

## Harkin receives honorary degree

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Zafaryab Ahmed, exiled Pakistani journalist and inaugural Oak Fellow, finally met Iowa Senator Tom Harkin shortly before the Oak Convocation held at Colby on Friday. Harkin helped to get Ahmed off the Pakistani exit control list, which allowed Ahmed to accept his Oak Fellowship. Harkin was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree for his help with Ahmed's release and for his work in international human rights at the convocation.

"Thank you very much, Senator Harkin, for being productive on my behalf," said Ahmed. Harkin had reminded Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of how he helped remove Sharif's brother from the same exit control list, and Ahmed was subsequently taken off the list.

Ahmed had been prohibited from leaving Pakistan because of his work in unveiling the murder of 14-year-old Iqbal Masih, a young human rights activist. After Harkin intervened, Ahmed was allowed to leave for 90 days to accept his Oak Fellowship. He was required to return to Pakistan by March 2, but has remained at Colby.

After Harkin received his honorary degree, he and Ahmed embraced.

"I am especially honored to receive this honorary degree from a college so rich in history, but (also) a college that's focused so much attention to human rights," said Harkin, who then gave an address entitled, "The Congressional Contribution to U.S. Human Rights Policy."

Harkin first became involved in human rights as a congressional staffer in 1970 when he was asked to go on a fact-finding trip to Vietnam with a congressional delegation. On that trip, he helped uncover inhumane treatment of political prisoners on Con Son Island.



Photo courtesy Communications

Iowa Senator Tom Harkin received an honorary doctor of laws degree.

There, Harkin saw prisoners locked up in tiger cages, cells six by 12 feet in size, with eight people in each. Prisoners had been tortured and beaten; they included Buddhist monks and girls as young as 15.

Harkin recorded his experiences through his camera and a hidden tape recorder. Despite the desires of the South Vietnamese and American governments, he kept his photographs after returning to the U.S.

When the delegation filed its report, it did not include what it had seen in the tiger cages. Not wanting to participate in the cover-up, Harkin held a press conference and the two congressmen involved backed up his story. His photographs were then printed in Life

Magazine, the prisoners were released and the tiger cages were shut down.

Since then, Harkin has worked for international human rights. He was elected into Congress in 1974 and has served as Senator since 1984.

In September 1975, still a freshman in Congress, Harkin proposed the "Harkin Amendment," which connected foreign aid to a country's human rights performance. The amendment became Section 116 D of the U.S. foreign policy. According to Harkin, it was "the first time ever that we'd had operative law dealing with human rights."

He expressed the need to continue work. See HARKIN, continued on page 3

## Feminist Mary Daly speaks

BY PATRICK J. BERNAL  
Staff Writer

"Men cannot be feminists because they haven't had the history of being women," said Mary Daly after speaking at Colby last Thursday.

The influential feminist led those in attendance through a speech she described as an "inter-galactic voyage."

Radical feminism, the male-dominated patriarchal society, genetic engineering and education were all subjects addressed by Daly, theologian, linguist, philosopher, radical feminist and former professor at Boston College.

"We are living in a state of absolute terror."  
-Mary Daly

Daly has just released her seventh book, "Quintessence," which she describes as a radical feminist manifesto.

Daly said that the word quintessence describes "what wild women have always been seeking."

"We are living in a state of absolute terror," said Daly, reading from "Quintessence." "Women's thoughts are being fragmented by every force in society."

After reading from her book, Daly addressed issues concerning the feminist movement including pornography, rape and the male dominated society.

"Rapist mentality is spread by pornography," said Daly, speaking of the videotaping of the rape-death camps in Bosnia in the early 1990s.

"We live in a time of horrible oppression, repression and depression," she said.

Daly, who defines herself as a radical elemental feminist, explained the link between women and nature.

"Women are closely associated with nature. Both are exploited by the male-dominated society, both the elements and women are constantly being raped by the patriarchal society."

On higher education Daly said, "we are seeking diversities, not universities," one of her many plays on words that she used throughout her speech.

Daly was recently fired from Boston College following complications involving her alleged refusal to teach a male student.

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## Constitutional Amendment to be decided by student body

BY MATT APUZZO  
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After President's Council approved an all-student referendum at last week's meeting, an amendment to the SGA Constitution that will add a judicial branch to the SGA will be voted upon by the student body next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

The amendment will create a Constitutional Court similar in function to the U.S. Supreme Court to meet twice a month to discuss and oversee all SGA actions. Its framers say it will provide accountability for the Council's decisions.

"It's very difficult to find accountability," said Will Barndt '99, Heights President and a member of the committee that put forth the proposal. "If you centralize that power, it'll be much easier to do."

The court would be selected by a five-member committee comprised of four members of Presidents' Council not serving SGA the next year and one member of the Social Programming Board, also serving not serving the next year.

The committee will review nominations made by members of Presidents' Council and will select three members, two to act as justices and the third to be the Parliamentarian and chair the court.

The decision of who to appoint to the court will be made by the committee and not by a general election largely because "traditionally, in democracies, courts are not elected," said Barndt, but noted that several states elect judges through general elections.

"The qualifications you're looking for and we're looking for in members of the court are not qualifications that will come across in an election. The position doesn't lend itself to posters and doesn't lend itself to a campaign," he said.

Piper President Justin

Ehrenwerth '01 also added that the nomination process "lets us as presidents really try to evaluate people based on our experiences working with them. I think we've watched these people perform and we have a good idea of what they can do."

While Ehrenwerth said the court would likely be comprised of those who "have served on Presidents' Council in the past but who

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won't be members of SGA," Barndt would like to see students without SGA experience sitting on the court. He also said he expected this year's court to set such a precedent for years to come.

"I don't think you need to be a member of SGA to know how SGA works," said Barndt. "I know the person or persons we choose are going to be people who have the capability to analyze the SGA Constitution."

According to the SGA Constitution, in order for the amendment to be ratified, two-thirds of the vote must be in favor of it, with at least a quarter of the student body voting. SGA Vice President Brad Sicchitano '99 will run the vote.

Questions rose recently when SGA President Benjamin Langille '99 and Sicchitano failed to appoint this year's Election Commission before Feb. 1 as mandated by the SGA Constitution. The election guidelines were also not approved by the March 1 deadline. Barndt said, however, the amendment was in the works before these issues arose.

There is also considerable debate as to whether or not the minority representative that was recently approved as a recognized guest had the power to propose motions at Presidents' Council. The Constitution does not specifically address who may propose motions.

These are the sort of issues the new court will address.

Both Ehrenwerth and Barndt said the idea was not spurred by a lack of knowledge of the Constitution on the part of the presidents, but both said a more complete understanding of the document by the dorm leaders would be helpful.

"Who knows? Why don't we?" said Ehrenwerth when asked why the presidents do not have a firmer grasp on the document. "Perhaps we should but maybe we just don't."

The Constitutional Court would ensure that all motions approved by the Council are constitutional. The need for this comes, Barndt said, not because the Council is unable to police itself, but because "not everything in the world works the way it's supposed to work, SGA included."

While many students expected the amendment to include revisions to the SPB, which came under criticism this year, Barndt said the process of improving the Constitution is not over, but should constantly be underway.

"When you work towards political change, you work toward it one step at a time," he said. □

# Hip Hip Hooray for Colby Cares Day!

BY BECKY MUNSTERER  
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Abbie Parker's '01 experience at the animal shelter made her feel good about herself while giving something back to the community.

"The work that needs to be done at the kennel is never finished. When I first walked into the room with all the dogs, I was like a kid walking into a candy store. I was just standing there with a leash and I couldn't decide which dog to take," said Parker.

Parker spent time at the Waterville Area Humane Society on Sunday as part of the third annual Colby Cares Day. She was one of 210 students, faculty and staff who took part in the day organized by the Colby Volunteer Center.

Parker also worked in the shelter's garden while fellow Treworgy dormitory residents painted a nearby fence.

"It was a successful morning, and a small sacrifice of time to help the community," said Parker.

Colby Cares Day's twenty-four projects ranged from cleaning up local parks and Colby's arboretum to spending time at the Maine Children's Home and the Waterville Boys and Girls Club. Some dormitories and sponsored specific volunteer activities, while others were open to interested members of the Colby community.

According to Sarah Richards '01, one of the CVC organizers, 210 volunteers worked at Colby Cares Day, put-



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Drew Johnson '01 helps out his friends at the Waterville Boys and Girls Club.

ting in an estimated 500 hours of community service.

Rachel Rokicki '01, another Colby volunteer at the Humane Society, was at first intimidated by the shrill barking of the many dogs. However, once Rachel befriended a beagle named Lucky, she felt good about setting aside a few minutes from her day.

"It made me miss my pets at home,"

Rokicki said. "I think it's sad that more people didn't participate in Colby Cares Day. It only takes a few minutes to bring a smile to people's faces. Besides it feels good to help out in the community," said Rokicki.

"We all had a really great day," said Richards. □

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# Duster addresses Affirmative Action

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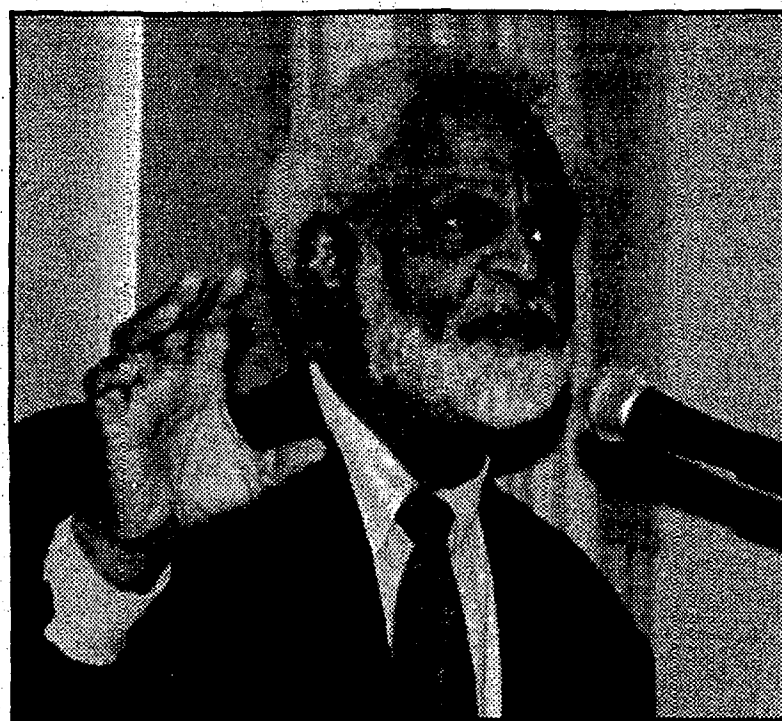
Troy Duster, Chancellor's professor of sociology and director of the Institute for the Study of Social Change at the University of California, Berkeley, spoke about Affirmative Action at Thursday's Kingsley Birge lecture.

Duster warned of mistakes that many make when dealing with Affirmative Action. People often "trivialize it ... asking, 'what's all the fuss?'" Duster said. People often "magnify it and make it seem too effective," he said.

The misinformation surrounding Affirmative Action has caused many problems and has led to heightened opposition, according to Duster. This misinformation, though, is used as a political tool, to get citizens to support candidates who are in favor of the elimination of Affirmative Action.

Duster said that the often-used debate that Affirmative Action goes against the notion of meritocracy is unimportant. What is more important, he said, was what effects the success of Affirmative Action will have on society as a whole.

He also attempted to dispel the myth that only minority students benefit from preferential admission. He told the audience that "more people entered Harvard through alumni admits than Latinos and blacks combined." Athletes and in-state applicants also get preferential treatment at other schools and at Colby.



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**Troy Duster speaks about affirmative action.**

Duster is also a member of the National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research, the board of directors of the Association of American Colleges and Universities and the American Association for the Advancement of Science's advisory committee on human germ-line interventions. Duster has advised on the ethical, legal and social issues in the Human Genome Project. He is also the grandson of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, a leader of the anti-lynching crusade.

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"I have never refused to teach young males," said Daly, but added, "Women's space is necessary to teach radical feminism."

After her speech, a petition was available for students to sign, voicing their disapproval of Boston College's firing of Daly.

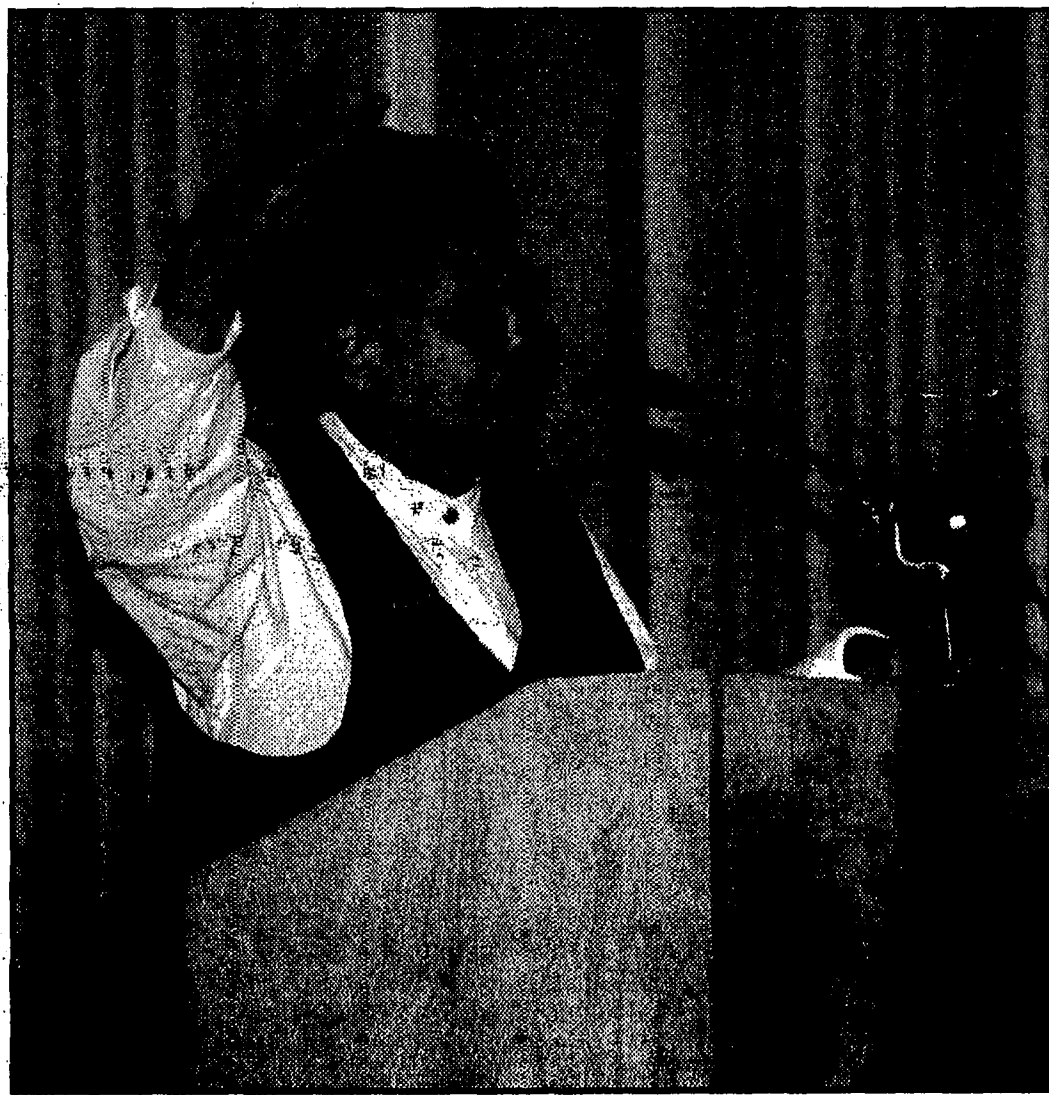
To close, Daly told Colby students to "throw your life as far as it will go."

"It was fascinating to get down to the essential Mary. Her books are so abundant with examples of the effects of patriarchy on women's lives that getting down to what she believes herself is really amazing," said Vannesa Sibley '01. Sibley is currently enrolled in Associate Professor of Religious Studies Debra Campbell's seminar on Daly.

"The cultural events committee gave us a thousand dollars to help bring Mary Daly to Colby," said Megan Watson '99, who helped organize the speech. "She showed a lot of character, and a lot of people showed up. The issues that she was talking about were very important for us to hear."

Daly had good things to say about her impressions of Mayflower Hill.

"It was great to be coming here,"



Echo photo by Jennie Record

**Radical feminist Mary Daly speaks to Colby students.**

said Daly. "I'm glad that there's a class on my work. That always makes me feel good. It's a liberal school, I'm glad to know that there

are such schools. It's a really friendly place," she said. □

## News Briefs

### Students to participate in panel discussion

Seth Eckstein '01, Will Barndt '99, and Nick Ktorides '00 are scheduled to participate in a panel discussion on "The Ethical Implications of U.S. Drug Policy Abroad." The discussion will take place at a joint meeting of the Mid-Maine Global Forum and the Waterville Rotary Club at 11:45 a.m. Monday at John Martin's Manor restaurant.

### Colby ranked 57th most wired in nation

Colby was listed as one of America's 100 Most Wired Colleges in Yahoo! Internet Life magazine, ranking 57th. Case Western, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Wake Forest were the top three institutions. The rankings were based on hardware availability, academic support, free services and other services.

### Computer Science Festival Wednesday

Colby's Computer Science department will host a fair to display projects, including development of original computer games, research in scientific computing and designing characters for virtual worlds. It will be held on the fourth floor of the Mudd Building from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5.

### Green to lecture on Mayan widows

Linda Green, from Columbia University's department of anthropology, will be speaking on "Collective Dignity and Mutual Betrayal: The Complexities of Violence for Mayan Widows in Rural Guatemala." Her lecture will discuss on understanding and documenting the human rights abuses suffered in Guatemala, focusing on Mayan women widowed as a result of violence. Her speech will take place at 4 p.m. Monday in the Robins Room of Roberts Union.

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ing for human rights.

"We've made some progress, we are making progress, we have a long way to go," he said. "Look at our last fast-tracked trade agreement. It has three pages on international property rights, (and) you'll find one little paragraph on children. ... A child deserves as much protection in our trade agreements as a song or a microchip."

Harkin discussed the importance of getting children out of factories and into schools. He outlined a program in Bangladesh that paid families half of their children's \$7.50 per month salaries to have their chil-

dren go to school instead. Harkin said that 10,000 children are now in school because of the program.

"It's an awesome task, but it's not one that's insurmountable. If they can do it in Bangladesh, they can do it anywhere," he said.

Harkin concluded his speech with optimism for the future of child labor.

"We're not there yet and we've got a long way to go, but I believe that in my lifetime, we can actually set up a system where the children of this world can be out of the factory ... (and) can be found in schools." □

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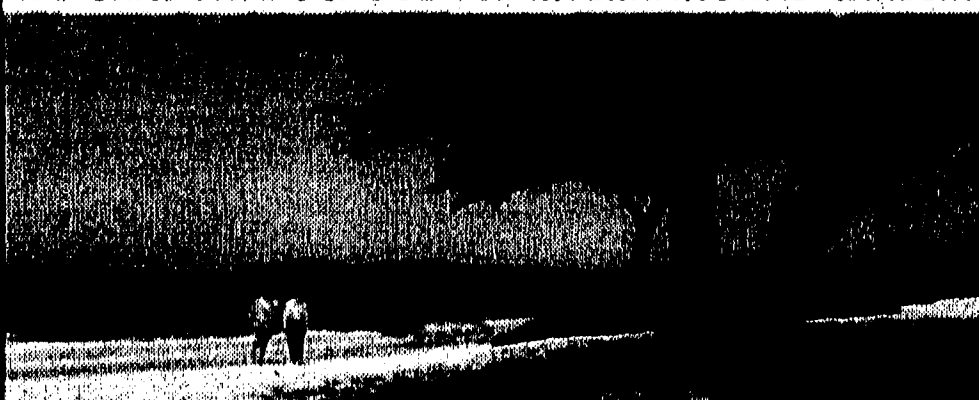
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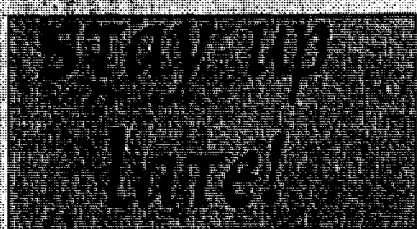


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## FEATURES

# Director of Dining Services receives SGA award

BY JACKIE OGUTHA  
Staff Writer

Lloyd Comeau, director of Dining Services, received the Student Government Association Service Award at a luncheon held in the Whitney Room in Roberts Union April 19. The SGA Service Award is presented annually to an individual chosen by the SGA President and Vice-President.

"We chose the staff member who we felt was most helpful, accommodating and supportive, the person who helped make doing our job easier," said Ben Langille '99, SGA President.

Langille added that Comeau has "made a great effort to keep us informed about what was going on in Dining Services and went above and beyond to accommodate us."

Last year the award went to Jackie Person, administrative assistant to the Dean of Students.

Comeau started working at Colby in October 1996.

"I was looking for a change from the corporate world," he said, "and a positive environment to raise my family."

Colby has three dining facilities spread out across the campus and each facility offers a slightly different food selection to cater to the varying needs of the community. As Director of Dining Services, Comeau provides leadership to a team of 10 managers and 150 employees.

"I oversee every aspect of Dining Services from the day-to-day operations to establishing a vision for the future," said Comeau.

The renovation of Dana Dining Hall and the ongoing renovation of Foss Dining Hall is evidence that Dining Services is expanding, and according to Comeau, there have been several other changes since 1996.



Director of Dining Services Lloyd Comeau.

