

Best-selling author Iris Chang speaks at Colby

BY PATRICK J. BERNAL
Staff Writer

The Rape of Nanking, an event that saw the death of over 300,000 Chinese during the Japanese occupation of the ancient Chinese capital in World War II, was the subject of Iris Chang's lecture in the Page Commons Room Sunday night.

The events that took place in Nanking (now Nanjing) between 1937 and 1945 were marked by the deaths of more Chinese civilians than Japanese killed in both American atomic bombs dropped on Japan.

The Rape of Nanking saw the rape of over 20,000 Chinese women and girls, the second largest mass rape in world history.

"The rape of Nanking is without a doubt the worst wholesale rape in the history of World War II," Chang told the Colby audience.

Despite its horrific nature, the Rape of Nanking remains an incident that is often forgotten in the tomes of history.

"When I was growing up in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, I couldn't find any books about the rape of Nanking; my parents were my only source of information," said Chang, speaking of her parents who lived in China during the rape.

Chang's book, "The Rape of Nanking," chronicles the atrocities committed by Japanese troops in

Nanking during World War II. It has become an international bestseller and been translated into eight languages. Film versions are currently being produced in Germany and China.

Chang explained that preexisting conditions in Japan allowed for the massacre and widespread rape to occur.

The bitter legacy of the rape of Nanking continues to haunt Japan.

"The education system in Japan imbued Japanese children with a sense of racial superiority; this sense of ethnic superiority turned into contempt for the Chinese and allowed the Japanese to view the Chinese as sub-human," said Chang.

After the war many Japanese soldiers involved in the atrocities committed in Nanking found themselves in leading positions in the Japanese establishment.

"Japan was let off pretty easily after the World War II, largely because of US interests in the Cold War," said Chang.

Chang also addressed the subject of war reparations.

"The Germans have paid the

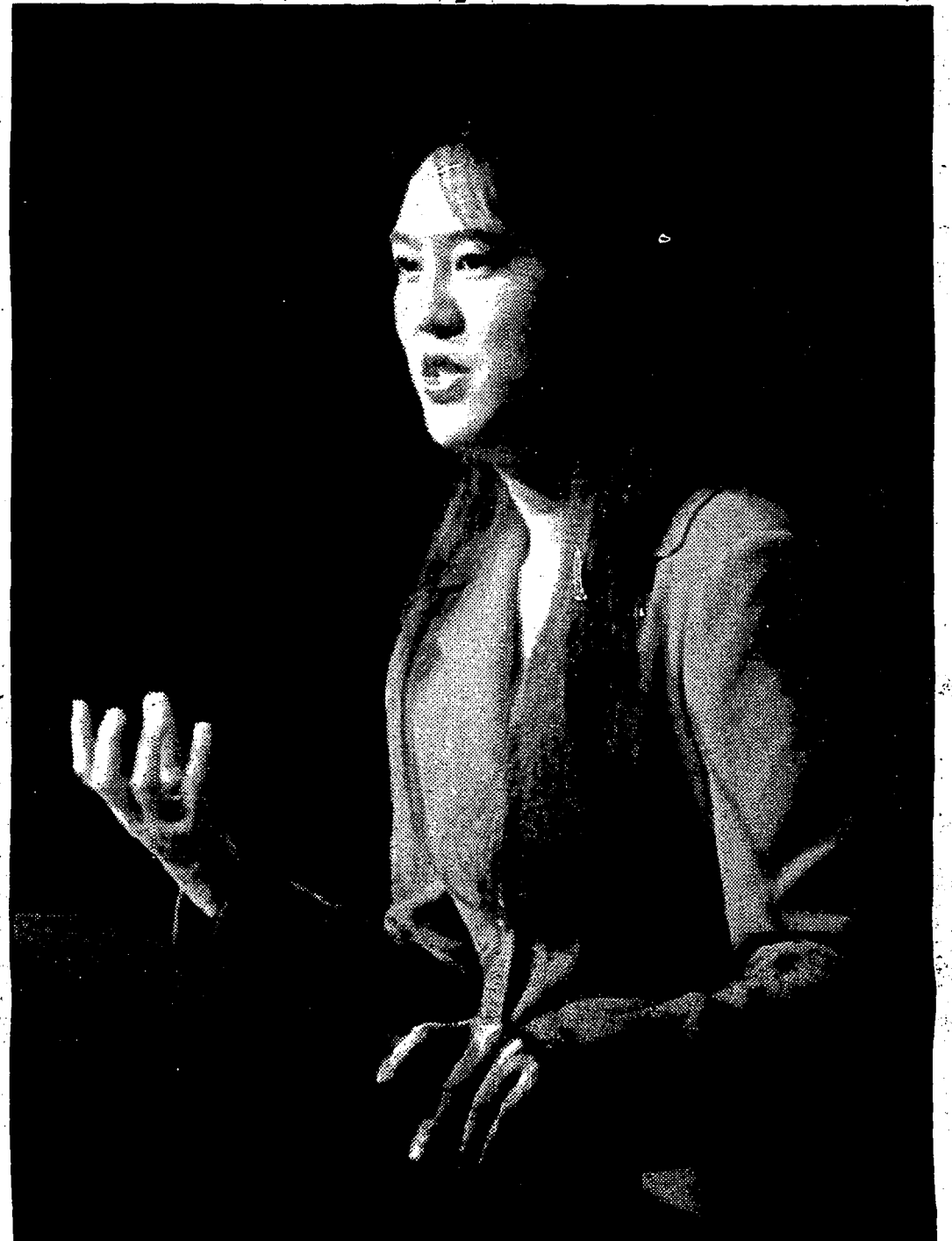
equivalent of \$60 billion in war reparations; the Japanese government has paid next to nothing. The Japanese government hasn't even issued an apology to the victims of the rape," she said.

In recent months, Japan has seen a resurgence of nationalism in the form of a revisionist movement that denounces reports of the rape of Nanking as Chinese lies. "The bitter legacy of the rape of Nanking continues to haunt Japan," said Chang. "In order to restore the world's faith in Japan, it must do four things: give an apology to all war-time victims; stop white-washing its war crimes in school textbooks; pay war reparations; and open up its war-time archives for full review," said Chang.

Audience members expressed positive sentiments for Chang's speech.

"I think it was a very powerful speech. She has a great understanding of world history, and she was able to explain herself very clearly," said Suisheng Zhao, associate professor of government and East Asian politics.

Student Government Association Cultural Chair Walter Wang '99 said, "I think that the speech went very well. Iris Chang is an outspoken person, and a person with a tremendous intellect. It is important that she is speaking to the international community about the atrocities committed in Nanking. The holocaust over the Chinese is often overlooked." □



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Iris Chang addresses a Colby audience on the rape of Nanking.

Holocaust survivor discusses childhood in camps

BY KAREN VITALI
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In 1947, Joseph Polak was a 5-year-old Jewish boy at a Holland recovery center for Holocaust survivors. The young child wondered why he and his mother were there, and what terrible events caused him to wake each night in fits of hysterical screaming. These were some of his first memories. Yet it is what Joseph Polak doesn't remember that has influenced him the most. In 1945, at the age of 3, he became one of the youngest survivors of the Holocaust.

"What does it mean to be a witness to an event you don't remember? It is to have to piece one's life together on the basis of the accounts of others, and you can never let go of these authors for fear that your story will be obliterated," said Boston University's Hillel Rabbi Joseph Polak at the first annual Berger Lecture Monday at Colby.

Polak was only 10 months old when an insistent knocking at the



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Joseph Polak speaks on the Holocaust.

door of his family's home changed his life forever. He and his family were transported to the Nazi concentration camp of Bergen-Belson, a prison for the "starred" - those Jews whose skills or connections were valued by the Nazis. Polak's uncle, a member of the U.S. mili-

tary, was that connection.

Sickness and overcrowding killed thousands, and left the British with 30,000 dead to bury when the camp was liberated in April of 1945. Polak survived because he was "adopted as the mascot" of a Nazi

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Elections delayed following investigation

BY MATT APUZZO
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The Student Government Association Election Commission announced Sunday it would delay run-off elections until Wednesday, two days after its scheduled date. The delay came following a five-day investigation by the Commission into the campaign practices of Jason Werlin '00 and William Newberry '00. The Commission reportedly spoke with Werlin and contacted various businesses in its investigation.

According to the campus-wide e-mail from Commission members Brad Sicchitano '99, Kara Falkenstein '99, Sharon Capobianchi '99 and Joe Kingsbury '99, "the Werlin-

Newberry campaign was unable to produce receipts for all of its expenditures," making assessment of the campaign's financial details impossible.

"When it all comes down to it, it's all about the fact that I put 30 copies on my VendoCard," Werlin said, defending his actions on Monday.

The Commission would not comment on the specifics of the investigation, or discuss its actions of inviting Geoff Starr '00 and Dave Normoyle '00 back into the race.

Further allegations against Werlin have come from Nicholas Ktorides '00, who claims Werlin violated his First Amendment rights. Ktorides said Monday he plans to bring Werlin in front of the Judicial Board to seek sanctions against him. □

Sadoff wins Guggenheim Fellowship

BY BETSY LOYD
Asst. News Editor

Ira Sadoff, Dana professor of poetry, was officially notified Monday that he had won a Guggenheim Fellowship. The fellowship will allow him to support himself and his family while concentrating on his poetry.

"What did it, I think, was the publication of my new book, 'Grazing,'" said Sadoff.

The book has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, although according to Sadoff, "I won't get it, but it was nominated anyway."

According to Sadoff, the fellowship will provide him with "moola! It's not as if it's a salary, but it does give me enough... to take a year off."

According to their website, the Guggenheim Foundation awarded 179 grants this year, with an average grant of \$33,866. There were 2,785 applicants.

Sadoff will use his stipend "for living expenses" and "the occasional trip to Italy." While he will remain in the Waterville area and work mostly at home for the majority of the time, he is planning a research

trip to Italy to help him include "Renaissance stuff" in his poetry. Because of his family, Sadoff will not spend the whole year traveling, although he said that his nine-year-old stepson Casey

other winners are still working at Colby; Jan Hogendorn, Grossman Professor of Economics, won it in 1987 and David Lubin, James M. Gillespie Professor of Art and American Studies, won it in 1989.

