

Protestors stage sit-in at Cotter's office

BY BETSY LOYD
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Approximately 100 students and faculty members took over President William R. Cotter's third-floor Eustis office, Friday, protesting against what they perceived to be a lack of action against institutional racism. About 20 students began the sit-in at 11 a.m. and more protestors filed into the office throughout the day. The leaders met with Cotter at approximately 4 p.m. and members of the Board of Trustees addressed the protestors shortly after 5:30 p.m. The crowd dispersed before 7 p.m.

The sit-in was partially in response to Wednesday's Campus Community Committee meeting. There, the Task Force on Institutional Racism presented its re-

port and asked that the administration re-read a letter written by Mayra Diaz '98 that outlined 14 steps to combat institutional racism at Colby.

"It wasn't very productive," said Kenya Sanders '00 of the CCC meeting. "There wasn't any real commitment."

"The straw that broke the camel's back," according to Justin Ehrenwerth '01, hall president of Piper and co-chair of Hillel, was Presidents' Council's treatment of his motion to have a racial Minority Affairs Representative permanently sit on the Council. The motion was passed in amended form, which "extended a permanent invitation to a Minority Affairs Representative as a formally recognized guest."

Kyle Potter '99 said he felt the Council said, "we're guests here

Students claim institutionalized racism

... We're not even real students here."

Thursday night, a group of students wrote a list of demands and organized the next morning's protest.

"We were aware that the trustees would be here... it was very spur of the moment, though. We thought this would be the time to just go," said Potter.

Potter said that the idea to hold the sit-in in Cotter's office stemmed from the CCC meeting. He said Cotter had told him to bring the issues to him, and that his door was always open.

The original group consisted of about 20 students who entered Cotter's office and presented him with the list of demands.

"We had to keep it within a

small grouping of people we knew we could trust, initially," said Potter. Similar protests had been leaked in the past to the administration and stopped before they could happen.

After asking the students to leave, Cotter left his office to attend prior commitments relating to Trustee Weekend.

Students then began calling and leaving phone bombs for members of groups in which they were involved.

Monty Hobson '02, Student Programming Board representative from West Quad, left a message for his dorm saying, "We are not going to leave until President Cotter and the Board of Trustees have a conversation about this problem on the Colby

College campus."

He encouraged students to come discuss how institutional racism "affects you, or how you think it is or isn't existent."

"It was completely a student-run thing," said Potter. Faculty and staff supported the protestors, though, by bringing them food.

Cotter called a 4 p.m. meeting with Sanders, Potter, Student Government Association President Ben Langille '99, recently elected SGA Vice-President Jon Gray '00, and Sandy Grande, assistant professor of education and human development. Dean of Students Janice Kassman, Vice President Arnold Yasinski and Dean of the College Earl Smith See *SIT-IN*, continued on page 4

Communist, Environmental Activist and Filmmaker George Cullinen speaks to a Pugh Center crowd, April 15, in a speech entitled "Why I became an Antifascist and fought in the Spanish Civil War." Cullinen talked of his experiences as a volunteer soldier in the Spanish Civil War and other battles against fascism.



Echo photo by Manuela Kraemer

Students vote "no" on presidential ballot

BY MATT APUZZO
News Editor

In an election marred by campaign finance concerns and special investigations, many students opted not to cast a vote for either Student Government Association presidential candidate. While Ben Humphreys '00 and Jon Gray '00 won the election with 53 percent of the electorate, 118 students voted "no vote" for the position. Jason Werlin '00 and William Newberry '00 received 35 percent.

This represents the largest per-

centage of "no voters" in recent memory, with 10.6 percent of the electorate choosing none of the above.

"A social scientist would say I don't know until I interview the 11 percent and sample them and ask them why they didn't vote," said G. Calvin Mackenzie, distinguished presidential professor of American government and an expert on the American presidency. "But my speculation was that they were making a statement that they were displeased with the way the campaigns were run."

Approximately 61 percent of the

student body turned out to vote for the run-offs. With 11 percent abstaining from the presidential race, roughly 50 percent of the student body was left to decide the position.

"The fact that 39 percent of the people did not vote also shows some disinterest," said Mackenzie.

Skepticism surrounded the SGA Election Commission, which issued a campus-wide e-mail regarding the finance issues in the campaign of Jason Werlin '00. The Commission did not remove Werlin from the ballot, but offered Geoff Starr '00 See *ELECTION*, cont. on page 3

Has anything changed? In 1996, a rally attacked racism. Yet some of the same problems persist.

BY MATT APUZZO
News Editor

Colby was not even a month into its 1996-1997 school year when a Woodman head resident found the word "nigger" scrawled on a poster of Student Association President Joshua Woodfork '97. Days later, a Woodman resident found a swastika drawn on her door. The two events ironically occurred during the same week as the Pugh Center's grand opening and spurred a rally on the steps of Miller Library.

But three years later, has the situation improved for minorities on campus? Many say no.

"As a college campus as a whole, I don't think we've learned a thing," said Kenya Sanders '00, who attended Friday's sit-in but did not attend the rally her freshman year.

In fact, she says, Colby might have even gone backwards since the day LaWaun Curry '97 told students "It starts here today, but it doesn't end here today."

"Nothing changed after the rally, it just got pushed further into the closet," said Sanders. "Now we don't even make the effort, so I guess we have regressed."

"I think this college can set a terrific example of what diversity is all about," said chairman of the Board of Trustees Lawrence Pugh at the opening of the Pugh Center.

Many of the same students that sat and listened to that speech as freshmen and sophomores sat on the floor of President William R. Cotter's office Friday. They clearly felt Colby is not a terrific example of diversity.

On paper, Colby boasts a more diverse population in 1999 than in 1997, but sheer numbers aren't enough, many say.

"You increase the numbers, and look what happens. You get a bigger group of dissatisfied people who march into the President's office," said Angela Crandon '99.

Perhaps the biggest distinction between Friday's sit-in and the 1996 rally is that the group Friday came with a clear list of goals.

"I don't think they were trying to teach a lesson at the rally," said Crandon. "We all saw the pointlessness of the rally. I know what happened was wrong and I know I was hurt, but just saying so isn't going to accomplish anything."

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News Briefs

Barndt and McElhinny named Carnegie Fellows

William Barndt '99 and Jennifer McElhinny '99 were two of 10 U.S. college seniors named Carnegie Junior Fellows for 1999-2000. They will work as research assistants in the president's office and with senior associates working on the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace's international affairs program.

Daly to speak today

Mary Daly, feminist and Boston College theology professor, will speak about her latest book, *Quintessence... Realizing the Archaic Future: A Radical Elemental Feminist Manifesto* today at 7:30 p.m. in the Page Commons Room. Daly has taught women-only classes at Boston College for 25 years. Her recent refusal to teach male students in a feminist ethics class has led to a lawsuit by the Center for Individual Rights and sparked debate on sex discrimination the merits of segregated classes.

Duster to discuss Affirmative Action today

Troy Duster of the University of California at Berkeley will present the annual Kingsley Birge Sociology Lecture at 8 p.m. today in the Robins Room of Roberts Union. His lecture is entitled, "The Attack on Affirmative Action: Political Context and Unanticipated Consequences." Duster is the grandson of journalist Ida B. Wells-Barnett, who achieved national attention as leader of the anti-lynching crusade.

Task force recommended to reevaluate January Program

BY MAX SADLER
Copy Editor

As of the April 14 faculty meeting, JanPlan is still alive and kicking, but is under watch. An elected task force comprised of students and faculty will evaluate the effectiveness of the January Program, it was decided.

The task force was proposed at the meeting by Carter Professor of Mathematics Thomas R. Berger in response to John D. MacArthur Associate Professor of Sociology and African-American Studies Cheryl Townsend Gilkes' motion to abolish JanPlan.

Gilkes, who has expressed concern about the January Program in the past, told the faculty that there is "not really a faculty consensus about JanPlan."

Among her concerns are that student support for the January Program stems from their desire to have fun over the month; that professors try to "cram too much into courses" and that faculty often refuse to teach.

Registrar George L. Coleman explained his concern about student motivation during January. Some students who take difficult classes find it hard to concentrate while "their friends are making ashtrays," Coleman argues.

Associate Professor of German

“Objections to woodworking or doing lab research during JanPlan are important. —Professor Thomas Berger”

James R. McIntyre presented yet another concern about the January Program. He worries that students taking sequential language courses forget too much between the end of first semester in December and the beginning of the second in Febru-

ary. He proposed that the Jan Program be moved to the end of the school year, much like the Spring Term at Bates College.

The faculty unanimously supported Berger's proposed task force to reconsider the merits of the January Program and to consider how the term can be improved. Berger invited opponents of the current January Program to speak up with their concerns. "Objections to woodworking or doing lab research during JanPlan are important," Berger said after the faculty meeting. "The entire campus should have the opportunity to say whether it is important or not."

In addition, the faculty voted to give JanPlan credit for students studying on Colby-Bates-Bowdoin off-campus study programs that are in session during January. Previously, students studying abroad who were enrolled in off-campus study programs that began in January had to complete a January program for the other three years at Colby. □

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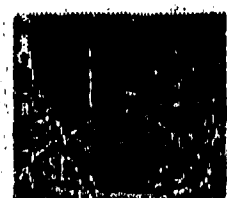
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21 summonsed

BY MATT APUZZO
News Editor

Fifteen students and three other individuals received a total of 21 summonses from the Waterville Police Department, Saturday evening and early Sunday morning in two unrelated incidents on and off Mayflower Hill. The total represents the largest number of summonses this year, eclipsing the previous high of 10 set in September.

An 8:26 p.m. 911 call reported that a female student in the Woodman Residence Hall had overdosed on over-the-counter diet pills. Colby Emergency Response, Patrol Officer David Carron and representatives from Delta Ambulance reported to the scene. While the woman, who was later transported to Maine General was being treated, Carron observed an under 21-year old male student leave his room with an alcoholic beverage. The student did a quick about-face, according to Deputy Chief of Police Joseph Massey, but was stopped by Carron, who entered the room and summonsed minors to Waterville District Court June 9.

Peter Kraft, Jr. '02, Benjamin Griffin '02, Matthew King '02, and William Flannery each received summonses for possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption, while Edmond Watters '02 and John Phillips '02 were charged with possession of alcohol by a minor.

Some students were surprised that police officers entered the dormitory, but Massey said that it was standard procedure.

"Any time there's a call on an overdose, the police will respond with Delta," he said.

"You can never be assured that you can be underage and drinking, even in the privacy and comfort of your own dorm," said Dean of Students Janice Armo Kassman. "You never know when a completely separate incident will bring the police onto campus."

Massey expects Colby students to obey the laws whether they are on or off campus. "Colby students are adults and they'll be the first to tell you that when it's convenient. But, when it's not, they want to be viewed as students who have some special privilege to drink."

Throughout the evening, police officials also observed a party at 84 Front Street, the home of seven senior men. The Front Street residence is only a few blocks down the street from the Police Station. Because the road is a one-way street, all squad

cars heading into downtown Waterville have to pass the residence.

At 1 a.m. Sunday morning, Patrol Officer William Bonney parked his patrol car across the street from the house and reportedly observed people urinating on the neighbors' lawns.

"He was also close enough where he could hear people being charged \$4 at the door if they wanted to drink," said Massey.

Selling alcohol without a permit falls under the jurisdiction of the Maine Bureau of Liquor Enforcement. Massey said he planned to contact MBE officials regarding that offense. He said he would be surprised if the bureau would follow up since police officials summonsed the students.

Three officers entered the party shortly after 1 a.m., when Donald Gage '99, Nathan Bradley '99, Colin Gibbons '99, Jon Hiltz '99, David Nasse '99, Joseph Pagano '99, and James Spidle '99 were summonsed for providing a place for minors to consume alcohol.

Rebecca Munsterer '01, Jaime Langione '02, and Janessa White '02 all received summonses for possession of alcohol by a minor. Two non-Colby students, Danielle Lapierre and Laura Siracusa also received summonses and Siracusa was arrested for providing a false name to a law enforcement officer.

The Front Street residents declined comment on Tuesday. The students are slated to appear before Waterville District Court June 9.

Students who will be unable to attend the court date because school will no longer be in session can make arrangements with the court to have a lawyer represent them or change the date, Massey said.

Police presence at Colby has been increased following an incident just prior to spring break in which Colby Security did not contact Waterville Police to report a drunken driver. Chief of Police John Morris said he would decrease police presence once he got a written statement from Colby officials affirming their commitment to enforce Maine liquor laws.

"We have not received anything in writing, and quite frankly, I don't expect we will," said Massey. "I think that was just more patronizing. But we've come to expect that. I'm not going to wait for another serious incident at Colby and for the public or administration to say 'Gee police, have you had your eyes closed?' " □

Local News

Former Nigerian Ambassador to speak

Former U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria Walter Carrington will speak at the next Mid-Maine Global Forum meeting on April 23rd at John Martin's Manor in Waterville. He was an original director of the Peace Corps and has also been the ambassador to Senegal. Carrington's lecture will discuss the first democratic elections in Nigeria in 16 years.