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"There are now extended hours, more self-service options and increased food items that are cooked to order," he said, noting that Dining Services had also "recruited a registered dietitian for the staff."

He added that the opening of the Marchese Blue Light Pub, the establishment of a web page for Dining Services and ingredient books in the dining halls "to assist students with allergies" were

other recent additions.

Having worked at Colby for almost three years, Comeau considers working with Colby students the most gratifying aspect of his job.

"Colby is a positive community that is very responsive to student needs," he said.

Dining Services is currently working on future changes and improvements which include expanding their web page to increase communication with students, increasing food options and striving to "continue to bring the most recent food trends to campus." □

## Check in before you check out for the summer

BY MELISSA GERBI  
Features Editor

The semester is coming to a close and soon people are going to have to begin thinking about summer jobs. For upperclassmen, however, soon will be the time to head off the Hill forever. There are some things to do before heading off for the summer, or for the rest of your life. So, before you consider failing out of that lab science to be able to stay at Colby just one more year, check out the "to do" list that Cindy Yasinski in the Office of Career Services has put together:

### Senior To-Do List:

• If you haven't visited Career Services, come in and get help pulling a resume together or have a final check of your completed resume.

• Open a reference file for letters of recommendation. Remind professors, employers and coaches who have offered to write letters to send them in.

• If you'll be looking for a job after leaving campus, ask Career Services for the off-campus user name and password you'll need to access the job listing databases from home.

• Pick up copies of Career Services handouts to take with you-resume writing, cover letters, interviewing help and more.

• Complete the Senior Survey that will be handed out at Baccalaureate Rehearsal. It's very brief and very helpful to Career Services.

• Keep the Alumni Office updated as to where you are living and what you are doing. You can call, e-mail, or fill out an on-line update on their web site.

• After you have decided where you wish to live and work, give us a call - we can help connect you to Colby people and opportunities in your area.

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### Junior To-Do List:

• Get a head start by working on your resume this summer. Pick up resume and cover letter hand-outs to work on at home.

• If you are uncertain about your career interests, use the summer to "interview" people around you about their jobs. What do they like, dislike, recommend? Don't forget to include family members, parents of friends, recent grads, and people you meet while you're working. Consider volunteering for an organization or employer that intrigues you.

• If you know what you'd like to do after graduation, get a networking list from Career Services and use the summer to make some contacts. In fields like finance and consulting, contacts are extremely helpful when you start the recruiting process in early fall. In other areas, networking is a way to learn more about employers and entry-level positions in your field, as well as making useful connections with people who may be able to help you later.

• Consider doing an internship in January. It's still not too late, and may be a great way of getting your foot in the door as your job search goes into full gear. □

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# Alternatives to the corporate world: advice from one who traveled

BY MELISSA GERBI &  
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Features Editor & Contributor

There are amazing adventures beyond the borders of Maine. Many Colby students have already experienced them, from kayaking in Ecuador to scaling mountains in Nepal.

One Maine businessman chose to take some of these routes to finding a happier existence in the state. Thirty-year-old Doug Knell spent the better part of three years backpacking around the world, countries such as Vietnam, Bangladesh, Mozambique, Ethiopia and South Africa, spending less than \$10,000 for his entire journey.

"I didn't feel I had to deny myself anything," he said. "Picture me sky-diving in the

Namibian desert, bungee jumping over rapids in Zimbabwe and spending 10 days in silent meditation in India. You just have to make sure you get to do everything you want, and I did."

When discussing the time to start such adventures, Knell said, "To be honest, I wanted to embark on such a trip right after my college graduation in 1991 but felt the pressure from society, parents, et cetera to be gainfully employed. Then, in 1994, realizing that if I didn't travel now, I might not do it at all, I put the backpack on and left."

Knell was extremely thrifty at the same time. He was the only Westerner to ride a first class Burmese train for the local rate, he rafted the mighty Zambezi River for half the price tourists pay and he regularly stayed in exotic hotels for only a few dollars and several times for free.

On many occasions, he flirted with real dangers. In Kashmir, the northern area of India disputed by the governments of India and Pakistan, Knell trekked alone in an area where four Western tourists had been taken hostage only months before.

The Indian Army wound up inviting him into their camp to protect him from Pakistani insurgents secretly crossing the border. In Uganda, Knell camped in the bush, within feet of the place Rwandan rebels captured and butchered American, British, and New Zealand tourists this year. In Burma, secret police almost arrested him for journeying into the northernmost provinces of the country without proper papers.

"I know I ran into some close scrapes," Knell said. "But I never really feared that I'd crossed the line of no safe return. Just as I am careful

with my money, I am also careful with my life. Money and safety go hand in hand, and I get the most out of both."

What Knell implies, then, is that people can take these trips any time. Not waiting until one is running a multi-national business or teaching at a

prestigious university is important.

"I would actually encourage a freshly graduated college student to pursue traveling right after graduation because as time passes, more and more commitments prevent them from just picking up and leaving. I find it a real pity that most people find their lives are pretty much decided by other parties. We are programmed to go for a college degree just after high school, then get a 'meaningful' job right after college graduation. There is no time slotted in here for self-discovery, and travel can be an optimal way of doing that, whether those travels are to nearby Mexico or Canada or somewhere further afield. It doesn't require a lot of money either, as you see from my case. And in many instances, if one's skills are marketable, jobs can be obtained while one travels," said Knell.

The idea of a world trip was planted in Knell when he was a teenager on an airplane flying from California to his native Ohio.

"I noticed that virtually all the people sitting in the window seats were staring in awe at the clouds and

tiny landscapes outside. And I thought, 'What would it be like to look at everything that way, as brand new, a fresh adventure, an experience so in touch with the mystery, beauty, and wonder of life itself?'"

He spent one year of college studying abroad in the United Kingdom, and when he graduated from Cornell University with both a B.S. in Applied & Engineering Physics and a B.A. in Economics, he took a technical job in Sweden and became fluent in the language.

"The more you experience these kinds of exciting adventures, the more you feel like exploring them deeper," he said.

Later, Knell took a position at a medical manufacturing company in Korea. Though he was never formally trained in medicine, his father has been an orthopedic surgeon for over twenty-five years.

"I guess I absorbed some of the knowledge through osmosis," he joked.

Although Knell was inspired to travel as a teenager, he learned many things along the way. Realizing that American society does not necessarily encourage travel and exploration of this kind, Knell figured the time was right to just go for it.

"You have to do what you want to do, regardless of how insane or unconventional it looks. I wasn't exactly slapped on the back and encouraged to go traveling. By jumping off the career bandwagon, I was looked upon by many as demented. Unless one is obsessed with pursuing the corporate American way of life - and I think more and more people are becoming disillusioned by it - stepping off to pursue something different and meaningful should be commended."

Knell is now the Chief Executive Officer of his own company, Innovation, headquartered in Maine with administrative offices in California and Massachusetts. The company provides Internet technology. He shuttles between the various office locations regularly amidst his many nationwide speaking engagements. For the moment, though, Knell is too busy wiring the world to think of putting on his backpack again anytime soon. But you can never tell for sure, he cautions.

"You might find yourself on the phone with me tomorrow. The day after that, I could be climbing the Andes in Peru!" □

## Off the Hill

### University of Maine

Orono, Maine

In celebration of Earth Day, students at the University of Maine in Orono stripped down to their birthday suits and rode around the student union on bikes. The in-the-buff cyclists painted their bodies green and hopped on their wheels while cheering.

### University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The University of Pittsburgh refuses to grant medical benefits to partners of gay and lesbian employees. Twenty-two students are in the middle of a hunger strike protesting the decision not to extend benefits. The protesters, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education, are members of the Equal Rights Alliance and said they would continue the strike until the board of trustees at the College would meet with them. The Alliance says that the policy violates a Pittsburgh ordinance that bars discrimination based on sexual orientation. The University responded that they are not required, under Pennsylvania law, to provide the benefits.

### Trinity College

Hartford, Connecticut

Students at Trinity are fighting against administrative rhetoric regarding multiculturalism on campus. One student, according to the Trinity Tripod, said the "Multicultural Affairs Committee has been meeting with (President Evan) Dobelle since the beginning of the year and MAC members were faced with nothing but rhetoric." There have been, according to the student, no gains made. In an effort to bring attention to the issue, approximately 100 students marched on campus, arriving at the president's office.

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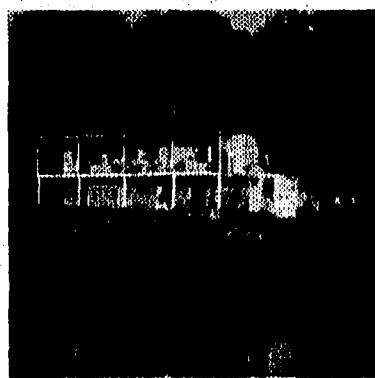
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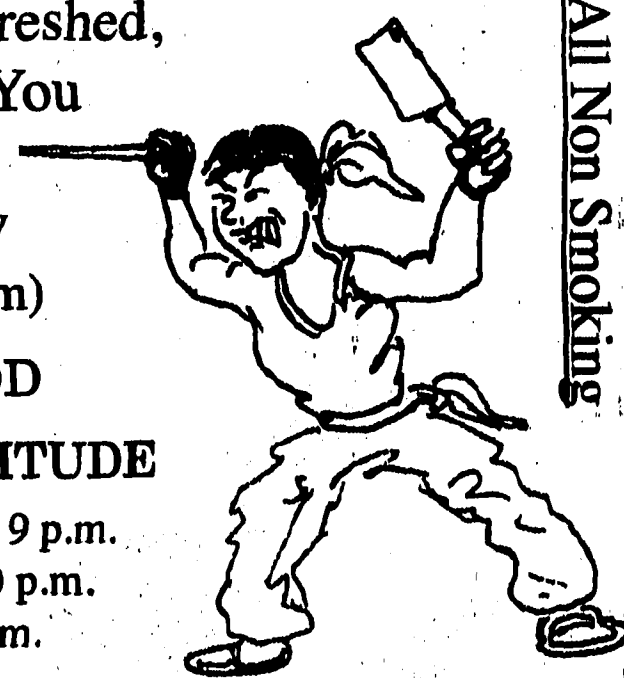
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Colby performs "Moon Dances"

BY OLIVER GRISWOLD  
A & E Editor

The Colby Dancers will present their annual Spring Dance Concert this weekend on the stage of Strider Theater. The show, entitled "Moon Dances," is made up of 10 student-choreographed dance pieces and one piece directed by Performing Arts faculty member Tina Wentzel. Approximately 50 student dancers will be performing.

The title of the show intends to evoke the mood of mystery that modern dance often creates, with a cohesion of movement, music and light. However, the pre-show remarks of Julia McDonald '99, a student choreographer for the concert, make it clear that the "moon" is also the goal that the entire company is shooting for.

"I am so impressed with the dancers, and everyone involved. They are all volunteers, and it blows my mind that everyone is willing to put so much time in."

McDonald explained that the creative process stems from academic work, and that the schedule

is often time-consuming.

"Most student pieces began in a choreography class this past fall as the final class project. If a piece is chosen for a place in the concert at the end of the year, the decision to

**"It blows my mind that everyone is willing to put so much time in."**

**Julia McDonald '99**

continue working on it is completely voluntary. Most choreographers rehearse 3 to 4 hours before tech week, and then work about five hours a day during this final push. It is a huge amount of time."

Another aspect of the final presentation is the light design. Since most dance performances use very few props or scene materials, the light designers have a heavy responsibility in creating a mood. Tom

Conway, an exchange student from Ireland and the light designer for McDonald's piece, described the factors that go into the visual success of the dance.

"The most important thing, obviously, is to light the dancers so that what they do becomes interesting. The light is as important as the music. In Julia's piece, she spoke of 'dancing through contradictions,' in effect, the movement from claustrophobia to intimacy, from isolation to solitude. At the beginning of the piece, I have the light harass the dancers, but then it shifts slowly into a light scheme that allows them more freedom. At the end of the piece, the scene and music are the same as at the start, but the dancers' relationship to each have changed."

Conway adds that the paradoxes of the piece are visions of a relationship between human and environment, an environment that he, the dancers, and the music designers bring to life out of thin air.

"Moon Dances" will be performed tonight through Sunday at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the box office. They are \$3 general admission, \$2 for students and senior citizens. □

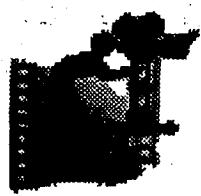
## Life is a blur at Foss Arts



Echo photo by Jennie Record

Despite the chilly temperatures and gusty winds, Colby students congregated on Dana lawn to enjoy the many musical acts at Foss Arts. Logan Perkins '01 (in white shirt) apparently had a great time dancing to the tunes of the featured bands, which included the immortal Led Zeppelin.

## The Reel Deal



"Go"

Directed by Doug Liman

"Go" didn't stop soon enough. Doug Liman's ("Swingers") new film is an ineffectual hodge-podge of every indie-film device available to the young, hip director: drug deals gone bad, techno-remixes of decent songs, strippers & boozing, car chases with guns, interwoven point-of-view narrative structure, rave-ish landscaping and meaningless dialogue spoken by moronic characters. The style robs from "Pulp Fiction," but rather than employing the simmering character tension that bought Tarantino an ego, Liman uses his characters' positions to tell three crappy stories rather than one. John August's script is boring and weak; we have no reason to care for the characters' lives, and the twists of plot are outlandishly stupid and pointless. The story is something like this: a girl screws up an ecstasy deal and gets hit by a car, some party dudes go to Vegas and shoot a bouncer and two gay actors cut their mutual-mistress's hair. Now that you know the plot, go spend your money on something worthwhile. "Go" will soon stop at Hoyt's Cinemas.



"The Jew in the Lotus"

Directed by Laurel Chiten

Lauren Chiten's "The Jew in the Lotus" is a touching documentary that follows a writer's re-discovery of his spiritual life. In 1990, eight Jewish delegates travel to Dharamsala, India, to meet with the Dalai Lama of Tibet to discuss the secrets of spiritual survival in exile. Rodger Kamenetz, the writer, goes along to objectively document the exchange, but finds himself personally transformed by the sharing of spiritual traditions. While Kamenetz's journey occasionally comes across as ego-drenched and uninspiring, the dialogue between the Jewish scholars and the Dalai Lama is fascinating to observe as they discover similar mystical traditions in Judaism and Buddhism. Based on the best-selling book, "The Jew in the Lotus" is an interesting instruction manual on how to re-claim one's spirituality. "The Jew in the Lotus" will play at Waterville's finest cultural center, Railroad Square Cinema, from Friday, Apr. 30 to Thursday, May 6.

Rosecrans Baldwin is constantly criticizing the media establishment



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Gillian Anderson and Jon Stewart star in "Playing By Heart."



"Playing By Heart"

Directed by Willard Carroll

"Playing By Heart" is a wonderful romantic film that follows the relationships of four different couples that are seemingly unrelated until the final scene in which the tendons of their larger coherence are revealed. Featuring a gallery of fine performances, including Gillian Anderson, Sean Connery, Jon Stewart, Gena Rowlands, Angelina Jolie, Ryan Phillippe, Ellen Burstyn and Jay Mohr, "Playing By Heart" is thankfully unpretentious with its actors. While the affairs range from an elderly couple coping with new surprises to a pair of beat-crossed-lovers in the L.A. club scene, each pair works through their hesitations and fears for love that, with Willard Carroll's affectionate direction and writing, often feel genuine and fresh.

Unfortunately, Carroll treads the line of melodrama, occasionally falls in, and the film drowns for a moment (especially when Ryan Phillippe has to blurt through his love in a new Volkswagen Beetle). Otherwise, "Playing By Heart" is a satisfyingly endearing film that floats on its own love for dueling lovers. Expect to rent this one soon.

RECYCLE THIS RECORD



## International Extravagnaza



Echo photo by Fyodor Shumilov

The 14th annual International Extravaganza was held last Saturday in the Page Commons. Here, Jackie Ogutha '01 and Nyasha Pfukwa '01 perform an African Dance from the Luo Tribe.

## Colby Chorale, Symphony, present joint concert

The Colby Symphony Orchestra, the Colby College Chorale and the Colby-Kennebec Choral Society will perform together in the finale of the Music at Colby concert series this weekend in Lorimer Chapel. The performance is free of charge.

The musicians will perform works by Joseph Haydn and Sergei Prokofiev. The program begins with the orchestral performance of "Suite No. 2" from Prokofiev's ballet "Romeo and Juliet." For the second half, the Colby College Chorale and the Colby-Kennebec Choral Society join the orchestra for Haydn's mass "Missa in angustiiis." Also called the "Lord Nelson Mass," the piece will feature soloists Bonnie Doe Scarpelli, soprano; Gloria Raymond, mezzo-soprano; Timothy Neill Johnson, tenor; and Peter Allen, baritone.

The Colby Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Laura Jackson, includes members of the student body, faculty and staff. The Chorale, directed by music professor Paul Machlin, currently features more than 65 students.

The Colby-Kennebec Choral Society, also directed by Machlin, includes Waterville-area community members and Colby faculty and staff.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, and at 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 3. □

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## EDITORIALS

### Pledge, Seniors! Pledge!

Seniors. You know what time of year it is. It's time to skip class and party every day and run around naked and have sex with lots of people. But next time you seniors are at the Quik-Mart buying condoms and lemon-lime Boone's wine and porno mags and whipped cream and dog whistles and whatnot, try to set aside a few bucks. Why? Because it's senior pledge time!

We at the Echo know that the last line of the last paragraph was as anticlimactic as running out of quarters in the peep-show booth down at Priscilla's (and don't act as if you don't know what that's like), but it's the truth. This is the time of year when you inevitably see one of your beleaguered classmates trying to wrest a pledge from a fellow senior. Most students have by this point in their lives developed a strong resistance to giving money to people who approach them in public, but this is a worthy expenditure of whatever amount of dough you decide to give.

We know that there are many arguments against donating money in the name of the Senior Pledge, the most common of which is "I just got done paying \$120,000, and now you want me to donate money on top of that? Why don't you go (fill in nasty thing to go do)." Well, that's true that you may have paid lots of money to attend Colby, but even if you were hit up for every last dime, your tuition was still subsidized by the school to the tune of \$8,000 a year. \$120,000 is a lot of money, but it's still less than \$152,000, the real cost of four years at Colby. In that light, donating ten bucks doesn't seem like such a bad deal after all.

Other reasons to pledge? Your money is matched by President Cotter and the Trustees. You're working to improve the ranking of your alma mater, and thus your degree. You can allocate your money to just about any portion of the college you choose, from financial aid to landscaping. Hell, it's even tax-deductible. So next time you're asked to participate in the Senior Pledge, remember that you're not only helping others, you're helping yourself.

### Constitution Change a good idea

The SGA executive board is the Colby equivalent of the U.S. executive branch, while the Presidents' Council and the Student Programming Board act as a legislative branch. So where is the Supreme Court?

A task force of Presidents' Council has proposed a constitutional amendment that will create a judicial branch to the SGA. This branch of SGA will make sure that motions passed by SGA are constitutionally sound and that action is taken in response to them, act as the Election Commission and the Hearing Board and ensure that Constitutional dates are upheld.

The Constitutional Court, if approved by the student body, will provide accountability to SGA. The Court will ensure that deadlines are met and that motions made and approved are actually followed by action. It will make sure that elected student representatives are doing their jobs.

The Court, which will include two justices and a Parliamentarian, is a good idea. Presidents' Council will appoint a five-member committee of people who will not be involved in SGA the following year, to select the Court's members from nominations received from the entire Colby community.

However, unchecked power in the hands of a few individuals may be dangerous. In order to ensure that the decisions of the Court are made with the best interests of the student body, the presidents must be committed to appointing non-SGA affiliated students to the Court. These students must be dedicated to learning and interpreting the SGA Constitution, and must take their jobs seriously. If these concerns are addressed, the Court will ultimately increase the legitimacy and effectiveness of the SGA.

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## LETTERS

### Students respond to Dyer Opinion Article

We are writing in response to Ezra Dyer's opinions pieces printed in the Echo over the past two weeks. We are extremely disgusted by the content of Ezra's article concerning police presence at Colby in the April 15 edition of the Echo, his attempt at an apology the following week, and President Cotter's insufficient response in that same issue.

We would like to clear up the confusion surrounding Mr. Dyer's initial article, "If Mayflower Hill needs anything, it isn't the police" and his lack of understanding as to its offensive and problematic content. The most blatantly offensive portion of his article was obviously his satirical reference to Rodney King. Mr. Dyer speaks as a privileged white student who is complaining about the local police giving citations to people who are actually breaking the law, while he mocks a black man who was the object of unlawful and horrific police brutality and whose trial led to one of the most racially tense periods of this decade. However, equally disturbing are his stereotypes about urban black culture, his postulations regarding who "real" criminals are, and where police presence is needed.

Although Mr. Dyer would argue his opinion article eschews race, ("I wasn't thinking about race, I was thinking about Jheri-Curls") he gives us a comparison between Colby, a predominately white middle-to-upper-class institution, and Compton, a primarily black urban community located in California. He satirically paints a portrait of "the bad old days" at Colby comparing the Field House to a crack house. He asks us to remember a time when prostitutes and homeless people roamed Mayflower Hill and when there were "gang-bangers" doing "drive-bys" and smoking the "chronic" on campus. He tells us "those days are gone" and asks us, in the face of the increased police presence, whether we attend "Colby College or Compton College." These comparisons draw parallels that tell us black people are criminals and police belong in black communities and not in predominately white communities like Colby. However, the 21 summonses last weekend certainly tell us what we already know: that police are without a doubt needed at Colby.

