ranking catapult even higher.

In the team's first game after spring break, Colby dropped the powerhouse Lord Jeffs at the neutral site of the University of New England in Biddeford. Key in that win was senior tri-captain Matt Williams who netted four goals en route to the 13-12 victory. Midfielder Lyle Bradley '99 found the goal three times for the Mules. John Shea '02 was solid in goal, making 12 saves in the notable win.

"Amherst, I thought, was our best game to date," said senior tri-captain Matt Williams. "We just came out firing, came out playing really intense. We played a good possession game, a real smart game."

The win was fueled by a tough early season schedule. "We played arguably our most difficult and challenging schedule this early in the season," said head coach David Zazarro. "We felt it was a good barometer to playing the NESCAC portion of the schedule in April."

That early decision began with a 20-5 loss to the Middlebury Panthers, who are currently ranked fifth in the nation. Colby bounced back with an overtime victory over Williams in the Tampa Bay region of Florida. Seventeenth-ranked Williams fell to Colby 13-12.

"I felt we controlled the game for the majority of time," said Williams. "It was kind of back and forth toward the end. . . It was a huge win for us."

The Mules got three goals from Ryan Kelly, while goalie Shea stopped 16 shots.

After the key NESCAC victory, Colby headed north for a four-team tournament at the Stony Brook School in Long Island, New York. Colby fell to 12th-ranked Oneonta State 12-7.

"We jumped out on them 4-1," said Williams. "We learned a lot of lessons in that game, how to maintain a lead."

And Williams was right. The Mules took those lessons and used them to beat Alfred University 12-9 and then capture the impressive win over Amherst.

The perennially competitive league consistently sends many teams on to post-season play. Colby continued that part of its schedule on Tuesday when they faced the Bates Bobcats. They came home from Lewiston with a 12-4 victory to put their record at 4-2.

At Bates, Williams became Colby's all-time points leader when he scored three goals and dished out two assists. He now has tallied 189 career points, and leads the team this season with 13 goals and 11 assists.

"We're excited about what's already happened and anxious about the rest of the season," said Zazarro. □

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The men's tennis team won one of two contests during its trip through Connecticut on April 3-4. The White Mules overcame a tenacious Wesleyan University squad to come away with a 4-3 victory. After the Cardinals shut them down in the doubles competition, the Mules came charging back, taking four of the six singles matches. The following day, however, Colby came up short, managing only two points against the Camels of Connecticut College. The team is currently 6-3.

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Men's ice hockey captain Rob Koh '99 was named to the American Hockey Coaches Association All-America first team. That makes him the first three-time All-American in Colby athletic history. Koh was also named to the ECAC All-League First Team in 1998-99 for the

third time in his career. The defenseman led the ECAC East in conference-play scoring with nine goals and 23 points. Koh was also recently named to the Team USA roster for the North American College Hockey Championships, a two-game series between the United States and Canada on April 10-11. Koh will join Norbert College senior Rob Smillie as the only Division III athletes on the roster, which features mostly Division I stars.

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Colby's top men's alpine skier David Riss '01 competed in two events at the NCAA Championships at Sunday River in Bethel. On March 10, Riss competed in the giant slalom event but did not finish the race. Two days later Riss placed 24th out of 35 skiers in the slalom. His first course time was 49.29 sec-

onds and his second was 57.47 seconds for a combined time of 1:46.76. Riss earned 83.53 individual points for Colby, which placed 20th out of 23 teams. He was the first Colby male alpine skier to compete in Nationals since 1993.

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Jeff McCloskey '00 traveled to the University of Minnesota for the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships on March 20 and 21. The only Colby representative at the meet, McCloskey competed in three events. Although he did not advance to the finals, McCloskey placed 35th out of 48 swimmers in the 200-yard individual medley, took 18th place out of 27 competitors in the 100-yard backstroke, and finished 18th out of 33 swimmers in the 200-yard backstroke.

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Women's lax loses heartbreaker to Union with 19 seconds left

BY MATT SMITH
Staff Writer

Talent and experience in the veteran players as well as promising and skilled underclass players helped the Colby women's lacrosse team to a 2-1 spring break trip in the Virginia region.

"We have a lot of potential," said head coach Heidi Godomsky, whose team returned to Colby after the break to earn a ranking of 16 in the Division III standings.

The Lady Mules opened the season in St. Mary's City, Md., when they took on the sixth-ranked Seahawks of St. Mary's College. Colby started out hot when they went up 4-1 just seven minutes into the game.