Waterville lowers taxes for apartment owners

Owners of almost 1,000 Waterville apartments will pay lower taxes this year following the release of surveys that showed that many buildings were overvalued. The tax cut will save apartment owners almost \$230,000 in property taxes. The city's four largest apartment complexes will not have their value readjusted.

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and David Normoyle '00 a place on the run-off ballot. Starr was defeated in the first election by Werlin and Humphreys. The Commission declined to comment on the reasoning behind this decision and the details surrounding Werlin's spending.

In addition, the Commission did not release the election percentages for many races.

"It always worked well in the Philippines," Mackenzie said jokingly about keeping certain election numbers confidential. "If you don't get the numbers you want, you throw out the whole election until you do."

On a serious note, he admits there is no basis for a belief that the Election Commission acted to influence the outcome. He did say, however, that students should discuss their views on election guidelines.

"The confidentiality question seems to be a good one for people to examine because confidentiality in an election almost seems to be an oxymoron," he said.

"If election results are made public, I think, voter content would rise, and I speak of this generally, not

specifically to the SGA election," said Heights President Will Barndt '99. Barndt, a government major, is writing his senior thesis on electoral reform.

While both Mackenzie and Barndt agree it is impossible to pinpoint the reason the 11 percent chose to vote against both candidates, Associate Professor of Government Guilain P. Denoeux thinks the number could be representative of a larger disgruntled body.

"It suggests that there are even more people who are unhappy because there are going to be people who are unhappy and who will still vote for one of the candidates," he said. "Eleven percent are unhappy but are so unhappy that they will tell you that."

"I think it's a very bad precedent," said Mackenzie of the decision by the Commission to keep many decisions behind closed doors. "In any democratic process the results of the election should always be public. If the electorate thinks the election process is rigged, unbiased or unfair, that will always have the

effect of diminishing participation." Humphreys, who spent last week at Maine General Medical Center with viral meningitis, flew home Tuesday and was unable to be reached for comment on the election results.

The Commission controversy would never have arisen without questions regarding the candidates. A distrust of the candidates could have molded student views more significantly.

"I admire the time and commitment that the Election Commission put into this," said Barndt. "I think it's unfortunate that enough issues arose that they felt they needed to meet."

Next year's SGA will be a product of the sentiment of this year's electorate, and only time will tell if the results of this election will be an anomaly or a pattern.

"You can say this is a vote against politics as usual but you don't have any evidence," said Mackenzie. "But one thing we know about voters is they make choices based on choices given to them." □

SGA election RESULTS

Executive Board elected in run-off

SGA President and Vice-President
Benjamin Humphreys '00 and Jon Gray '00

SGA Treasurer
Robert Painter '01

SGA Cultural Chair
Jake Conklin '00

Mary Low Commons Leaders
Anna L'Hommedieu '02 and Jess Bennett '02

Class of 2002
Ben Colice and Chris Castle

Hall Presidents elected in run-off

AMS
Rebecca Munsterer '01

Williams
Bill Simpson '02

Woodman
Jutika Kalghati '01

Hall Presidents appointed

Averill
Parke Burmeister '00
(Jeffery Bears '02 was elected, but switched to Mary Low to stay in chem-free housing)

Treworgy
Amber Hall '02
(Katie Knepley '02 was elected, but switched to Sturtevant)

Grossman
Steven Jaboin '02
(Josephine Chapman '01 was elected, but declined the position)

Pierce
Pedzisayi Makumbe '02
(Kate Nastou '02 was elected, but switched to Drummond to stay in regular housing)

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Kate Nastou '02
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With a concrete list of 15 demands, the group hopes, Colby's minorities won't find themselves in the same situation looking back on this event three years from now.

But this is not the first time a group of minorities has demanded change from the administration.

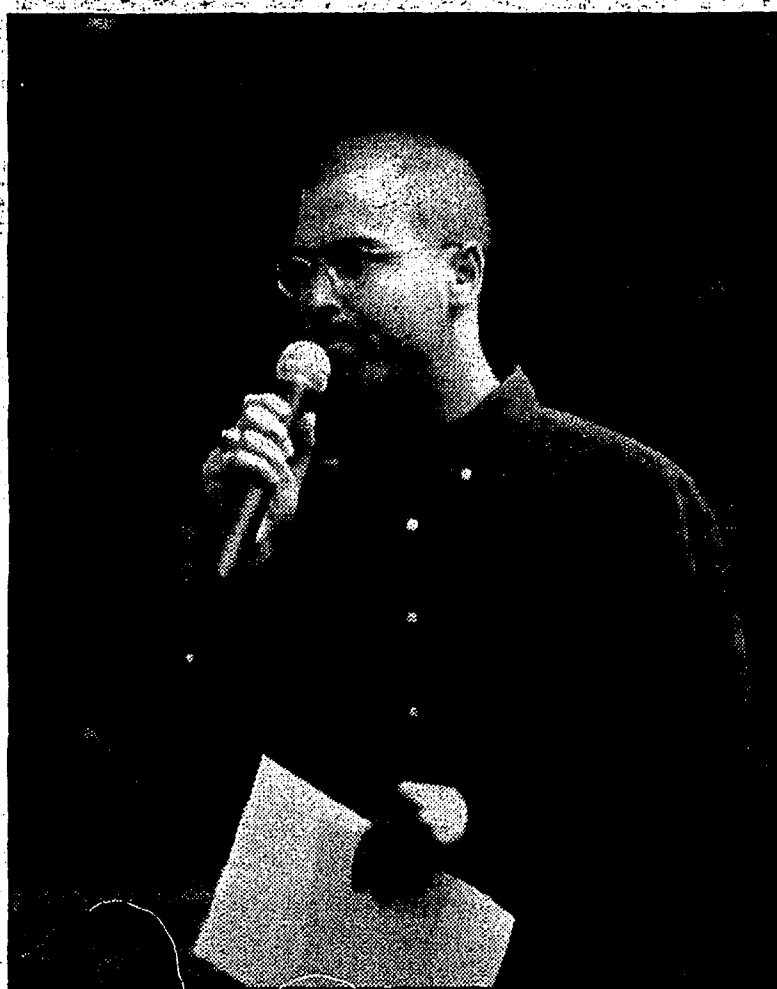
"We've had enough talk," said Jonathan Thomas '94, then 1994 vice president of Students Organized for Black and Hispanic Unity. "Doors leading to doors, committees to discuss committees, smoke and mirrors - we want action. We don't want any more cosmetic changes, positions of vision with no power - we want some fundamental changes."

But after a rally and a sit-in, Potter says, "The issues haven't changed. They're the same issues."

To prevent the problem from perpetuating, many say, students and faculty members need to acknowledge that institutionalized racism exists at Colby. Until then, nothing will change.

It's also important, students argue, for people to remember that the College's policies are more than policies to so many students.

"This is not just a system," said Sanders. "This is my life. This is my happiness." □



Josh Woodfork '97 at a 1996 rally.

Echo file photo

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also attended.

"We went over our list of demands . . . to see what could be done," said Sanders. "(Cotter) expressed that he wanted things to be nice and not get out of hand."

"We agreed where we can agree and still have to disagree and we can move on," Cotter said later.

After the meeting, the students revised their demands, changing them to include things Cotter and the trustees could realistically do, according to Sanders.

Shortly after 5:30, Cotter and members of the Board of Trustees had a full discussion with the protestors and their supporters. Cotter had originally suggested the group meet in Roberts Union, but the students refused to leave his office and the adjacent conference room.

Cotter invited trustee chairman Lawrence Pugh '56, incoming chair Jim Crawford '64, Beverly Madden '80, Colleen Khoury '64 and Levin Campbell to join in the dialogue.

"All of us, black and white, students and teachers, (need to make sure) that we do not forget this day," said Cotter.

A main point of discussion was Affirmative Action in hiring new faculty members. "We need more faculty consultation," said Cotter. He said that he had suggested a minority finalist be brought to campus on every faculty search, but the faculty members of color advised against it. Cotter said he would still support this kind of a change.

"Affirmative Action needs a lot of creativity and it's very decentralized," said Cotter. He said that it requires faculty support and it isn't done in his office.

Affirmative Action is "really important to me . . . I want to take classes with people who look like

me," said Potter in an interview Sunday. "We've had no new African American professors in 10 years."

Another part of the conversation focused on responding to an opinion article in the April 15 issue of the *Echo* in which a satirical comment was made regarding Rodney King. The students requested Cotter write a letter to the editor, but he preferred to write one in conjunction with students.

Megan Watson '99 asked how they could get the *Echo* to run all of the names of those who sign the letter because 48 names were left off of an April 15 letter to the *Echo* pointing out the absence of a minority on the Presidential Search Committee.

Echo policy allows for letters of 400 words, including names, but has in the past made exceptions when not confined by space constraints.

"We need to broaden this dialogue to include the *Echo*. Why are they insensitive to these issues?" said Cotter.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Pugh said, "Obviously it's been an interesting day. . . I hope the end will be very productive."

Cotter, student leaders and the trustees signed an agreement written by Laura Eichelberger to commit to working on the day's recommendations.

After the meeting, the students and their supporters said they had accomplished some of their goals but would fight for more.

"I think, (through) a lot of hard work and a lot of communication between students and the administration, a beautiful beginning was accomplished," Gray said.

"I'm waiting to see the commitment that's on paper to really be actualized," said Potter. □

Taken directly from the protestors' list of demands

*1. That Mayra Diaz's letter and the Final Report from the Task Force on Institutional Racism be responded to so that each item has a corresponding date of proposed action/completion. (agreed)

*2. That the President along with the elected Pugh Center Alliance representative, occupation student leaders, Kenya Sanders and Kyle Potter and selected faculty and staff attend the next Presidents' Council meeting and speak in support of the motion for a racial minority affairs representative. (agreed)

3. In support of the Task Force on Institutional Racism initiative #5 we add that the minority scholars post doctoral program be reinitiated by Spring 2000 for recruitment purposes ensuing Fall 2000.

4. That the trustees restructure the hiring freeze so that a minimum of three new positions are explicitly earmarked for (U.S. minority scholars committed to confront issues of race and racism, and system (sic) of privilege and oppression.

*5. That President Cotter suggest to the Dean of Faculty that the Academic Affairs Committee prioritize revisiting the diversity requirement within its agenda so that the issue be discussed before the end of the year. (agreed)

6. That the President take immediate action on initiative #6 of #7 the final report of the Task Force on Institutional Racism.

7. That the multicultural housing issue be revisited by the Board of Trustees and that this dialogue take into consideration the new Senior Housing apartments. That this dialogue occur in consultation with members of the Task Force on Institutional Racism.

8. That a social / academic support network of students of color be established on campus with paid positions for student of color interested in mentoring incoming students. That a new 1/2 administration 1/2 faculty position be created to direct this program. That the Dean of Students office look at similar programs at sister colleges and other institutions for further ideas on this project. (sentences 1 and 3 agreed)

9. Strengthen commitment to Affirmative Action for all new openings in faculty, staff, and administrative positions.

10. That Colby create a special scholars program (e.g. Dartmouth) to increase enrollment of American Indian Students at Colby. And that special consideration be given to members of Maine Tribal nations.

*11. That the next addition (sic) of the Colby Magazine have a feature article regarding this event as a culmination of the experiences of students of color on campus. That this article be written in consultation with students of color. (agreed)

12. That training of SGA leaders and Presidents' Council be mandated and that this training be undertaken by those organizations suggested in the Final Report of the Task Force on Institutional Racism. We specifically endorse the minority operated, minority owned organizations.

13. That the position of the Pugh Center director be reinstituted and that this be a permanent position.

14. That the President address the most recent racist statements and actions taken by the Colby Echo. (agreed, with student help in writing)

* recommendations that can be done immediately or in the near future.

The students, President William R. Cotter, and the trustees in attendance agreed upon the recommendations marked agreed.



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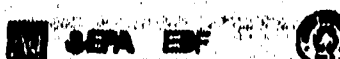
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FEATURES

In Echo History

April, 1987

With room draw upon us, feelings can run high, as they do every year. It is good to know that students faced the same problems in 1987. Temporary housing was alive and well, according to the March 12 edition of the *Echo*. It took until the middle of March, when students finally were able to move out of the lounges. Thankfully more upper-class students chose to study abroad that spring than in the fall, as was usually the case until recently. Dean of Housing Paul Johnston was uncomfortable with the idea of temp housing even then stating that "often it was difficult to hold hall meetings and...dorms were unable to host hall lectures or speakers."

November, 1988

Colby has a lot of critters running around, including a mouse in Lovejoy recently. In November of 1988, however, beavers were intent on severing the college's power wires, causing outages across campus. Central Maine Power was able to restore power to the campus within hours, but the beavers were persistent and caused a second outage soon after the first. A worker at CMP said that the beavers were used to gnawing on trees and the beavers weakened the trees to the point where they blew down and hit power lines. CMP cleared away trees that were too close to power lines, but were not convinced that the problem was solved.