Sadoff was expecting to take a sabbatical leave this year, but due to a rush of sabbaticals in the English department, he deferred it. Now, he will take the Guggenheim Fellowship next year and use his sabbatical the following year.

"I'll have two years to write (and to) clear my office, which I'll need a lot of luck and (cardboard) cartons for," said Sadoff.

In those two years, Sadoff will continue working on a new book of poems. Some from this collection will be published in the American Poetry Review this spring. He is not expecting to finish the book within the two years, though.

"It usually takes me six or seven years (to write a book). I'll be all gray by then," he said.

"It's been sweet," said Sadoff. "When you become a poet, you don't do it to become famous... To have that work accepted feels very good." □

"What did it, I think, was the publication of my new book, 'Grazing.'"
-Ira Sadoff

"would read poetry if he could not (have to) go to school."

The purpose of the fellowship is "to help provide Fellows with blocks of time in which they can work with as much creative freedom as possible," according to the webpage. It is given to advanced professionals in the fields of the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and creative arts.

Sadoff is not Colby's first professor to win the fellowship. Two

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*Results of run-offs are now posted in the Cotter Union and will be printed in next week's Echo.

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officer who gave the cute blonde toddler and his mother extra food during their time there.

He was unquestionably one of the few children who made it through the Holocaust alive. The Nazis killed some five million Jewish children from 1939 to 1945. Yet Polak can never forget those whose lives ended before they began.

"I am the agent for all the five million children. I, by some miracle, survived," he said.

The Holocaust continued to haunt Polak throughout his life. Even after he and his mother emigrated to Montreal in 1948, he could not escape the fear of that dreaded knocking at the door or fill the vacuum within his memory where the Holocaust should have been.

"I am forever a frightened child with the Gestapo hammering at my soul," said Polak.

Yet Polak has given a voice to the millions who did not survive, and today ensures that the rest of the world cannot forget what he does not remember. □



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News Briefs

Mikkelsen wins Watson Fellowship

Adella Mikkelsen '99 was awarded a Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellowship to independently study abroad for a year following graduation. She will travel to Taiwan, Singapore and China to explore "Notions of Fate and the Future in the Chinese Almanac." Mikkelsen is one of 60 U.S. college seniors to win a \$22,000 Watson Fellowship this year.

Child Labor Week Forum at Colby

Colby will host a forum April 20-23 for "Child Labor Week." On April 20 and 21, there will be showings of the film "Globalization and Human Rights," with discussions including the filmmaker Robin Romano. The documentary will be shown at 7:00 p.m. in Lovejoy 100. Also on April 21, there will be a debate on free trade and child labor with economist Jagdish Bhagwati and Pharis Harvey, director of the International Labor Rights Fund. The debate will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Page Commons Room of Cotter Union. On April 23 there will be an address given by Senator Tom Harkin, sponsor of legislation that would curb child labor, at 4 p.m. in Lorimer Chapel.

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Faculty expected to OK Jewish studies minor

BY BETSY LOYD
Asst. News Editor

The faculty was expected to approve a minor in Jewish studies at its faculty meeting yesterday. Howard Lupovitch, Pulver Family assistant professor of Jewish studies and Colby's first endowed chair in Jewish studies, has spearheaded the proposal.

"It's filling a need in the College," said Lupovitch. He said that between 10 and 25 students had already asked about the program before the faculty had approved it. "The bottom line is about giving students what they want," he said.

Lupovitch is hosting a meeting for those interested minoring in Jewish studies at 4 p.m. in Miller 243.

"I was expecting, when I got here, to establish a minor," said Lupovitch.

"Professor Lupovitch has done an excellent job in jump-starting his program," said Elias Cohen '00, who created his own Jewish studies major.

The minor will be made up of seven courses. The core courses are Jewish History I and II, and five other elective courses make up the rest. Thirteen elective courses are currently being offered by the College in the history, government, English, and religious studies departments.

According to the minor's proposal, "This program seeks to acquaint students with the breadth of Jewish culture, to introduce them to life and culture in the modern State of Israel, and, because Hebrew has been the primary vehicle of Jewish expression in Israel and

in the diaspora, to help them attain a working knowledge of the Hebrew language."

"Colby needs this minor, and hopefully a major soon, just like it needs any new area of study centered around an ethnic, religious or racial group other than the dominant. It's the next step in the right direction for Colby to make itself a more diverse place," said Cohen.

While Biblical Hebrew is currently offered at Colby, Lupovitch is pushing for Modern Hebrew to be taught. He said there are no concrete plans yet, though.

The proposal strongly encouraged students to study Hebrew either through the Biblical Hebrew courses or by studying Modern Hebrew in Israel. Two elective credits can be earned with these language courses.

Lupovitch hopes that, provided there is enough interest, the minor could be expanded to a major.

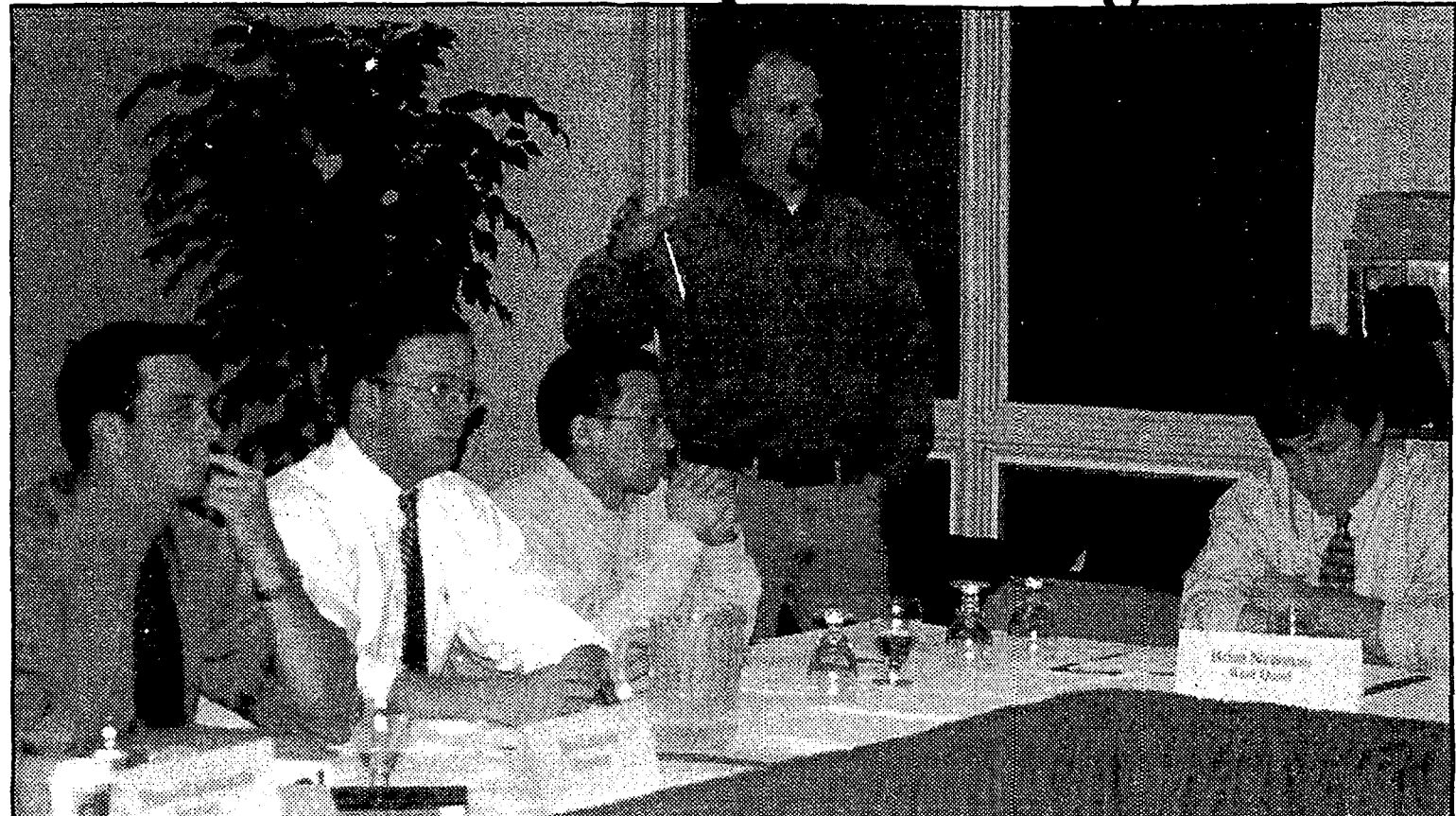
"I would love to create a major as well. But we would have to offer Modern Hebrew in a serious way. If there were a major, Hebrew would be an important part," said Lupovitch.

Cohen said, "There is a plethora of job opportunities for those who want to pursue Jewish studies as a profession, especially in the field of Holocaust studies, so I do not doubt its practicality."

"For the first time I am immersed in studying a subject that I can directly apply to my everyday life. The way I understand myself, my heritage, has spread to a new understanding of others," said Cohen.

This program seeks to acquaint students with the breadth of Jewish culture

Where have all the presidents gone?



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Brian Newman '01 (far right), one of the 17 members of the Presidents' Council who attended last Thursday's meeting, ponders issues with members of the Executive Committee.

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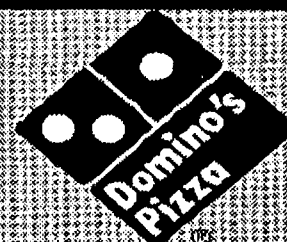
Denny's in Augusta plows wetlands, gets fined

Denny's Restaurant off Civic Center Drive in Augusta was fined \$1,700 for altering wetlands without state approval. Realty Resources Hospitality, LLC, the company that owns the restaurant, received a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection to alter 13,048 square feet of freshwater wetlands in preparation for constructing the restaurant and parking lot. A department inspection on Dec. 21, however, showed an additional 3,129 square feet of wetlands had been altered. The 24-hour restaurant opened for business earlier this year.