The Seahawks came back to tie the game at eight before the half.

St. Mary's opened the second half with four unanswered goals in

the first 15 minutes and held onto the lead for a 16-12 final. Marcia Ingraham '02 and Angela Pappas '01 each had three goals. Abby Healy '99 scored two goals in the losing effort. Mary Zito '02 recorded 11 saves in her first start.

The Mules looked for redemption when they took on Lynchburg. Senior co-captain Caroline Kasparian '99 netted four goals to lead the team, while Ingraham had three and Williams scored two in the 11-5 victory.

Colby took the momentum from Lynchburg College into their next contest with Randolph Macon. Kristy Browning '99 and Alison Birdsong '99 each had a hat trick to lead the Mules to a 11-8 win. Williams added two goals of her own.

Returning to New England, the Mules traveled to Cambridge, Mass., to take on MIT and keep their winning streak healthy with a 13-4 victory. Colby was led by Ingraham, who had three goals. Healy, Nicole Furek '00 and Robin MacCall '01 each had a pair of goals.

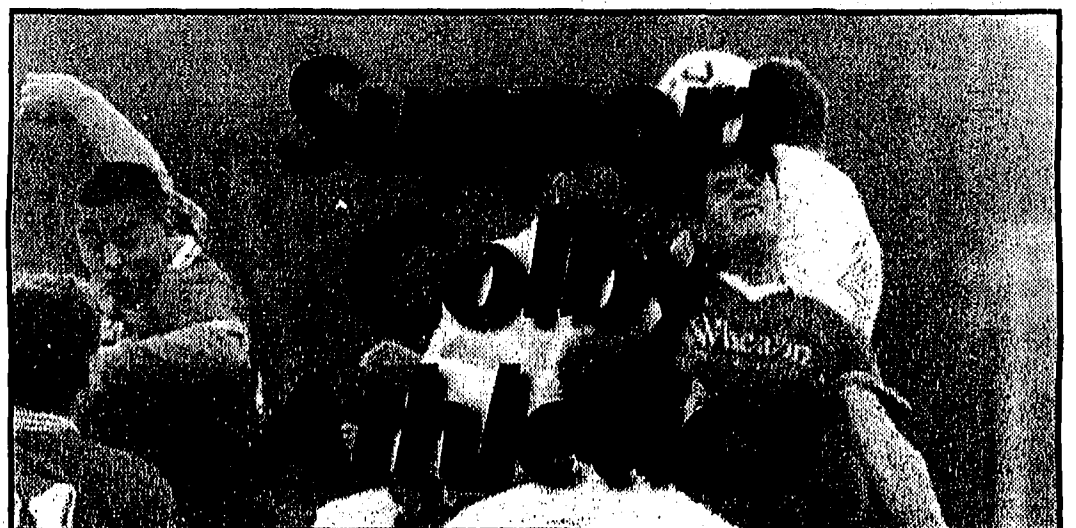
The Colby women brought their three-game winning streak to Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, Mass., where they took on the Engineers of Union College on Easter Sunday. Abby Healy scored two of her three goals in the first half, as the two teams were deadlocked 5-5 at halftime.

Williams then added two more goals as the Mules jumped out to a 10-7 lead with 10 minutes left in regulation. Union answered, tying the game when Sarah Moss slipped a shot passed Zito with 34 seconds left in the game. Abby Harris scored the final goal for the Union win with only 19 seconds remaining. Zito made eight saves in the net for Colby.

"Union came out fired up for the game," said Godomsky, "we made some tough mistakes."

"We definitely have the means to win, we just need to put things together on the field," said Kasparian.

The Lady Mules look to redeem themselves when they travel to Connecticut this weekend to take on undefeated Trinity and the Connecticut College Camels in New England Small College Athletic Conference action.



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of the season. Senior co-captain Brian DiBello pitched an impressive game to pick up his first victory of the season.

Colby captured the second win of the day with more solid play from their seniors. Nate Bradley '99 and Dave Mattatall '99 pitched to the win.

The Mules dropped to 3-2 on the season with a disappointing 24-6 loss to perennially tough Allegheny College. Despite the loss, Goldman notched two hits and three RBI.