April, 1989

When Security tells you to close your windows and lock your doors during spring break and other holidays, they mean it. During spring break 1989 there was a robbery attempt in Williams. Four Colby students were alleged to have been involved in the attempted break-in. According to the April 13 *Echo* the students, if caught, could have faced up to five years in jail. The Waterville Police Department got involved and fingerprinted the crime scene. One student was charged with criminal trespassing. The heist was stopped by a college employee who was living in Williams. She heard noises on the second floor and called security. The thieves had piled over \$3,000 worth of merchandise in the hallway, including a computer and stereo equipment.

Sexual Assault Week finished, issues remain on campus

BY MELISSA GERBI
Features Editor

Sexual assault on the Colby campus is a very real issue, although it is one that is often swept under the rug. Colby has a policy on sexual assault, which Dean of Students Janice Kassman is "very proud of." According to the document in the Colby College Student Handbook, assault is "sexual activity, of any kind, with a person without that person's consent." The fact that sexual assault is broadly defined, yet continues to go unreported and unrecognized is an issue facing men and women on campus. At a panel discussion held during Sexual Assault Week, April 12-16, the frustrations of those present was apparent when discussing the lack of reporting assaults.

Jan Munroe, a counselor at the Health Center, said "I don't know what more we could do... I very rarely see someone right after an assault has occurred." She explained that most students wait anywhere from a month or more before talking with anyone.

Lydia Bolduc-Marden, a nurse practitioner at the Health Cen-

ter, echoed Munroe's sentiments.

"I see people very rarely... the services are there, but they are not utilized."

The panel, which also included a staff member from the local sexual assault hotline and a member of the District Attorney's office, were at a loss about how

"I encourage them to be vocal, be seen, be heard."
Stephanie Barret

to better inform Colby students about their options. Kassman outlined the procedure that the Office of the Dean of Students follows, which includes options for the survivor of sexual assault. These include filing formal charges, where the alleged perpetrator is brought before J-Board or a Dean's Hearing. An informal complaint can also be filed with either the police or the College, but Kassman would talk with the alleged perpetrator informally.

"It can be a pretty compelling discussion," Kassman said, "and pretty powerful." She did add, however, that "rarely do students come forth and want to make a case."

Students on campus are nonetheless frustrated with both the lack of information and the perceived lack of options.

Stephanie Barret, service director of New Growth Sexual Assault Education and Support Center echoed these same concerns saying, "I hear from students who are really frustrated with the system. I encourage them to be vocal, be seen, be heard." Barret admitted that a lot of the pressure is because "it seems like everyone is going to know, we need to open the atmosphere to talk."

In an attempt to raise money and awareness for the issue, New Growth is sponsoring the 10th Annual 5K run/walk for Empowerment. The walk is scheduled for Sunday, May at 9:00 am and registration starts at 8:00 am.

In addition, New Growth is responsible for providing a 24-hour confidential help line. It is staffed by advocates trained in issues of sexual assault. □

First-years found Colby Film Society

BY MELISSA GERBI
Features Editor

If there's a will, there's a way. First-year students Noah Charney and Paul Lee wanted to make their vision of a Colby Film Society a reality and after a lot of campaigning for financial support, the pair was successful. With the aid of Director of American Studies David Lubin, Lee and Charney started a club which is dedicated to intelligent movie viewing.

According to Lee, "The museum is a conduit for visual art and there is a concert almost every weekend, but there's not really a forum for film."

Enter the film society. Each Wednesday night at 7:30pm in Keyes 105, a film is introduced by a member of the Colby community. A wide range of films has already been shown with Professor of English Katherine Stubbs presenting *Clockwork Orange* and President William Cotter introducing *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Still on the agenda are professors Doug Archibald and Ulysses and Brad Reichel '00 introducing *Dangerous Liaisons*.

An enthusiastic Lee credited Lubin with being "the backbone of the entire thing." Charney's job has been rallying the professors and according to Lee, "There has been a good response. It's excit-

ing." Lee is responsible for getting posters and publicity for the Society.

According to Lee, "We needed a way to show film is art, too. The Society allows us to digest it and understand what film is really about. The professors, the President, and faculty give a new perspective on things."

Lee also pointed out that other schools, like Yale, have respected film societies. At Colby, it is "long overdue," he said.

Colby used to have a film club about three years ago, but it "died with the seniors," said Lee. Moreover, the group was more interested in making film than in viewing it.

According to Lee, the future goal of the Society is to have students begin making films which culminate in a film festival at the end of the semester. This is a possibility, as Colby's equipment is "state-of-the-art and is unprecedented for a small liberal arts college," said Lee.

Charney and Lee were initially denied funding, and were not approved until they resubmitted their proposal. Their budget remains small, however, and many of their expenses come out of their pockets.

Nevertheless, "This is necessary, I think, for Colby. If they discontinue this, it will be a loss for the Colby community and people are just inhibiting their own learning," said Lee. □

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Crane impacts London students

BY CHRISSY BARNETT
Contributing Writer

For any student who has been on the Colby in London program, the name Professor David Crane is a household word. Just ask any Colby student who has ever had Professor Crane and they will tell you how gifted and wonderful a teacher he truly is. This may be true, but for the rest of us here at Colby who have never been to London or have never heard of the man, the name Professor Crane sounds foreign.

For Colby students who study abroad in a foreign country, the experience can be frightening. As with any new country, a different culture and lifestyle may take some time getting accustomed to. However, with the guidance of a superb professor who enjoys teaching, the study abroad experience can be a rewarding and beneficial experience.

This is the case with Crane. As one of the professors in London, many Colby students have been fortunate to experience a new culture, including a full immersion into the heart of British popular culture with him. Crane has provided this unique ability and has succeeded in giving many Colby students one of their best experiences at Colby. Speaking to several of his colleagues and former students provides the picture of an interesting and diversified man and teacher.

Crane has been working for Colby in London as a professor for over six years. During this time, he has taught hundreds of Colby students in subjects from Shakespeare to popular British culture. In addition, he has traveled exten-

sively all around the world, spending time in Kyoto, Japan, and teaching for Syracuse University's study abroad program before joining Colby's.

Crane is also a successful author of several books. One particular book, "Lord Byron's Jackal," was recently released in England and will be available in paperback in the United States by the end of this year.

Although Crane has accomplished a lot, his biggest talent

aged students to think for themselves and not be afraid to approach difficult subjects of gender, race, and culture. He really tried to get us to see cultures from more than one perspective to help break common stereotypes and prejudices," said Rokicki.

Crane believes that the Colby in London program is an excellent outlet for Colby students.

"Studying abroad can be an ideal transition between school and student life," he said.

He stresses the importance of exploring different cultures, and advocates that students use every opportunity to understand a foreign language.

"Students must not be fazed by differences," said Crane. "Students must understand the larger mentality and discover that there other ways other than the American way."

According to Crane, the Colby in London program, as well as studying abroad in general, is a wonderful opportunity to gain independence.

"Studying abroad especially your first year of college is a wonderful introduction to student life," said Crane.

Colby students who have not yet met Professor Crane will have their opportunity at the end of the month. He is expected to speak about his current book, "Lord Byron's Jackal" at Colby on April 27 in a lecture titled "Copy Killings: Byronic Romanticism and the Greek War of Independence." Judging from his constant praise, this is an opportunity not to be missed.

"There are few people in this world who are truly amazing and Professor David Crane is one of them. To miss this lecture would be a huge mistake," said Nichols. □

“Students must not be fazed by differences.”

—Professor David Crane

becomes apparent with his students.

"Professor Crane is so incredible, he teaches without being a teacher. He doesn't just give the traditional textbook history lessons; rather, he invents ways to let the student experience a piece of history," said former student Jefferson D. Nichols '01.

"People would try to get as close to him as possible because he spoke with such enthusiasm and had so much to share," said Chad Creelman '01.

With such passion for his teaching, Crane has taken his students to explore London. He has made every effort to extend the subject material of his class outside the classroom.

According to Jennifer Miller '01, he "introduced students to a hidden side of London."

Rachel Rokicki '01 agreed. "Professor Crane encour-

Off the Hill

University of Richmond
Richmond, VA

Students and faculty at the University of Richmond were offered a chance to win some big money for simply coming up with a question. A contest challenged students and professors to think up a question "which could be analyzed in various programs over the next academic year," according to The Chronicle of Higher Education. A student won the contest with the question, "Truth is in the eye of the beholder." Her prize was \$1,000 in tuition and room and board for a coming year. Senders and faculty would have received a cash prize. The winner said her question was particularly relevant because of the allegations of truths and lies surrounding the Clinton scandal.

Georgia Southern University
Statesboro, Georgia

A scheme was afoot at Georgia Southern University recently when students tried to plant a bomb in order to divert attention away from a robbery attempt. The plan was for police officers to investigate around the scene of the bombs while the students raided a business office. The campus police officers learned of the plan, however, and diffused the bomb before anyone was hurt. Five students were suspended for the incident. In another bombing attempt, three students at Oregon Young University's Hawaii campus were arrested for "allegedly detonating a homemade pipe bomb outside a first floor dormitory room," said the Chronicle of Higher Education. This bomb did explode, however, and the windows of a room were blown out and a student was treated for an injured ear.

University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas

The University of Texas at Austin is the site of a remarkable scientific breakthrough. A group of scientists have "discovered a new technique to fuse severed nerve cells in the central nervous systems of mammals," said the Dallas Texas. The procedure has been used on rats thus far and scientists expect that it will be able to be used on humans within the near future. When a nerve cell is severed, it usually does not grow back. The scientist's method involves "welding the two parts of the nerve cell back together so that it doesn't have to grow again." At this time, the procedure must be completed in three to 12 hours.

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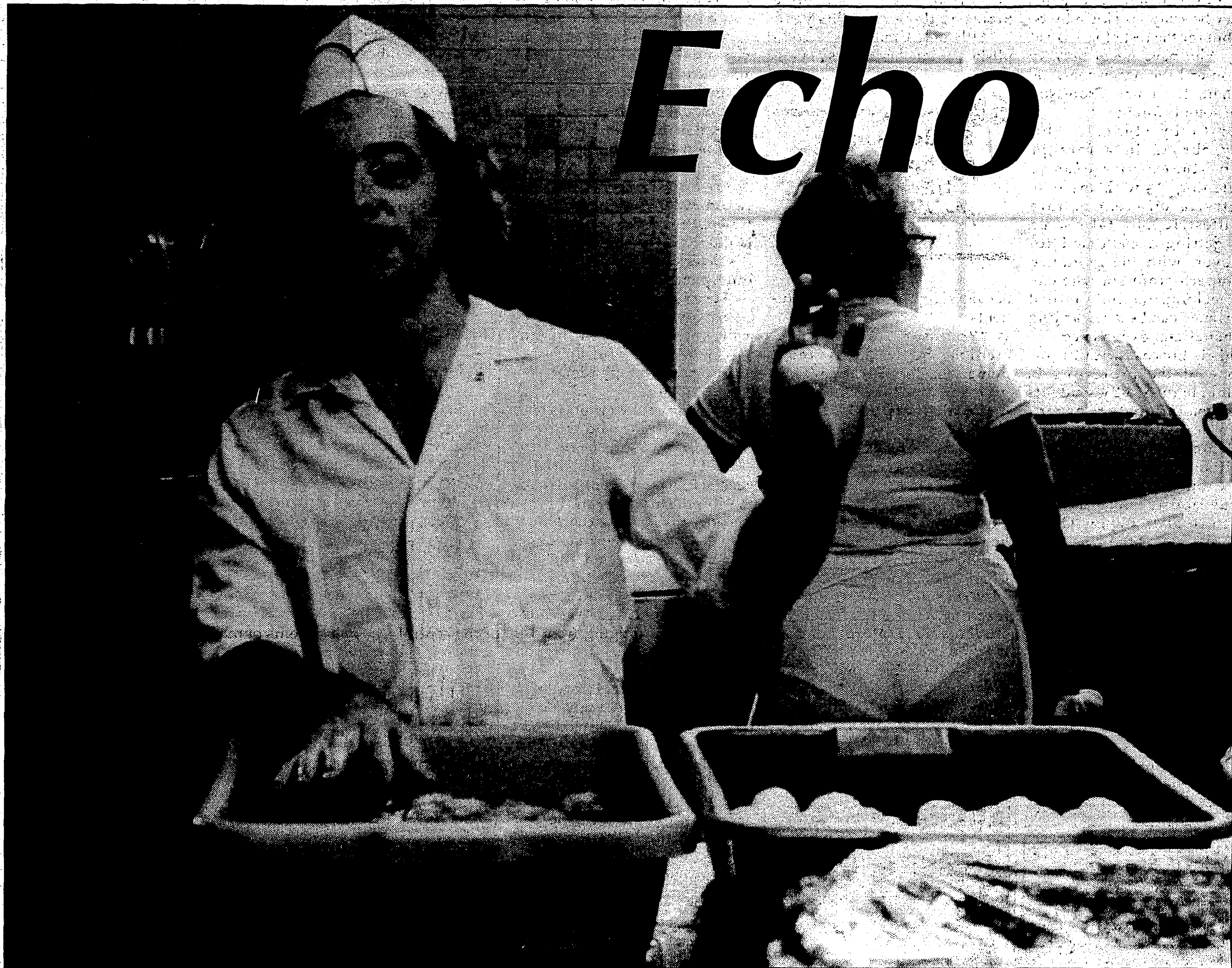
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EDITORIALS

Echo is venue for campus voices

One of the 15 points proposed to President Cotter by concerned members of the Colby community regarded a piece written in the April 15 edition of the *Echo*. Many people took offense to remarks made in the piece, which ran in the Opinions section of the paper. Once the media is accused of racism, it's hard to talk about anything else without the accusation's shadow looming over every printed word.