How many firefighters does it take to deliver a baby? Three.

Winslow firefighters helped deliver a baby boy at a home seconds after arriving on the scene. Firefighter Karl Roy said the department got a call from a woman in labor at 9:27 a.m. He and firefighter John Lacombe arrived at the home two minutes later, and met firefighter Gary Frost, who had arrived and told them the baby's head was crowning. "I'm talking 30 seconds, and we'd have missed the birth," Frost said in an interview with the *Morning Sentinel*. "There was no time to waste - it was an immediate thing." The three firefighters also are emergency medical technicians.

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FEATURES

Male activist sheds new light on issues of sexual violence

BY JACKIE OGUTHA
Staff Writer

Is rape a "woman's issue?" Jackson Katz is challenging that idea. Katz is the leading anti-sexist male activist who has traveled around the country speaking about men's roles in situations of sexual assault. He gave a lecture "More than a Few Good Men" to a sizable audience on Wednesday evening in Lorimer Chapel. Advocates for Sexual Assault Prevention (ASAP) organized the lecture as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

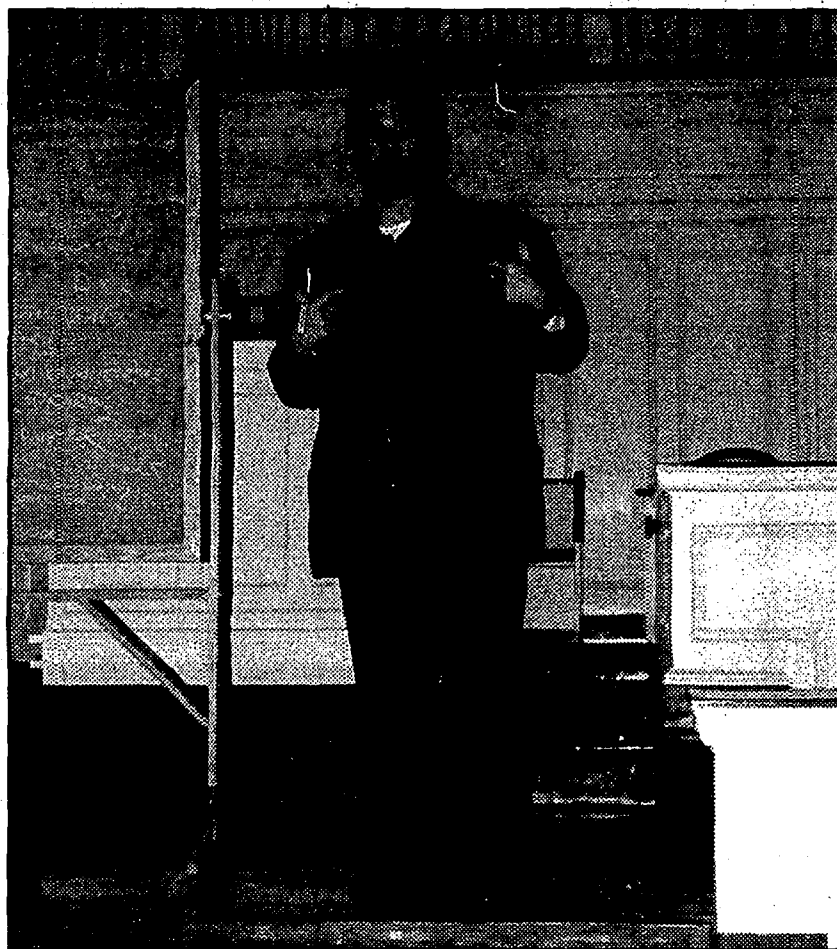
In 1988 Katz formed "Real-Men," an anti-sexist men's organization based in Boston, to speak out against men's sexual violence towards women. Katz, who did his undergraduate studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, was the first man at the institution to minor in women's studies. "I have a big problem calling sexual violence issues women's issues," he said, "it gives men an excuse not to pay attention."

Katz spoke at length about how society no longer views sexual violence as a pressing concern. "We've been so desensitized to the levels of violence and so we think 'that's too bad' and move on to the next thing." He added that it was time to "move away from rhetoric like 'gender wars'" because such terms are "outdated and simplistic." He pointed out that because our lives are so interwoven, every issue that affects women affects men as well.

Katz got the audience involved in the lecture when he asked both male and female students

to mention the precautions they took to ensure their safety before venturing outdoors. The chalkboard set up at the front of the chapel, which was divided into two portions, filled up quickly, but only under the female section. The male portion of the board remained empty. It was clear from the exercise that women are more concerned about their safety, and in Katz's opinion, this concern is evident in how men and women relate to each other. "Think about how girls are being raised to be fearful of men, what a barrier to intimacy and an example of fundamental inequality." According to Katz, it is for these reasons and numerous others that men should speak out on issues of sexual violence against women. He noted, however, that men are also victims of sexual assault, saying that one in seven men are victims by the age of eighteen.

In addition to having published several articles on sexual violence issues, Katz has appeared on several radio and television programs. While acknowledging that the media is a useful tool for creating awareness, he warned that the language used to address sexual violence plays a key role in propagating people's nonchalant attitudes on this issue. "Using the passive voice, saying 'women were raped' and



Echo photo by Alison Rainey
Jackson Katz addresses issues of sexual violence.

'girls got pregnant' shifts the focus from the male perpetrator to the female victim," said Katz. He explained that using the passive voice does not address the dominant group or the active agent in the violent act, and yet this information is crucial if we are to address the problems and find solutions. "There's a difference between being anti-male and advocating male accountability," said Katz, adding that

holding men accountable "is a more accurate and honest approach to the problem."

In 1993 Katz co-created the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program at Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sports in Society. This program enlists high school, collegiate and professional athletes in the fight against all forms of men's violence against women. During the lecture, Katz focused on leadership and a mentor system for boys and men as a possible starting point in the search for practical solutions. "If a climate develops among men whereby the abuse of women is seen as socially unacceptable, we will see the rates of sexual violence go down precipitously over time." He said that because the ideology of male power and control is learned from one's culture, it can be reversed once men rise above "policing mechanisms" like homophobia and peer pressure which keep them silent.

Katz applauded women's movements which offer support to survivors of sexual violence, and said he was hopeful that things would continue to change for the better. He urged students to dispense of the "none of my business" attitude because abuse remains abuse whether it takes place behind closed doors or out in public.

"Being silent in the face of injustice is being compliant to the injustice," said Katz, and he challenged those present, especially male students, to start thinking differently about issues of sexual violence, and to take an active stand to confront them. "Do what you have to do so you can look at yourself in the mirror and be proud of what you see." □

Celebrate National Volunteer Week and Colby Cares Day

The Third annual Colby Cares Day is Sunday, April 25, 1999

Students, faculty and staff should look for sign-ups the week of the 19th in Cotter Union, or call Sarah or Annie at x 3442

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Do not let Colby's housing options confine you

BY PATRICK J. BERNAL
Staff Writer

After attending Colby for nearly two years, the disadvantages of dorm life have become increasingly apparent. Loud neighbors, institutional food and cramped living space are all considerable annoyances. It is with these gripes in mind that I began to explore alternative living arrangements for Colby students, at Colby and in the surrounding Waterville area.

My first thought was to explore the possibility of erecting a yurt on Runnals Hill. Unfortunately, I was not the first person to have come up with this idea. According to Dean of the College Earl H. Smith, in the late 1980s two Colby students had exercised their right to live alternatively, and constructed an authentic yurt on Runnals Hill, complete with an animal-hide tarp and a wooden frame. Tragically the yurt burned down and the College quickly placed a ban on all forms of yurt living.

With yurting being out of the question, I turned my attention to finding an attractive housing option for students wishing to escape the rural setting of Colby campus. Aspiring urbanites looking for more cosmopolitan living arrangements than those available on Mayflower Hill need look no further than the possibility of leasing a storefront in downtown Waterville. Contacting a local realty organization, I learned that storefront property in downtown Waterville is both conveniently located and surprisingly affordable. I looked at two properties, 155 and 165 Main Street. Within easy walking distance of both Dave and Norm's Night Club and the Spotted Dog Tavern, these properties are in a neighborhood filled with local color, perfect for

hip, young, college students.

Even better, these properties enjoy great proximity to the Waterville Fire Department, so while yurts have been deemed a fire hazard by Dean Smith, the College would be hard pressed to see store-front properties on Main Street as potential fire traps.

The storefront on 155 Main Street contains nine thousand square-feet of room and is available for just \$20,000 for a nine-month period (one academic year at Colby). Unfortunately, no student discount is currently available for would-be renters of these properties; however, the lease rates are negotiable.

When it is considered that the average double at Colby contains 142 feet of living room, and that a Colby student paid \$6,320 for room-and-board during the 1998/1999 academic year, storefront housing comes across as a particularly attractive option. With over 8,500 more square-feet of living room than the average Colby double, these Main Street properties promise to accommo-

Pizza and with the plethora of dining options in downtown Waterville, the subject of kitchen facilities almost seems irrelevant. Those who frequently shower in the fitness-center would not miss

Director of Security Peter Chenevert said that there were no rules against parking trailers at Colby. Unfortunately Chenevert "could not guarantee the safety of a student living in a trailer in the

on the three-mile-loop or even down the hill from the Cotter residence.

Outdoor enthusiasts will take heart in knowing that there are currently no rules at Colby prohibiting camping or tenting on the Colby campus. As Colby currently holds a relaxed stance on outdoor housing, attractive camping spots on Colby campus include Miller Lawn and the football field. From any of these choice spots, Colby students would have the freedom to decide where they want to live and when they want to live there. Who is to say that a Colby tent could not sleep on Averill lawn one night and then on one of the tennis courts the next? The possibilities are practically limitless. However, J.T. Horn of the Appalachian Trail Conference cautions

students not to pursue this housing option unless they are "extremely knowledgeable and experienced with outdoor living. Under no circumstances would I recommend that a student attempt living in a tent on campus during the months between November and April." The message: outdoor living at Colby is not for everyone.