On Friday, Keilty delivered yet another dominating performance in a 8-4 victory over Plymouth State College. The Mules fell short in the second game of the day with a narrow 8-7 loss. Keilty improved his record to 1-1 with a strong defensive display on the mound. The Mules' offensive drive was led by Paquette, who recorded a double and a homerun, as well as quality performances from Lou DiStasi '01 and Lord. Parrillo pitched almost six innings for the Mules in game two before being

relieved by Paquette. Despite strong performances from the plate by senior co-captain Greg Domareki, sophomore Andy Tripp, and Matt Simard '02, the Mules fell short of the win.

The Mules went on to end their Florida trip with a disappointing 17-4 loss to Macalester College to put their record at 6-4.

The Mules again sparked the winning fire as they crushed the University of Maine at Farmington in the season home opener on Friday by a score of 31-5. The Mules' scoring frenzy was led by Lord, Goldman and Domareki. Whitmore pitched all five innings for the Mules to pick up the win.

The Mules continued with their successful streak as they captured two victories over Babson College, last year's Eastern College Athletic Champions, on Saturday. The doubleheader was highlighted by imposing pitching from both Keilty and DiBello. Keilty struck out eight, walked none and allowed just four hits to complement offensive action

from Goldman. The Mules won 4-1.

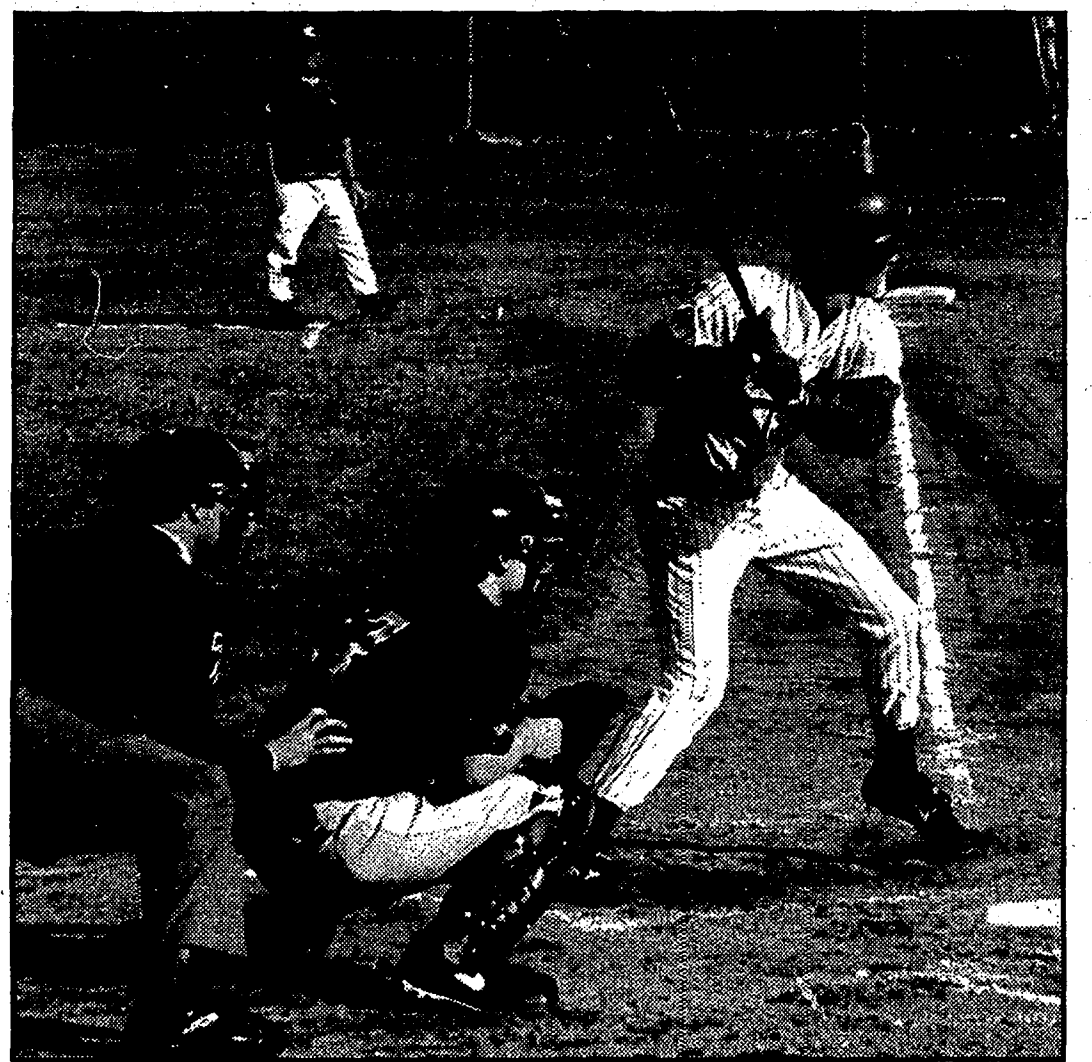
DiBello improved his record to 3-1 on the season with a notable performance on the mound in game two. He tossed a three-hitter to give the Mules a 10-1 victory over Babson. Colby offensive drive in game two was led by Lord and Simard.