Perhaps an understanding of how the *Echo* works will answer some of the questions posed at Friday's sit-in, and reaffirm the *Echo*'s place for every Colby student's voice to be heard.

We want to reiterate our policies, not simply to defuse rumors of institutional racism on the part of the *Echo* editorial staff, but to open dialogue within our pages and within the entire community. We want all students, faculty, and staff to feel as if they can safely express opinions on a regular basis, just as the *Echo* opinions writers do every week.

That is why the editors of this paper discourage the censorship of material in opinions pieces that could be deemed offensive. As the paper representing the school of Elijah Parish Lovejoy, the *Echo* should be a forum for all ideas: constructive, critical, enlightening, and sometimes even offensive. That is the glory of a free press and the First Amendment.

The most important distinction that must be made, then, is stated in our staff box and was reiterated last week in an editor's note following a letter. "The editorials are the official opinion of the paper. Opinions expressed in individual columns, advertising and features are those of the author, not the *Echo*."

There was also concern about the exclusion of 48 individual names from a letter published last week about lack of minority representation on the Presidential Selection Committee. As is also stated in our staff box, "Letters are due by Sunday at midnight for publication the same week."

That letter did not come to us on time. However, an exception was made and the letter was printed. Due to space constraints, though, we were not able to print all 50 names. Printing long lists of names is also a standard we do not wish to set, for the paper should not become the place for petitions to be submitted to the community.

Furthermore, the *Echo* cannot survive as an entity without the input of Colby students. This paper is your paper and the Opinions section is a sampling of your opinions. Any student wishing to write as a staff writer for the *Echo* is welcome to do so. Simply contact the editor of the section for which you wish to contribute. We also strongly encourage letters to the editor.

If last week's events are any indication, an open, uncensored forum is sorely needed. There is obviously a lot of pent-up frustration at Colby, and we feel that we have a responsibility, as Colby's sole weekly media outlet, to promote more constant communication among the diverse groups and individuals who attend this institution. In that vein, if there are concerns with the paper's content, please open a dialogue with us. We do not receive funding from the Student Government Association or the College. Thus, time spent appealing to an administrator who does not influence editorial decisions would be better spent engaging the editors of this paper directly. There is no dialogue without direct communication.

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LETTERS

President Cotter addressed students, faculty and staff concerning racial issues at Colby

A group of concerned faculty and students met with me, five Colby Trustees, and members of the senior administrative staff, on Friday afternoon, April 16, to reemphasize a number of the recommendations contained in the report of the Task Force concerned with racial issues, that was presented to the Campus Community Committee on April 14, as well as some new points relating to recent events on campus.

There were a number of things that I agreed we can and should do or steps we should take before the next CCC meeting on May 5 (not May 12, as originally scheduled: that's after the last day for scheduled events), including:

1. I will, in consultation with others at the College, produce a written response to the Task Force (which I had promised at the April 14 CCC meeting) that will contain proposed action/completion dates. I should note that I also told those in the group on Friday that some of the recommendations, including additional staffing needs, could not be implemented at this time because of the staffing cap at Colby but that those new staff needs would be considered by the broad based -faculty/student/trustee/administration - planning committee of the Board that is now being organized to formulate option papers for the next decade. That committee will explore whether the staffing cap can be removed, and if so, how those additional costs would be financed. One of the subcommittees of that planning process is specifically charged with reviewing our programs to increase and support diversity at Colby.

2. I agreed to attend the Presidents' Council meeting next Thursday (at the invitation of SGA President Ben Langille) along with Kenya Sanders and Kyle Potter and other concerned students and faculty, to restate my support of our general commitment to diverse representation in all Colby organizations. However, I also told the group that the decision whether to add a voting minority representative (the Council has already agreed to add a non-voting representative) is for students alone to make. The administration cannot and should not dictate changes in the SGA constitution.

3. I have asked the Dean of Faculty to place the review of the diversity requirement on the agenda of the Academic Affairs Committee and he has agreed that it will be discussed this spring. There are specific recommendations in the Task Force Report that the AAC will want to

review and I suggest AAC invite the faculty members of the Task Force, and any students they wish to bring, to a meeting to discuss how best the faculty can proceed to review our current requirement. I also told the students, however, that this is, ultimately, a decision that only the faculty can make. A faculty group such as the AAUP might also be a good forum to address this concern and build faculty support for whatever changes are needed.

4. I reported to the group that I am not prepared to ask the Trustees to revisit the decision of the Trustee Commission on Multicultural Housing (comprised of Trustees, faculty, students and staff, many of whom were persons of color) which unanimously recommended against separate housing at Colby. I do not know of any new arguments or facts which would likely cause the Trustees to alter their decision which was based on a fear of divisiveness, among other things. However, I did agree that the various recommendations of that Trustee Task Force should be republished along with the steps that have been taken since the report was adopted.

5. I agreed we would create paid positions for students of color and others interested in mentoring incoming students and that the Dean of Students office would look at similar programs at other colleges to see how best to revise our own mentoring/orientation program for new students. I asked members of the group to contribute their own suggestions about how Colby could better support our new students of color when they arrive next fall. Many said they would do so. I said I could not agree to the creation of a new 1/2 time faculty and 1/2 administrative position to direct this program because of the staffing cap noted above. Instead, Dean Jeri Roseboro will have responsibility for the new program.

6. I agreed we would review and try to find ways to strengthen our commitment to affirmative action for all openings in faculty and staff positions. I will ask the AAUP, the ACFPP and other relevant faculty bodies to advise the faculty on whether we should amend our current guidelines for recruiting faculty to make more effective our affirmative action program.

Our current language states

only that "If there are no women or minorities in the group of finalists, the committee chair must account for that fact to the Dean of Faculty and the AA Officer." We have made great strides in hiring and tenuring women faculty at Colby in the past 20 years (where now a majority of junior faculty are women) but we have not had corresponding progress with respect to faculty of color. I will also work with Senior Staff and the Personnel Office to review our plans for increasing the diversity of staff appointments.

7. Earl Smith agreed that the summer issue of Colby magazine will have an article written with input from students of color concerning the events of this past week and the College's response.

8. I agreed to address concerns about the most recent (April 15) issue of the *Echo* and am doing so in this section of this e-mail, which I ask the *Echo* to publish. If they are unable to accommodate this in the letters or news sections of the paper, I ask they treat this as a paid insert which my office will finance.

The members of the group on Friday were particularly outraged - as was I - by the apparent racial insensitivity reflected in the concluding sentences of a satirical piece concerning the recent increased presence of Waterville Police on the campus. I know the author of that piece and I am certain that there was no intention to offend or provoke.

Nevertheless, I think that even satirists have to be sensitive to the feelings of their audience, and needless provocations that will seem

racist to many must be avoided. I suggest that the leaders of the *Echo* meet with members of the group to discuss issues of respect and sensitivity. We rely on the paper to be our primary means of on-campus communication and its power to inform and its central place at Colby carries with it the power to enrage which the editors must understand and handle with care. While I will never tolerate any prepublication censorship of this student written and edited newspaper, I will reserve my right to object to its treatment of issues or groups.

I believe this responds to the items that were listed as most important by the group on Friday and I will provide a written response to all of the points in their recommendations, as well as the Task Force Report, as soon as possible - certainly before the May 5 Campus Community Committee meeting.

—President William R. Cotter

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A challenge, not a condemnation

I hope to answer some of the questions surrounding the student sit-in at President Cotter's office last Friday. First of all, students decided to take over Cotter's office after a very disturbing Presidents' Council meeting Thursday night, but the disappointing meeting served as just one of many reminders that the concerns of students of color and white students interested in developing a progressive College have not been taken seriously enough this year. I must make it absolutely clear that our demands for change at Colby do not concern just a critique of the Echo, or just feelings of dissatisfaction with the undemocratic Presidents' Council, or just concerns about the administration's commitment to affirmative action. Our multi-faceted recommendations encompass all of these areas and more with the central goal of

fostering a college community that values critical discourse concerning race, institutional racism, and white privilege. At April's Campus Com-

and that answer is unacceptable to myself and the many students and faculty, white, African-American, Latino-American, Native-American, and Asian-American, who protested at Cotter's office.

We are serious in our commitment to improving our College.

munity Committee meeting, I posed the following question to the administrators present: "Do you think that the majority of white students who graduate from Colby are prepared to act as anti-racist workers in the American society?" Of course, no one took a shot at answering the question. We all know the answer,

Our struggle this year began with a non-response from the Dean of Students, Dean of Faculty, and SGA to a letter from a Latina-American graduate who suggested a number of changes for the College to consider if it were committed to combating institutional racism. In a manner unfair to both the students and President Cotter, administrators at the October CCC meeting remained unresponsive to students' demands for change and left it to Cotter alone to respond to our concerns. We endured a re-play of October's CCC meeting this April when the Task Force on Institutional See CCC, on page 10

Cotter has been a courageous advocate for minorities

Try as I may to restrain myself, I find that I simply must comment on the recent protest and subsequent sit-in of President Cotter's office. My heart is with the students but I have serious misgivings about their strategy.

Bill Cotter certainly doesn't need me to stand up for him, but it is important to note that he has been a courageous advocate for minority students and women since the day he arrived at Colby. He has committed his entire career to racial reconciliation and the aggressive enforcement of affirmative action policies. To read how these students ambushed him, accused him and, finally, tried their best to embarrass him, makes me weary with sadness.

I worked at Colby for five years and during that time watched the often agonizing journey President Cotter and other administrators took as they tried to overcome the College's provincial location and regional homogeneity to try to build a welcoming and inclusive community for all. Of course they have not

fully succeeded. Of course it is always a work in progress. Of course much more needs to be done.

Regardless of how one feels about the legitimacy of the students' grievances, I think they are deserving of much of what they seek: their position is not strengthened by their

There is a difference between not being listened to and being unhappy about now getting your way.

zeal for embarrassing the president nor, particularly, by the overheated rhetoric in their manifesto. A document that characterizes Colby as an institution "committed to white supremacy" seems to me more interested in radical political grandstanding than a thoughtful dialogue about change.

When faced with an intransigent establishment that will neither listen nor respond, organized protest up to and including the occupation of an administrative office might be deemed a valid and ultimately courageous measure. But what reasonable person could claim that these criteria apply to the Cotter administration? There is a difference between not being listened to and being unhappy about not getting your way. Petulance is a poor substitute for indignation.

Civil disobedience is an important form of change-making and when appropriately applied can lift an institution to a higher level of awareness and a fuller maturity. But when the weapons of protest are wielded in a manipulative and coercive way one wonders whether any victory that results can feel anything but hollow.

—Kevin Cool
Senior editor, Stanford Law School. Former editor, Colby magazine

OPINIONS

Words meant no harm

BY EZRA DYER
Opinions Editor

Insensitive I may be, racist I am not. After writing last week's article, I didn't imagine anyone other than the Waterville Police Department would be upset. So it was quite a surprise when I returned to my room Friday evening to be informed by one of my roommates that a large group of students had marched into President Cotter's office as a result of my article(s). Well, I think I can safely say that that was an exaggeration, but I do know that I unwittingly fueled the tension

that was already building after a number of frustrating events for the Task Force on Institutional Racism.

So it was that I turned on the evening news Friday night to see a furious student waving a copy of the Echo in Cotter's face. Obviously, this was a big deal. That's why, as I write this now, I find myself confused. Why? Because although it was apparently a central issue to the people in Cotter's office, whatever I wrote that was specifically offensive has so far generated zero letters. Granted, in President Cotter's letter he does address the fact that he found the Rodney King comment offensive, but from the rumors I heard I thought that was the tip of the iceberg. Why were people mad about my reference to Compton, if they

were? And what was offensive in my music review? As nobody has called or wrote a letter or otherwise tried to talk to me about those issues, let me concentrate on trying to explain what I was thinking as I concluded last week's article.

I wasn't thinking about race; I was thinking about Jeri-Curls. Never in my four years at Colby have I ever seen anyone with Jeri-Curls, so I'm sure that the objection does not lie with the Jeri-Curl-wearing populace at Colby College.

I wasn't thinking about race, I was thinking about Jeri-Curls.