Since the publication of Mr. Dyer's opinions piece concerning the police presence on campus, many have stepped up to defend Mr. Dyer and his statements. They respond by saying they know the author of the piece is not racist. This includes the President of our College who wrote in his response to the letter, "I know the author of that piece and I am certain that there was no intention to offend or provoke." Although he says he is "outraged," by telling us that Dyer's opinions piece represents only "apparent racial insensitivity" and urg-

ing that material which "seem[s] racist must be avoided," President Cotter is reducing the problem of racism to nothing more than "feelings." Not only did President Cotter break his word by not writing his response in conjunction with the students who staged the protest, as he had promised, but also he skirts the issue by not condemning Mr. Dyer's words. Instead, he warns us that we need to be "sensitive" because "some" activist students might get "enraged" over something that might "seem racist." He only points to the "concluding sentences" of the article as problematic. It seems

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as though he too fails to recognize the severity of the racist implications throughout the article.

For one's actions or words to be racist, one need not have any intentions of being so.

Mr. Dyer tells us, "I suppose I wasn't thinking enough about race." Mr. Dyer, it is your privilege as a white man to not think about race. We feel it is disingenuous to make such a claim that you do not think about race - after all your article clearly presents us with racial images and vocabulary that proves you have thought and continue to think about race. It is a sign of your privilege that you are so thoughtless, or that you think you are so thoughtless. It is people like you, Mr. Dyer, who make it impossible for students of color on this campus not to think about race; rather they must think about race all the time. The fact that Mr. Dyer is graduating from Colby (as the senior class speaker) not knowing that writing an opinions piece presenting black communities as hotbeds for criminal activity (while mentioning Rodney King in a ridiculing fashion) would be perceived to be racist suggests that

Colby College has failed at educating him. He has spent four years at an institution where he admits he has not been taught to think critically about issues of power, privilege, and oppression in this country.

While President Cotter framed this student response to Mr. Dyer's letter as an "educational opportunity" it is not the job of minority students on campus to educate ignorant white students. It is the job of the college. A hostile environment exists on this campus for students of color, and Dyer's article is only one example of the stereotypical perceptions that white students have of racial minorities in general. Colby is a place where students of color often see mocking images of themselves. This has been made clear by specific events such as last year's East Coast / West Coast Party (when white students took on what they

perceived to be black culture) and this year's Pimps and Prostitutes Party (when white students wore Afro wigs). When students of color raise their voices, concerned and justifiably outraged that white students can graduate from Colby without ever thinking seriously about race, especially in terms of the privilege and power that whites have in this country, they are told that the issues they raise are simply "feelings" and not legitimate problems on Colby's campus. This is an example of institutional racism. In spite of the fact that individuals who work within the administration might be acting with the best intentions, the social structures here at Colby are organized in ways that work to disadvantage racial minorities.

Our having to sit here and write this letter in order to "educate" Mr. Dyer, President Cotter, and other "uneducated" students, faculty, administrators, and staff is evidence of institutional racism. A suggestion to you, Mr. Dyer, is, in an effort to be a responsible journalist and satirist, that you refrain from addressing issues that "confuse" you or that you "don't often think about." Your lack of a sufficient apology and your contention that your racist article was not about race (were any of the people you saw on TV who had Jheri-Curls white?), and "ultimately a good thing" reinforces what your first article cogently illustrated: YOU DON'T GET IT! You apologize only for the discontent of those who read your article with little regard for the racist ideology that caused their discontent. In the closing of your response to the outrage from your first article you state: "Although it made a lot of people mad, if the end result is students who feel marginalized becoming more comfortable living and study-

ing 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." It is pathetic that

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you, speaking from a position of privilege, tell us that incidents of overt racism must occur in order for you to even begin to think about issues many students of color face every day. The "end result" of your comments do NOT in any way make students who feel marginalized more comfortable. Do you truly believe having to respond to demeaning remarks in order to "educate" would actually make one feel comfortable? In the future, Mr. Dyer, if your "opinions" are uninformed and thoughtless, do some research and critical thinking before you publish them in an open forum.

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## Problems with affirmative action at Colby

We would like to respond on point number six of President Cotter's letter to the editor in last week's edition of the Echo; point number six regards affirmative action. We realize that for the past 20 years Colby College has taken steps in hiring and tenuring faculty of color. While we are grateful and appreciative in President Cotter's effort to review and try to find ways to strengthen Colby's commitment to affirmative action, there are a few concerns we would like to highlight. It is to our understanding that some faculties of color are often funded through "soft-money" or hired for non tenure-track position which temporarily funds their positions at Colby. This prevents these talented, dedicated professors from attaining any permanent teaching positions here at Colby. If our professors are continually denied promising positions at Colby, they have no choice but to find more stable positions at other colleges. Meanwhile,

the close relationships we Colby students have established with our "visiting" professors have been shattered and we are left feeling detached from our studies which have once been brought to life by the unique teaching

**By losing our female faculty of color to other institutions, we are left without the same level of dedication and enthusiasm these women bring to our studies.**

styles and personalities of our former professors. These are talented and dedicated professors who are a valuable asset to Colby and its students. Their presence on campus is undeniably felt through classroom interac-

tions, independent research, language group dinners, parties, and sponsored cultural events. By losing our female faculty of color to other institutions, we are left without the same level of dedication and enthusiasm these women bring to our studies. Therefore, our question is: If Colby is genuinely sincere about "taking great strides" in hiring and tenuring women faculty of color, why do we find that the East Asian department is "mysteriously" losing women faculty of color? We contend more resources need to be earmarked for tenure-track positions so that women faculty of color become permanent fixtures at our college. The college is right in its commitment to bringing individuals to campus to diversify the teaching staff, however, we call upon the college to do all it takes to keep them here.

Donna Chen '01  
Ruthie Marion '00

## Don't censor campus events

Recently a group of students and faculty brought forth their concerns about the offensive nature of campus events such as the Pimp & Prostitutes Party, the Screw Your Roommate Dance and the East Coast/West Coast Party. Their solution to the uncomfortable feelings that arose from these events was to direct the Office of Student Activities to prohibit such offensive events. While the behavior that may come from such events may be offensive, indeed maybe the themes themselves are offensive, I find it impossible to believe that we should prohibit such events. I am deeply saddened by the fact that the men on this campus wear tanktops under

the name of "wife-beaters." This is a particularly personal issue to me, yet never would I even consider censoring someone's idea of fun. The last time I checked there was a

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small document called the Constitution of the United States of America that included a body called the Bill of Rights. Within this smaller

body lies an Amendment that virtually guarantees, not that you won't be offended, but rather you will be offended regularly and will have to hear and see things that make your blood boil. But with that guarantee you too will be able to express yourself unconditionally. So when you find something offensive, you can speak out against it, or you also can walk away from those who offend you. But please, don't start to censor the ideas of events on this campus. If you do, it might not be long before someone else is collecting books out of Miller to fuel a bonfire on the Academic Quad.

Raj Gupta '99

## Vote yes to improve SGA

Before the end of this academic year, each of you will be presented with the opportunity to change the way SGA works. Last week, President's Council unanimously voted to conduct a constitutional referendum which, if approved, would create a Constitutional Court responsible for holding SGA to standards of impartiality, accountability, and transparency that it has lacked since I arrived at Colby four years ago. This would not be just another layer added to the SGA bureaucracy. The Constitutional

Court would address exactly those issues that have come to your attention and created frustration this year, including monitoring elections and ensuring the accountability of your representatives on President's Council. In short, the Constitutional Court would provide a strong check on the actions of all SGA officials.

Should the referendum be approved, nominations will be taken to fill the three positions on the Court. Nominations will be considered regardless of an applicant's previous experience with SGA. Any

interested individuals are encouraged to apply.

I urge you all to vote "yes" on the referendum in order to create an SGA that works for you and to hold elected officials to the high standards which Colby students demand.

Please contact your president or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

Will Barndt '99  
Heights President  
Task Force on Constitutional Consolidation

## Education and the Colorado shootings

In the wake of another high school massacre, I have something to say which I think everyone needs to hear. What really set me off was that I was watching CNN or Fox News or some news channel last Wednesday afternoon, the day after the shootings in Colorado. There were three middle-aged men discussing what they thought the problem is with these very few young adults who commit these acts and how everyday, normal, suburban kids are somehow just snapping like this. Now keep in mind that these reporters are of the same generation as marijuana, bell-bottoms and some pretty radical trends. I'm willing to bet that their parents were much more disturbed at these trends than any parent in the nineties whose child came home one day with bleached-blond hair (myself included). These reporters were basically blaming these shootings on Marilyn Manson, youths with earrings and dyed hair, and television violence. Kathy Lee even had the nerve to blame Jerry Springer's show. I realized that these are the same people that are running the country and that they, if anyone should be held responsible for what's wrong. It isn't just the media who are clueless, it's the lawmakers and educators as well.

I don't know how many of you come from suburban public

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schools, but I'm sure there's a lot of you out there who know that this could just as likely have happened at the high school you came from. Despite what the media has said, the cause of these kinds of incidents lies not in the media but in the educational system. It's no coincidence that this is reoccurring in the same type of places. There are three major things that I think make a person who he/she is: education, environment, and family. I'm sure that suburban families aren't bringing up kids in such a way that they get the message "life sucks let's kill everyone who's enjoying it." And while the media and television are influential, violence has been a form of entertainment for thousands of years, so stopping it now is not going to change anything. That leaves us with education. Anyone from a suburban school knows that they resemble penal colonies more than anything else. Educators and legislators think that expelling kids who do drugs and get into fights is the most effective way to teach our kids (anyone who went to a public school under the reign of William Weld in Massachusetts should especially know this). If drugs were a reason for expulsion thirty years ago I'm sure our parents' generation would have had 50 percent of their students kicked out of school. Anyway, by making penalties for what should be minor offenses so great, kids with suburban upbringings do not want to take their chances with the system until one day they don't care anymore and just explode. Think of it this way: If the penalty for underage drinking were a mandatory five years in prison, how many of you would give up drinking until you were 21? That's how ridiculous the penalties in our public education system are. I think a better solution would be lesser penalties and more counseling programs for offenders of all minor crimes and bad behavior. If this were the way that schools were run now I think we'd all be better off. Then again, what the hell do I know? I'm no reporter.

Dave August '02

## Students on the Street: What's Up?





## • LETTERS •

## Task force response inappropriate

My name is Shezad Habib. I am a senior Economics major here at Colby and the president of the Colby Muslim Group. I am also, in the eyes of the college and the American society, a minority student. I am writing in response to the movement by some Colby students to expose institutional racism at Colby. I agree with these students that there is a problem at Colby. I do not condone some of the things that have happened at Colby, and I believe that some things need to change. This change, however, will never occur with the aggressive nature of the current "task force," and cannot be achieved through the creation of multicultural housing or the exploitation and/or berating of fellow students and administrators.

In my years here, I have found Colby to be an extremely friendly school. Most people here are aware of what is going on and try not to be ignorant. Colby students have been, generally, very receptive to me. I have found that Colby students have been more than willing to learn and understand about me and my culture. There have been many instances, however, in which people have made ignorant assumptions about my race and/or culture. I have tried always to respond constructively, pointing out politely the faults in their beliefs. Achieving an understanding between people of different races and/or cultures is not possible in an accusatory or aggressive setting. A member of the task force, Stephen Murphy '99, wrote a letter to the Echo last week that seemed to be articulating the task force's similar attitude. In his letter, Mr. Murphy asks Colby students to "please understand our protest as a most worthy challenge and not a condemnation." I was hoping earnestly that I could consider their protest to be such. After hearing the commentary by Mr. Murphy, Kyle Potter '99, and Jason Hines '02, on Sunday's edition of "Nocturnal Emissions," however, I understand their objectives to be aggressive and condemning. They established their problem as "not personal," and yet they continued to condemn the actions and words of William Cotter and

Ezra Dyer '99. They effectively manipulated Ezra's article from the April 15 edition of the Echo to be a form of racist doctrine and exposed Ezra himself as a racist. Ezra apologized for his article in last week's Echo, although not "profoundly," for his words, and explained that he did not intend to offend anyone. His apology seemed, to me, sincere, and yet he was criticized and rebuked for his words. Similarly, the three students denounced President Cotter's words and actions. The task force personally attacked both Cotter and Dyer, establishing an atmosphere of negativity and discontent that discourages change and understanding.

The task force also supports the creation of multicultural housing on campus. I believe that this change will further the differences among students and will heighten the current problems of institutional racism at

Colby. The construction of multicultural housing will create more segregation in the Colby community, rather than bringing it closer together. Creating a multicultural dorm on campus will solve nothing and will instead make the problem worse. The Pugh Center is already living proof of the prevailing segregation at Colby. Many of the white students feel uncomfortable visiting the Pugh Center. They feel that it is a place where they do not belong. This was not the reason for building the Pugh center; it's intent was to increase awareness. I believe that it is a place of cultural understanding, but I believe that its current attitude can be improved to encourage more students to participate in group activities.

Mr. Dyer's article was insensitive and wrong, and Mr. Cotter's lack of action was inappropriate. Both should be publicly criticized for their conduct, but the task force has taken this to an unnecessary and extreme level. They are not displaying the proper attitude to provide a new and better environment at Colby. Students cannot be expected to discuss change when they fear that anything they say will be turned against them. The task force needs to be more positive and more constructive in their criticism.

Shezad Habib '99

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# OPINIONS

## Peg those pants and come get retro

BY EZRA DYER  
Opinions Editor

Retro is in. Progress is out, unless it's progress garbed in Retro. Witness music: I blame it all on Puff Daddy, but seems like every musician these days either rips off some old disco hook or directly lifts an entire song, lyrics and all, and touts their work as "new." Did Will Smith write the music for "Getting' Jiggy With It" and "Miami?" Sorry, those are nothing but disco tunes teamed up with Will's deeply contemplative lyrics ("Getting' jiggy wit it! Uhh! Whooo! Haha! Daddy loves you, daddy loves you!") This phenomenon has started to spread from hip-hop into other genres as well, and as Limp Bizkit and Orgy could tell you, putting a new edge on a proven song is a lucrative business.

Retro is in on the dance floor too. The most popular "new" kind of dance is swing, and with its revival has come a host of swing bands. But Brian Setzer and his orchestra would still be cleaning urinals in Mickey D's were it not for the Retro craze.

Retro has also hit the movie theatres. Shakespeare-based movies are definitely in, but the biggest hit of the summer, and possibly of all time, is going to be "Star Wars." This latest version is so retro it is actually a prequel, which is a word I'm sure was invented just for the occasion. The Star Wars people know that a long, long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, they had a successful series of movies. Therefore, they know that even if their new version is worse than Tom Arnold's "Carpool," (which I've never seen, but by its cover can tell is an embarrassment even to Tom Arnold) it will still make 8.7 trillion dollars.

Retro is the latest trend for cars as well. Everyone's rushing to get Retro. Volkswagen's hottest car is the New Beetle, which is nothing but a Golf restyled to capitalize on a cultural icon of yore. Take a Golf, add a dash of nostalgia, and presto instant marketing success. Yes, Volkswagen has had runaway sales with a vehicle designed to evoke the image of the original Beetle, a car created at the demand of Adolf Hitler and built for some time using slave labor. But forget that nasty Nazi-Beetle association, let's remember those crazy hippies! Flower power! The Wonder Years! Those are the people who really drove Beetles! Other car companies have noted the possibilities of carefully-packaged nostalgia, and Ford's upcoming 2001 Thunderbird looks suspiciously like a mildly restyled 1955 Thunderbird. Nissan's 2002 Z-car looks a lot like their 1969 Z-car. Had a successful product in the past? Bring

it back, people will buy it again!

Maybe the whole Retro movement annoys me because it seems so simple, yet I know I can't capitalize on it. Could I come out with a new heavy-metal version of Lipps Inc.'s "Funkytown" and have wild success? No, for I have less musical ability than John Tesh.

Could I pass in someone else's mildly-changed paper to a professor, call it a "remix," and get an A? Maybe you should try.

What it comes down to, I've decided, is that nobody likes change. Change is scary. So we all embrace the familiar, because the familiar reassures us that the tornado of change is not going to decimate the trailer park of our lives.

This feeling that the world is spinning away out of control is as acute now as it ever has been. Take computers, for instance. Every time I check out a Best Buy catalogue I see that the new computers have more megahertz and more RAMs and faster Pentium processors than they did the week before.

If the computer world is a microcosm of the world at large, then we've all got to worry. I'm writing this on a machine barely three years old, and it is already at the edge of extinction. Sometime next year Microsoft will come out with Word 1900 (a little Y2K humor for you there, nyahhhhh ha ha!) and then I'll have to trek over to Best Buy to find out how many megahertz I'm going to need to keep up. It's enough to make one want to move to South America and join a tribe of hunter-gatherers whose primitive economic system is based on trading berries and charging National Geographic to take their pictures.

But I have a plan to help us all get out of the Retro rut and get fired up about change. I'm going to get so Retro that people will see me and become disgusted with the whole concept of Retro. I plan to embody Retro at its worst.

I am going to start pegging my pants - that is, when I'm not wearing Jams. I will drive a Gremlin. When I get sick I will catch Retro diseases like bubonic plague, and I will ask strangers to help apply leeches to my body (while telling them that this is the latest fashionable "retro" treatment). I won't go so far as to become a hunter-gatherer, but I will barter for CDs in Strawberry's with a block of cheese. I will watch nothing on TV except "Three's Company" reruns. My musical tastes will fixate on 80's "hair bands" like Whitesnake and Skid Row. And I will be highly public about my love for Retro, constantly wearing a tee-shirt emblazoned with the slogan "Retro Rulez!" airbrushed on both sides in hot pink.

And maybe then, change wouldn't seem so bad. □

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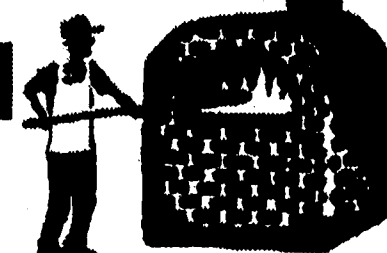
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# Jorgenson's final words to Colby

BY BEN JORGENSEN  
Contributing Writer

As I complete my last semester at Colby, I refer to my List Of Things To Do Before Leaving, and a few items remain unchecked. "Write for the Echo" and "drive the big John Deere tractor that PPD has" sit on my list with nothing but empty paper next to them.

So now what do I write about? Having been here eleven years, I have seen a lot here at Colby. In some ways, Colby is a very different place than it was when I arrived, back in the day, in the fall of 1988. For example, what happened to the god in beer die? And I understand you now get unlimited OBs. I do know that I could not get in here today—you are a much smarter bunch than most of the folks I sat next to wondering if Robert and Mirrelle would ever get together (do they still teach French in Action?). Many of the things you are concerned about are the same and some are different. But some issues like racism, sexism and a small host of other seemingly intractable isms are still here or still talked about.

But we would be bored stiff without issues to get fired up about, and you can only get so excited about changes in the Alcohol Policy. Electrical power flows only when there are difference in the two points between which it is flowing. Differences create potential and potential you need for energy. It's simply a matter of tapping that energy on a day to day basis rather than letting it build up and blow the windows out of third-floor Eustis like a lightning bolt. It seems every spring there is this build-up, and inevitably we get a major, uncontrolled discharge of energy on our own campus.

We are all smart people though, so why does this happen year in and year out? I would submit that it's because we have insulated ourselves with a doctrine that keeps most people silent and prevents the kind of open discussion needed to let some of this power loose in a controlled manner. We walk around in metaphorical neoprene suits and the energy doesn't flow. For the best of intentions, we have set up a system of written and unwritten codes designed to increase the comfort level of those who are not in the majority. What this really does, I think, is inhibit those in the majority from ever opening their mouths to ask a question because the risk of being called a bigot is too great. Ignorance and stereotypes are never

tested or exposed. They leak out in other ways and make those we were trying to make more comfortable less so. The "ism" becomes "institutional" because it is always below the surface where it cannot be taken up and exposed to logic and rational discourse and thereby be dissipated. We distrust those who are different than ourselves because we can never be sure if they will tell us how they really feel. We bounce off one another in our rubber suits until the pent up energy splits a seam and then ZAPPP! One, or both, of us gets fried.

I think there is only one way to fix this problem. We need to tell people to leave the insulation at the door. Take off the rubber suit, dump the harassment code and let people know before they sign the book on the President's Lawn that what we really value and expect from our students is open,

free discourse and dialog. The administration will protect you from force and fraud and no more. Free expression means just that. You will be responsible to your peers for the results, intended or unintended, of your actions. We expect you to challenge ideas that seem wrong in and out of the classroom. We need to warn you to expect that you will be offended and you will be made to feel uncomfortable and you will need to learn how to

deal with that as a rational adult. The process of making something stronger and sharper often involves great heat and pressure. Be forewarned young freshman, your brain is going to be sore when you leave this place.

Because when you do leave this hill, and someday you all will, and someone calls you a name you don't like on the streets of Boston, there is no Deans Office to help you out. We need to prepare you for a world that does not always play by the rules and is sometimes downright nasty to people regardless of how much they earn, their color, accent, religion, sex or choice of overnight bedroom guest.

Don't get me wrong, the "real world" isn't always a bad place. It's full of people who will bend over backwards to help you out. But it can also be an indifferent place where boorish and insensitive behavior are not uncommon and harassment must be, in the words of the Supreme Court, "more than episodic" to be deemed illegal. We seek to protect you from these things while you are here in our care but I wonder if, by doing so, we have somehow cheated you of the knowledge you need most.

Finding an answer to that question was once on my list but now, if you will excuse me, I have to go down to PPD and see someone about that tractor. □

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## Littleton, Colorado and the Media Frenzy

BY JEFF CALARESO  
Staff Writer

Shock, horror, disgust, sadness.