Domareki conveyed his approval of the team's performance thus far.

"Our season record of 9-4 is a good spot to be at, and I feel that it is a good springboard for the rest of the year," said Domareki.

The co-captain was impressed with the Mules offensive and defensive efforts. "The pitching has been strong, as expected, and the teams hitting has been a pleasant surprise and has been a large part of our success so far," he said.

The Mules improved to 10-4 on Tuesday with a comeback win over St. Joseph's College. Colby scored seven runs in the eighth inning to beat the Monks 13-8. Brandeis travels to Waterville for a double header tomorrow at 1 p.m. □



A Colby player looks for a big hit.

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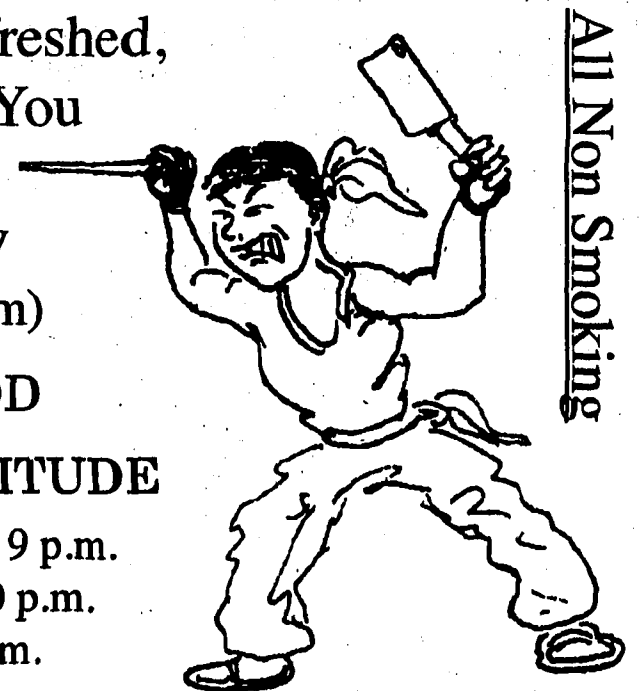
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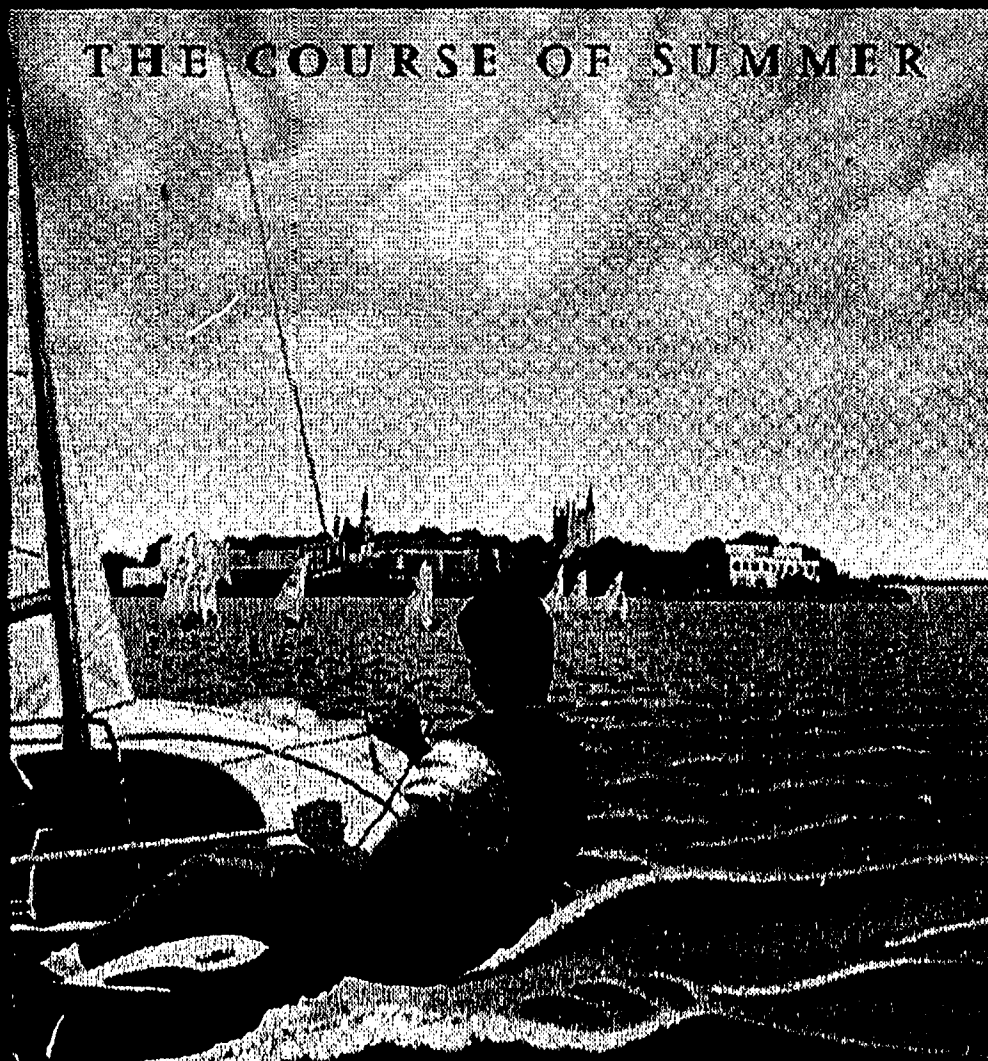
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Men's track opens season with success