What I have learned from investigating options for alternative housing plans at Colby is that no student should feel confined to the narrow choices for housing with which the College provides us. Whether you are a trendy, jet-setter seeking to live in a lively neighborhood, or a mellow lover of the outdoors, Colby, and its surrounding environs, has the perfect housing option for you. □



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This trailer may be more spacious than a closet single in Foss.

the lack of showers in their spacious storefronts, so perhaps this housing option makes the most sense for Colby athletes.

More budget-conscious students may wish to explore the option of living in a trailer at Colby; choice trailer parking spots would be the Foss-Woodman parking lot and the space of road adjacent to President Cotter's house. The advantages of trailer life are numerous: besides the more than \$6,000 that you would save on room-and-board, trailers are surprisingly spacious and offer greater mobility than any other housing possibilities at Colby (try loading up your dorm room with friends and heading down to Portland for a Strangefolk show).

Foss-Woodman lot," however he assured me that "(Security) would do the best that we could to provide security for the trailer."

Director of Safety Bruce McDougal was more concerned with sanitary aspects of trailer life.

"Waste issues could be problematic, you couldn't very well dump your by-products out in the lot," he said.

Discouraged but not defeated, I contacted the Code-Enforcement branch of the Waterville City Hall. Here a City Hall representative told me that I could park my trailer wherever I liked on public property so long as the slab where it was located was frost protected and the oil tank was well hidden.

Colby students choosing to live in trailers may want to situate themselves on a frost-protected slab somewhere

In the late 1980s, two students constructed a yurt on Runnals Hill.

date even the most lavish college living arrangements.

On the downside, the two storefront properties that I looked at contained no plumbing or kitchen facilities. But, with the great hours at the nearby Waterville House of



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EDITORIALS

Maybe the problems weren't all with the candidates

This year's Student Government Association elections have been an interesting, thought provoking, and at times, disturbing experience. Although the winner of the heated and controversial presidential campaign has already been declared, questions remain and tensions are still high. One question pertains to the ruling issued by the Election Commission that postponed the election from Monday to Wednesday. The members, who are connected with student government, were asked to investigate the expenditures of the Werlin-Newberry presidential campaign to ensure that the ticket had not exceeded the \$200 limit allotted to SGA election candidates. A detailed investigation spanned five days and included many inquiries into the costs of campaign materials. Last Sunday, all students were e-mailed a statement from this Commission. In this e-mail, the Commission declared it found that the Werlin-Newberry campaign was unable to produce receipts for all of its expenditures and there was no way to determine whether or not Werlin and Newberry had exceeded the \$200 limit. The Commission could not account for all of the money spent and described its inquiry as "frustrated by the reticence of the Werlin-Newberry campaign to provide full and complete details of their expenditures and factors which may have allowed them to obtain materials at a cost below that which could have been reasonably obtained by their competitors." The Commission therefore ruled that since it was impossible "to come to a full understanding of the details of the Werlin-Newberry campaign expenditures," it did not feel that it could remove the candidates from the ballot. We do not dispute the fact that the Election Commission put many hours and days of hard work into this decision; we just have difficulty understanding its ruling. It would seem that if the Commission could not be absolutely sure that the Werlin-Newberry campaign did not go over budget, they would have removed them from the race. If they had ample reasoning to allow them to continue campaigning, the two extra days they allotted for the student body to ponder the issue would have been a perfect time to clarify the issue. Rather than two days filled with bashing and unconfirmed rumors, this time could have been used for real dialogue and clarification. All findings, including the candidates' expenditures, should have been made public to the student body. If the findings regarding the Werlin-Newberry ticket were unclear enough to cause the Election Commission to invite the Starr-Normoyle campaign back in the race, students are inevitably going to question the merits of this decision. The Election Commission worked long and hard on their investigation to do what is best for the Colby community, so it should have shared its results with us and backed up its decision with a more concrete explanation. An ambiguous campus wide e-mail just did not suffice.

Absence of presidents should not become a trend

Since four hall presidents walked out of a Presidents' Council meeting a month ago, others have followed their lead... or simply chosen to not show up at all. Last Thursday, only 17 of the elected leaders were present at the meeting. Because SGA Constitutional rules require two-thirds attendance in order for issues to be put to a vote, a quorum could not be reached and no issue could be voted on. Instead, a two-and-a-half-hour meeting ensued, which included discussion of some of the most vital matters to the Colby community. On the table were issues regarding the restructuring of the Commons system, constitutional consolidation, the diversity requirement, the functionality of the 4-7 p.m. "zone" and the structure of the Student Programming Board. Absent presidents, your constituents missed out last Thursday because you did not inform yourself about these issues by attending the meeting. While some dedicated presidents fulfilled the duties of the office and respected the purpose of the Council, their time was virtually wasted by the presidents who did not attend. Everyone has busy lives, but a commitment made to the Colby student body was not fulfilled by everyone, making the duties of those who did reserve the time impossible to complete.

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LETTERS

SGA toils in the face of little praise

As a four-year member of the Student Government Association, I feel the need to respond to a number of letters written in the past few weeks, particularly those written by Jeff Calereso ('01) and Patrick Swillinger ('02), concerning the duty and effectiveness of this group. I initially did not want this letter to have a negative tone, but as a senior with only a few weeks left in my Colby career, I decided that I should take advantage of this fact and respond bluntly to the opinions of some of the students on our campus. In the March 18 issue of the Echo, Mr. Calereso insulted the attempts of the Student Government Association to bring musical acts to Colby. Rather than ask why there are some limitations to what bands play at Colby, he expressed a number of uninformed and incorrect opinions. Location and financial limitations are only a small part of the equation; venue size and the lack of an auditorium, along with the size of the local population are more important. The budget I receive to book bands is significantly greater than most of our fellow NESAC schools, and we have a much better history of bringing bands to Colby in comparison to Bates and Bowdoin. Mr. Calereso's comment that SGA should get someone more in touch with the music scene and who is more committed to putting on a good show was a direct insult to myself and everyone else who spent 20 hours in the gym for the Black Crowes. I will not comment about the weeks of planning leading up to the show. The same

can be said for the previous three concerts this year, and the two others we have ahead of us. He should thank the people who are actually trying to do something for this school.

I would also like to respond to Mr. Swillinger's letter in the April 8 issue of the Echo. It is the responsibility of each student to make their own informed decision about the

He should thank the people who are actually trying to do something.

candidates running for SGA positions. It might be difficult with the saturation of this campus with 8x11 posters, but that is what campaigns are like. Are you going to use this complaint as an adult and choose not to vote? That would be childish. If you decide you do not know enough about a candidate to vote for them, then I applaud your decision, but please do not ever say that it does not matter. The members of SGA are the people who spend hours in the office trying to push through the things that people like your self complain about every night in Dana but easily forget. They are the ones who have to face the liquor inspector when freshmen get caught drinking. They are the ones who have to face the Dean of Students Office when students

destroy their dorms. They are the ones who have to face the Trustees when Channel 5 News talks about out of control drinking on our campus. I have watched students in SGA this year work on the OneCard system, the open container fine, guest passes and the radio station. Members of this year's SGA have in the past brought you such things as expanded library hours, the Marchese pub, recycled paper on campus, an inter-college forum on the NCAA issue, soap in the bathrooms and countless concerts and lectures. Some of these things may seem trivial, but they should mean something to someone complaining about toilet paper. SGA silently has a hand in many of the organizations and events that you enjoy on this campus. The comments "SGA doesn't effect us" or that "SGA hasn't done anything this year" has been said every year that I have been here, but that still does not mean that I do not find them offensive. Colby has one of the most powerful and active Student Government bodies out of the whole NESAC, and possibly New England. I think I express the opinion of each Dorm President, each SPB representative, each Commons Leader, each member of the Executive Board and every person who has sacrificed their own free time and often their academic success in the face of constant criticism, in expressing my sorrow that Mr. Swillinger is of the opinion that SGA does not do anything.

Jesse Dole '99, SGA Social Chair

Recycle! Recycle!

The Colby recycling program has been upgraded and enhanced this spring thanks to the efforts of student recyclers, members of PPD's recycling committee and the Environmental Coalition. Several improvements have taken place with the program, the most important being the initiation of weekly meetings designed to discuss and improve Colby's recycling. These meetings, open to all interested students and faculty, are held biweekly on Fridays at PPD. Call x4962 for times.

Another improvement has been the introduction of cardboard recycling in the dining halls. During the fall of 1998, the Environmental Coalition began a mission to recycle the large amount of corrugated packaging generated each week at campus dining halls. Since then, PPD has built new bins for the cardboard, and Joe Klauss of Dining Services has begun a food-packaging recycling program. Since January, over 30 cubic yards of cardboard that would be otherwise landfill-bound has been collected each

week from Bob's, Dana and the Spa. This spring we are working with Dining Services to begin recycling plastic and tin.

Colby's recycling program has also begun a plastic detergent bottle campaign. Plastics of type 1 or 2 can now be recycled in sweet new bins designed by PPD's Pam Dudley.

Paper recycling in many dorms is fairly minimal.

These bins, constructed from recycled cardboard boxes, will be soon found in the laundry rooms of all dorms across campus.

Despite the progress that Colby has made with its recycling program, there are still some areas that need improvement. Paper recycling in many dorms is fairly minimal. A large part of this problem is due to students who contaminate bins with unwanted items such as apple cores, beer cans, coffee cups

and the occasional spent condom. Another problem area has been the field house. A combination of poor cooperation by staff in the field house, as well as problems with custodians throwing recyclables into the garbage has resulted in essentially no recycling taking place.

In order to resolve issues such as these, and continue to ensure an effective recycling operation during the upcoming summer months, we are looking for a motivated student to become a summer recycling program coordinator. This position will be responsible for collecting recyclable materials on campus, researching ways to improve the program and working on promoting Colby's recycling program. This will be a full time position at \$6.00 an hour, 40 hours a week during the summer. For more information on this position, or for any recycling questions, contact the Environmental Coalition at x4962, or Keith Stockford, PPD recycling coordinator at 3413.