No, not really. So some more kids got themselves some artillery and blasted up their high school last week; this time the small-town-America spot is Littleton, Colorado. Big freakin' deal. Tell me why I should care.

That's right, I'm not appalled at this little massacre and I'll tell you why: first of all, violent kids aren't exactly a new concept. Kids killing kids is as old as Cain and Abel. For all of you wondering how such a thing could happen in such a 'peaceful' town, let me fill you in on something you ought to know: human beings are violent creatures. Even 'civilized' white Americans. Let me refer you to the Crusades, when (much simplified) a bunch of Europeans got together for a road trip to kill a bunch of foreigners in foreign lands in pursuit of non-existent artifacts.

Immediately following the Littleton killings, there was the usual rush to displace the blame. Some people say it was video games, like Doom and Quake. They say one of the killers loved to play Lethal Enforcer. Hey, wait a minute. I like Lethal Enforcer. So do my friends.

Others say it was the music, like Marilyn Manson and KMFDM. Well shoot, I don't like those bands but I like Metallica and I like Nine Inch Nails, both of whom feature violent lyrics of passionate anger.

And then there's the old standby: movies. Well, some of my favorite movies glorify cold-blooded killers ("The Godfather" and "The Usual Suspects"), and we all grew up with the excessively violent "Star Wars" trilogy, in which we cheer on unnecessary murder. And realistic, casual violence in glorified form is all the rage today with movies

like "Saving Private Ryan" and "Titanic."

Funny, though, neither my friends nor I have gone on any killing sprees as of late. In fact, violence saturates the media, and yet only 13 people were victims last week in Colorado?

The newspaper articles which write themselves and the television coverage which long ago abandoned 'informing' for 'exploiting' have become boring. So CNN is spending today in Colorado instead of Kosovo, it's still a bunch of mundane exterior shots showing buildings where we're left to presume something horrible is happening inside. Or maybe, if we're lucky, we'll see an interview with some dazed and confused 'survivor' who has nothing coherent or worthwhile to say.

At least with "When animals attack" or "World's most dangerous police chases" we're guaranteed some interesting action. At least in Kosovo the big bombs usually detonate, unlike that propane bomb in Littleton that would have, if it had gone off, brought up the ratings. Being desensitized to violence works both ways. Maybe we as a society are more prone to acts of violence, but at the same time it's just not as shocking.

How can I have sympathy for the victims when I feel like this is all a routine with the media? Perhaps more importantly, why should I? Because the victims grew up in a town like I did? Because people said they seemed like intelligent, nice boys, like I was? Or maybe these feelings of outrage are an increasingly less interesting knee-jerk reaction. Like when Clinton was seen smiling and laughing at a funeral until he noticed a camera on him, when he immediately began to cry. Well, I'm not the master politician Bill Clinton is. So the next time some kid has the guts and lack of inhibition to act out on the feelings everyone has, just as people have been doing since the beginning of time, don't expect me to care. □

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## Seniors find meaning of true fear in reality

BY BRAXTON WILLIAMS  
Staff Writer

As a senior, I've been fortunate enough to meet a lot of first-years. Many seniors operate under the assumption that they are fundamentally different from their fellow '02's. But as an incredibly immature person, I sometimes have more in common with the kids from Waterville Elementary than I do with people from my own class. Which is to say, Colby first-years are generally more adult than I am.

As the school year comes to a close, all college students face certain existential realities: where am I going to work this summer? What happens to my girlfriend and I when she's in Connecticut and I'm in Massachusetts? Or more importantly: what do I say to my parents when they ask if I've been to the Career Services office yet? Such realities become more frightening as one gets closer and closer to senior year, and then downright horrifying as one begins mailing out graduation invitations. Which brings us to the only difference between me and the average first-year: first-years don't know what true fear really is.

I was talking with some pretty radical first-years last week, and I found myself in a conversation that seems to occur all the time. As one of many scared, cowering seniors, I have a feeling I'm not the only one having this conversation:

Rufus the First-Year: Man, I can't even believe the year's almost over! It went by so fast.

Braxton the Senior: Yeah, no kidding. Ha! Ha! Next year you'll be a sophomore, then pretty soon you'll be a junior, and then a senior! Ha! Ha!

R: What about you? Aren't you graduating?

B: No. Shut up.

R: Yeah, you are. You have to like, get a job or something.

B: No, I don't. I don't have to do anything.

R: Yeah, you do! You have to find a place to live, get a job, think consciously about your own mortality and your purpose in life.

B: Shut up. You are causing me to be very angry.

R: Oh, man. All I have to do is figure out which pool I want to work at.

B: I am thinking about killing you soon.

R: I mean living with my parents might be hard, but I really have no worries.

B: Prepare to die.

R: What are you so worried about? You don't have to throw a fit just because your world is crumbling apart!

I would tell you what usually happens after these conversations, but then I would have to kill you. My point is, don't be offended if a senior does something rash just because you asked what they wanted to be when they grow up. Because chances are, in their minds, they haven't grown up. In their minds a beautiful rich person is going to ask them to marry and then hook them up with a job looking for exotic seashells in Bermuda for \$100,000 a year. But like crack cocaine, everything sounds pathetic until you've experienced it yourself. Before you know it, you'll be a senior and then we'll see who's laughing, jerk. □

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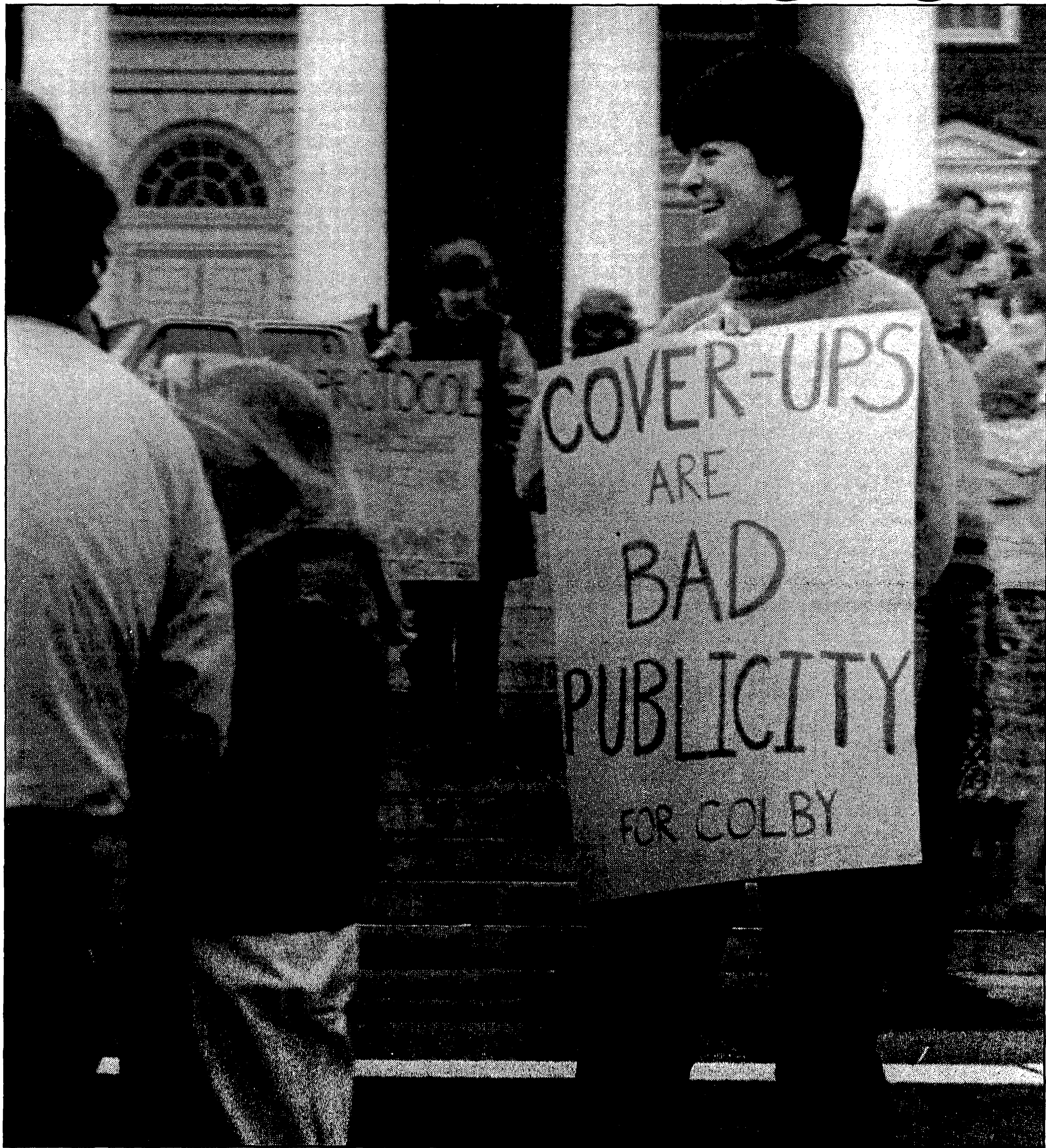
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the second inning. A solo homerun was added later by Parks to cap off an impressive day for the Mules. Chadwick sparked the Mules from the leadoff spot, knocking in three hits and scoring two runs.

Sunday was no day of rest for the Lady Mules, who played three games in the sun. A 9:30 a.m. game against the Cardinals of Wesleyan featured 10 Mule hits, including a double and triple by Patterson. Fitzsimmons picked up the 6-3 win.

It was the same match-up in the semifinal round. Again, Fitzsimmons shone, allowing just two runs from seven hits in the Mules 5-2 victory. Patterson smashed a towering two-run homerun over the right field fence in the fifth inning for her second on the year.

Colby watched Trinity and Williams battle twice for the right to take on the Mules for their 5:30 championship game. It was Colby and Trinity for the second time in the tournament.

Having been shutout by the Mules earlier, Trinity returned the favor by holding Colby scoreless in a 6-0 Bantam win. Greenleaf was nailed for nine hits before surrendering just one more in the final four innings.

Patterson had nothing but praise for the two sophomore pitchers on the Colby roster.

"(Fitzsimmons and Greenleaf) have shut a lot of good teams down this season," she said. "Overall, we played better this weekend than we have all season." □

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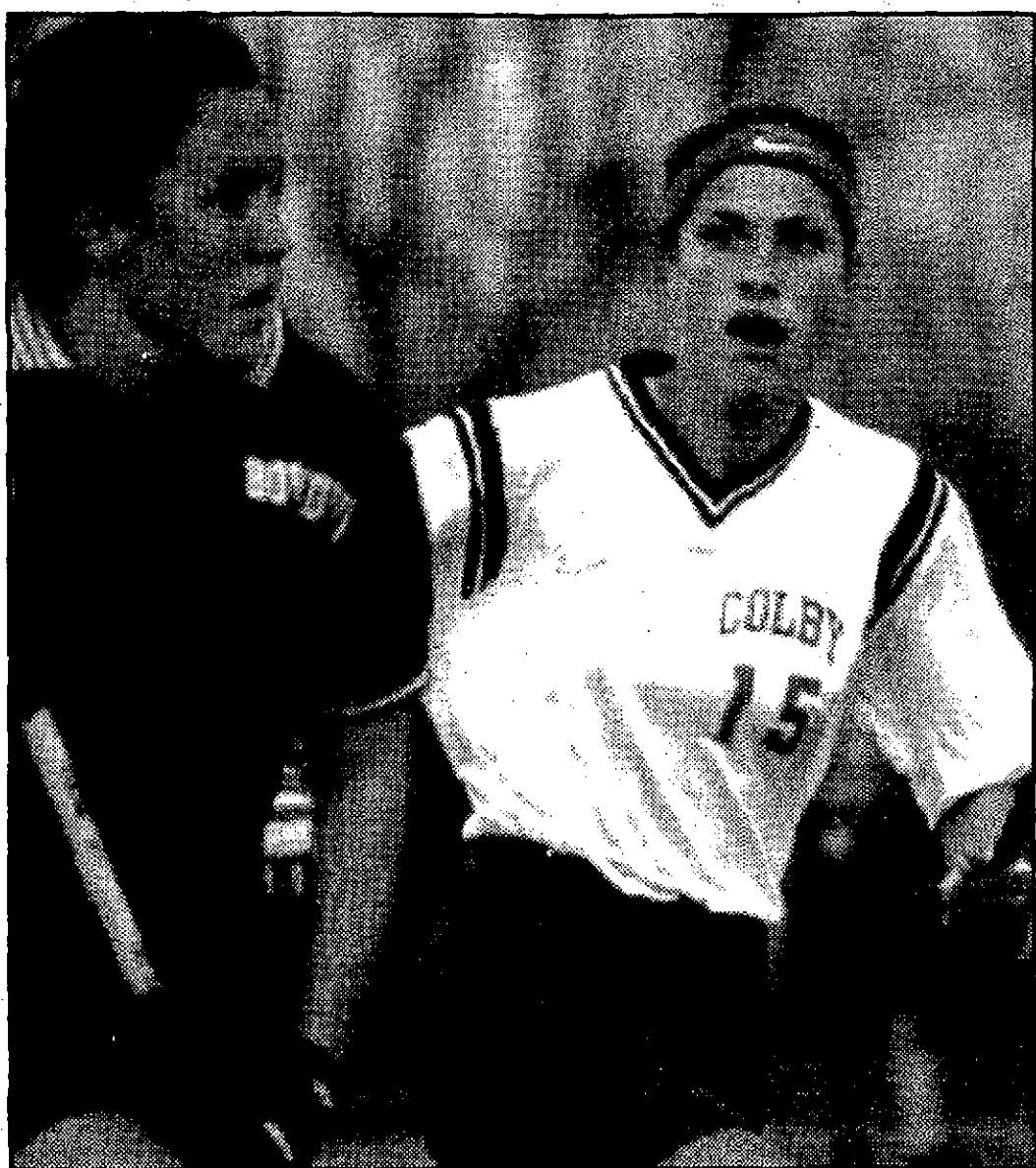


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### Steph Patterson '99

In a marathon eight-game week, the softball co-captain's bat and steady defensive play at both second base and shortstop helped the Lady Mules go 6-2. Patterson racked up 13 hits, including five doubles, one triple and her second career homerun. Patterson's batting average is above .500 with six games remaining in the season.

## Women's Lax sticks it to Bowdoin



Angela Pappas '01 defends against an intent Bowdoin player.

On Tuesday, the women's lax team won their most recent victory, a 13-6 thrashing of the Bates Bobcats. The teams were tied at four early in the first half before Colby scored five unanswered goals to take a permanent lead. Pappas and Allison Birdsong '99 each scored a hat trick for the Mules, while goalie Mary Zito '02 made 14 saves in goal. Colby (8-3) hopes to head into the postseason with a win in the final game of the regular season when they travel to Babson on Saturday.

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## Mule Pack

### Tyrone Boucaud '00, Coji Watanabe '01, Emil Thomann '00 and Jared Beers '01

The men's 4x400-meter relay team not only became the first Colby team to compete at the PENN relays last Friday, but they broke a school record doing so with a time of 3:21.31. Two days later, the team was even faster at the NESCAC Championships. The four-some broke their own record with a time of 3:20.14 and qualified for the national championships.

### Mark Melander '99

The men's lacrosse tri-captain led his team to a comeback 13-12 victory against Connecticut College last weekend when he scored the game-winning goal with just :56 remaining in the game. The goal was one of Melander's four on the day, as the Mules captured the win over the 20th-ranked team in the nation.

### Angela Pappas '01

The Mules' women's lacrosse team improved its record to 7-5 on Saturday thanks to six goals from Pappas. The sophomore's offensive fire fueled the 20-5 win.

### Amber Hall '02

Hall's performance at the NESCACs on Saturday and Sunday exemplified the strides the women's track team has made this season. Entering the pole vault seeded last after the trials, the freshman won the event and tied the existing school record with a vault of 8'6."

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## Sports Shorts

Colby's women's lacrosse team improved its record to 7-5 on Saturday with a decisive 20-5 trouncing of Plymouth State. Angela Pappas '01 provided enough offense to beat Plymouth herself, scoring a game-high six goals in the contest. Five different Mules recorded two games apiece, while goalie Mary Zito '02 made 14 saves. Earlier in the week, Colby suffered a home loss to undefeated Bowdoin, 13-6. Allison Birdsong '99 scored twice for Colby and Zito stopped 16 shots on goal.

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The women's track team surprised their competition and themselves at the NESCAC Championships on April 24-25. Hoping to finish fifth overall, the White Mules placed third behind Williams and Middlebury with 11 teams participating. Jacqueline Johnson '01 achieved a personal best time in the 200-meter dash, placing fifth with a time of 26.60. Co-captain Faith Anderson '00 also set a personal record in the hurdles and placed third in the event. Seeded 10th after the trials, Jeannine Bergquist '00 finished third in the 400-meter run with a personal best time of 59.63, the first time in almost five years that a Colby runner has finished in under a minute. The team of Johnson, co-captain Kathryn LaRochelle '00, Bergquist and Anderson won the 4x100-meter relay with a season-best time of 50.66. Maria Mensching '02 took second place and qualified provisionally for nationals in her first attempt at the 10,000-meters with a time of 37:42.10. In the field events, co-captain Karen Hoch placed second in the discus, breaking her own school record, third in the shot put, fourth in the javelin and sixth in the hammer throw. Karin Felmy '01 and Kim McCarron '00 placed second in the javelin and the hammer throw, respectively. In the pole vault, Amber Hall '02 entered seeded last and won the event, tying the existing school record of 8'6".

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Saturday's crew regatta at the University of New Hampshire challenged Colby's rowers. The best place of the day came from the men's jayvee eight boat, which took first place by beating Division I UNH by 12 seconds. The men's varsity eight lost by two seconds for a second place finish. Both the men's and women's novice eight boats placed second, sandwiched between the UNH A and B boats, though the women triumphed over Bates as well. The women's varsity eight fell to UNH by seven seconds but beat Bates for the second consecutive week. The crew teams have a chance to redeem themselves on Saturday when they compete in the New England Championships in Worcester, Mass.

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## Baseball strikes out vs. quality teams

BY HEATHER DAUR  
Staff Writer

The Colby baseball team's winning streak came to an abrupt end last weekend as the White Mules fell short in four of five games.

Colby traveled to Bowdoin Friday afternoon and was defeated by the Polar Bears in a surprising 8-3 loss. Bowdoin sealed the loss for the Mules when it took a considerable lead in the sixth inning and remained on top for the rest of the competition. Colby's Alex Parrillo '99 picked up the loss despite a worthy effort on the pitching mound.

Saturday's doubleheader against the Suffolk University Rams ended with mixed results for Colby. Suffolk took game one with a decisive 14-6 victory after a strong offensive barrage in the first two innings.

The Mules turned around in game two, led by an impressive pitching exhibition by senior pitcher Kris Keelty '99 who recorded nine strikeouts in the game. After a slow start, Colby's offensive strike was sparked by a two-run homer by Jon Lord '02.

The weekend ended on a down note for the Mules as they fell twice on Sunday to Tufts University. Game one ended in a 11-5 loss. Colby was unable to recover from the 11-1 lead established by the Jumbos early in the game.

The second game proved equally frustrating for the Mules as they fell 11-3 partly due to a strong showing by Tufts.

Co-captain Brian DiBello '99



Echo photo by Alison Rainey

**A Colby player looks for a hit.**

expressed both his frustration with this week's performances and an optimistic outlook for the remainder of the season.

"It was disappointing to lose four out of five, with four being in our own backyard," said DiBello. "But on the upside, we have another four games before the ECAC selection meeting; and we have good oppor-

tunity to improve our chances, especially if we are able to pick up the win against USM."