BY BROOKE FRAPPIER
Staff Writer

The Colby men's track team traveled to Tufts last weekend to compete in their annual Snowflake Classic meet. This non-scoring competition allowed Colby to show their talent against 17 Division I, II and III teams.

The White Mules were formidable competitors overall. The field athletes had a notable day with two hammer throwers qualifying for nationals. Jamie Brewster '00 threw 175'8" for third place. This throw automatically qualifies him for the Division III National Meet in Ohio at the end of the season, although he had already earned the right to compete in the meet with a throw at the team's spring break meet at the

University of California at San Diego. Brewster is already a two-time national champion in the event.

Jonathan Zarecki '99 qualified provisionally for nationals with a throw of 164'8", which also gave him fourth place in the meet.

Colby also had a solid showing

The White Mules were formidable competitors overall.

in the running events. Geoffrey Cole '00 placed third in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 57.90 seconds, improving dramatically from his best finish last season of 58.20 seconds. According to head coach Jim Wescott, Cole turned in an "excellent performance."

Tyrone Boucaud '00 placed second in the high hurdles with a time of 15.69 seconds. Boucaud also contributed to Colby's other second place performance of the afternoon in the 4x100 meter relay. Coming in second only to Wheaton, the team of Boucaud, Dan Martin '01, Jared Beers '01 and Emil Thomann '00 finished with a time of 43.37 seconds.

Since the entire team did not travel to San Diego, last weekend provided Wescott with the first chance to see all of the athletes competing together. He said he was "pleased with all performances."

Next week the team will travel to Brunswick to face off against host Bowdoin and MIT. The following Saturday, April 17, the White Mules will host Bates and USM in their first home meet of the season. □

Women's track races into spring season

BY STEPHANIE GREENLEAF
Staff Writer

After only two meets, the women's track and field team qualified numerous athletes for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference and the New England Division III tournaments. Since the team's first season in 1978, the Mules have claimed four New England Division III titles and four New England Small College Athletic Conference titles. And the women have high aspirations again this season.

During the Mules' spring training trip in San Diego, the team ended the week with a competitive invitational meet. Points were not scored for individual teams, although athletes were given the chance to qualify early for ECACs and New Englands.

Many Mules, including captain Karen Hoch '00, who qualified for both tournaments in four events,

took advantage of the opportunity.

"We trained really hard and Colby definitely held its own," said tri-captain Laurie Roberts '99.

According to tri-captain Faith Anderson '00, "We're a hard working group who works really well together."

Gayle Pageau '02 won the 5,000 meter open race and qualified for New Englands with a time of 19:35.49. Roberts and Nicole Poland '01 also qualified for New Englands in the 3,000 meters with respective times of 10:54.5 and 11:18.1.

Meg Rourke '99 qualified for both tournaments in the 10,000 meter race with a time of 41:41.9.