Chaz Langelier '00

To the Colby Community,

We the undersigned are writing in response to the recent selection of two Colby student representatives on the Presidential Selection Committee. Understanding that the role of a president is to represent and uphold the interests of all constituents of the college community, we feel that the selection

committee itself should reflect these different constituencies. We are therefore deeply disappointed with the lack of democratic procedure involved in the selection of the two student representatives on the search committee and, furthermore, feel politically disenfranchised by the fact that neither are self-identi-

fied students of color nor are they aware of the issues and concerns of such students.

Kyle P. Potter '99
Coy Dailey '01
plus 48 other concerned faculty and students

LETTERS

What's this shaving business?

As a little girl, I thought nothing of my hairy legs. I loved them. In sixth grade my girl friends started shaving their legs, because it was cool to have smooth, grown up legs. My mom told me not to start yet, to enjoy not shaving for a while longer because "once you start, you can't go back." She was right. I started shaving that very night, and soon found that I was having trouble not shaving, like I was caught in this annoying trap.

In truth, it was laziness that started my end to shaving. If it's such a pain in the butt to shave, why bother? Then I read Carolyn Mackler's piece in *Ophira Edut's Adios, Barbie*, a compilation of the stories of young women writers. In her piece entitled "Memoirs of a (sorta) ex-shaver," Mackler tells us the story of how she realized the pleasure in the freedom of not shaving: "besides the strength I derive from rebelling against yet another implicit body pressure, hair feels good. Who could have ever imagined the erotic potential in riding a bike or swimming with hairy legs?" I realized, after reading her piece, exactly how much I enjoy not shaving. Less time spent in the shower means more time to enjoy life, and also less water and resources sent to sewage. As part of the socialization process, boys and girls are taught to shave their "excess" body hair. While both men and women are taught that smooth is more desirable, it is more accepted socially for men to grow stubble or beards than it is for a woman to bare hairy legs and armpits. When a woman raises her arm to reveal an unshorn armpit, it is surprising to many and disgusting to some. Why should people be repelled by body hair when it is naturally a part of our physiological being?

So yes, I am the person behind these mysterious posters about your personal bathroom rituals. I challenge the Colby community, women and men, to resist the pressure to shave - free yourself, your body hair. Feel how great the wind and water feels as it runs through your naturally and comfortably hairy body parts. Even if you choose not to bear the hair, use this opportunity to be aware of and try to resist the discrimination against "excessively" hairy parts. I give you the opportunity to be free from all of the burdens of shaving for the month of April. Enjoy it, accept it, revel in it, promote Shaving Awareness.

Pamela Foxley '01

OPINIONS

AberColby and Snitch: An Epiphany

BY OLIVER GRISWOLD
A&E Editor

I have a new theory. It is sort of a conspiracy theory I concocted the other day in class, as an alternative to watching Maine gear up for its annual winter-to-spring-in-a-week explosion outside the bars of my cell. . . I mean the classroom window.

I was just beginning to drool and moan something about freedom when I "had a revelation," as we in the opinions business like to call "complete thoughts." I saw this girl crossing the quad in front of Miller. Just as I noticed this young woman, Professor _____ asked a question of the entire class. Normally, as a someone who likes to hear himself speak, I would have waited the obligatory 5.6 seconds to make sure that the glassy-eyed, feet-shuffling, comatose mass of humanity around me had not a damn thing to say, as usual, before clearing my throat and spouting off fantastic nonsense just to fill that awful screaming void.

Not this time. My breath caught in the depths of my throat, my head whipped back toward the window, and an epiphany of Stephen Dedalus-like proportions washed over me like a bucket full of spoiled I Can't Believe It's Not Butter Spray. The words on the shirt of the woman outside, even from across the quad, could be read plainly. It said "Abercrombie & Fitch." Then my eyes, acting of their own volition (for in epiphanies one has little muscle control), sneaked a look

back at the class, where the professor was engaged in answering her/his own question. Sure enough, on many articles of clothing, glaring at me from all sides like a bunch of dads on prom night, was the Abercrombie name, logo, abbreviation, graphic, notebook, lunchbox, and Happy Meal. THERE! Under a blond rich girl's tailored suit jacket! THERE! On a pseudo-hippie! OVER THERE! Embracing an athlete's head above a tightly-curved hat brim!

A Colby education is nothing but commerce.

The first part of my revelation, I have to admit, was superficial and false. For a shining moment, the optimist in me assumed that the appearance of so much Fitch (along with cousins Crew and Bean) on so many different people meant that a new dawn of unity was brightening our fair (though predominantly fair-skinned) campus.

Nope. My real catharsis flooded in seconds later. It went a little sump'n like this: The silence that is currently filling classrooms from Lovejoy to Miller to Mudd has been BOUGHT, ladies and gentlemen. Oh, don't even pretend you don't know what I'm talking about! I know you met with those reps from Uberpreppy and Bitch. I know they bought your class participation in return for generic-but-comfortable clothing with their name on it. I now realize that the

silence that has come to characterize a Colby education is nothing but commerce. Generation X has a stereotype to conform to, and it is being proved all over Mayflower Hill: "Don't speak. . . match!" Abersucky has a stake in perpetrating this stereotype. They rake it in because we love their hedonistic, homoerotic, white bread world where intellect and idealism need not apply.

Well, this is a wake-up call. Many of you may not have realized this, but some of you are walking billboards. I can almost guarantee that if you tear up the contract you signed with those Abercrombie Culture Thugs, and then tear the brand name off your back, you will begin to feel better immediately. The light will seep back into your eyes. Your head will raise, and then your hand. When called on, you will almost shout the words that you have wanted to say for so long: "Professor _____, it says right here, 'It is clear that, within certain limits, human beings have no fixed, inherited nature. We become human only in human society.'" Your teacher will beam at you and say, "Well, that may be a tad too general, but THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING UP!"

NOTE: If you think I have a superiority complex, you are probably right. But I don't advertise for anybody except myself, and I offer my opinion in class. If I have pissed you off because you are a walking symbol of conformist apathy, embarrassed that I have pointed out your culpability on this issue, write me a letter, or write to the Echo. If I don't receive feedback, I will continue to feel irritatingly good about myself. ☐

If Mayflower Hill needs anything, it isn't the police

BY EZRA DYER
Opinions Editor

There are certain campus fixtures that have become icons of our school. The mule statue, the library tower, Johnson Pond; all of these shout "Colby College." Well, I think it's about time we add another enduring Colby image to the coffee mugs down at the bookstore. No, I'm not talking about the North Face logo, I'm thinking of something flashier - flashy like a set of blue strobe lights. I'm not sure how it would look on a coffee cup, but I think that the next symbol of Colby College is going to be three police cars sitting down in the field house parking lot.

I'm no expert on crime, but it looks to me like all criminal activity in the field house parking lot has been eradicated. I can still remember the bad old days, though, before

the Waterville Police Department stepped up their patrols. Field house looked more like a crack house. Gangbangers used to hang out down there, doing drive-bys and smoking

The good news for criminals is that there are no more police in Waterville.

the "chronic" (that's a little street lingo I learned on my way into the gym one day.) I didn't like to come to a complete stop at the corner because all the prostitutes would try to get in my car, not to mention the guys trying

to clean my windshield with a dirty rag. It was a rough part of town, down there by the field house. Sometimes people even parked their cars facing against traffic.

Thankfully, those days are gone. Even when there's no obvious police presence, I feel safe knowing that they're there, hiding in the woods. The other night I was approaching the yield sign by the top of the hill and my radar detector went into its "nuclear meltdown" mode, signaling that a radar gun had suddenly been turned on in close proximity. There being no traffic, I stopped at the yield sign and peered down into the parking lot, where I'd seen the cops clustered over the past week. There was nothing there, but the detector continued to chirp and warble away frantically. I was beginning to suspect an approaching spaceship when I noticed the glint of moonlight on chrome across the road. See *THE FUZZ*, cont'd on pg. 9

Students on the Street: How do you cope with Senioritis?

"I just got up."
(Editor's note: it was noon)
-David Gufstafson '99

"I go to the Bob-In on Tuesday nights."
-Delphine Burke '99

"When the weekend starts on Monday."
-Keri Pierson '99

"I go to the Bob-In on nights other than Tuesday."
-Corey Kessler '99

Way to find the closet single of your dreams revealed

BY JEFF CALARESO
Staff Writer

Room draw is a joke. The lottery number system is completely corrupt. Unless your parents are trustees or you wine and dine Dean Johnston, you'll end up in a closet single out behind the senior apartments in a room so small that you'll watch "The Shawshank Redemption" and become jealous of the luxurious living space in prison.

This, however, is a bunch of lies. And yet this same bunch of lies seems to be reborn each spring like leaves on trees. Why do rumors of conspiracies and manipulation within the Office of the Dean of Students breed like rabbits? Because you want to believe them. That's right, Mr. or Ms. Dylan Colby (formerly 'Joe') likes to believe he or she can't win the battle for a sweet room next year. I think this is a shame. If you take an honest look around you, all the dorms on this campus are nice. If you've visited different schools, you know we don't have it that bad. So Hillside is way-the-hell out there; and Woodman feels like a different time zone than frat row. I think people forget how small this campus actually is. There are schools in this country where the administration needs to provide busing to get students between classes because the buildings are so far away, sometimes in completely different towns. There are schools where the students are automatically assigned rooms, and they just deal with it.

And then there's Colby with our prominent Dean of Housing Paul Johnston. I sat down last week with Johnston to discuss some of the rumors circulating about the room draw process. So, the following information comes from him, not just another biased, semi-paranoid student.

Lottery Numbers - There are numerous stories of favoritism among lottery number distribution. There seems to be this belief that if

you have problems this year with your room or roommate, and you spend a good deal of your time complaining to Dean Johnston, that you'll 'coincidentally' end up with a prime lottery number. Johnston, as you might expect, completely refutes this idea. He explained to me the entire process of assigning numbers via random computer distribution, but in retrospect that wasn't necessary. If you just think

Believing the number system is corrupt is like believing in God.

about, you can see how preposterous this is. Believing the number system is corrupt is like believing in God - it serves to explain the seemingly inexplicable in a manner that can't be easily refuted because it has no basis in hard facts.