Colby hopes to spark the winning when as they faced Bates at home on Wednesday before taking to the road against 1997 Division III National Champion University of Southern Maine today. □

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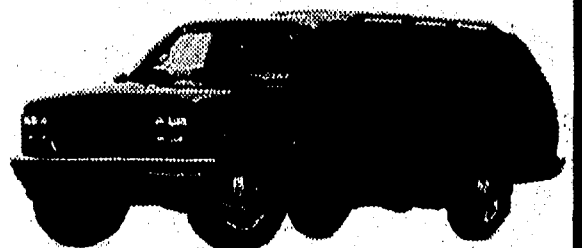
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 Baseball @ Hall of Fame Tournament, Coopersville, NY (2), May 1-2  
 Baseball @ Thomas, May 4, 4:00  
 Baseball @ Bates, May 5, 3:30  
 Men's and women's crew @ New England Championships, Worcester, MA, May 1  
 Men's lacrosse HOME v. Babson, May 1, 12:00  
 Women's lacrosse @ Babson, May 1, 1:00  
 Softball HOME v. Bowdoin, April 30, 4:30  
 Softball @ Bates (2), May 1, 1:00  
 Men's track @ State of Maine, Bowdoin, May 1, 1:00  
 Women's track @ New England Div. III Championships, Springfield, May 1, 2:00  
 Men's tennis @ CBB Tournament, Bowdoin, May 1-2

## Colby Scoreboard

Colby baseball v. Husson 7-6  
 Colby baseball v. Bowdoin 3-8  
 Colby baseball v. Suffolk 6-14, 9-7  
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 Men's lacrosse v. Wheaton 17-2  
 Men's lacrosse v. Connecticut College 13-12  
 Women's lacrosse v. Bowdoin 6-13  
 Women's lacrosse v. Plymouth State 20-5  
 Softball v. Husson 8-3  
 Softball v. UMaine-Orono 0-6  
 Softball v. UMaine-Farmington 4-0  
 Softball v. Williams 6-5  
 Softball v. Trinity 3-0  
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 Softball v. Trinity 0-6  
 Men's Tennis v. Bowdoin 1-6

# Men's tennis draws tough competition at NESCACs

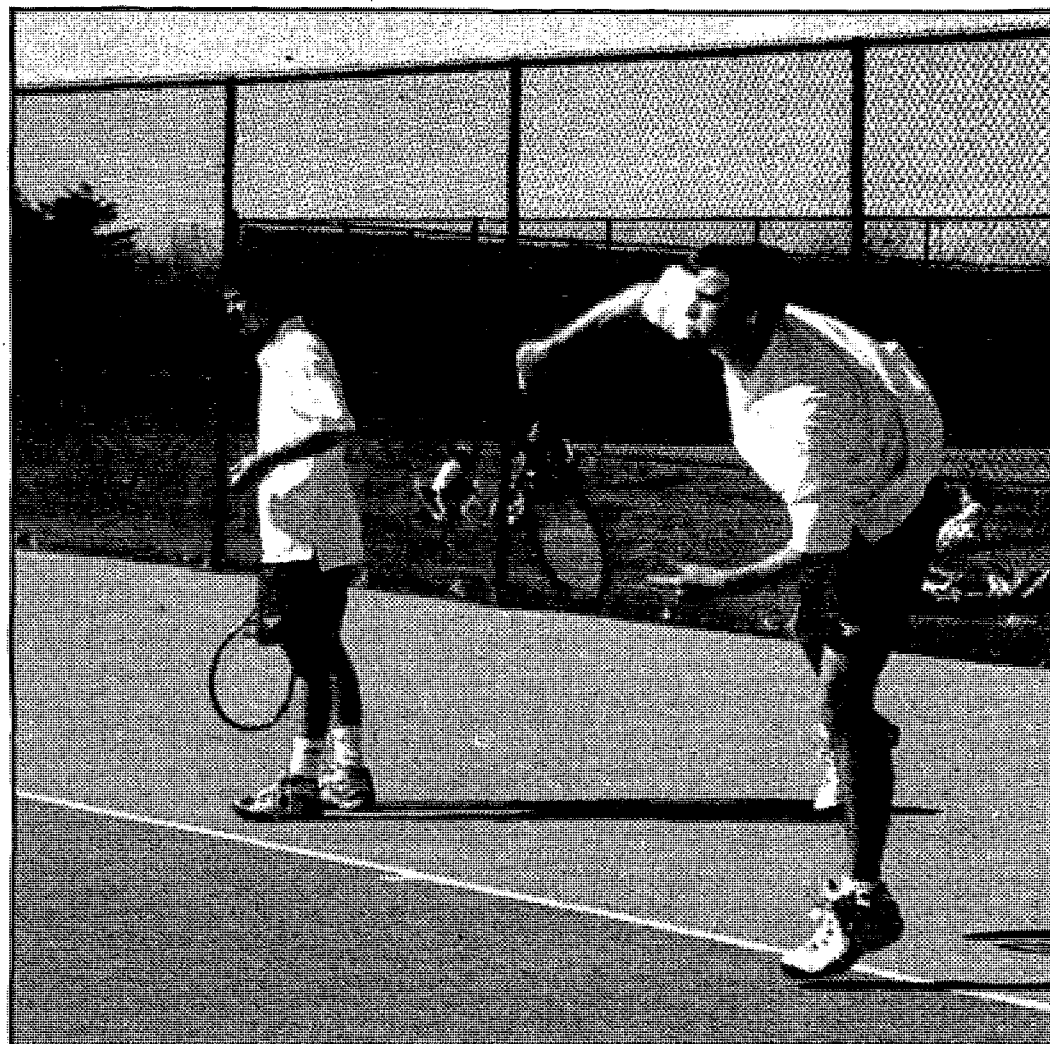
BY BECKY SCHECHTER  
 Asst. Sports Editor

The men's tennis team traveled to Amherst Saturday for the New England Small College Athletic Conference Championships. The White Mules faced strong opposition across the net from the home team Lord Jeffs, Trinity, Bowdoin, Bates, Wesleyan, Middlebury and eventual tournament winner Williams.

"We did okay, but we didn't do great," said head coach Fred Brussel. "It's better than we've done before, so that's an improvement."

In the singles competition, two Mules made it past the first round in their respective draws. Number six seed Ross Frankenfield '00 overcame his Wesleyan counterpart in the sixth draw, but fell in the next round to the number two Amherst player. In the third draw, number seven seed Peter Bruhn '00 also beat his opponent from Wesleyan, but then also succumbed to Amherst's second seed.

The doubles competition yielded similar results. Colby's top seed duo of co-captain Owen Patrick '01 and Jason Bidwell '02 defeated the team from Wesleyan before losing to Middlebury's



Echo photo by Sarah Hewins

Members of the men's tennis team practice their forehand.

number two pair.

"There were a lot of tight matches that came down to the final points and we came out on the short end of a lot of them," said Patrick. "A lot of guys showed a lot of heart and desire.

We just came up a little bit short."

The 8-6 squad hopes to avenge regular season losses to the Polar Bears and Bobcats when they take on rivals Bowdoin and Bates at the CBB Championships at Bowdoin on May 1 and 2. □

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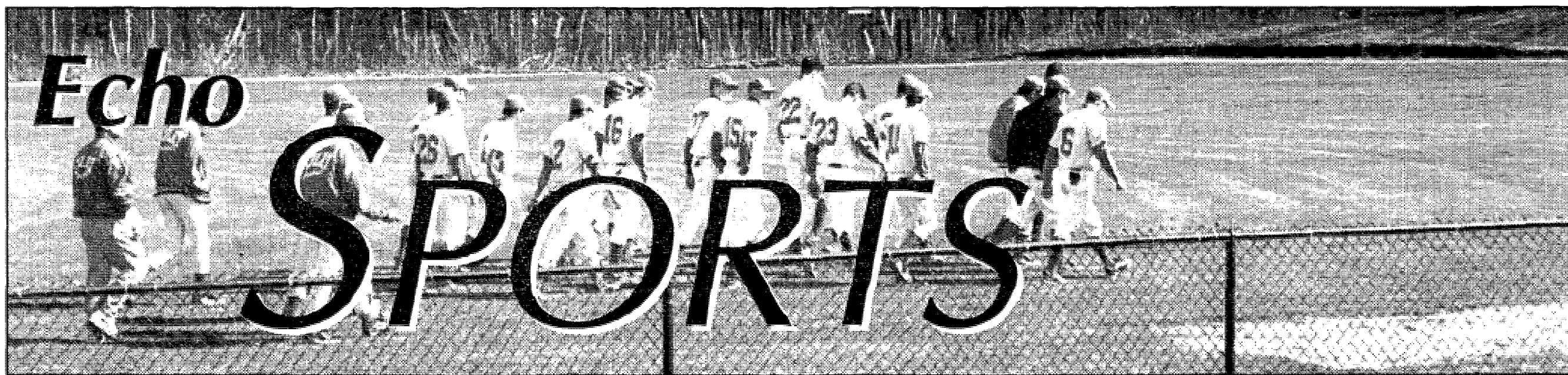
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Rightfielder Kim Chadwick '02 squaes for the sacrifice bunt.

## Busy week for softball results in second place tournament finish

BY PATRICK J. BERNAL  
Staff Writer

The Colby softball team played through a busy week of NESCAC action to take second place at the Trinity College Softball Tournament. Going 4-1 over the weekend, the White Mules improved their record to 17-9.

Colby opened up an impressive week of softball action with a devastating 4-0 win over interstate rivals the Beavers of University of Maine at Farmington. Sophomore pitcher Brooke Fitzsimmons '01 slammed the Beavers by hurling her second shutout of the year.

Colby took an early lead in the bottom of the first when co-captain Steph Patterson '99 reached on a two-out error and scored on a double by Marcy Wagner '02. Lizzie Parks '02 and Becky Rasmussen '00 ran up the score in the third with back to back RBI singles, earning Colby three more runs. In the shutout, Fitzsimmons struck out seven and allowed only four hits.

Farmington pitcher Heather Marden was also impressive. The first-year went six innings allowing no earned runs on five Colby hits.

Saturday, the White Mules began an intense five-game weekend at the Trinity College Softball Tournament in Hartford, Conn. In no time, the Mules established themselves as the team to beat. Winning its first three games, Colby became the top seed in the tournament. A win against Wesleyan put the squad into the championship game against the host Trinity Bantams.

In the first game of the preliminary round against Williams, Colby fought hard to hold on to a 6-5 victory.

In the fifth inning the Mules trailed 4-3 when Patterson tied the game 4-4 with an RBI single to center field to score Kim Chadwick '02. Later in the fifth, Patterson scored on a two-run double by catcher Parks.

Those runs proved to be all Colby needed as it went on to win over the perennially tough Ephs. With the victory, Fitzsimmons picked up her ninth win of the season.

"The Williams game was the most important win of the year for us," said Patterson. "They have such a tremendous reputation. It was a real nail-biter right to the finish."

In the second game of the day against Trinity, Steph Greenleaf '01 was pitching a no-hitter until she sprained her ankle while batting in the top of the seventh. Fitzsimmons came in to preserve the 3-0 win and the no-hitter.

Kate Dalton '02 banded a two-out, two-run homerun in the top of

See **SOFTBALL**, continued on page 13

## Men's lax beats 20th ranked Conn. with 56 seconds left

BY BECKY POLLARD  
Sports Editor

In a contest featuring lump scoring by both Colby and Connecticut College, the Mules put together the last momentum shift, rallying for four unanswered goals to beat the Camels 13-12 in New London on April 24.

With 56 seconds left on the clock, Colby tri-captain Mark Melander '99 turned the face-off into the game-winning goal. It was then up to the defense to stop Connecticut from retaliating. Colby did that and sealed the victory over the 20th-ranked team in the nation.

After the decisive victory, Colby's 15th place rank improved to 3rd.

The Mules had tied the game at 2:08 when midfielder Pete Kugeler '99 found the net.

Despite an 8-5 half-time lead, the Camels forced the Colby comeback with several spurts of scoring.

"It was a game of streaks," said head coach David Zazarro. "We played a little too conservatively in the third quarter and Connecticut was able to knot the score at eight."

The teams traded goals before Connecticut fired in three more to go up 12-9 and spur the Mule rally.

Melander's game-winning goal was one of his four on the day. Ryan Kelly '01 scored three times.

Zazarro credited stepped-up defensive play by first-year goalie John Shea '02, tri-captain Brad Selig

'99 and two first-year defensive players who anchored the backfield after senior defender Jay Cuenca '99 pulled his hamstring on the first play of the game.

"Everyone played as hard as they possibly could," said Zazarro. "And certainly the senior leadership at the end of the game was really remarkable."

The tight 13-12 win came after a

saves in the net.

Colby's record is 8-3 as the team competes in its final week of regular season play. The Mules took on Bowdoin at home yesterday, a team Zazarro said "is probably playing the best in New England right now."

Colby wraps things up this weekend with a home contest against Babson on Saturday and a



Echo photo by Jenny O'Donnell

Marc McEwen '01 looks for an open teammate.

blowout performance earlier in the week against Wheaton.

Firing in eight goals to start the game, Colby's 9-1 halftime lead set the pace for the 17-2 win. Tri-captain and Colby's all-time points leader Matt Williams '99 scored three times, while Jeff Boyer '00 tallied five points on the day with one goal and four assists. Goalies Shea and Brian Heister '00 combined for eight

makeup game versus Eastern Connecticut State on Sunday, which will be played at Philips Exeter Academy.

After that, the Mules hope, will be the post season. Zazarro is positive about the team's chances of qualifying.

"We control our own destiny," he said. "Right now, the post season looks like a very real possibility." □

## Men's rugby competes in final four

BY BROOKE FRAPPIER  
Staff Writer

The Colby men's rugby team traveled to Ohio last weekend in search of a national title. After a first-round victory, the Mules suffered two losses to end their season, but not their excitement for the team's most successful season ever.

The National Collegiate Club Championships began Friday with a stellar start for Colby, as the team triumphed over the University of Dayton.

According to Dave Burke '99, the two teams were "pretty evenly matched."

The game was clinched with only 90 seconds to play when points were scored on a drop kick by Dave Normoyle '00, who flew in for the tournament from Spain where he is studying abroad for the semester. The final score was 25-24 in favor of the White Mules.

In the semifinals on Saturday, Colby competed as one of the four best teams in the nation. The Mule ruggers put out an strong performance, but ultimately lost to the University of California at San Di-

ego by a score of 26-10. UCSD went on to eventually win the national title.

"The team worked well together as a unit," said Burke of the team's play throughout the weekend.

In its third game in three days, Colby lost to the team from North Colorado, but came home with the satisfaction of being the number four team in the nation.

According to Burke, several Mules played well for Colby, including Normoyle, Arman Kline '00, Geoff Starr '00, Brad Sicchitano '99, Keith Phifer '99 and Russ Scranton '99. □



## Presidents' Council forms new Task Force task force

BY BANAL MORALLESS  
Do as I Say Editor

In the hopes of making student government less cluttered and more easily understood by the student body, presidents voted to form a special Task Force task force Monday. The new Task Force task force's mission is to coordinate the actions of existing task forces and subcommittees, and if necessary, to create new committees and subcommittees to evaluate task force undertakings.

"We create new task forces every week," said SGA President Ben Copafeille, "but we don't really know what the hell we're doing, so more often than not different task forces have come to blows over just what tasks they're supposed to be doing. It's very confusing," Copafeille said that by creating a task force to keep track of all the task forces, it would be one less thing for the presidents to worry about.

"I mean, you can't expect dorm presidents to be knowledgeable about the whole [SGA] constitution. It would be better to give the final say in all issues to a group of students-at-large with no prior government experience. Dorm presidents are too busy enjoying their great rooms to bother with student government. Just look at our attendance."

The idea for the new Task Force task force came out of the Subcommittee on Task Forces, created in April by the Committee for Campus Change for reasons that are unclear, since inspection of President's Council minutes shows no mention of the Committee, which was never formally recognized.

"See? This is exactly what we're talking about. We've got some committee that someone created that created a subcommittee that prompted the formation of a new task force, but

we're not even sure this procedure is legitimate," said SGA VP Brad Suckonit-oh! Suckonit-oh! added that he still refuses to speak to Matt Putzo.

Other students agree. Militant activist Steve Smurfy said "SGA has an infection: an insidious virus that's multiplying exponentially and absorbing everything in its path. SGA has cancer and I'm the scalpel. I will bring the fire and fury of the Lord upon SGA, and they will repent their sins and change their ways or burn for eternity in the deepest pits of Hell." Shortly after Smurfy made his statement he set himself on fire to protest Dana's policy of not serving chicken grillas until after 8 p.m.

As it now stands, the new Task Force task force will be comprised of a group of Copafeille's friends, who not need to be confirmed by a vote.

"That way they can be totally objective, and not have to worry about compromising their findings in exchange for votes," said Copafeille. Plus, Jim [insert last name] is totally cool and I just know he'd do a great job next year.

Suckonit-oh! hasn't ruled out the possibility of forming a new task force to oversee the Task Force task force, but said he'd pass that decision onto one of the existing task forces.

"Either the Task Force on Committees or the Task Force on Subcommittees could reasonably request to oversee the Task Force task force, but the Subcommittee on Committees also has a valid claim; we had them debating for a week on that group we formed to look into PPD wasting sod, when it turned out that was the Commission on Lawn Care, and not the Committee on Lawn Care. We owe them one and they're calling in a favor."

The new Task Force task force will begin operating in the fall of 1999. □

## PPD receives first new FSMTV vehicle

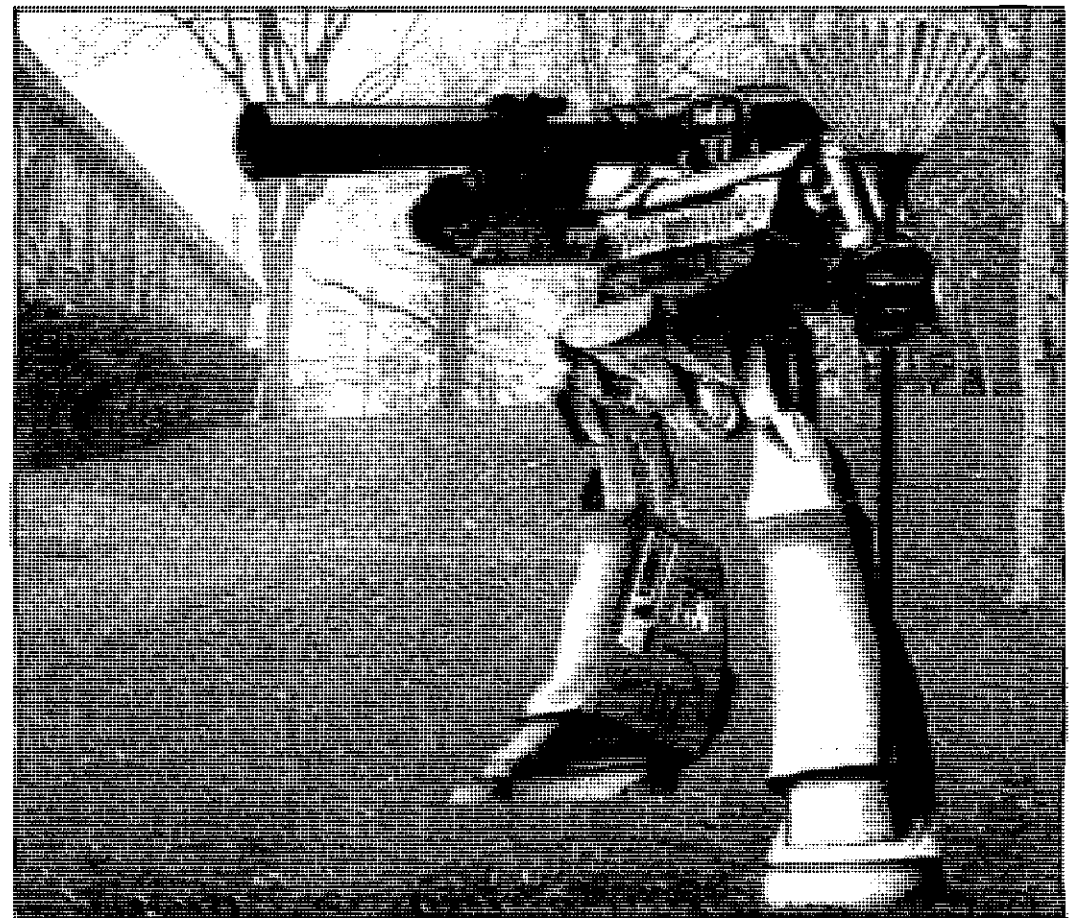
BY CARETH OFNOONE  
Layed Out Bitch

After two years of waiting, the Physical Plant Department has finally received the fruits of its investment in new ground keeping technology. Director of PPD, Gordon Milkman, reported to the Trustees on Monday that the first new prototype vehicle had arrived on campus.

"We have too many god-damn vehicles," said Milkman. "We have four carts to pick up leaves, six to mow the grass, three tractors to shovel snow, twenty general use trucks and fifteen miscellaneous vehicles used to haul my fat-assed staff around the campus grounds... All together our small motor fleet is costing us a small fortune," he said.

In order to keep expenses down, Milkman sought to purchase a fleet of new vehicles, which would be capable of performing all the tasks of the various PPD vehicles. After watching various daytime television shows, Milkman realized the technology existed to make his dream a reality.

"I said to myself, if Voltron could be formed by combining many colored mechanical cats or if M.A.S.K.



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*The FSMTV is ready for lawn detail.*

could transform a regular big-rig truck into a missile-launching platform, I could easily create a vehicle which could mow the lawn, shovel snow, pick up leaves and still carry my fat-assed staff around campus."

After contacting various vehicle manufacturers, Milkman was

shocked to learn that no such multi-purpose vehicle existed. Unfazed, Milkman contacted Hasbro technologies, a subdivision of Hasbro Toys.

"While the first four times I tried to call Hasbro they dismissed my calls as a joke, I finally convinced See PPD, cont. on pagina tres

## Recent study shows correlation between ignorance, bliss

BY SHATT APUTZO  
Screw Editor

In a two-year study of Colby students, an independent research group has determined that ignorance is indeed bliss. The conclusion was drawn from extensive data collected from day-to-day observation of students at one of the nation's happiest colleges.

Dr. David E. Rames announced his team's findings at a poorly attended and equally inadequately publicized lecture in the Robins Room of Roberts Union, Tuesday.

"Colby students don't care about, well, anything," said Rames. "But it turns out they can enjoy life because they are completely oblivious to all things going on outside their flannel-lined, cable-ready, sport-utility lives."

Rames interviewed over 200 students in his study.

While students are more pensive when sitting in "Crazy Creak" chairs from L.L. Bean, Rames said 80 percent of students preferred attempting to master the hip tongue twisters in the latest Delia catalogue to trying to make sense of the situation in Kosovo.

Over 95 percent of the student body were outraged

by the April shootings at Columbine High School. What's more, nearly three fourths of those outraged thought the grill line at Bob's was moving too slow and classified the chicken dinner as "totally gross."

"If Colby has proven anything, it's that ignorance is the key to life," said Rames.

As evidence, he points to Mary Low resident Anita Clue '99. Rames has no idea what she will do after graduation, but is sure "something will come along."

Her parents have offered to support her during a post-graduation tour of Europe, where she will "find herself, and just take some time off."

Rames, an American Studies major says she deserves some time away from the rigorous course load she is used to. Like most students, she is completely unaware of anything going on outside her insulated world, including the fact that the United States continues to bomb Iraqi civilians.