What I'm unsure about is whether people are mad because I made fun of Jeri-Curls, or because I made fun of Rodney King's Jeri-Curls, since Rodney King was and is an off-limits object of satire. Well, when Rodney King got beat up by the LAPD, he did not have Jeri-Curls. Later on, when his face was on every TV screen across America, he did. I wasn't critiquing Jeri-Curls as an African-American hairstyle; I was citing them as a high-profile show-biz hairstyle, and thus as suitable a target of satire as David Hasslehof's carefully-coiffed helmet. The fact that I've never actually seen anyone with Jeri-Curls except on TV reinforced that idea. Also, I was under the impression that even blacks make fun of Jeri-Curls. But regardless whether or not that's true, I'm not black, so I see that I crossed a line.

See RESPONSE, page 10

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Students on the Street: What would you do for a dollar?

"What wouldn't I do?"
- Sarah Fletcher '02

"I don't know who... oh
WHAT would I do?"
- Rob Chisholm '99

"I'd get naked and rub
baby oil all over myself."
- Josh Winkle '99

"I'd make your senior week list."
- Amanda Ganong '00

"You don't want to know."
- Chris Myaka '00

What Ever Happened To 'Ban the Bomb'?

BY JEFF CALARESO
Staff Writer

Last week the threat of nuclear war between two very capable nations increased dramatically. These two nations have been bitter rivals since shortly after the end of World War II. Every step of progress one makes towards the ability to inflict mass destruction, the other meets in a matter of weeks or days. Why, then, is this international disaster-in-waiting virtually disregarded not only on this campus, but in this country as a whole?

Perhaps it's because the countries involved are India and Pakistan and the threat is a little too frightening. In the bleached white press, where Kosovo sells and Africa remains a barbaric threat to European conquest, two competing nations who have little if any voice in American politics and press can throw a nuclear war, and nobody from the United Nations comes. While America battles in the former Yugoslavia under the thin guise of NATO, we seem to have forgotten the Cold War cry to ban the bomb.

The highly ethnically diverse (and therefore volatile) India is the largest democracy in the world, with three times the population of the United States. With Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee resigning after narrowly losing a vote of confidence Saturday, India faces the formation of its sixth new government in three years. While no clear majority voice may restrict rash behavior of the nation as a whole, it could also allow a radical voice too much power.

Pakistan, meanwhile, has witnessed what are claimed to be

politically motivated scandals of corruption involving current Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif maneuvering to get former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto fined \$8.6 million. Bhutto says the recent conviction, which followed an unusually swift trial, was simply meant as a diversion from the testing of two missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

Last spring both nations detonated nuclear devices to the meaningless disapproval of the United

Will we stand by with over one billion people in danger of nuclear annihilation?

Nations. Within one week this April, both nations have tested three different types of missiles, all nuclear-capable, all successful, all in a tit-for-tat style strictly forbidden by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1172, passed last summer.

But the United Nations won't act on this. Why should they? There are simply two more countries added to a dangerously vague list capable of mass destruction. America won't intervene as we are doing with Kosovo, where bullets and rumors are the highest technology. Can you imagine President Clinton announcing the deployment of American ships within range of a potentially hostile nation that could feasibly fire nuclear weapons at them? MAD (mutual assured destruction) comforted fears during the Cold War. We could fight the Soviets in subtler, less risky venues, like

Vietnam. But fifty years of election-wary gutless fighting, wherein America refuses to pick on someone their own size, has led to the much-deserved realization that while America may have a nuclear stockpile, it will never be used until it's too late.

America is the self-proclaimed greatest nation in the world. But at an ever-increasing rate, we're losing our mythical claim to peacekeepers policing the world. Peacekeeping through violence is not the only option, but it can be an effective one. Half-hearted commitment, though, as seen in Vietnam and Iraq, is futile. Perhaps if the attention weren't constantly on reelection, our politicians could lead the world, instead of fall behind.

In his inaugural speech, John F. Kennedy said, "All this will not be finished in the first 100 days. Nor will it be finished in the first 1,000 days, nor in the life of this Administration, nor even perhaps in our lifetime on this planet. But let us begin." We, as Americans, need to let our elected officials know that we support peace (supposing we do), and understand quick resolutions like Hiroshima and Nagasaki are no longer viable options. There aren't simple answers, nor is there an easily identifiable right and wrong. All there is is war and peace. But just as we created weapons more powerful than we could possibly comprehend, so can we seek to eliminate them from this planet.

Will we stand by with over one billion people (yes, intelligent human beings, despite being non-American, non-white, non-English speaking) in danger of nuclear annihilation? Will we forsake our responsibility (as the only nation capable of doing so) in securing peace? Or is it not worth the risk?

RESPONSE, from page 9

Now I may have just offended more people, but at least I'm trying to relate what I was thinking. I could have simply offered my profoundest apologies, avoided offending anyone, and not made anything any clearer. But if last Friday's events mean anything, they mean that what we need is honest dialogue. Walking on eggshells gets us nowhere. I'll tell you what I'm thinking, and if you think I'm a big fat idiot, tell me why. That's the only way we're going to understand each other, and it's also the only way I'm going to change what I think. I suppose I wasn't thinking enough about race. To be perfectly honest, I usually don't, but then again I really don't know what it's like to be a minority on a predominantly white campus.

I'm sorry if I offended you, but I think it's ultimately a good thing that I poked fun at Rodney King's hairstyle. Although it made a lot of people mad, if the end result is students who feel marginalized becoming more comfortable living and studying at Colby College, or even merely my developing a better understanding of the feelings of an outspoken group on this campus, then I think it was worth it.

• LETTER •

CCC, from page 9

Racism presented its report that was based on the suggestions initially discussed in October. Though Cotter agreed to respond to the report in writing, our \$90,000-a-year Dean of Students was unable even to muster a "Thanks for your suggestions, guys."

As Friday's protest made clear, we are serious in our commitment to improving our College. We're not looking for unearned attention, and we're not unjustified in any of our claims. We are, however, critical thinkers who understand the policy changes concerning our curriculum, student government, and affirmative action hiring that are necessary for Colby to develop a democratic and progressive edu-

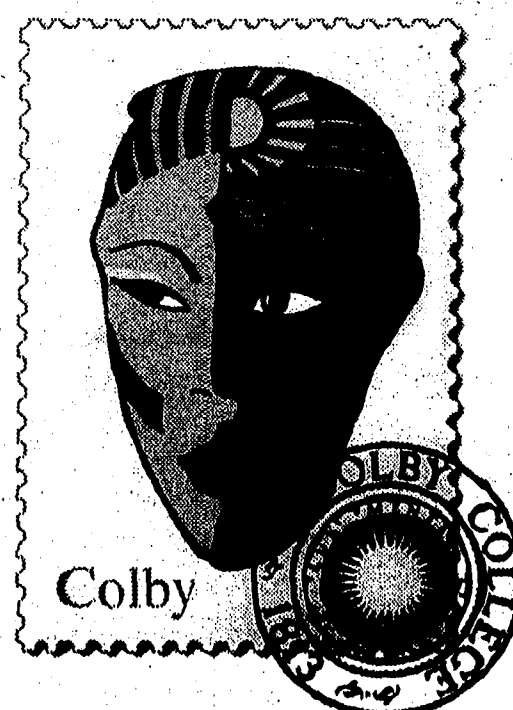
cational atmosphere for all students and teachers.

Of course, if we're trying to make changes here, the last thing we want to do is to ignore inquiries from those who do not fully understand the issues at hand or suggestions from those who may disagree with our methods of protest. So next week, we will hold an open forum for students, faculty, and staff to discuss their goals for ensuring excellence in education at Colby as we enter the 21st century. Look out for advertisements and come share your thoughts and concerns. Most importantly, please understand our protest as a most worthy challenge and not a condemnation.

—Steve Murphy '99

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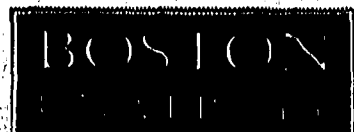
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Nas is perhaps today's most talented rap artist. His first two albums, "Illmatic" and "It Was Written," both went platinum and garnered critical acclaim for their raw lyrical power and tight production.

This new album is another strong one, enjoying exceptional production from DJ Premier. Tracks like "Big Things" and "Nas Is Like" promise to keep dance floors bumping long into the next millennium.

Nas reaffirms his position as rap's most skilled lyricist, addressing such wide ranging subjects as expanding minority jail populations, "plottin' civilizations/ dissin' us discriminating/ different races/ taxpayers pay for more jails for black and Latin faces" to drugs in the music industry "What has Al Green seen to make him turn to religion/ wonder did drugs put an end to the music business/ if so, should

I put out the endo."

While this effort delivers on both lyrical and melodic fronts, it suffers from the appearance of less talented and more popular guest-stars (Sean "Puffy" Combs on "Hate Me Now," and Aaliyah on "You Won't See Me Tonight") and from hooks cheezy enough to embarrass Mase (see "Ghetto Prisoners" and "K-I-S-S-I-N-G").

Hoping to hop on the Puffy bandwagon, Nas eulogizes the late Biggie Smalls on "We Will Survive." This song is, at best, mediocre, and its subject, in a quickly changing rap world, is trite.

Throughout "I am..." Nas pays fastidious attention to detail and evokes cinematic images. On sheer lyrical quality alone, this is one of the best rap albums that has come out in recent years. Nas is, however, bogged down by his desire to sell albums, a problem that lives in the catchy, MTV friendly loops in some of the songs.

Expect better things on his next album, "Nastradamus," due out October 26, 1999. □

Oliver Griswold is the Echo's Arts & Entertainment Editor.

Spring one-acts display wealth of talent

BY RENEE LAJEUNESSE
Editor-in-Chief

The Spring One Act Festival took to the Cellar Theater April 15-17 showcasing a wide array of Colby talent in its acting, directing and writing. Six one-act plays composed the festival which was sponsored by Powder & Wig.

The first act, "Catastrophe," was directed by Colby exchange student Thomas Conway. Written by well-known playwright Samuel Beckett in 1982 for somebody whom he had not met, "Catastrophe" was a gesture of support to Vaclav Havel, who had then served three years of a prison sentence for subversion against his homeland of Czechoslovakia.

"Catastrophe" featured local high schooler Heather Grout in the role of the director, Emily LeBlanc '99 as the assistant, Jeff Libby '00 as Luke, and Bradley Reichel '00 as the protagonist. Although a chronology of events describing the events surrounding Havel was dispersed with the programs, the production left many audience members confused when the lights went out on the already dark scene. Nevertheless, the acting by both Reichel and Grout was superbly performed with intense drama.

"All Men Are Whores: An Inquiry" followed, starring Kyle Potter '99, Chad Creelman '01 and Maribeth Saleem '02 as three characters commenting in succession on the shortcomings of post-modern society in relation to love and lust. As Director Matthew Lundquist '99 explained in his director's notes, the piece delves into what happens in a society where the media and modern conveniences have become replacements of human interaction and "sex has become the hottest selling commodity." The piece was presented in an uplifting manner, however, with convincing performances by all three.

The third piece performed was "The Last Yankee" by Arthur Miller and directed by Martin Milkovits '99. It featured Bill Simpson '02 and Brendan Gavin '01 as a young working class man and an older upper-class gentleman waiting to visit their wives in a mental hospital. It appeared to be a social commentary on class issues and

their resulting effects on human relations.

Following intermission, three more acts rounded out the festival, which ran for almost two-and-a-half hours. "Danny's Train," written, directed, and performed by Sean Foley '99, also featured fellow senior Ben Liston. The piece chronicled the relations between Danny (Liston), a young man with a need to escape his unhappy small town life of bickering and abusive parents, and his illiterate friend Robbie (Foley).

Danny rallies Robbie, who has gotten his girlfriend pregnant, to apply to the Army and escape their present lives. The brotherhood between the two is questioned, however, when Danny deceives Robbie. He tells him he wasn't accepted into the army - in fact Robbie was, while Danny was not - in a heart-wrenching attempt to keep his closest friend by his side. Both Foley and Liston were amazingly convincing in their presentation of the two young men and their complex, need-based friendship. Praise was especially expressed for Foley's impressive performance days after the show.

"Alpha Dog" followed, featuring Jennifer Worden '01 and Allison Threadgold '01, as dueling psychiatrists, each attempting control of the situation, yet only speaking in the interrogative. Part of an original play by Noah Charney '02, Worden and Threadgold, dressed identically, were hilarious. They posed as the perfect invasive and annoying psychiatrists with obvious issues of their own.

The last act of the evening was brought together superbly by four talented seniors. Written by Rosecrans Baldwin '99 and directed by Michelle Machalani '99, "Willem & Marie's Anniversary" featured Nathaniel Jue '99 and Melissa Trachtenberg '99. The two played a couple celebrating their one-year anniversary with very differing extremes of love for the other. A grave conflict arises when they each present vastly different manifestations of their love. The act posed the question, Are men and women truly different?