Where the Good Rooms Go - If you've been to room draw before, then you've seen all those big rooms in good spots already crossed off, even if you're the number one pick. So, what gives? Well, your local H.R., dorm president, SGA representative or some friends of theirs probably took those. Last year 123 people were assigned rooms before the first room draw because they fell into one of those categories. More than 50 of these were 'pull-ins'. When an H.R. picks a room, he or she has the option of giving a friend the room across the hall (Johnston said preferably a one-room double, the least desirable room on campus). Dorm presidents and SGA presidents, vice presidents and common leaders get to fill out the room they pick with friends. A senior president can choose a quad with a bathroom, a triple, a double or a single; a junior can pick a triple, a double, etc. and so on. Last year this

led to 27 people being 'pulled-in' by dorm presidents - that's 6 more people than there are dorms. Naturally, this is where the sweet rooms disappear.

Quotas Often a point of frustration, quotas are designed to balance the dorms between the sexes and classes. Individual rooms are designated male or female (and rooms are generally switched each year). Then, dorms are assigned quotas per class. Ideally, the dorms are individually representative of the statistics on the campus as a whole. This is an area where many colleges differ, but I feel this is the only way to avoid dorms being elitist by class; this campus is already elitist in enough ways.

Living in Lounges - Ah, the dream of every sophomore. Here's the reason students get stuck in lounges, and will continue to do so indefinitely: if there are 1750 beds on this campus, says Dean Johnston, then there will be 1750 students living on this campus. For every quad with 3 people, or triple with just 2, somebody gets put in a lounge. In an ideal world, the numbers balance themselves out, but anybody who's ever lived with anybody knows, you can't expect that many people to live together. Especially not with people who are accustomed to occupying the east wing of their parents' estate on the coast. But Dean Johnston strongly advocates on-campus living as the best environment for students, and with the new senior apartment complex, the goal of 100% on-campus appears within reach.

Is it fair? It's more fair than most things in life. Could the system be improved? Sure, so could every system. But this system isn't as terrible as it's often made out to be. And if you have complaints or suggestions, Dean Johnston is always willing to talk to you. Don't assume he won't listen or he won't let you make some complicated switch of rooms. It's in his interest to make as many students happy as he can. So relax. □

THE FUZZ, continued from page 7

by the baseball field. Sure enough, there was one of Waterville's finest, pulled way back off the road with no lights on. I continued on my way, feeling extra-legal for having come to a complete stop at a yield sign. My detector began to quiet down, and I made it all the way to Olin before it again did everything but leap off its suction-cups and press the brake pedal. There was another cop, this time driving toward me. Campus was definitely covered.

I've also seen countless people pulled over, mostly in front of Mary Low and Foss, and sometimes even in the Foss parking lot. My roommate got pulled over behind Foss, directly in front of the Cotters' driveway. With the constant blue lights and sirens, the people living in Mary Low commons are probably starting to wonder whether they go to Colby College or Compton College.

The good news for criminals is that there are no more police in Waterville. Yesterday I drove through campus at 25 miles-per-hour, obeying all applicable traffic laws. As soon as I got off Mayflower Hill, however, I took it up to 110 down Eustis parkway with complete impunity. I think I might have swiped one or three parked cars, but it's hard to remember little details after that many prescription medication cocktails. Then I tried to rob a liquor store, but it was already being robbed. Since I still needed some money to bet on the cockfight being staged down behind Spanky's, I mugged an old lady. Little did I know she was packing heat,

and it was all I could do to make it back to campus before she shot out my tires. But make it back to campus I did, and she was instantly deterred from her murderous intentions by the flashing blue lights all over the place. As for myself, I wasn't so smart, and I failed to use my indicator as I pulled into the Foss lot. Within seconds I was surrounded by the entire Waterville Police Department. I got a warning.

I realize that Security let off a drunk driver, and that's bad, but Colby is now getting waaaaay more than its share of attention from the boys in blue. Certainly some increased patrols are warranted in the wake of that incident, but the message here is not "we want to help you to have a safer campus," it's "we're mad at you so we're going to harass you." I guess it's a good thing that the crime level in Waterville is low enough that so much manpower can be devoted to pulling people over for rolling through stop signs and speeding, but enough is enough. We get the picture. Even if there were only as many cops driving through campus as there are anywhere else in Waterville, I think that that would be enough to deter people from drunk driving around campus (or speeding, or rolling through stop signs, or picking their noses and flicking it out the window.) In the words of the great Rodney King, can't we all just oil our Jeri-Curls? No, wait, that's not it. Let me try again. Waterville PD: can't we all just get along? □

March for Human Rights!!
2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 23

Join students in a march from the Student Center to the Chapel to raise awareness for human rights issues. After the march, stay to see Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) receive an Honorary Degree from the Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights at Colby College. Email mrfoley@colby.edu for more information.

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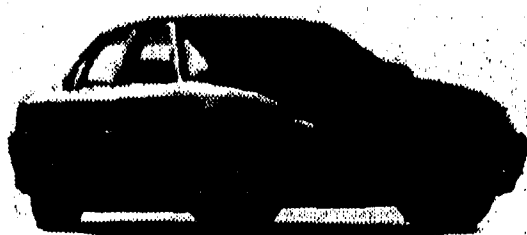


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In the final match of her illustrious Colby tennis career, captain Kim Cheah '99 took second place at the Middlebury Invitational last weekend. In the quarterfinals, Cheah, the top seed, notched straight set victories over opponents from MIT and UVM-Montpelier. In the semifinals, Cheah displayed her relentless work ethic when she bounced back from a first set 6-0 deficit to win the next two sets 6-4, 6-4. The finals were tougher, as Cheah fell to Middlebury's Amy Robinson 6-4, 5-7, 6-2. Cheah went 13-5 overall in 1998-99 as the Mules' number one player.

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With 66 total points, the Colby's men's track and field team earned second place on Saturday at the Bowdoin Invitational Meet. MIT won the meet with 81 points. Bowdoin was third with 49 points, while USM finished fourth with 11. Colby hammer thrower Jamie Brewster '00 won the event with a heave of 182'6", while tri-captain Jon Zareki '99 earned second place in the event and Nathan Laing '00 took third for a Colby sweep of the top three spots. Colby's speedy 4x100M relay team took first, as did one of the team's individuals, Jared Beers '01 in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Tyrone Boucad '00 placed first in the 400M and the 110 hurdles.

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In New London, Conn., Colby crew competed successfully at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. For the second straight week the men's varsity eight captured first place, this time over the Coast Guard Academy and Boston College with a time of 5:58. Three second-place finishes came from the men's junior varsity eight, the men's novice eight and the women's novice eight. The women's varsity eight took third.

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After playing in the North American Hockey Championships in his hometown of Toronto, Can. last weekend, stand-outhockey player Rob Koh '99 said that would likely be the last game of his career.

Despite receiving a call from the Pensacola, Fla. contingent of the East Coast Hockey League, a farm league for NHL and AHL prospects, Koh plans to pursue a biology career.

"I was thinking about it for awhile--to play the sport you love for a living," said the three-time All-American defenseman. "But I've also got a degree from Colby and it's time to do

something different in life. I'm leaning towards 'no', but it's not completely a hold-up."

Koh's chance to shine came from playing as one of only two Division III players in two contests between the NCAA All-Stars and the top players from the Canadian university system. The United States team lost the first game 4-3 and the second 5-4 in an overtime shootout.

"It's always been a question in a D-III player's mind if they can play with the D-I players," Koh said. "Being out there, skating on the ice beside them helped me feel I could accomplish the same thing, maybe, in Division I hockey."

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The Colby women's lacrosse team had a disappointing weekend as they dropped two games on their trip to Connecticut.

The first contest took place at Trinity, where the Mules looked to give the Bantams their first loss of the season. Trinity jumped out to a commanding 11-6 lead in the first half. But going into the second half, Colby came out of with determination. They scored seven goals to make the contest competitive.

But the fifth-ranked Bantams did not relent. They scored five goals in the second half to preserve the 16-13 final.

Abby Healy '99 scored four goals for the Mules, while Kristina Stahl '99, Angela Pappas '01 and Marcia Ingraham '02 each scored twice. Goalie Mary Zito '02 made five saves in net for the Mules.

The Colby women traveled to Connecticut College on Saturday in hopes of getting back on the winning track.

And again, the Lady Mules battled back from an early deficit. Colby took the lead with 12:04 remaining in the game when they scored five unanswered goals to go up 9-8. But the Camels went on a streak of their own, scoring the game's final four goals for the 12-9 win. In this game of momentum shifts, Ingraham and Katie Lee '01 each scored twice for Colby and Zito made 10 saves in the loss.

Colby played on a chilly Tuesday afternoon, but took advantage of the cold play of Bridgewater State College. The Mules won 15-5, breaking a three-game losing streak.

Angela Pappas '01 scored four times and added an assist, while Marcia Ingraham '02 scored three times. Two goals came from tri-captain Caroline Kasparian '99 and Kristina Stahl '99.

The win over 7-3 Bridgewater puts Colby back on track and brings their record to 4-4.