"Oh my God, that's horrible. Can you imagine all those people who will suffer," she said upon learning that military action could have detrimental effects on the domestic economy. "There are so many people who have money in the stock market. What's going to happen? See IGNORANCE, continued to page. 11

**Colby students  
don't care about,  
well, anything.**



# News Briefs

## Election Commission to further disrupt electoral process, discredit SGA

The Student Government Association Election Commission overturned the election of Benjamin Hump-me '00 and Jon Blue '00, Tuesday. It is the second such action taken by Commission, which was established with complete disregard for the regulations established in the SGA Constitution.

"We feel we have enough information to suggest that this election might have been tainted," said SGA Vice President Brad Suckonit — Oh!, "While this information is vague and overall unfounded and we can't actually act on any of it, we do intend to hold another election and maybe even more elections until the student body gets it right."

When asked what he meant by "gets it right," Stick It To Me — Oh! said all would be explained in an ambiguous and innocuous e-mail that would serve to confuse as many people as possible.

It is anticipated that the re-elections will continue until student confidence in SGA is has sufficiently deteriorated and the only people left voting are SGA members themselves.

## Suck-ohh worthy to wrap fish in

Jeff Cantamari, customer service representative at Waterville House of Fish, said Monday that the *Suck-ohh* was finally good enough to wrap fish in.

"I've stayed away from the *Suck-ohh* for a long time now, opting instead for The Eagle or the New Life Journal, or another of the free papers that are distributed in the area. But this year, the *Echo* has really impressed me. My customers expect quality in their fish and their packing material, and the *Suck-ohh* can deliver that quality. I'll definitely be wrapping my fish in it from now on."

## CORRECTION

Last week, the *Suck-Ohhh* erroneously reported that West Quad HR Tuni Shakor '99 was found in the street of Miller Library having sex with a chicken. Shakor, however, was actually just watching TV, and in an e-mail to the *Suck-Ohhh* attributed the error to the continuous blundering and mishandling of news by the mediocre *Suck-Ohhh* staff. The *Suck-Ohhh* regrets the error.

## Trustees approve new dorm complex Shanty to open doors in fall of 1999

BY SHATT APUTZO  
Screwz Editor

As an unexpected offshoot of this year's renovation of Foss and Woodman, a large demographic of the Colby population has found itself without a place to call home. By vastly improving the living conditions in the dormitories previously known as "the ghetto," Colby has, for all intense and purposes, eliminated appropriate housing for those wishing to live in destitution.

In light of their plight, the Trustees approved Thursday the construction of a new dormitory to be named Shanty.

The cost of Shanty's construction will be \$1,214 according to official estimates. It will include six quads and one bathroom. The walls will be made of plywood and the ceiling is expected to leak. However, there is already a 23-person Shanty waiting list on file in the Dean of Students Office.

"I'm so stoked," said one current Woodman resident upon learning of Shanty's approval. "Tim and I were totally talking about this the other night when we were pulling some tubes in his room. Colby should build like a place where you can just chill, man."

His friend agreed, nodding his head fervently to the beat of Bob Dylan's "Hurricane."

"What are we talking about, dude?" he asked.

There will be no parking lot or driveway leading to Shanty, which will be located in the woods behind the rugby field. Residents, however, will likely ride to classes on mountain bikes on such occasions as exams or finals.

Although one concern elucidated best by a second-floor Foss resident, was voiced by a number of

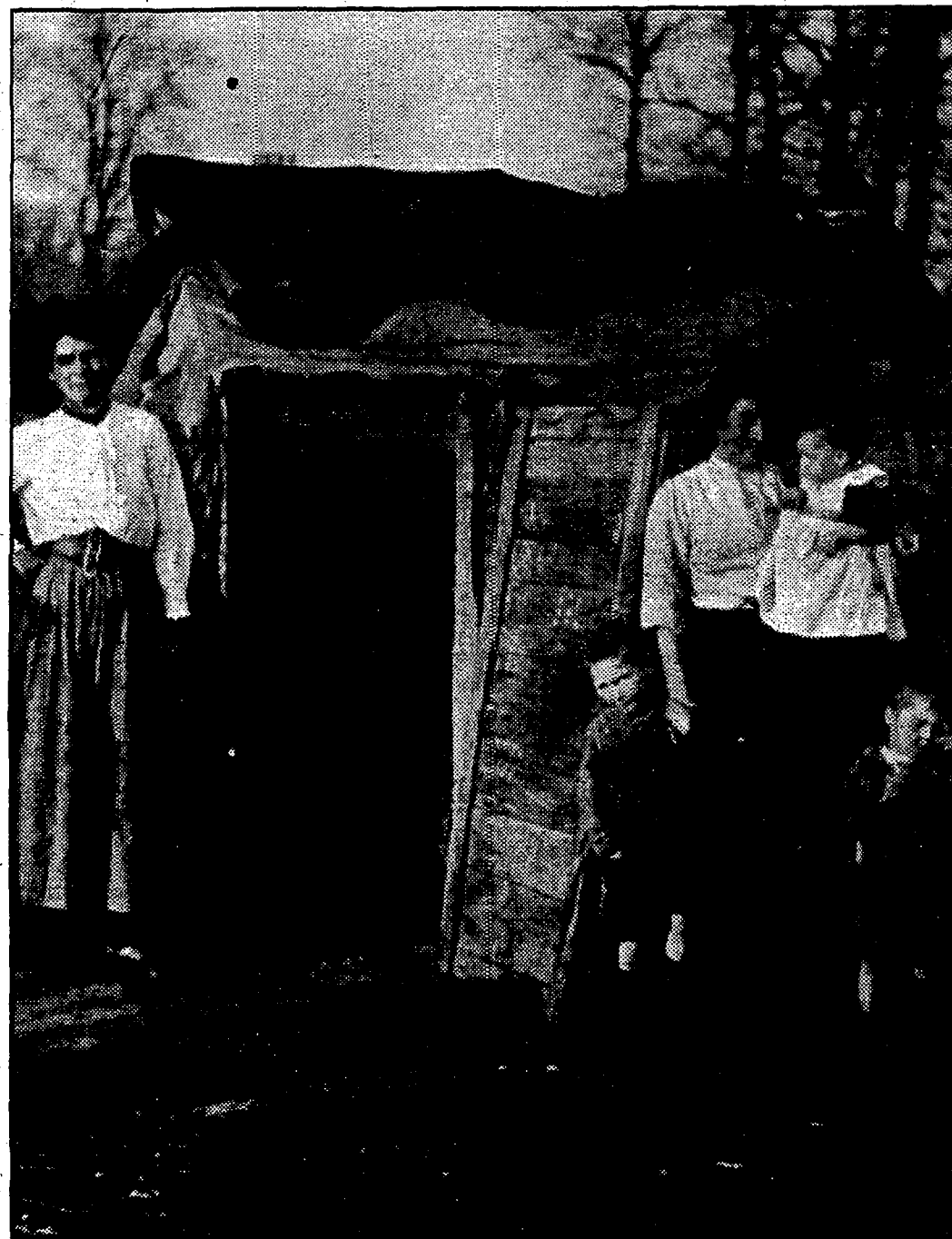


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**We love Colby's housing options, don't we Bertha?**

students.

"Dude, do you think WHOP will deliver there?" he asked poignantly.

A spokesman for the Waterville House of Pizza said the establishment would not do anything to jeopardize the late-night inebriated student market, which makes up approximately 82 percent of its business.

In fact, Boy I Don't Know of Colby Dining Services said Friday, a special Shanty meal plan will be offered including 14 deliveries a

week from either Spanky's, WHOP, or Dominos.

There will be no Head Resident in the complex, as Dean of Residential Life Ronald Salmon said Shanty residents need to be free to explore their own limits and set their own regulations.

"That's so cool," said a Woodman resident.

"How crazy does that tapestry look, man?" countered another student.

Plans for an herb garden behind the dorm are already underway. □



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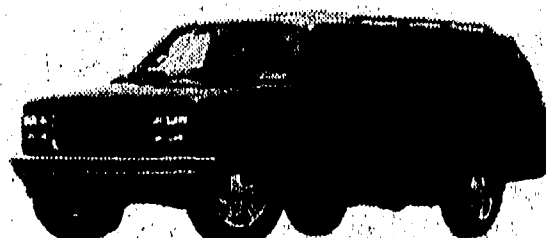
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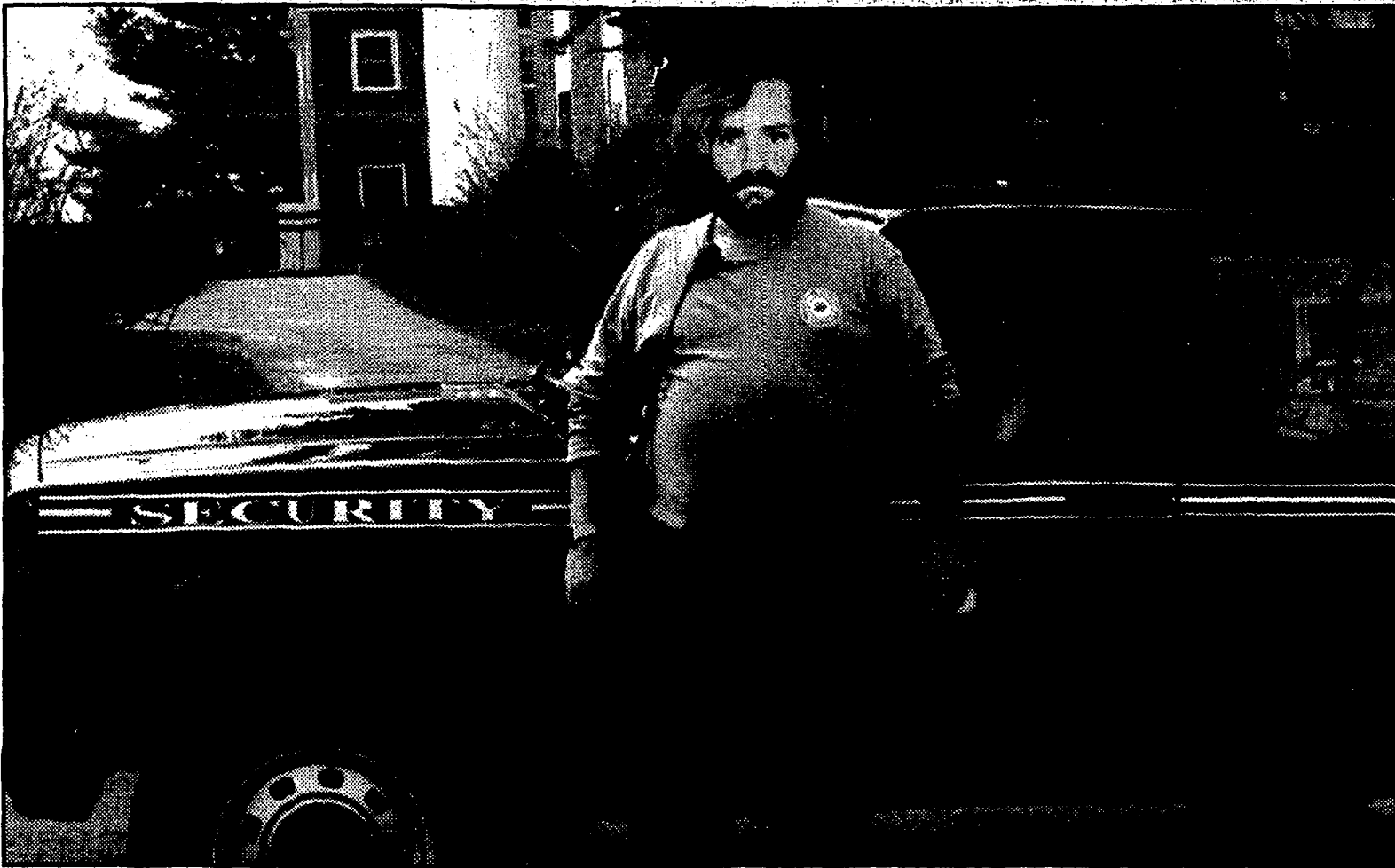
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New security guard Charles Manson will bring enthusiasm and religious fervor to the hill.

## Charles Manson escapes, hired by Security

BY EZRA DYER  
Hairy Editor

The law enforcement community was rocked last week when infamous mass-murderer Charles Manson escaped from the Pelican Bay State Prison in California. Up until last week, Manson was listed as "at large" by the FBI, CIA, ATF and MAMS (Mothers Against Murderous Sociopaths). But despite evading a nationwide manhunt for six days, Manson was finally brought to justice by none other than Colby Safety and Security.

Unbeknownst to students and Security alike, Manson arrived on campus Monday morning in a truck delivering fresh sod and chicken fingers to Roberts Union. Scanning a discarded local newspaper, Manson immediately found a job available with Colby Security. Heading upstairs, he secured an interview for the position of "junior deputy campus security officer." Of the interview, Head Of Security and Parking Tickets Pete Camembert remembers, "He seemed like the perfect

candidate for the job. I asked him what his availability was, and he kept saying 'The night time is the right time, the night time is the right time.' Well, we needed an extra officer for night patrols, so that was a bonus right there! Then I took him outside and showed him a car parked in a fire lane. 'Kill, KILL!' he kept saying. Well, I get some angry myself when people disobey parking rules, so he got on my good side right then. I hired him on the spot."

Manson actually served in the capacity of nighttime security officer for two days before Camembert began to realize something was amiss.

"I guess I should've been on guard right from the interview, when he showed up wearing a fluorescent-orange jumpsuit with numbers on the back. Also when he said he was going out for a chicken sandwich, and he came back eating a live chicken. That was weird, but I've seen worse from our other officers."

Eventually Camembert decided to try to get background info

from his newest officer, at which point he decided to contact Waterville Police Chief Napoleon Bonerface. Said Camembert, "His answers weren't really sufficient. I asked him what his previous address was, and he said 'Lucifer answers to no mortal.' Then I asked him what his driver's license was, and he said '666, 666.' But what really did it was when I was walking around campus looking for potential new handicap spaces, and I saw him pass by a student car parked in a faculty space without ticketing it. That's when I knew I'd made a mistake in hiring Mr. Manson." Camembert then called Bonerface, who radioed one of the 23 Waterville PD officers already on campus. They immediately ID'd Colby's newest Security officer as none other than escaped murderer Charles Manson. Fortunately he was arrested before he could do any damage on campus beyond inscribing a giant pentagram on the football field by ripping donuts in the Security Jeep.

This is the second time this year that Colby Security has hired a wanted criminal. □

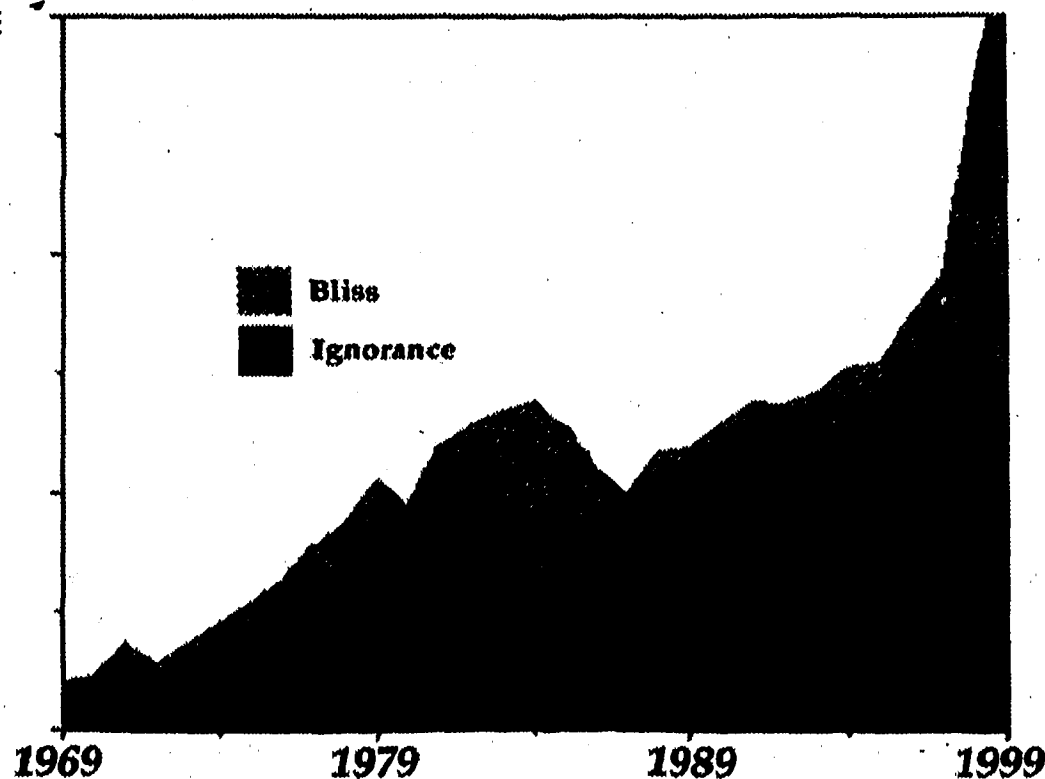
## IGNORANCE, from page

pen to us all?"

Rames calmed down after being treated with a heavy dosage of Bob's mints and back issues of Vanity Fair.

But beyond ignorance lies overall stupidity, and when asked what action should be taken to prevent nuclear war between India and Pakistan, 18 percent suggested a firmer NATO stance and a tough anti-nuclear policy by the United States. But 48 percent replied, "I want a cookie," and 34 percent idly picked their noses.

A common male response to every question, Rames said, was to belch loudly and scratch the genital area. Females tended to stare blindly and nervously play with their hair.



## PPD, continued from elsewhere

them to research a fully-functional, full sized, multi-tasking vehicle or FSMTV for short.

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In order fulfill Milkman's wish of five fully functional FSMTV vehicles, the Office of Development will begin a special fundraising cam-

paign that will be attached to the ongoing "Campaign for Colby."

"I think we shall have no problem raising the fifteen million necessary for the new FSMTV's. When compared to enhancing financial aid, building a new performance art center, or endowing more professorships, these vehicles just kick ass," said Roundy Flehm, director of development.

Vice President of Admissions Frosty Beverage thought these new FSMTV vehicles would be a great draw for prospective students.

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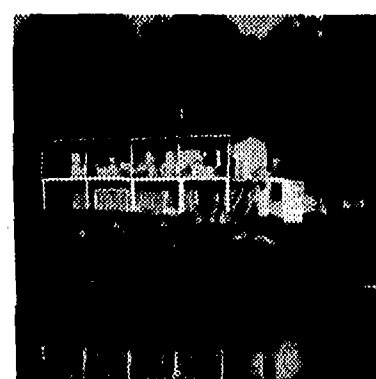
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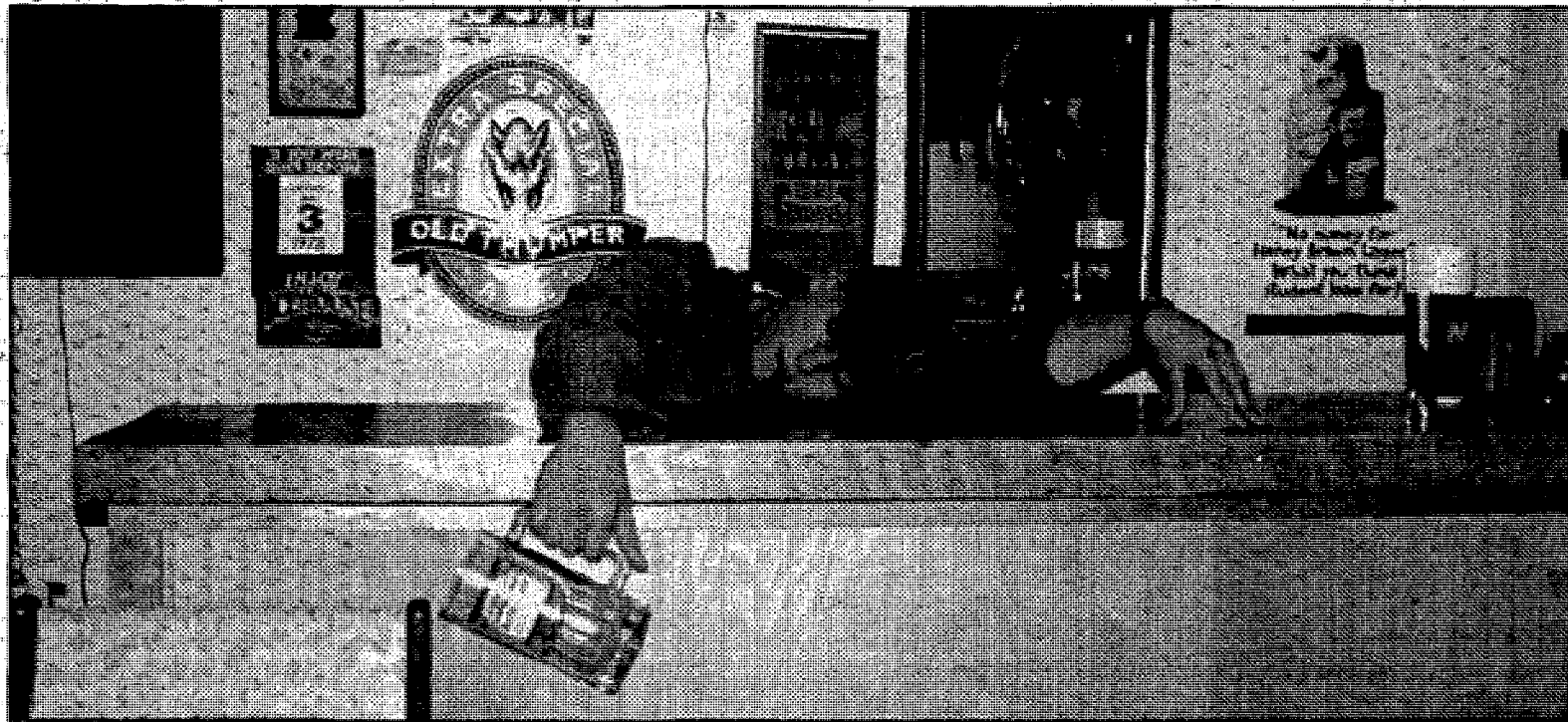
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# Heights resident unable to recall most of Friday night



Adolph Oliver Bush, the Colby lusher...