The Spring One-Act Festival was a wonderful display of Colby talent. The thought-provoking and well-performed one-acts were enhanced by superb writing and directing, and were displayed well in the intimate setting of the Cellar theater. □

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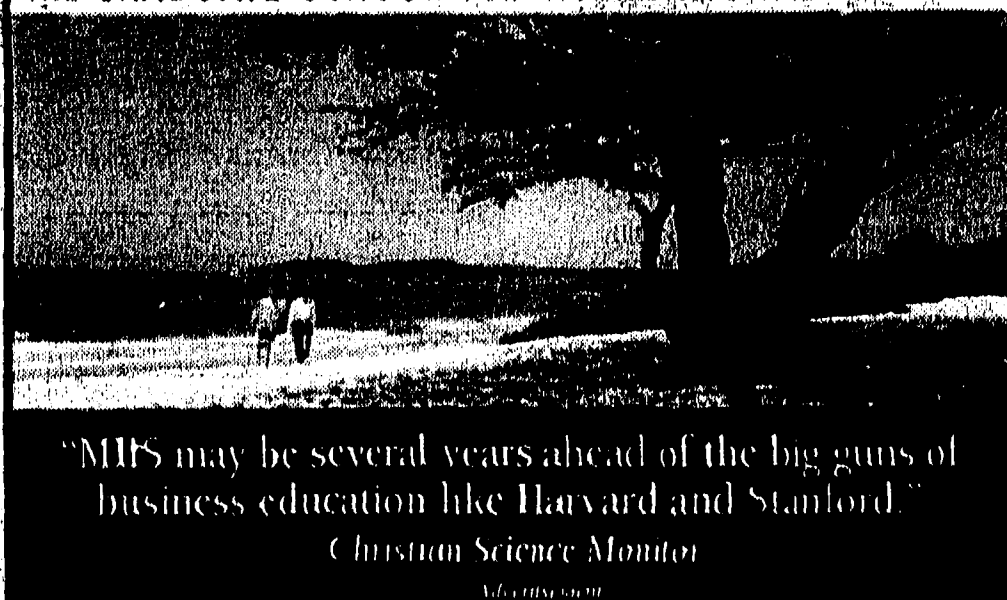
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Concert Review

Spunk, funk and punk: Ani DiFranco rocks Portland

BY OLIVER GRISWOLD
A&E Editor

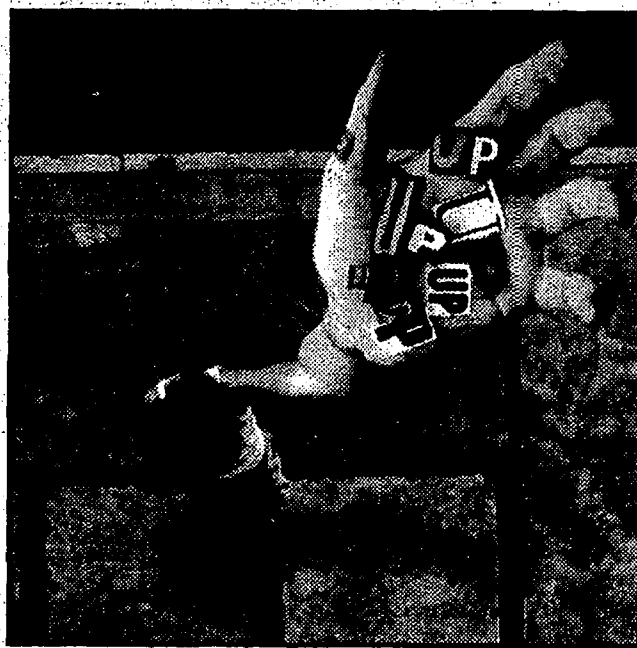
was interesting in its tempo and tonal switches, but ultimately un-danceable. The crowd, impatient for Ani, was remarkably kind.

Ani then came out, giggled, and launched into a blistering set of mostly new tunes peppered with a few numbers from the albums "Little Plastic Castle" and "Out of Range." In between songs, which were funk up far beyond studio levels, the self-described "lil' folksinger" told stories of her recently completed European tour, laughing along with the crowd at the memory of a Roman man who could pop his eyes out of his head.

During some songs, Ani improvised with remarkable quick thinking and wit. In the very first song she interjected first a low key "Amazing Grace" followed by the first verse of "Rapper's Delight." Later in the show, she hopped up and down after latching onto Maceo Parker's "Pass

the Peas."

The highlights of the show are difficult to discern from the experience of watching DiFranco dance, strum, and wail for



two hours. The quieter moments of an Ani show are always sublime, and in this case, "Angry Anymore," her self-therapy ballad to her misunderstood father, filled the bill, mesmerizing the rowdy fans into silence. On a louder note, well, which to describe? She raged through "'Tis of Thee" and "Two Little Girls," favorites from her most recent albums, but the show-stopper was the final song before the encore. Ani gave each band member a chance to strut their stuff, in a sort of improvisational, scat-spattered '70s love-daddy groove, before whipping the crowd into an epileptic fit with "In or Out," an early song from 1992's "Imperfectly" disc.

As everybody poured out onto the streets of Portland following the show, the buzz was still in the air, that live wire of happiness and contemplation. □

The Reel Deal

"School of Flesh"

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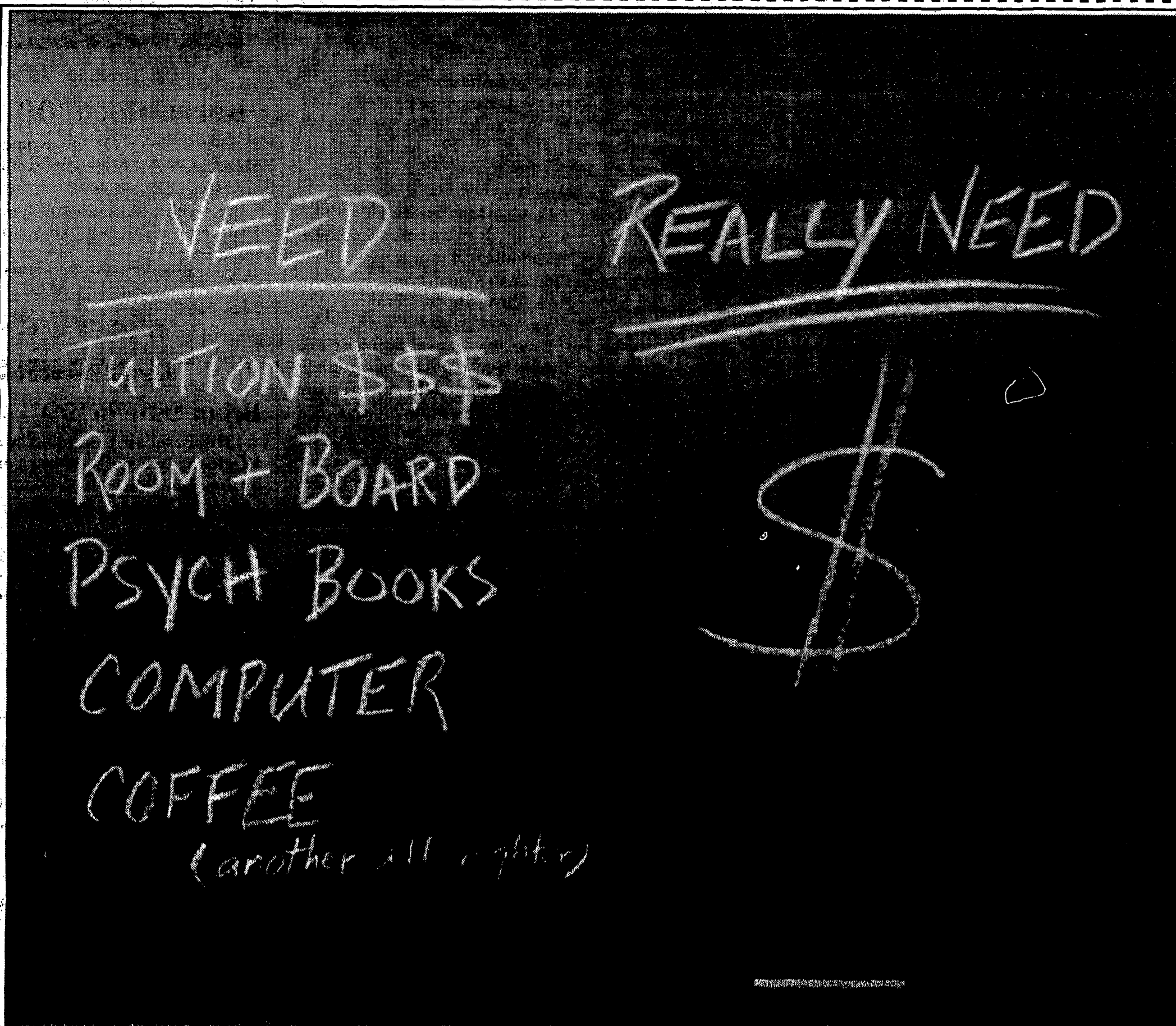
Francois Berleand,
Daniele Dubroux,

The title is enough to titillate: imagine the dormitories full of plump, jouncing bodies; the classroom maps describing, with geographical accuracy, the arousing crevice of an underarm. The title, however, relates not to a literal school, but the relationship between an older woman and a young, strapping male. Benoit Jacquot's new film "The School of Flesh" is the story of a rich woman adopting a financially-strapped set of cheekbones.

Dominique, confidently played by the well-known French actress Isabelle Huppert, sights Quentin (Vincent Lindon) behind the bar of a small club and lust is established. Unfortunately, the relationship between lovers never seems to surpass that initial desire.

Set in contemporary Paris, the movie is a strange adaptation of Yukio Mishima's novel The School of Flesh. Where Mishima portrayed the life of women in post World War II Japan, however, Jacquot explores the possibility of a sexually mature and stable woman loving a dangerous and naive young man. While the reversal of typical male/female roles is noble and compelling, Jacquot does little to expand or advance its inherent tensions. Quentin's vulnerability is explained through witnesses, but rarely convincingly shown, and Huppert's constant look of intrigue never quite makes it to anguish or tits-on-the-table fervor. Sure, Dominique ends the relationship and is changed by the experience, but how is that particular to this situation? What begins as an intimately-paced and sensual investigation becomes tired and sluggish; without any good sex scenes (isn't that what we expect of the French?) to document its passion, the affair must stand on platonic exchange alone, and it falls. □

Rosecrans Baldwin critiques all forms of media for the Echo.



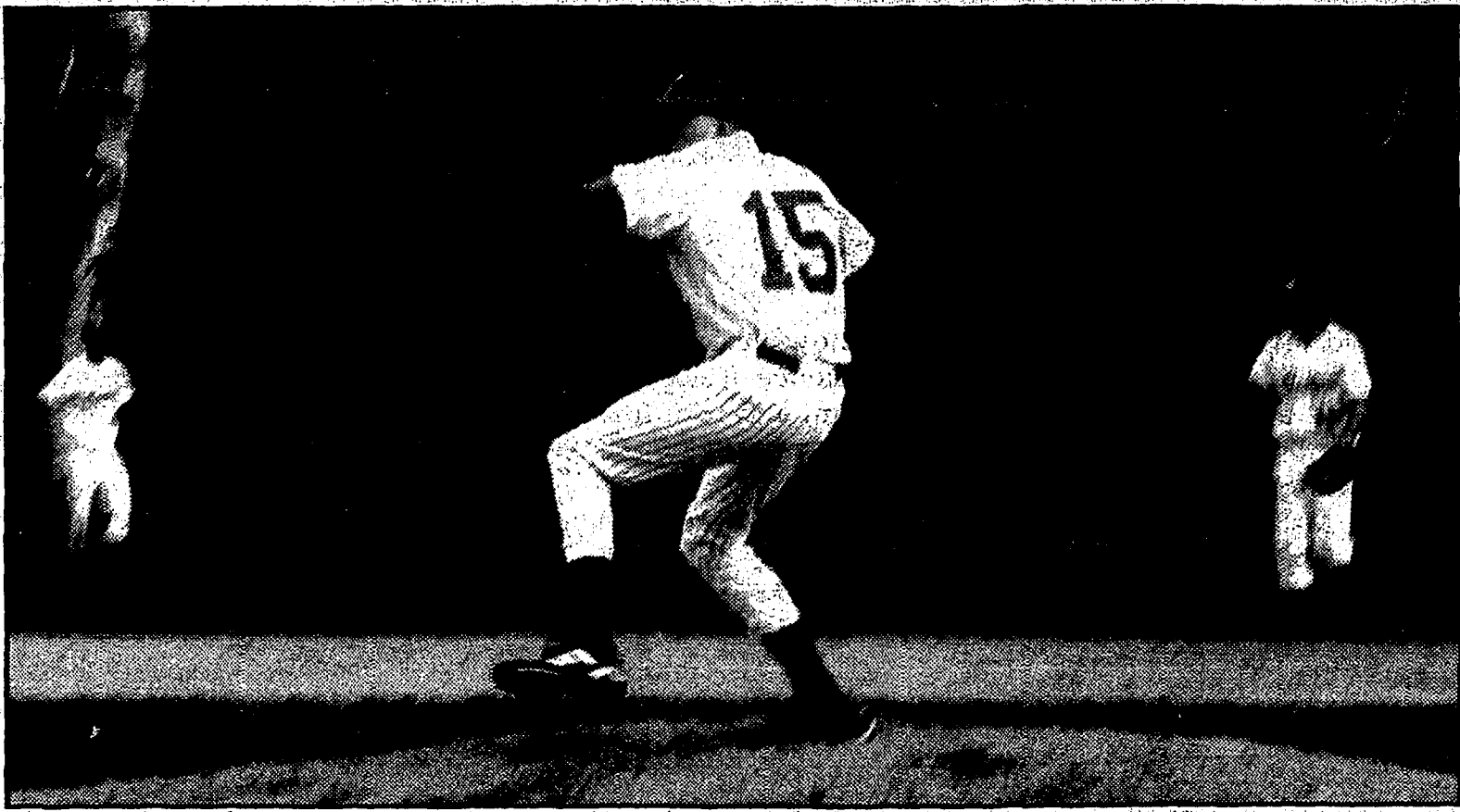
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Dave Mattatal '99 winds up during Tuesday's game against Husson.