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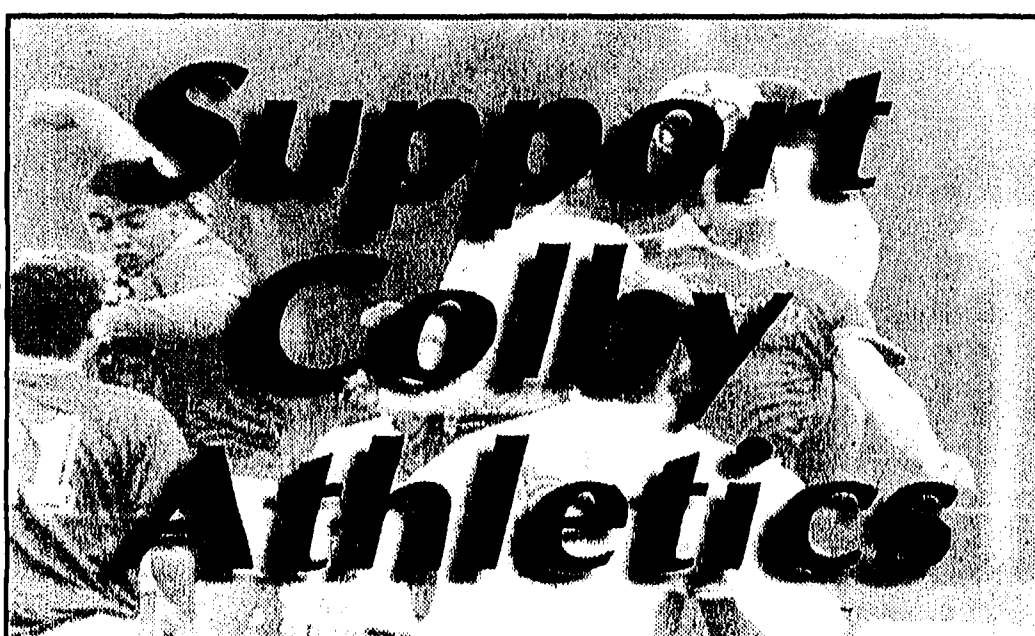
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Men's lax dominates Plymouth State, narrowly loses to Trinity

BY BROOKE FRAPPIER
Staff Writer

Down 6-4 at halftime, the Trinity Bantams outscored Colby's men's lacrosse team 5-2 in the second half to rally for the 9-8 win.

With the advantage, Colby began the second half by increasing their lead to 8-4 with goals from Bill Spencer '02 and Ryan Kelly '01. But the Bantams came charging back with five unanswered goals. Trinity's John Harrelson scored the game-winner with 1:22 remaining in the game.

Tri-captain Mark Melander '99 had two goals in the game, as did Kelly. Matt Williams '99, Mark McEwen '01, Pete Kugeler '99 and Spencer added one goal a piece. Goalie John Shea '02 made 19 saves for Colby.

"It was a good game, we just didn't capitalize," said Melander. "They had a good goalie. We just couldn't get it by him."

Despite the narrow contest to end the week, the Mules did notch a win on Thursday against Plymouth State. In the team's first home game of the year, Colby got on the board four times in the first period to take a resounding 4-0 lead. Plymouth State answered with two goals in the second. It wasn't enough, as Colby's Kugeler, who netted five goals on the day, and Jeff Boyer '00, scored to take the 6-2 advantage at halftime.



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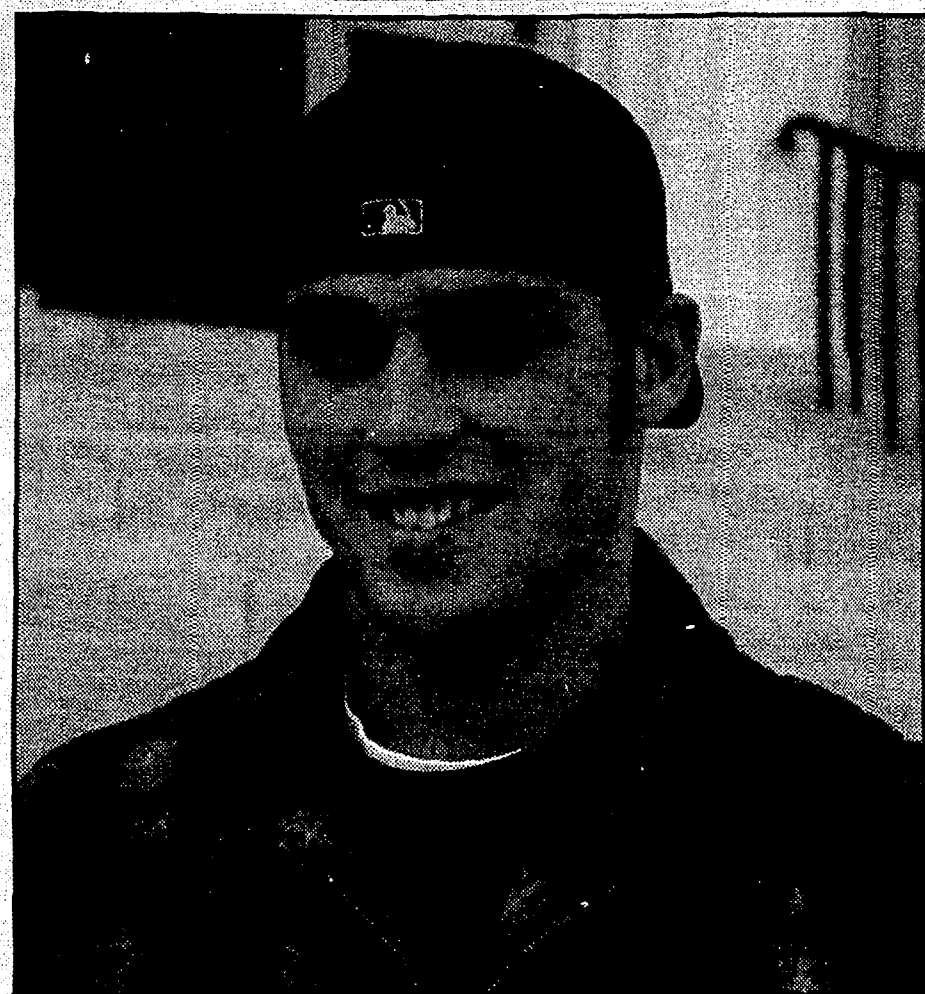
Senior captain Matt Williams handles the ball past a defender.

Colby went on a tear, scoring 12 goals and relinquishing only four to earn the 18-6 win. Melander found the net three times, while Williams and Kelly scored two apiece. Shea and Brian Heister '00 combined for 11 saves in goal.

Colby's record now stands at 5-3. The Mules were ranked 16th in New England prior to this week. What happens to that rank will be affected by the split and Colby's upcoming contests. The team will travel to Tufts on Saturday to battle the Jumbos. □

DEVASTATOR

of the week



Andy Tripp '01

Echo photo by Jenny O'Donnell

In what was not an easy weekend for the Colby baseball team, losing two games to powerhouse Brandeis by a combined score of 33-21, Tripp made things look easy. The lead-off hitter went 6-8 at the plate with two homeruns and seven rbi. Earlier in the week, Tripp went deep off the pitching of the Polar Bears—that's three homeruns in one week of play and five on the year. Tripp, batting .446, was named to the NESCAC Honor Roll this week.

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Brooke Fitzsimmons '01

The softball team's nine inning 2-1 loss to USM last Thursday was more intense for Fitzsimmons than anyone else. The softball hurler struck out seven Huskies, walked one and surrendered seven hits in the narrow defeat. Due to tiebreaking rules which put a runner on second base to begin extra innings, the runs did not harm Fitzsimmons' earned run average. Instead, Fitzsimmons' ERA dropped to a miniscule 0.57, which leads the NESCAC and earned her a spot on the NESCAC Honor Roll this week.

Peter Kugeler '99

In a whopping 18-6 win over Plymouth State last week, Kugeler's vision was honed and his shot was primed. Kugeler found the net five times. He added another in the Mules' tough 9-8 loss to Trinity.

Abby Healy '99

Healy turned in an outstanding offensive effort in last week's 16-13 loss to Trinity by scoring four goals in the contest and dishing out an assist. The senior added another in the loss to 15th-ranked Connecticut College.

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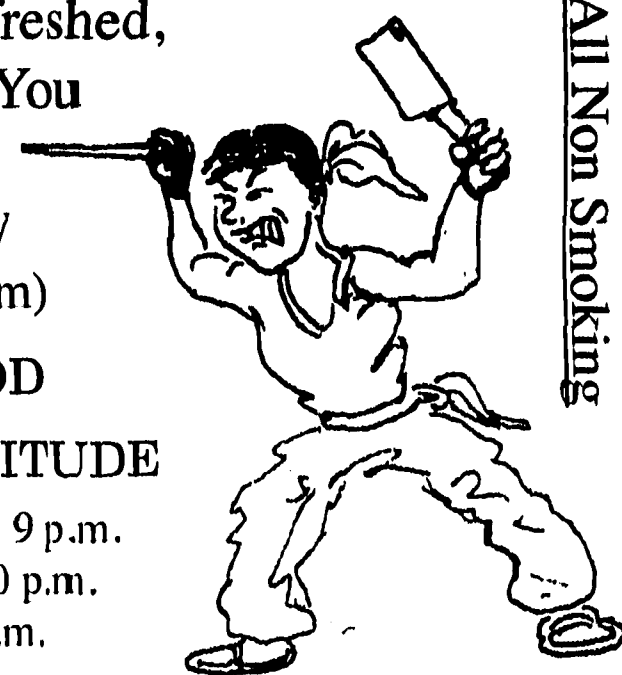
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Tennis wins one, loses two

BY HEATHER DAUR
Staff Writer

After an impressive shutout win on Thursday, the Colby men's tennis team fell in two successive shutout losses over the weekend.

The White Mules improved on their season record on April 8 when they crushed the University of Southern Maine by a decisive 7-0 score. Colby took five of the six singles matches in straight sets. Colby's sweep was led by captain Owen Patrick '01, who captured the number one singles competition by a score of 6-2, 6-0.

In the number two slot was Martin Schnermann '02, who defeated Tim Yocum 6-3, 6-1. Brad Wand '01, Ross Frankenfield '00, Jeff Nichols '01 and Sam Dubrow '02 all won to round out the top six slots.

The Mules traveled to Trinity College Saturday where they suffered a setback. Colby was defeated by Trinity 7-0. Sunday produced an equally disappointing loss as the men fell to Brandeis University by a score of 5-2.

Still, co-captain Patrick is optimistic about the team's ability to establish some momentum.

"We're looking to have a breakthrough match soon," said Patrick. "We go into our matches expecting tough competition. That's what we get, but that's the way we like it."