Jackie Johnson '01 finished first in the 200 meter open race and took second place in the 100 meters with times of 13.35 and 26.98. Katie McDonald '02 qualified in both the 100 and 400 meter hurdles with 17.01 and 1:08.58.

Kim McCarron '00 had a personal best with a hammer throw of 135', while Karin Felmly '01 placed

fifth in the javelin with a throw of 116'4".

Anderson and Hoch came through to qualify in multiple events. In the 100 meter hurdles Anderson had a :16.60, a score of :28.19 in the 200 meter hurdles and threw 34'1.25 in the shot-put. Hoch dominated the field events throwing 128'5" for the hammer, 116'11" for discus, 102'8" for the javelin and 36'10.25 for the shot-put.

Last Saturday, the Lady Mules strutted their stuff again at the Tufts University Snowflake Classic held in Medford, Mass., where even more team members successfully qualified for postseason play.

Head coach Deb Aitken, now in her 13th year coaching, is optimistic about this year's team.

"The season looks pretty good. We have a little more depth than in the indoor season and should have some pretty good performances," she said.

Colby will face Bowdoin and Bates at MIT on Saturday. □

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Kate Magnuson '02

The first-year shortstop for the women's softball team started her Colby career with a homerun in her very first at bat. Since then, she has knocked out three more, including a grand slam in the team's second game of the season. Magnuson's .514 batting average and 20 RBI in 11 games earned her NESCAC Player of the Week honors last week and Maine Intercollegiate Softball Coaches Association Rookie of the Week honors this week.

Mule Pack

Matt Williams '99

The men's lacrosse tri-captain became Colby's all-time points leader on Tuesday when he scored three goals and dished out two assists against Bates. He now has tallied 189 career points. Williams also netted four goals in the team's huge victory over the 15th-ranked Amherst Lord Jeffs and scored two key goals in the overtime win versus 17th-ranked Williams Ephs. He now leads the team with 13 goals and 11 assists this season.

Kate Dalton '02

Starting her first game in right field on Saturday against Brandeis, Dalton's nerves were calmed when she planted a pitch over the right field fence. But that wasn't enough. In the second game, she hit another homerun, a towering shot to center field and up a hill. Dalton went 5-6 on the day with eight RBI. She was named Maine State Player of the Week and to the NESCAC Honor Roll. Dalton is hitting above .500 for the 7-4 Mules.

Jon Lord '02

A stand-out first-year on the senior-laden baseball team, the leftfielder's bat has powered much of the Mules' offense thus far. In the second win over Babson last weekend, Lord provided six RBI with a double and 3-4 batting. Lord compiled three hits in the Mules' 31-3 thrashing of the UMF Beavers.

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Strong softball bats spur early success

BY JAMES SPIDLE
Staff Writer

Capturing the majority of New England Small College Athletic Conference and Maine State honors, the Colby softball team is turning some heads.

After a productive trip to Fort Myers, Fla., the softball team's 5-4 record was improved last weekend with a convincing doubleheader sweep of Brandeis University.

Particularly gratifying to the team has been the play of two first-year players. Shortstop Kate Magnuson '02, last week's

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NESCAC Player of the Week, and right fielder Kate Dalton '02, this week's Maine Intercollegiate Softball Coaches Association Player of the Week, lead the Mules offensive attack.

Magnuson is batting .514 with four homeruns and 20 runs batted in. Dalton hit two monster shots over the Brandeis fence last weekend to fuel her .530 batting average. Co-captain Steph Patterson '99 has also been steady at the bat with a .514 batting average.

The Mules began their season with a 3-1 victory over Plymouth State. All three runs were scored in the opening inning when Magnuson blasted a three-run homer in her first collegiate at bat. Pitcher Steph Greenleaf '01 recorded the win.

Next for the Mules was Endicott College. Colby tallied another victory 10-4. Magnuson picked up where she left off, going 3-4 and driving in six runs with a triple and a grand slam.

The third game in Fort Myers against the Massachusetts Institute of Technology proved to be the team's most convincing win. Brooke Fitzsimmons '01 struck out 10 batters, while only walking one. Her 0.75 earned run average warranted her NESCAC Pitcher of the Week honors. Patterson and Lizzie Parks '02 each compiled three rbi. Marcy Wagner '02 spanked a solo homer and Magnuson went 4-4.

The Mules dropped their next contest to North Central by a score of 8-4. But they bounced back to earn a hard fought 3-2 victory over Union in extra innings when Dalton dropped in a pinch hit single to win the game.