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## BY SHATT APUTZO Screwed Editor

Heights resident Adolph Oliver Bush reported Saturday he could "hardly remember a damn thing from last night."

Bush, who is believed to have attended an "around the world" party in Woodman in the early evening, said he remembered eating dinner at Dana, adding that "the pizza was so good too."

From there, however, Bush's recollection is hazy. He says he's almost positive he visited the quad in the basement of Woodman, although residents there could not confirm or deny the visit.

Several sources, including Russian exchange student Yubitya Cokoff report Bush was off campus shortly before 1 a.m. Saturday morning. It is believed Bush led a small but lively crowd in a stirring rendition of Bruce Springsteen's "Glory Days."

"No man, that was that kid from Woodman who did that," said a Dana resident opposing Jones' testimony during brunch at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. "How would you know anyway? You were too busy hooking up with that girl Julie from Sturtevant."

While the two men could not agree on whether the woman's name was Julie or Jenny and whether she resides in Sturtevant or Leonard,

they did agree that Bush was indeed "totally blitzed Friday."

Future sober meetings between the two will be strained, it is believed. It is unclear, however, whether the couple will use the "Hey - What's up?" approach upon passing, or whether they will act as if it never happened.

Regardless, the lack of concrete evidence surrounding Bush's whereabouts has made him suspicious of whether or not he engaged in any activities with his ex-girlfriend, who he thinks might have called or e-mailed Friday evening.

"God, I hope I didn't hook up with her again," said Bush, who added that he would probably "3100 her or something to try and find out." □

# Echo to become completely innocuous, offend nobody Aputzo to be publicly executed

BY NAME WITHHELD  
An Editor

In a surprise press conference Tuesday, outgoing *Suck-Ohh* Editor-in-Chief (name withheld) announced Colby's paper planned to offend no one during the 1999-2000 scholastic year.

"As the school's only weekly media source, the *Suck-ohh* has a responsibility to report news that makes people happy," she said. "Bad news doesn't make anybody happy."

The decision came after the conclusion of a controversial year in which the newspaper reported a variety of bad news including arrests, summonses, fires, drunken driving and invasions of privacy.

She said the decision was finalized because "in reality, names don't really add much to an article. The 'who' in the five W's has always been superfluous information."

As an offshoot of the policy, however, names will be withheld throughout the paper, including the sports section.

"I think that's ridiculous," said one Colby student (name withheld). "I want to be recognized when I get a hattrick. I want my picture in the paper and I want to be Devastator."

The student was less enthusiastic about reporting on the fact that he was arrested Monday for selling marijuana by the pound.

"It would be just like the *Suck-ohh* to go and print something like that," he said. "It's so sensationalist. I'm tired of the yellow press."

Outgoing Managing Editor (name withheld) supported the paper's decision.

"There's no place in a reputable journal for such things as crime reports, arrests, or controversial opinions," she said. "How can anyone respect a paper that prints bad news?"

At the heart of the problem, many agree, is current News Editor Shatt Aputzo '00. As a sign of good faith, the *Suck-ohh* Editor-in-Chief said, Aputzo will be executed publicly, Saturday on the steps of Miller Library.

"I was just trying to print the truth," said Aputzo before being beat down by a mob of angry students.

"It's exactly that kind of thinking that permeates the whole newspaper," said a Colby woman (name withheld). "We've got to weed out that mentality. If that means Aputzo dies, so be it."

While Colby President (name withheld) could not officially condone the execution, he said he would be "busy" Saturday, and hoped the student body would act responsibly in his absence. Aputzo printed the president's salary earlier this semester.

Director of Security (name withheld) said he knew nothing of the scheduled execution, but that security officers had an important meeting to attend to Saturday and would not be able to patrol the campus. He added that buckets of soapy water would be left out on the steps Friday evening, in case "any blood, or, uhh, other things get on the steps." Before Spring Break, Aputzo revealed that officers released a visibly intoxicated woman after they caught her driving her car around campus.

The *Suck-ohh*'s policy changes were not without opposition, however.

"What about the paper's responsibility to the community?" said a freshman sociology major (name withheld) Tuesday. "Shouldn't the *Suck-ohh* print the truth even if it makes some people upset? Isn't that why we have a newspaper in the first place?"

The student, speaking from the health center, where he was treated Wednesday for multiple blows to the head and kicks to the ribs, declined to comment further.

"This is a great day for students everywhere," said the Editor-in-Chief at the close of her conference. "Let it never be said that the *Suck-ohh* will infringe on a person's right to conceal his actions and shield himself from any social repercussions." □



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# Incompetent *Suck-Ohhh* staff loses another letter

BY BANAL MORALLESS  
Do As I Say Editor

It was brought to the attention of the *Suck-ohh* staff this morning that a letter from a distinguished member of the Colby faculty was inadvertently left out of a recent issue. Suck-ohhh Laid Out Bitch Careth Ofnoone said he thinks he remembers seeing that letter somewhere, and that it's "probably under that pile of stuff on the table."

The table pile to which Ofnoone refers is a three-foot accumulation of Bob's trays, newspapers, porn mags, maple syrup, and assorted term papers that were never turned in. Ofnoone said "I was going to clean that up soon— Putzo, you're not doing anything, could you take care of that mess?"

Shatt Putzo was unavailable for comment.

The mess on the table, which is home to a family of raccoons and a snake called Fluffy, has been growing steadily since its conception 22 years ago, the last time the

*Suck-ohh* editors cared about the condition of the windowless room in which they work. "It's just easier to ignore it," said Editor in Chief Reneé Largebreasts. "I mean, I've got other things to work on right now."

Opinions Editor Formally Known As Dyer, the only person in Colby history to be labelled a

racist by students, faculty, and Independent Governor Angus King in the span of two weeks, apologizes for the mix-up.

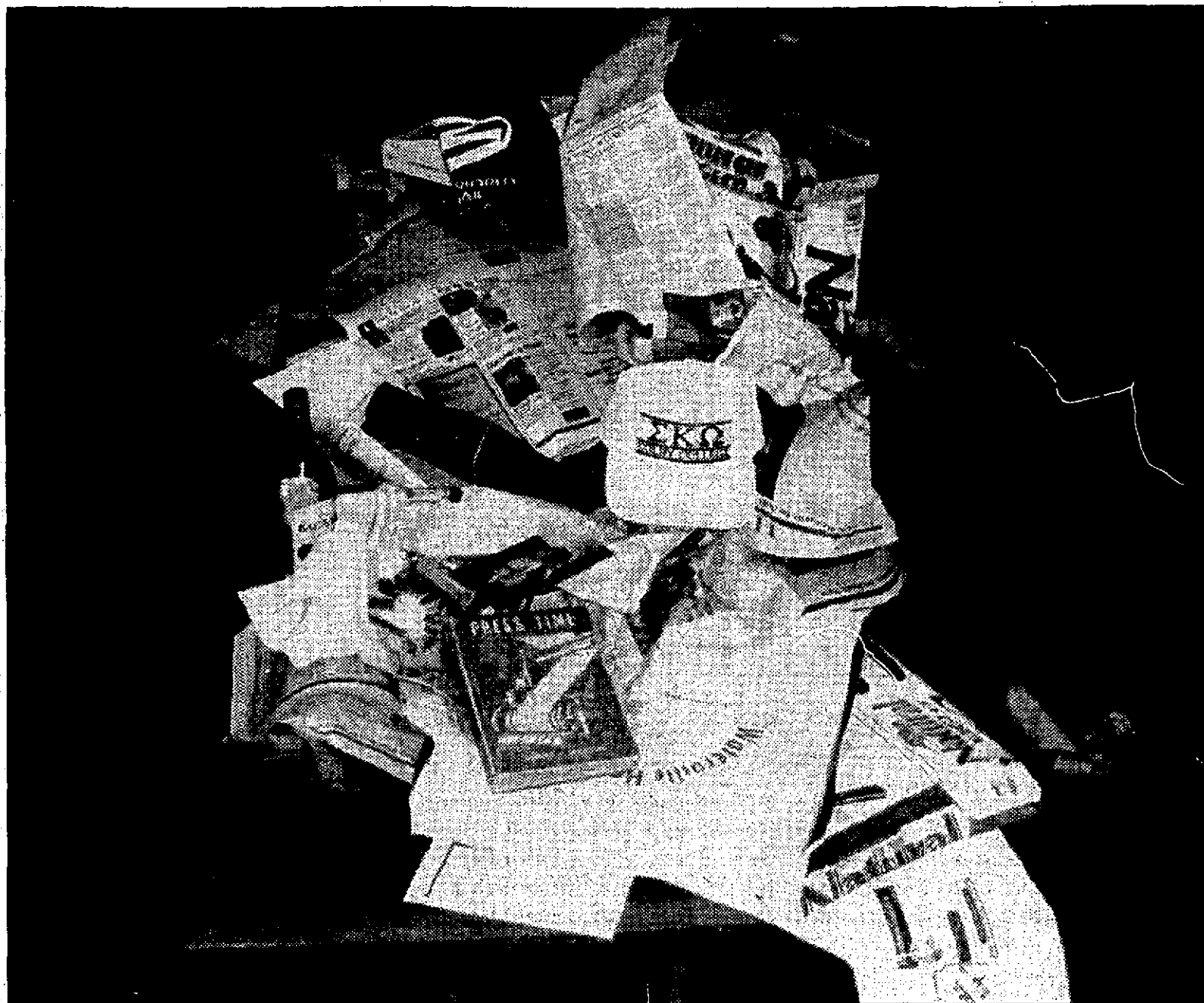
"I swear to you I had that letter in my hand," said Formerly Known As Dyer, attempting to retrace his steps. "I set it down for a minute when I called to renew my Viagra prescription, and when I turned around... the pile must have absorbed it. Hey, has anyone seen my insulin?"

This incident is not the first in which an important letter has been lost to the pile, affectionately referred to as the Bob's Triangle. At times in the past, The *Suck-ohh* has had information as to who shot J.R., secret government documents detailing the CIA's involvement in crack sales, and several dresses owned and worn by J. Edgar Hoover. In each case, the crucial materials were lost and forgotten about before

the paper went to press.

Some faculty members refused to accept the *Suck-ohh's* carefully-worded and slowly-spoken explanation of editorial incompetence and the prevalent mess in the office. Candi Mulandé, professor of physical education, demanded accountability from the *Suck-ohh* editors for their insensitivity.

"No, that's not the case at all," claimed some guy who happened to be in the office answering the phone at the time. "We just don't



Courtesy of our resident troll

**“ We just don't know what the hell we're doing. - Some Guy ”**

## The Colby Table

know what the hell we're doing."

Mulandé also believes that the Director of Dining Services has conspired with a mind-reading alien entity to keep her from eating breakfast in the dining halls. "Bob's doesn't open until 7:30 a.m., and I have to be out the door at seven to unlock the cabinets that hold the basketballs in the athletic center. This is obviously a plot to keep me

undernourished and weak, making me more susceptible to mind control and the common cold. But I've fooled them all: I break into the dining halls every night and suck on the spouts of all the soda dispensers, getting the carbonation I need to stave off alien attack," she said, wearing a special tin foil hat

that blocks her brain waves from escaping.

"Hey, whatever," said Ofnoone, displaying his characteristic lack of enthusiasm for anything that isn't shown in syndication on UPN. "She can think what she wants... if she wants to come down here and help clean up this mess, she's more than welcome."

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### Don't even bother looking for a job

BY D. CLAWED  
GERBILER  
Beat Yer Editors

The Office of I-Cannot-Help-With-a-Job is sick of everyone, especially seniors. According to Cindy Blah Blah-insky, director of the Office of I-Cannot-Help-With-a-Job, "I wish they would just find their own things to do next year. No one listens to us anyway."

In order to accomplish the goal of simply sitting around on one's bottom next year, Blah Blah-insky offered the following tips:

"Please, please do not come in and talk to us. Do not even try. The hours that we say we will be there, we won't."

By not going to even see the people in the Office of I-Cannot-Help-With-a-Job, every student has better odds of no reputable business contacting him or her.

Do not network. "When you have those Thanksgiving dinners with extended family, shy away from all relatives who could offer you a job," said Blah-Blah-insky. She stresses that relatives in the computer and consulting industries are especially to be avoided since those are such high growth trades.

According to Blah Blah-insky, the best advice she has is "be rude. I mean really, really rude." She

suggests that women wear loud-colored baggy pantsuits and refuse to wash their hair for a few days. Also, leave in all body piercing. Men should wear a tie, preferably one that does not match their checked skirt. Ditto on the hair washing.

Blah-Blah-insky also wants everyone to please ignore all of the handouts the Office of I-Cannot-Help-With-a-Job has put together. "Basically," she said, "we like to waste paper and see how many stupid seniors we can trick into coming to us for help." Blah Blah-insky said that she and the staff like to put random facts into the handouts that would make no company hire a Colby student. "We like to punish

those who actually look for jobs," she said.

Finally, Blah Blah-insky said "leave extremely rude messages on your answering machine. Farting noises, pornographic movie sound bites and jokes making fun of someone's mother are usually the most effective." Have a good time experimenting with different noises, she said, and "make sure they are on both your internal and external messages," Blah-Blah-insky said.

Blah Blah-insky strongly urges students not to come to drop in hours, information sessions, and most of all, do not read the e-mails the office sends out every week. "It's boring and stupid, but I need to do something to get paid," she said. □



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# Colby's newest security officer cries for peace

BY D. CLAWED  
GERBILER  
Beat Yer Editor

Colby's newest peace officer has arrived on campus. Jeff Dove is dedicated to non-violent security on campus, eschewing all guns and other sorts of brutality. He firmly believes in big government and wishes that the military was reduced in size. Dove said that "guns kill people and people who own guns are the spawn of the devil."

Born in the middle of Maine, Dove has given up his small-town mentality to wave the banner of freedom around Colby's campus.

According to Dove, "Sometimes backwoods Maine people are not open to new ideas. Guns and death are all they think about. Me? I am dedicated to

spreading the word of peace. Colby is ripe for this sort of message."

Dove recently gave an impassioned speech in which he said, "we need to severely curtail the sale of guns in this country. The framers of the Constitution of this great country never intended for the average woman or man to have firearms." Dove promptly cried after this comment. Barely able to hold back tears during this interview, Dove explained his opposition to hunting rifles as well.

"How people can shoot Bambi and all of the other creatures of the forest is beyond me," he said.

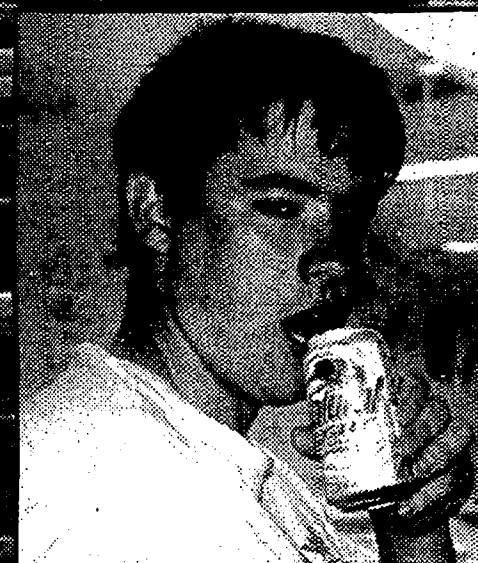
The Colby student body is excited to welcome the humanitarian, nice guy. He should provide a welcome counterpart to Colby's crack security team.



Jeff Dove: a nice guy.

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But they're not yours, they are my own  
And I am never broken

Poverty stole your golden shoes  
But it didn't steal your laughter  
And headache came to visit me  
But I knew it wasn't ever after

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Congratulations on a job well done! Over the past year you've managed to almost completely suppress news of minority activities on campus, cover up several embarrassing scandals involving high ranking administrators, and protect the business interests of our shareholders. You've done a great job to strengthen

the establishment, and I salute you.

Next year, I'd like you to continue your fine work for the cause. I anticipate that there will be a few token protests next year, but if you don't write about them no one will care. I approve of your discounted ad rates for people in the upper tax bracket, and I'd like to see that trend continue.

In appreciation for your fine

work, please find a check enclosed for \$50,000. In addition, I've lined up high-paying, low-stress jobs for all Echo staffers upon graduation. You've shown me that you know how to play ball, and The System takes care of its own.

Onward and upward!

Sincerely, The Man

## Ezra is disowned by White People

To whom it may concern,

We are writing in regard to Ezra Dyer. We here at the American Association of White People would like to point out that Mr. Dyer in no way represents white people as a race in either his words or his actions. In fact, we would like to take this opportunity to publicly revoke Mr. Dyer's AAWP membership.

We have had several AAWP spies following Mr. Dyer for several weeks, and they have observed behavior disgraceful not only to white people, but indeed human beings in general. We are particularly upset, however, that Dyer perpetuates negative racial stereotypes of white people. We have seen him dance and play basketball, and in both respects

his ineptitude would be comic were it not reinforcing negative conceptualizations of white people as a race.

Mr. Dyer can suck a fart out of all of our asses.

Sincerely,

Willifred Holmwood  
Stockford-White, IV  
Chairman, AAWP

## WE BITCH

## I never meant to hurt you, baby

BY CARETH OFNOONE  
Laid Out Bitch

As I am currently on step six of my Richard Simmon's Alcoholic Overeaters Anonymous Program, I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to everyone I have offended or made derogatory comments regarding. The following list is in no particular order.

Kangaroo handlers, color-blind midgets, three legged goats, Monica Lewinsky, anyone who picks their nose, the cast of Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place, Sally Struthers, flightless emus, the WB Network, any of the Wayan Brothers, the creators of the movies, "Under a Hula Moon" and "Cousin Bette," anorexic Somalians, people with blue eyes, people who wear pirate hats, anyone who has owned a hamster, people named Dick, Babylon 5 fans, the drinkers of Moxie, those involved in sewage disposal mishaps, car-manufacturing robots, Ickabod Crane, Wilson Philips, sad clowns, anyone I ever

called a butt-lick, anyone who had their seven year old son hit them in the nuts with a baseball in order to send to the video to "America's Funniest Home Videos" or "America's Funniest People," the Olsen Twins, Michael Jackson's Monkey Bobo, Tia and Tamara, the orangutan that I

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aardvarks, why do I  
have to pay the  
price?

eloped to Vegas with (I'll love you always), that guy I accidentally ran over with my moped, the Alaskan fish queen, the makers of the movie "The Avengers" (nah, they deserved it), Mayor McCheese and all the little Fry Guys, anyone who wears spandex, tapdancing ferrets, anyone answering the telephone "yello," Charo, Kiss fans, the creators of crystal Pepsi, Vanilla Ice,

Larry the simple-minded beet farmer, the entire food pyramid, anyone using the phrase "What can I do you for?," the second to last of the Mohegans, the wombat who tells me to steal, the small elves who make my shoes, anyone going to Kalamazoo-U, the creator of meat on a stick, anyone who's tried the pickup line "is there a mirror in your pocket, because I can definitely see myself in your pants," the owner of that Porsche 911 (honestly there was a blind spot!), anyone with less than 5 teeth, the phantom pigmy who lives in my toilet, anyone who watched the Chevy Chase show, people who add paint shavings to the scrambled eggs for texture, anyone who's seen the movie "The Adventures of Baron Von Munchausen" more than once, that guy I sold the Paco Picasso painting to, Tito, anyone waiting for the Styx reunion, anyone who owns an Alf 4-Ever tee-shirt.

I apologize for any harm I might have caused. ☐

## Submission Guidelines

1. If we don't like what you say, we're going to misspell lots of words for you.
2. Any mention of the editor-in-chief's ass is encouraged.
3. Submit in Zapf Dingbats or Windings fonts only.
4. \*\*Note\*\* If anyone has seen my blowup doll, call me direct. She's lost without me.
5. Please include long lists of names, preferably more than 50. We've got space to burn.
6. Please use direct campus mail or e-mail for all death threats.
7. Matt Aputzo lives on the first floor of West Quad. Stop calling and asking.
8. How's about you and me heading back to my dorm room?
9. Submit letters on 5.25" disks formatted for a Tandy 120.
10. Truman no longer lives in the dark room. Send mail to his parents' house.

suck-ohh@suck.this



# Point

## They should pave over the pond so I can rip donuts in my Mustang

Ayuh, I think we can all agree we should pave over the pond so we can rip donuts on it in our bitchin' rides, but I'll be god damned if some punk's gonna bring his pansy-ass Chevy out there.

Now, my baby came stock with a 90-horsepower split-port V6, but I dropped in a souped up 4.6 eight ball that'll make that hick cream his jeans. I'm talking muscle car here, pure muscle car. If little Ms. Dyer wants to ride around in his tin foil mobile, that's fine with me, but he ain't bringing it in my house. Once we pave over the pond, that's gonna be Mustang territory.

Ok, so I'll give you that the '80s were tough for Mustang. I don't know whether the designers were taking hits from some of Vermonts finest, but that decade is more or less a wash. But let me tell you, the new Mustangs are everything you could want from a car. They're fast, and I'm talking more acceleration power than Dyer sees from the women he's hitting on at parties. By the time the Camaro hits 60, Dyer's gonna have time to wait for his potato crop to grow and ponder his meaningless hick existence.

Let's see that hillbilly bring it to my single-overhead-cam V8. Is he gonna step to my 260 horses at 5,000 rpm? I don't think so.