The Mules will have the opportunity to break through tomorrow when they take on Salem State at home. The matches begin at 3:00. □

Baseball drops a pair to Brandeis

BY JAMES SPIDLE
Staff Writer

The Colby baseball team played host to the powerful Judges of Brandeis University who asserted their power on Saturday afternoon with a pair of wins over the Mules.

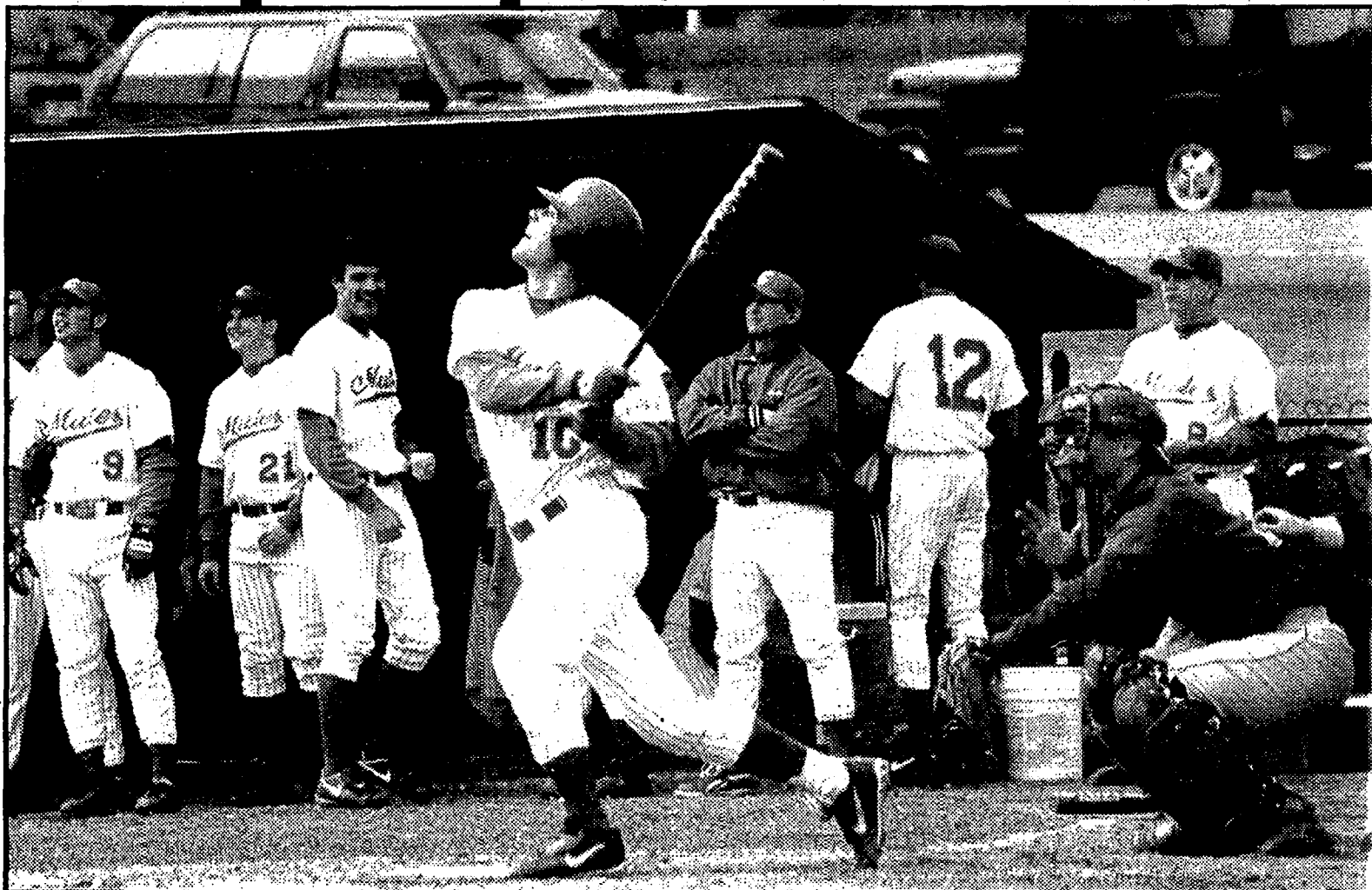
The Colby men battled, but were unable to overcome the Judges' offensive onslaught of 32 hits, 33 runs and seven homeruns during the two-game series.

Despite the two-game skid, the Mules' playoff chances remain good with a significant amount of their schedule remaining.

"I was a little disappointed that we couldn't have taken at least one from Brandeis, but I don't view it as a set back," said senior co-captain Brian DiBello.

In the first game, Brandeis jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the opening inning, courtesy of a two-run shot by Jim Deschaine. The Mules answered with five runs in the bottom of the first to take a 5-2 lead. A two-run single by Jon Lord '02 was sandwiched between doubles by Matt Paquette '99, who drove in a run, and Bill Goldman '01, who knocked in two more.

Brandeis formed a rally of their own in the third inning to recapture the lead 6-5. In the fifth inning, Brandeis bombarded the Mules with a 10-run deluge. With the bases full of Judges and just one out, Dan Notaro lined a Kris Keelty '99 fastball down the rightfield line to score two. Jim Freethy added two more with a shot to the rightfield gap. Brandeis scored two more before Colby's Paquette came in to relieve Keelty, who worked 42/3 innings. But things on the mound were not any easier for Paquette, who was greeted by a grand slam from Christos Tsiamis



A pop fly from number 10, Matt Smith '00.

Echo photo by Jenny O'Donnell

to make the score 16-5.

Colby only came up with one run back in the bottom half of the fifth when senior co-captain Greg Domareki hit a sacrifice fly. Pitcher Nathan Bradley '99 entered the game in the sixth and did not allow the Judges to score in the final two innings.

The Mules threatened with a three-run bomb off the bat of Andy Tripp '01 and a two-run blast to straight-away center provided by Lord. Still, the Judges were able to hold on and preserve the 16-12 win for pitcher Dave Cimini.

A similar game was played the second time around. Brandeis refused to let up from scoring, plating runners in every inning but the sixth. The Mules did not score their first

run until the fourth inning.

Trailing 13-0, Tripp hit a base-loaded double down the

"I was a little disappointed that we couldn't have taken at least one from Brandeis."
-Brian DiBello '99

rightfield line to score two. Later, Lou Distasi '01 scored from first on a double to the left-center gap by Paquette. That made the score 13-6 after four innings. But Brandeis added three more in the fifth.

In the bottom of the sixth, Tripp

continued to dominate Brandeis pitching by scorching a two-run line shot over the fence in leftfield for his second homerun of the day. Domareki tried to lead the comeback by smashing two homeruns, but the Mules were unable to score again and the game ended 17-9. Domareki is currently hitting .472 as the second leading hitter in the NESCAC.

With the two losses, Colby's record slips to 11-6. The Mules traveled to the University of Maine at Orono yesterday to face the Division I Black Bears. They return home to embark upon a three-game series with Middlebury tomorrow and Saturday. The first pitch will be thrown at 4:00 tomorrow and the doubleheader begins at 12:00 on Saturday. □

Softball comes up short in extra inning duel with USM Huskies

BY BECKY SCHECHTER
Asst. Sports Editor

The Colby softball team (8-6) lost two close games against Maine schools on Friday and Saturday. Both of the contests against the University of Southern Maine and Bowdoin featured good pitching and low scoring.

Head coach Richard Bailey had anticipated a tight match against the USM team.

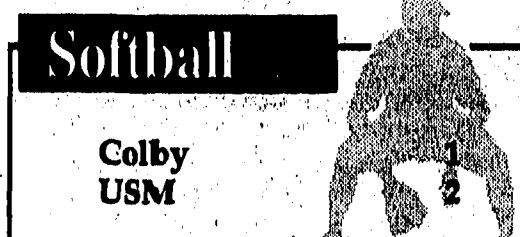
"The teams are evenly matched," he said before the game. "Player for player, we're matched up very well against them."

Bailey's expectations proved to

be correct. The White Mules' game against the Huskies was a true pitcher's duel. Both USM hurler Erica Gagnon and Colby's Brooke Fitzsimmons '01 allowed no runs in seven innings. Tie-breaker rules then went into effect in the eighth, which constitute the inning beginning with a runner on second base and zero outs. Teams typically bunt the runner to third base and then have two outs to knock her in.

The Huskies crossed the plate once in the top of the eighth to take the lead 1-0. But Colby came right back in the bottom of the inning. Elizabeth Oberlin '01 scored on a RBI groundout by Lindsay Santini '02, to tie the game at 1-1. The Mules

were close to taking the game, as co-captain Steph Patterson '99 lined a single to left with a runner on second. However, the USM left fielder made an amazing throw home to tag Kim Chadwick '02 for the third and final out.



USM pushed a runner over the plate with one out in the top of the ninth. The 2-1 lead became the final score, as the Mules could not

come up with a matching run in the bottom of the ninth.

Colby managed seven hits in the tiebreaker, with Becky Rasmussen '00 contributing a double and a triple. Fitzsimmons kept the Mules in action the entire game, allowing six hits and striking out four. The loss drops her record to 4-2, but her ERA is an outstanding 0.57 in 37 innings pitched.

On Saturday the squad traveled to Brunswick to try and continue their winning ways against the archrival Polar Bears.

Bowdoin jumped out early, scoring in the bottom of the first. The Polar Bears held the Mules to

one hit over four innings, but Colby got things going in the fifth. Rasmussen led off with a single and then scored on a single by pitcher Stephanie Greenleaf '01. Patterson smacked a double in the sixth, knocking the Bowdoin starter out of the game. A sacrifice fly by Kate Magnuson '02 put the Mules up by one. The Polar Bears rallied with two outs in the bottom of the sixth, scoring the tying and winning runs as Colby went down 1-2-3 in the seventh.

The Mules will travel to the University of New England today and then return home to play Middlebury on Friday at 4:00 and twice on Saturday beginning at noon. □