The Mules dropped their next three games with a 4-2 loss to the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, a 5-3 defeat by Upper Iowa and an average by Union 4-3.

The Mules began their season with a 3-1 win over Plymouth State.

The team finished off their stint in Florida strong with a win against in-state rival Bowdoin 6-2. Brooke Fitzsimmons hurled a 3-hitter to earn the win, while Wagner recorded a home run.

Looking to continue their uplifting southern play, the Mules returned to New England for a doubleheader against Brandeis on April 3. This day belonged to the Mules as they outscored Brandeis 22-4 and piled up 28 total hits.

In the first game, Colby broke a 1-1 tie by compiling six runs in the sixth inning. Dalton hit a three run homerun and Greenleaf tossed another win. The second game featured the outstanding pitching of Fitzsimmons, who baffled Brandeis hitters to cruise to a 12-1 win and allowed just one hit. Dalton provided another three-run bomb. Magnuson also added a homerun, her fourth on the year.

Yesterday, the Mules battled for the Elm City championship against Thomas College. Tomorrow the Mules will play host to the powerful Huskies from USM. Saturday they travel to Brunswick to again meet up with the Bowdoin Polar Bears.

Men's varsity eight wins regatta Women's crew braves the waves of the Connecticut River

BY BECKY SCHECHTER
Asst. Sports Editor

Coming off of a productive spring break training trip in Lake Lure, N.C., the men's and women's crew teams look to make their hard work pay off this season. Already, the White Mules have begun to establish themselves among the Northeast's top teams.

The men's team raced tough last weekend in Worcester, Mass. The men's varsity eight boat earned a first place victory over opponents from George Washington University, Wesleyan and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The second varsity eight boat finished behind Wesleyan but ahead of UMass, while the novice eight boat finished third behind GWU and UMass.

"The varsity won by open water, by six or seven seconds," said captain Guy Hughes '99. "We knew we were fast, and I think it was a little disappointing to lose the JV race. For the varsity it proved they are fast...And for JV it was sort of a wakeup call. We know we're fast, we just didn't perform well in that race."

Head coach Mark Davis said before the race that the team's performance would be a gauge for the Mules.

"I think we'll do well," he said. "It's hard to say until we know about the other teams. We're all excited to race. . . Both the men's varsity and junior varsity eights are moving well. They should be among the top crews in New England."

Davis' optimism was deserving. The victory, in the first race of the season, attests to the team's year-long training, successful fall season and to the Mules' spring break efforts, where they practiced hard and hit the water three times a day.

"It was a great spring break," said Davis. "We had a wonderful week down there."

Based on their recent strong performances in practice, Davis is confident in his squad's ability to better last year's times and the team's overall record.

"Every boat is faster than last year's," he said. "The men's novice eight is doing well and looking strong. They've made huge strides in the past two weeks."