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Baseball gives Division I UMaine a scare

BY JAMES SPIDLE
Staff Writer

The men's baseball team traveled to Orono to challenge the powerful Division I Black Bears from the University of Maine on April 14. The Mules battled valiantly as senior hurler Marty Whitmore kept the Black Bears hitless until the fifth inning.

The University of Maine at Orono was not able to threaten until the bottom of the sixth inning. After allowing a single, a walk and a hit batsman, Whitmore yielded a two-run double off the bat of Brett Ouelette. The Black Bears added two more runs in the seventh and tacked on an unearned insurance run off Colby co-captain Brian DiBello '99 to finish with a 5-0 win. Surrendering only four hits to the Mules, Jared Cochran picked up the shutout victory for the Black Bears.

"I enjoyed the challenge of playing a D-I team," said DiBello '99. "Any athlete wants to test themselves against the toughest competition they can. I think we showed that as a group we can play well and hang with a Division I team."

The Mules returned to the familiar surroundings of Coomb's Field on Friday to embark on the first of a three-game series with the Middlebury Panthers.

Colby wasted no time applying pressure to the Panthers, scoring three runs in the first to senior center fielder Yuma Morita's two-run double to the gap in leftcenter. Middlebury returned the favor with three runs of their own in the top of the third, highlighted by a two-run homerun to straight away center by first baseman John Dickie.

In the bottom of the third with two outs, the count full and the bases full of White Mules, designated hitter Jon Hiltz '99 snapped a 3-3 tie with a grand slam. The homerun over the left field fence gave the Mules a 7-3 lead they would not relinquish. The Mules scored in each of the remaining innings, including a six-run

surge in the eighth to overpower the Panthers 19-5. Alex Parrillo '99 gave up three in the second inning but allowed just one earned run to earn the convincing victory.

Team manager Peter Shapiro '99 dubbed the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against the Panthers, "the epitome of an old-fashioned pitcher's duel."

Middlebury pitcher A.J. Husband battled Colby ace Kris Keelty '99. Husband and Keelty limited their opponent to just three hits and six hits, respectively. A total of three runs were scored in the affair.

Middlebury scored first as Matt Smith's '01 throw to second to nab a base stealer was not handled cleanly, allowing Panther runner Jeff Sengle to score from third. In the bottom of the fifth, Andy Tripp '01 extended his consecutive game hitting streak to 12 when he poked an RBI single down the right field line to tie the score 1-1. The Panthers scored a run in return, which proved to be

Baseball

Game	#1	#2	#3
Colby	19	1	13
Middlebury	5	2	6

the game-winner.

But the second game of the doubleheader featured an emergence of the Colby offensive attack.

The Mules struck for seven runs in the second inning. First-year leftfielder Jon Lord, after reaching base on a single earlier in the inning, sliced a two-run double into leftfield to give Colby a 7-2 lead.

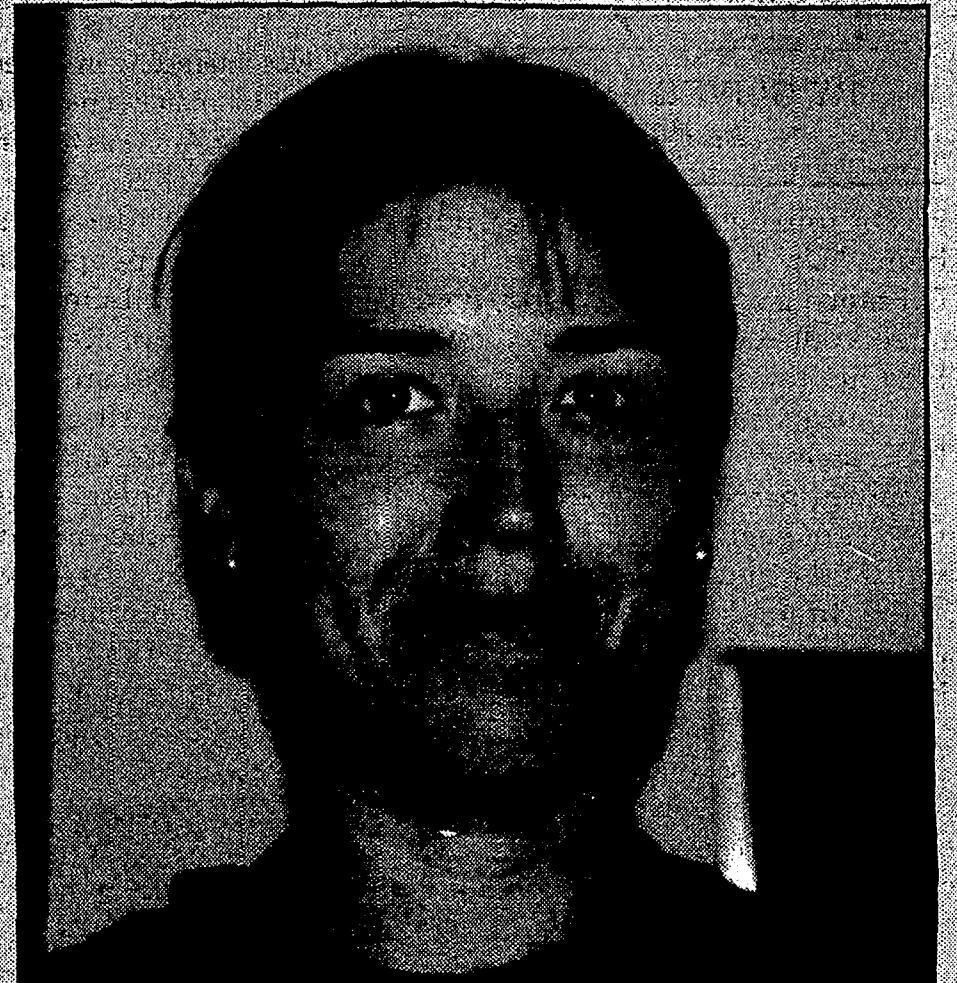
Smith helped the Mules' cause and put Middlebury, of which Smith's father is the coach, in a predicament when he blasted a two-run homerun to take the lead 9-4. It was Lord again in the fifth who connected for an opposite field grand slam. Lord went 3-4 in the game with six RBI and two runs scored.

Colby went on to win 13-6.

The four-game week ends the Mules' record with Middlebury's at 12-8. The Mules hosted Husson College on Tuesday before they travel to Bowdoin tomorrow. Colby returns home for doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday against dominant teams from Suffolk and Tufts.

DEVASTATOR

of the week



Echo photo by Jenny O'Donnell

Karen Hoch '00

A thrower for the women's track and field team, Hoch dominated the weight events during last weekend's Aloha Relays at Bowdoin. Hoch earned first-place in three events — the javelin, shot put and hammer throw — as well as a third-place discus heave, to help the Mules tie for second place.

Mule Pack

Brian DiBello '99

The baseball tri-captain was named NESCAC Pitcher of the Week for two outstanding performances. He entered the game against Division I power UMO in relief and allowed no earned runs in two innings. On Saturday, the team's leading wins pitcher (4) pitched more than six innings, striking out seven, allowing only six hits and surrendering just two earned runs. DiBello outdueled Middlebury's previously unbeaten pitcher, keeping the Panthers at bay while the Mules provided the offense for the 13-6 win. With the win, the Mules move to just one game away from matching last year's win total of 14.

Mary Zito '02

As the goalie for the women's lacrosse team, Zito was instrumental in the Mules' three-win week. With wins over Bridgewater State, Tufts and Wheaton, Zito allowed only 13 goals in 180 minutes of play for a 4.33 goals against average. Her 17-save performance against Wheaton was a career-high for the first-year Zito earned NESCAC Goalie of the Week honors for her efforts.

Allison Birdsong '99

For the first time since 1981, the women's lacrosse team triumphed over the Tufts Jumbos on Saturday by a score of 11-4. Key in breaking the 20-game losing streak to Tufts was Birdsong, who scored four goals in the NESCAC win.

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Women's track prevails over Bowdoin at Aloha Relays

BY BECKY SCHECHTER
Asst. Sports Editor

With the Beach Boys crooning over the loudspeakers, the women's track team came through with several strong performances and personal bests to tally 154 points and win the 11th annual Aloha Relays on Saturday at Bowdoin. The team from University of Massachusetts at Lowell was a close second with a point total of 153, and the home team Polar Bears rounded out the top three with 146 points. Colby blew away the rest of the competition from MIT, the Coast Guard Academy, Mt. Holyoke, Bates and the University of Southern Maine.

Due to a scoring error, the initial results listed Colby with a 146 point total and tied for second place with Bowdoin.

"We came back from the meet on Saturday and found out that when Laurie Roberts ('99) placed second in the 3000, they gave her points to MIT," said head coach Debra Aitken. "It's a little after the fact, but we'll take the win."

The Aloha Relays is a Hawaiian theme event, complete with Beach Boys songs and leis for the top finishers in each event. The Colby squad excelled in this tropical environment throughout the meet, though the athletes admit the music can be distracting.

"It depends on what you're doing," said co-captain Faith Anderson '00. "Sometimes when you have to time your steps, with the music it can get confusing. It makes for an interesting meet."

The women once again displayed their prowess in the distance events. Maria Mensching '02 won the 5000-meter race with a time of 17:45.58, almost a full minute ahead of the next finisher. In addition to attaining a personal best, Mensching provisionally qualified for nationals. Her time was a mere two seconds off the automatic qualification standards. Tiffany Frazar '01, Megan Rourke '99 and Rachel Meiklejohn '02 finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

The Aloha Relays is a Hawaiian theme event, complete with Beach Boys songs and leis.

Frazar had her best finish this season and qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships in the event. Both Rourke and Meiklejohn qualified for Division III New Englands. With Roberts' second place finish, the Mules monopolized more than half of the top ten finishes in the 3000M race, as Nicole Poland '01, Gayle Pageau '02, Molly Franke '01, Kelly Field '99, and Mindy Pinto '02 placed fourth through eighth, respectively. All six finishes were the athletes' best this season.

The Mules were also well represented in the top five finishes of most of the remaining track events. Jacqueline Johnson '01, co-captain Kathryn LaRochelle '00 and Ann

Birenbaum '00 grabbed the third, fourth and fifth place finishes in the 200M. Jeannine Bergquist '00 came in third in the 800M, four seconds ahead of the next runner. Kate Isley '01 finished fifth for the Mules in the high jump and qualified for ECACs and New Englands in the event. In the long jump, Meredith Coulson '99 claimed third with an effort of 15'9".

Colby claimed the top two spots in the heptathlon. Anderson took first, earning 3695 points. Competing in her first heptathlon, Katie Macdonald '02 placed second with 3391 points. Anderson placed either first or second in seven of the eight heptathlon events.

The 4x100M relay team of Johnson, LaRochelle, Bergquist, and Anderson finished second with a season best time of 50.96 seconds. It is the fastest time in the NESCAC.

Co-captain Karen Hoch '00 came through again with solid performances in the field events. Hoch won the shot put, hammer throw and javelin events, and placed third in the discus. She recorded personal bests in the shot put, hammer throw and javelin, and provisionally qualified for nationals in the javelin and hammer.

"She had a stellar day," said Aitken. "She had breakthroughs in all of those events."

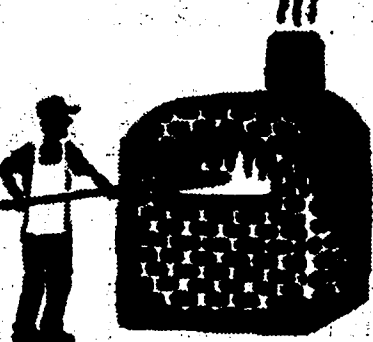
"She really stepped it up this weekend," said Anderson. "I think the Beach Boys might have had something to do with it. Dancing gives Karen an extra dose of adrenaline."

Kim McCarron '00 took third in the hammer throw and Karin Felmly '01 claimed second behind Hoch in the javelin.