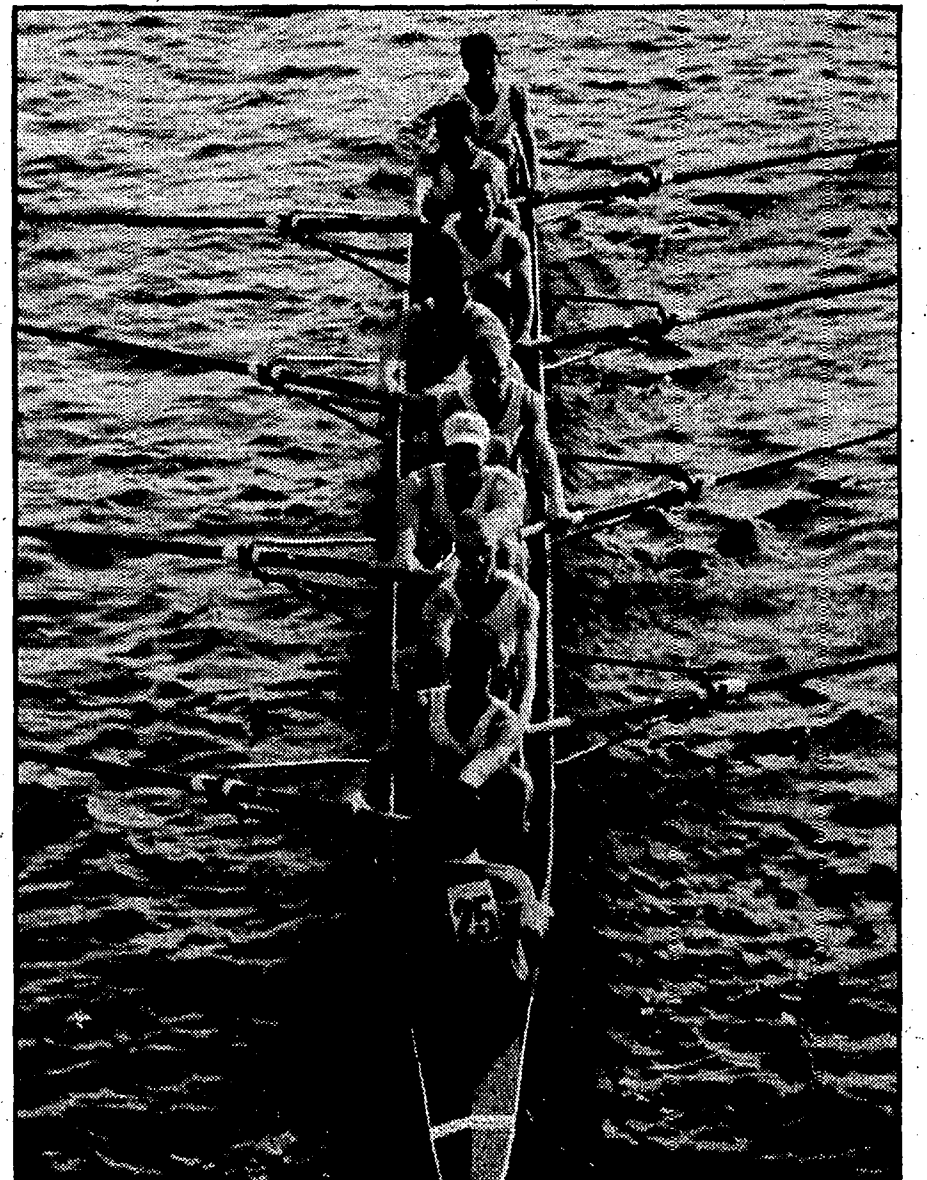
The women's team is also looking to continue to improve.

"The women's varsity eight is coming together solidly," said Davis. "They're quite quick."

Women's crew captain Sandra DuBarry '99 agreed.

"Along with the women's varsity eight, the two women's novice eight boats are faster than last year," she said.

But on the Connecticut River last weekend, when the Mules raced against the Wesleyan Cardinals, they had some difficulty testing that. Adverse water conditions did not provide the Mules with an ideal course on



A bird's eye view of the men's crew team. Photo courtesy men's crew

which to measure their skills. Still, DuBarry said the team was satisfied with their results.

"There was a lot of debris floating in the river and the current was pretty fast," she said. "It was kind of a frustrating weekend. . . but I think everyone was happy with the way they rowed."

DuBarry's varsity eight took second, as did the first and second novice boats. The women's varsity four boat earned first place.

"We had a really solid race so we're really looking forward to this weekend," she said. "Wesleyan is usually one of the top teams for rowing, so we were pretty happy with that."

And after a successful fall season, including a fourth place finish at the prestigious Head of Charles Regatta, the women are primed for any other adverse conditions that confront them.

"This is probably the strongest year we've have, as the women's team," said DuBarry. "We looking to qualify for the Champion International Regatta and then look to qualify for the NCAA Championships. There's a lot of hard work to be put in this year, but we're pretty excited about it."

The women continue to chase their goal this weekend when they take on Boston College and the Coast Guard Academy.

Baseball battles to 10-4 start

BY HEATHER DAUR
Staff Writer

Success jumped off the bat of the Colby White Mules baseball team when they began their spring season in Fort Myers, Fla.

Colby started its southern trip by splitting a doubleheader with Coe College. After narrowly fall-

ing to the Kohawks in the first game 4-2, the Mules bounced back to destroy Coe in the second game by a score of 22-10. Despite the loss, Senior Kris Keelty pitched a notable first game, striking out nine.

The second game proved to be an offensive battle with strong performances at the plate by seniors Matt Paquette and Yuma Morita, as

well as first-year stand-out Jon Lord. Senior pitchers Alex Parrillo and Marty Whitmore combined for the win on the mound.

The Mules went on to improve their record to 3-1 by capturing two 12-8 victories in a doubleheader against Union. Bill Goldman '01 sealed the first win when he drove in three runs with his first homerun see **BASEBALL** on page 14