The women will next travel to Connecticut College for the NESCAC Championships on April 24-25. □

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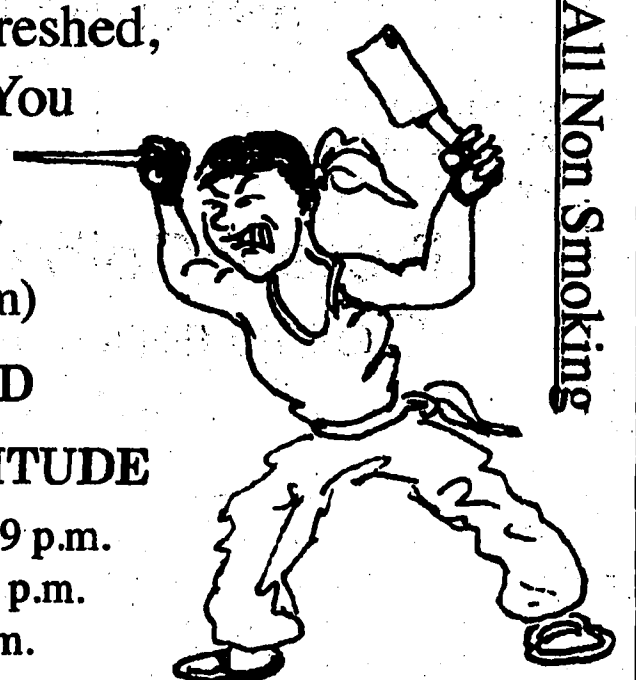
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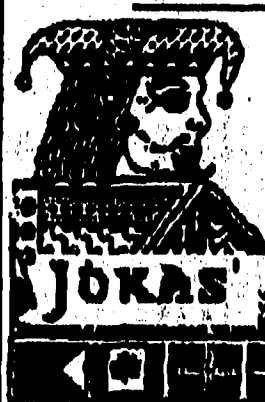
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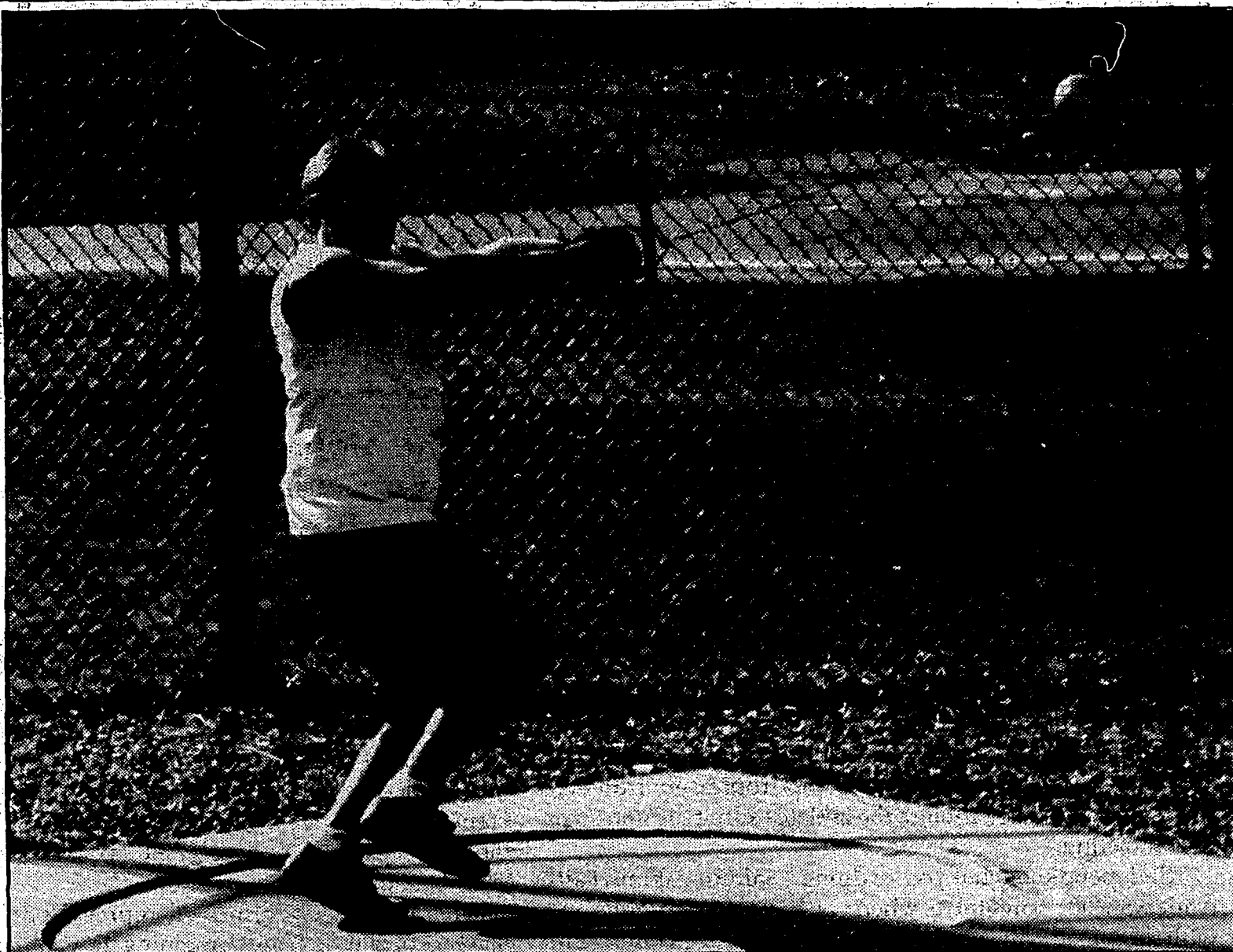
The men's lacrosse team is on a roll. Winning five of their last six games, Colby's record moved to 6-3 with a victory over the Tufts Jumbos on Saturday, 13-9. Tri-captains Matt Williams '99 and Mark Melander '99 netted three goals apiece, while John Shea '02 stopped 11 shots in the win.

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The softball team had a rough week, losing to Middlebury 2-1 on Friday to give the Panthers its first victory of the season. But the Mules recovered on Saturday. Colby picked up two wins over Middlebury, knocking seven hits in each game, for the 3-1 and 3-0 wins. Third baseman Marcy Wagner '02 knocked in three of the Mules' six runs on the day. Pitcher Stephanie Greenleaf '01 hurled a two-hit shutout in the second game. Earlier in the week, Colby narrowly defeated the University of New England by a score of 2-1. The softball team is now 11-7 on the year with eight games on the schedule this week.

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The men's tennis team dropped its record to 8-6 on Saturday when they fell to Tufts 5-2. Colby's only singles victories came by Owen Patrick '01 and Peter Bruhn '00.



Jon Zarecki '99 hurls the hammer in his last season of track and field. Echo photo by Jennie Record



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Colby dominates home track meet over Bates and USM

BY HEATHER DAUR
Staff Writer

Contrary to the overcast sky, the Colby men's track and field team shined on Saturday as it took first place over the Bobcats of Bates College and Huskies of the University of Southern Maine.

The White Mules dominated a number of events to finish the competition with 94 points. Tyrone Boucaud '00 took first place in both

the high and intermediate hurdles to increase the Mules' lead. The 400-meter dash resulted in a Colby sweep when Jared Beers '00, Coji Watanabe '01 and Peter Aykroyd '00 finished in the top three positions. The White Mules 4x400-meter relay team captured first place by a notable time of 3:25.10.

The field competition resulted in a number of Colby victories as well. First-place finishes were captured by Jamie Brewster '00 in the hammer throw, Will Barron

'00 in the discus and Colin McKee '01 in the men's high jump. Geoff Cole '00 finished second in the decathlon with a score of 4755.

The White Mules consistently cracked the top three finishes in every competition but one. Bates took second place in the meet with a score of 85 and USM finished a distant third with 22.

The men's track team hopes to continue the success when they leave Mayflower Hill this weekend to compete in the Penn Relays. □

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Two big wins find the net for Colby women's lacrosse

BY MATT SMITH
Staff Writer

The Colby women's lacrosse team broke a streak of 20 losing efforts to Tufts on Saturday when they beat the Jumbos 11-4 in a key New England Small College Athletic Conference match-up.

Colby had never beaten Tufts since the teams began playing one another in 1981. Tri-captain Emily Etchells '99 thinks this win could propel the Mules through the remainder of the season.

"Killing Tufts gives us the confidence that we need to win out the season," Etchells said.

Allison Birdsong '99 led the way for the Mules by scoring four goals. Colby scored seven goals in the second half to break away from Tufts and hold on to the victory. Angela Pappas '01 added three goals while Katie Lee '01 netted two. Mary Zito '02 stopped 9 shots in the winning effort.

The Lady Mules took their two-game win streak to Wheaton on Sunday, hoping to return to Colby with an undefeated weekend. The Lady Mules did just that.

Pappas led Colby to victory over the Lions with her game-high four goals, while tri-captain Louisa Williams '99 added a hat trick and Marcia Ingraham



Echo photo by Jenny O' Donnell
Senior Kristy Browning controls the ball against a Bridgewater defender.

'02 and Caroline Kasparian '99 each added two goals. The game was close throughout most of the game, as Wheaton battled back to within two goals twice in the contest. But the Mules were too strong and pulled out the victory 14-8. Mary Zito saved

17 shots in net.

"Mary was very strong in goal for us," said Etchells.

The Lady Mules looked to extend their win streak on Wednesday against 10-0 Bowdoin in the perennial Maine state rivalry. □

Crew teams clean up at CBB regatta; look to future

BY BECKY POLLARD
Sports Editor

Colby crew coach Mark Davis thinks his men's varsity and jayvee eight boats might be the fastest in the nation.

"Right now, the men's varsity and junior varsity boats are probably the fastest Division III team in the country," Davis said. "Finally, for the first time, we have experienced crews in both the varsity and jayvee boats," said Davis.

With a talented contingent of juniors and seniors, the boats are laden with the upperclass know-how that will give them the opportunity to prove just that. And the team is already on their way.

At the President's Cup Regatta in Lewiston on Sunday, the men's varsity eight preserved their undefeated record by capturing first place over Bates and Bowdoin. Colby's junior varsity boat, the only team from that division competing at the regatta, raced alongside the varsity boats and earned second place to provide Colby with a commanding one-two punch.

The Mules also garnered a first-place victory in the men's novice eight division.

"That was one of the most exciting races of the day," said Davis. "They had to come from behind to win."

Both the men's varsity and novice four boats took second place to Bowdoin.

Sweet satisfaction was the result of the women's race. The varsity eight boat captured first place in mammoth fashion with a 20-second victory over the second place boat.

"Their (Bates and Bowdoin) women were faster than us in the fall, but we beat them here and we're happy about that," Davis said. "It was their best race of the season so far, easily."

In the women's novice eight, Colby's boat swept first and second, while the women's varsity and novice four boats took second place.

Both teams continue to improve as the season glides along. But Saturday will truly test the Mules when Colby travels to Durham, N.H., to race against the University of New Hampshire, among other schools. The UNH men's varsity eight won the New England Championships a year ago, but the Mules think they are ready to dethrone the Wildcats.

"All of the coaches say it is between us and them at New England this year," said Davis.

Colby can gauge its chances of accomplishing that when they meet the Wildcats on Saturday for a preview of the April 31 New England Championships. □

Mens' rugby team earns surprise spot at Nationals

BY PATRICK J. BERNAL
Staff Writer

The Colby men's rugby team, capping off a spectacular season, earned a berth in next weekend's National Championship in Cincinnati, Ohio, by its performance in Saturday's Beast of the East competition and a decision by Yale to drop out of the tournament.

The team left for Cincinnati this morning to compete in the National Championship, getting funding from the athletic department.

"I'd like to thank President (William R.) Cotter," said co-captain Geoff Starr '00. "He was really helpful with getting the athletic department to give us funding."

At the Beast of the East, Colby trampled Northeastern

34-5 before falling 28-5 to Division I Southern Connecticut State.

Colby impressed itself in the duel against Northeastern. "We ran really well as a team and never let them get close," said Russ Scranton '99. "It was kind of surprising considering all of the rookies we had out there."

Colby led Southern Connecticut early in the first half, but fell behind and never came back.

The Beast of the East tournament was held last weekend in Portsmouth, R.I. It is an annual event attracting top rugby teams from all over the East coast. It is sponsored by the Providence men's rugby club and is the largest rugby tournament of the spring other than Nationals.

Colby dominated all of their opponents last fall and nar-

rowly missed earning a berth to the spring Nationals then. But because of their play in the Beast of the East and because Yale declined the chance to compete at Nationals, Colby was invited to participate.

"We've got a lot of guys coming back [from the fall]," said co-captain Sean Scott '00. "I really think that we can do some damage at Nationals."

The question is whether the Mules are playing at the same peak performance they showed in the fall.

"We're not in the kind of shape that we would like to be, but we're playing well," said Starr. "We could pull a surprise."

Still, the team is awaiting a decision by Colby on funding for the trip to Cincinnati.

"If we go, we can win it. We've got a lot of talent," said Scranton. □



Photo Courtesy of David Burkje
Dave Burke '99 fights through the defense.

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