There's a reason Ricky Craven switched over from team Chevy to team Ford this year. That reason is reliability. Like a rock my ass. The only thing that's like a rock about Chevys is the fact that they're big and bulky and you gotta push em to get em going.

The point is, it'll be a cold day in Machias when I let some sonofabitch peel rubber on my turf. If that fool wants to bring his Camaro down and watch me leave tracks all around the pond, then he can call a wrecker and have it bring his piece of crap down.

I mean, tell me if I'm wrong here. The Mustang's got straighter intake ports, a reshaped combustion chamber and larger valves that are gonna jack up airflow when I'm kickin at over 2,000 rpm. Yeah, the Camaro can bring some balls to the table, but what good is an engine that burns more oil than a retreating Iraqi army when you can't handle the speed without dropping out your weak-as-all-hell transmission.

Besides, who are you gonna trust, me or some inbred freak of nature potato farmer? Ford is as American as you can get, and I'm willing to say anyone whose against Ford is un-American. Now I'm not saying Dyer's a Communist, but the boy wears a lot of red.

The bottom line here is that there's no place for the Heartbeat of America out there once we fill in the pond with thousands of pounds of concrete and prep it for a hotrod strip. No place at all. I'm as sure of this as I'm sure that ladies are turned on by my window decal of Calvin urinating on Earnhardt's #3.

*Matt Aputzo is from southern Maine, which is basically New Hampshire, thereby making him more or less a yuppie scum from Massachusetts.*

# Counterpoint

## They should pave over the pond so I can rip donuts in my Camaro

Now my colleague Putzo and I both agree on the fact that the pond needs to be paved over so we can rip donuts on it. But this crap about Ford being better than Chevy just gets me right boiled whenever I get going on it.

First of all, the biggest motor you can get in a Mustang is a 4.6. My Camaro Z-28 Super Sport packs an LS1 5.7. Last I knew, 5.7 was bigger than 4.6, and no matter what Putzo's woman tells him, size DOES matter. He's got the stock 260 horsepower single-cam mill, but even of he had the 320 horsepower 32-valve he'd still be looking at my tailpipes in the quarter-mile. That's 'cause while he's revving the pee out of that dinky lump of his (I'm still talking about his motor, mind you), I've got 345 lb/ft of torque from just off tickover launching me down the strip. Granted his little 4.6 gets better gas mileage than my hairy temple of horsepower, but then again so does a Geo Metro—and I don't want to drive one of those, either.

So it's pretty clear I've got him beat under the hood, but the pond could be used as a skidpad, too. Well, with 275/40/17 shoes under my ride, I'm gonna be pulling close to .90 g before I go sailing off into the puckerbrush. The Mustang can get close to that, with a decent driver like Jeff Gordon behind the wheel. With Pansy Putzo driving I'd be surprised if he made the tires squeal before getting scared and going back to cruising past the middle-school looking for women.

If we want to talk about looks Putzo might as well leave that misbegotten offspring of a toad and a warthog in the garage. Whenever I see a Mustang parked next to a Camaro I'm reminded of when Lyle Lovett was married to Julia Roberts. The Mustang is ugly enough without having to be compared to a curvaceous thing of beauty like the Z-28. Remember that the Mustang is brought to us by the same company that made the Pinto, which may have been the all-time pinnacle of automotive Ugly. If ugly were trees the Mustang would be a giant redwood. The Mustang's so ugly, if you drove it to the beach cats would try to cover it with sand.

The worst thing about Mustangs is that they're more expensive than Camaros. Hey, can I pay more for less? These days Mustangs cost almost as much as them hatchback BMW's, and that's too much. Traditionally Mustangs are driven by hair stylists, but with how expensive they are now only friggin yuppies can afford them. So I guess I'm not really surprised Putzo likes them so much, what with his being from Cumberland and all. Everyone knows Cumberland (and really, anything south of Augusta) might as well just be part of New Hampshire. And New Hampshire may as well be part of Massachusetts. And what's in Massachusetts? Yuppies, that's what.

To sum up, I am reminded of the words English journalist Jeremy Clarkson used to describe the Mustang (well, actually the Dodge Caravan, but they apply to the Mustang too): "I would make quicker and more dignified progress on a pogo stick." On that note, I'll see you on the pond, Putzo.

*The Editor Formerly Known as Dyer is from Jefferson, Maine, where they grow potatoes, drive tractors, and live closely with their siblings.*



## Students on the Street: What do you think of my penis?



"Is it an eeevil penis?"  
—Matt Aputzo



"I wish I had my telescopic lens."  
—Jenny Au Gratin



"Haven't I seen that before?"  
—Kim Yuck-tor



"I have a bigger one."  
—Sucky Collard Greens



## In Echo History

May 4, 1999

I took some fat bong rips on the third floor of Johnson right after I got back from this class that freaked me out. Class sucks.

May 3, 1999

Dude, I got so stoned and went to Dana and ate a lot. Pizza is really good. Dude, why can't Dana deliver to my room for free instead of having to order WHOP so much. Doesn't Dana Dude know that we smokers have our needs.

May 2, 1999

I got this fat sack and smoked it with some friends. We burned the entire bag before we had to flip our Phish tape over. Dude, that might be a record. We should call those dudes at that Guinness Records show on Fox. Maybe we can be on after that trippy tatooed dude and the dude who puts that big, hairy spider thing in his mouth and does shit.

May 1, 1999

The trippiest day this week. I got to Dana for dinner after a 4:20 session and that weird chick who swipes the cards bugged me out. She looked at me funny or something and I lost my shit and ran out of Dana and straight back to Woodman to burn some more to ease my pain.

April umm...umm..heh heh heh...shit!

Too long ago to remember

I can't remember the date! Dude, but I remember that 4/20 was awesome. I took a shitload of four-footers right after eating a fat eighth of mushrooms and swallowing two gellabs. I was fucked up but it was 4/20, so I have an excuse. I don't understand why my professors didn't accept that excuse.

Anyway, after sparkin' up a phat bowl, I stormed into the Spa, yelled "Chronic 4 Ever!", knocked down a few of the short girls who work there when they tried to ride my wave, and then I grabbed the whole pizza heater and ran out of there quick. Whoa, did I burn the SHIT out of myself! Now, I have the heater in my room. If you put some nugs in it you can fishbowl your room real nice. Come on by to my room and we can put it to use.

## Off the Hill

Next to the Air Force Base, ME

Bowdoin- Last week Bowdoin students realized that although their school is ranked ahead of Colby year after year, they still SUCK! Yeah, Bowdoin FUCKIN' SUCKS! Whoooo!

Shit-hole, ME

Bates- Although many Colby students have relatives at that dump in Lewiston, a new study by the Colby Anthropology Department shows that most of them are the cross-eyed, one-toothed, horny inbred kind of relatives. Go Bobcats!

Next to Cumbys, Waterville

High Street- A poll conducted by the respected Lewinsky foundation has found that a large majority of the freshman girls who frequent weekly parties at High Street feel that their hosts "stood close to me not because it was overcrowded in the kitchen, but because they were rubbing their penises on my leather pants."

Dixie, TN

Nashville Auto-Diesel College- Last week students at NADC marched on and occupied their president's office demanding comprehensive changes to the NADC curriculum. Among the courses listed in their demands were a turbocharger rebuilding seminar, a lab on ball-bearings, and "something on Shakespeare." Said militant student spokesman Bobby Joe Billy Ray Jack Daniels, "Many students here care very deeply for Shakespeare, you know."

## Editors on crack:



"Not crack, but it goes down smooth."

—Banal Moralless



"Mmmm... vials."

—Formerly known as Ez



"Crack: it does a body good."

—Allother Jizzwad



"I'm cuckoo for crack!"

—Chesty Heckler

## Editors on the Street: How drunk are you?



"Drunk enough to plunk on Gareth."

—Formerly Ez and Putzo



"Drunk enough not to want to drink this beer."

—Careth and Moralless



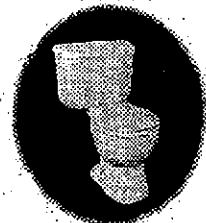
"Drunk enough to hug Putzo."

—Kim Yuck-tor



# FARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## DooDoo Review



### Watching some guy take a dump

★★★★ out of 5

Starring this weird chemfree guy

I decided to forego the usual weekly film excursion to Railroad Square this week, and instead I parked my ass in front of the "Doodoo Stall" (the one reserved for sitting only, with hardly any pee on the seat) in East Quad to watch this almost albino guy take a nasty dump.

The first thing I noticed was that this guy had some serious gas build-up. He was pootin' up a frickin' storm in there! It reminded me of the time I was constipated in the Dallas International Airport on a lay-over from Phoenix, and this guy next to me shot out a few gas bombs while I attempted to remain as quiet as a mouse. Anyway, he was pretty pleased with his reverberation in that piece, I guess, because I heard him chuckling to himself under his breath. Maybe if he had known I was outside taking notes, he would have tried to turn that anti-aircraft fire into some Stealthy But Healthies.

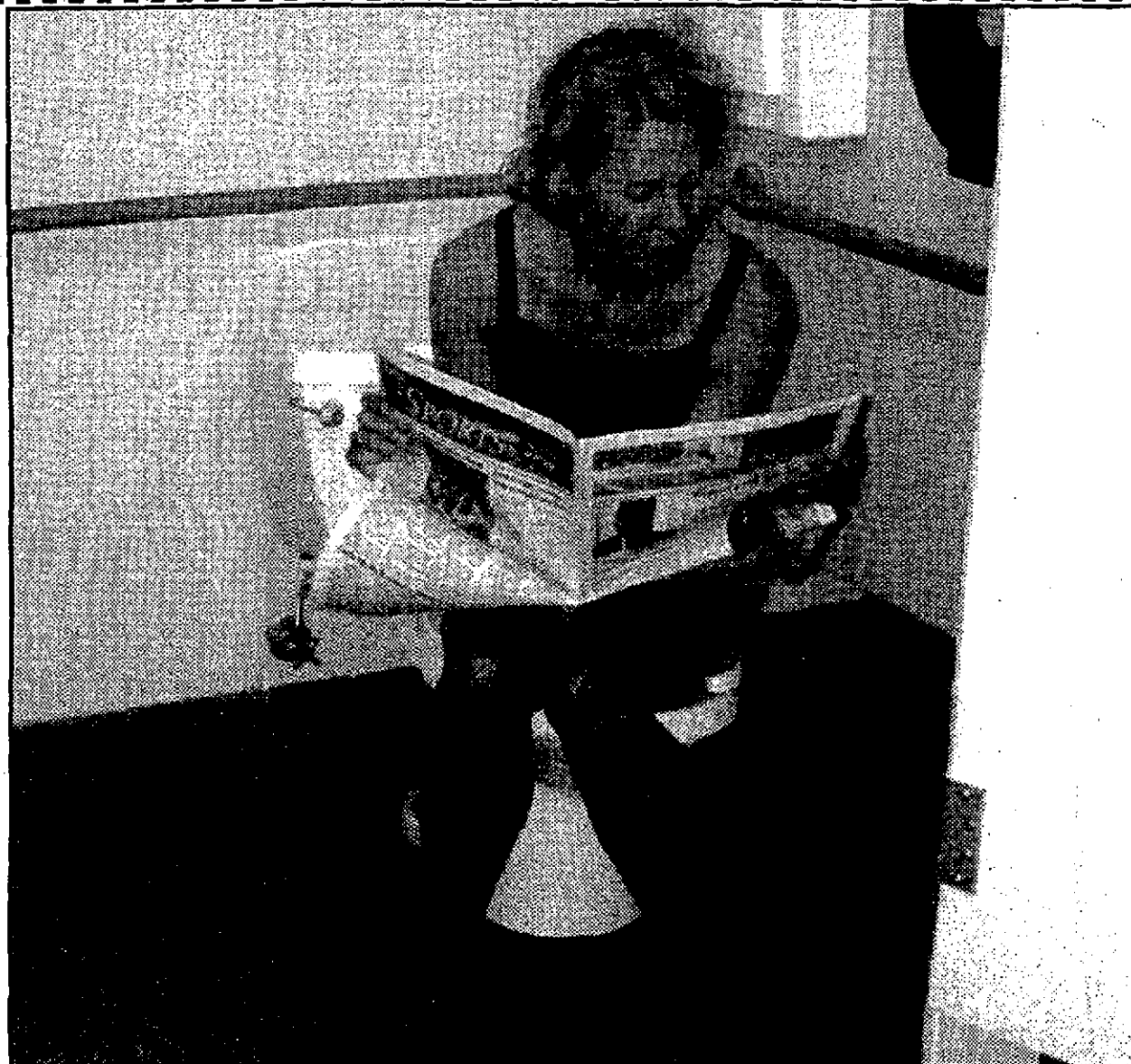
Then it was quiet for a few moments, so

I knew he must have triggered the real deal. I had to catch the facial expression on this guy, so I got out my pocket mirror, which sits on the end of a telescoping rod, and I hurried into the next stall. Pretending to drop the kids off at the pool, I held the mirror over the stall divider. Lord have mercy, but did I hit the poop jackpot on this guy or what? His face was in straining agony, but mixed with a slight ecstasy, and there were beads of sweat on his brow. The C-SNAP newsletter that he had brought in for reading material now dangled limply in one hand.

Then I heard it. Sploosh! Splash!! Plink!! A beautifully clean execution. Little to no wiping necessary, if I had to venture a guess. I didn't stick around to look. I'm no weirdo or anything.

I would have rated this foul log-jam a bit higher, but for the inexcusable lack of audible grunting that I know I could hear in the field house after a big game. I was also shocked to find those brown buddies floating around a few hours later when I went back to check. And that's half a point off right there.

*French T. Ickler does not work for the Sucko. We have no idea how he managed to weasel his way into our fine publication with this disgusting piece of chocolate frothy butt lather.*



Echo photo by resident Colby peeper, you know who you are, we do not need to run your name. Do you really need a caption here, folks? I'm on my own time now. The Suck-ohh doesn't own me. I just wanna poop!

## Students on the Street: What's your problem?

"My finger is too big."  
—The Asshole Formerly Known as Ezra



"I work for the Echo."  
—Jenny Au Gratin



"Why do you keep looking at my ass?"  
—Renee Largebreasts



"I'm beginning to find you surprisingly attractive."  
—Baral Moralless

Congratulations Danielle—  
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# Buster Hymen and the Penetration to play Loudness

BY ALL OF HER JIZWAD  
S & M Editor

Speed metal icon Buster Hymen is scheduled to play in Page Commons on the Last Day of Loudness, with his backup minions "the Penetration."

According to outgoing Social Chair Messy Hole '99, "this is the first time for Colby to have Buster play for us, I mean. You could say he is popping the Colby bubble - or cherry!"

Colby President Bill Slaughter had some choice words before the show.

"Although my wife objects to the lewd lyrics of Buster's songs, I have to admit, I'm positively slapping my own ass in anticipation. Hopefully I can get some poontang after the show with some drunk frosh. Wooooohoooo!!"

Hymen has been banned from performing in all other 49 states; plus Puerto Rico and Guam.

According to Hole, this may well be the final Hymen concert ever.

"He is just so nasty, so offensive, so, so, AWESOME, that all these prudes in America can't take the heat. But Mainers are different, you know? Made of stronger stuff. And they seem to be more forgiving of Buster, even when he sprays semen and diarrhea on his fans."

The Penetration will take the stage at 3 AM, probably naked and oily and ready to rock.

Seniors Alex Jiggly, Raj McKoonkoon, Brian Sinn, and Stylin' Badly, all of Hairy Ho 253, issued a joint statement

expressing their love for Hymen.

It reads, "While we recognize that The Penetration is basically a talentless bunch of monsters whose music can't hold a candle to works of art like Del Tha Funkee Homosapien's 'Mista DobaLina,' we are still punching holes in the wall in our spastic excitement." □

“ Hopefully I can get some pointers from the show. -President Slaughter ”

## Correction

### Christ! Even the A&E Editor Is Incompetent!

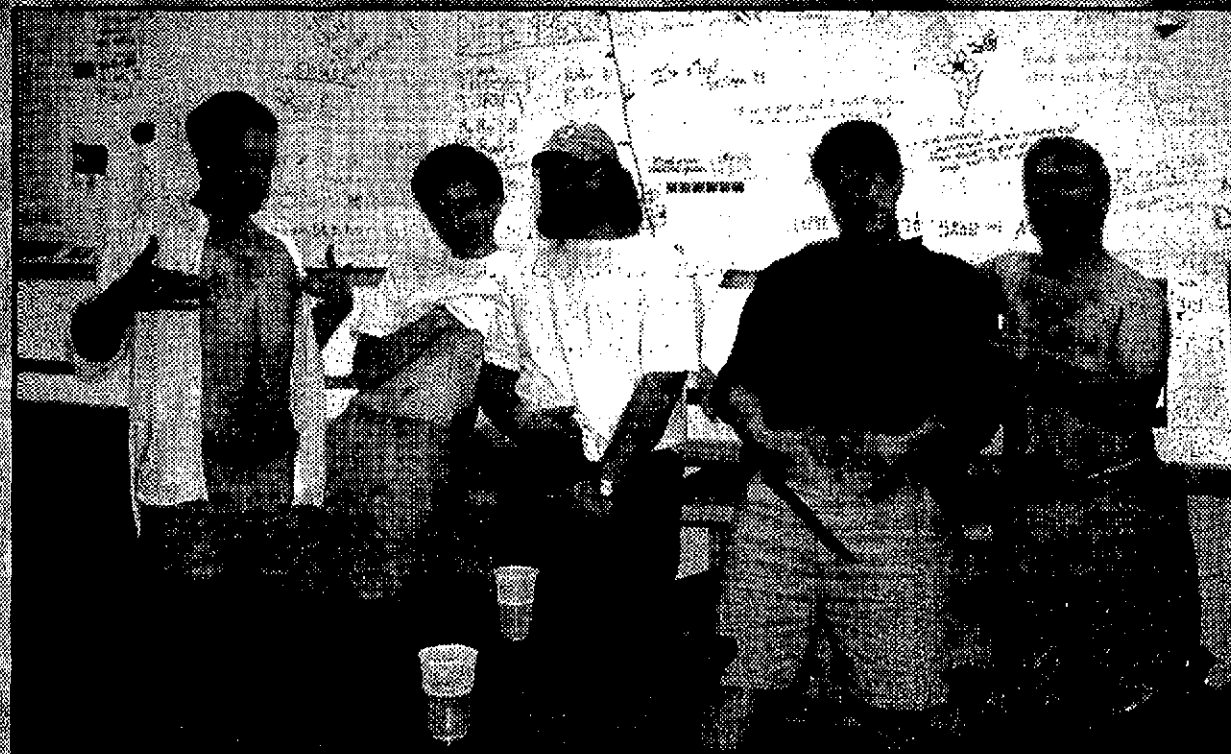
I, Allofher Jizzwad, apologize to the honorable Not Sosmall, who wrote that shitty Nas Review two weeks ago. I repeat. It was not me. It was Shat. So go give him a sharp chop to the groin.

## Editors in the Office: Show me sexy.

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The Echo Men



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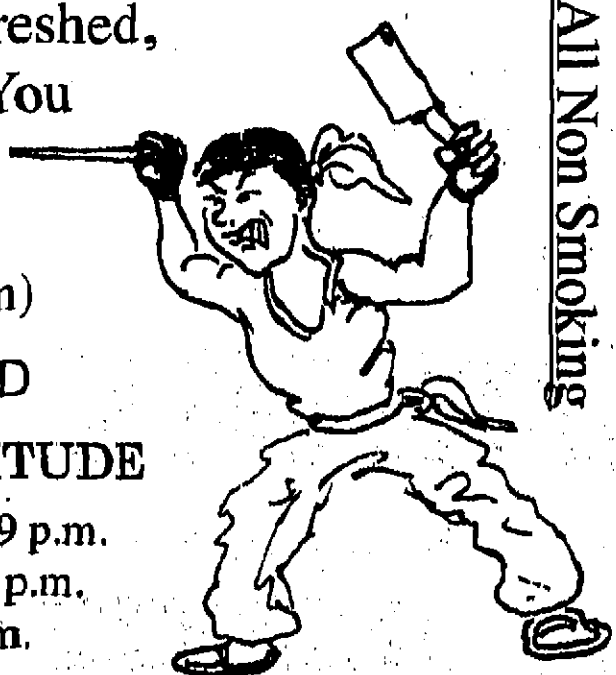
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# Golfer lost at senior tourney

BY THE EDITOR FORMERLY KNOWN AS DYER  
Skidmarks Editor

Mayhem ensued at the Sixpackawhupass Golf Club last Saturday, when a Colby golfer known only as "Muffin" became lost in the woods after finishing his eighteenth hole. According to reliable sources, Muffin's four-man team, the Stinkfingers, became separated from their ace driver shortly after completing the final hole of the scramble-type tournament. Apparently, there was an argument between Muffin and the other members of the team over who would get to drive their one golf cart back to the clubhouse. The team decided that after successfully completing his "beer-a-hole" regimen, Muffin would be better off stumbling or riding back. Muffin disagreed, pointing out "you already ran over your f\*\*king golf bag!" One of the other Stinkfingers then stole the keys to the cart and proceeded to walk back to the clubhouse. However, this surprisingly clever individual circled back in the woods and crept up behind Muffin and the cart unnoticed. Granted, it was hard for this person not to laugh loudly as he watched Muffin try to push-start the golf cart (after his hotwiring attempt failed.) But eventually Muffin moved away from the cart and wandered onto a nearby green, where he began to inspect the springy flag in the hole, perhaps with an eye towards catapulting



Echo photo by your mother

**Muffin fends off an aggressive porcupine with his 5 iron.**

himself back to the clubhouse. This is when the other Stinkfinger emerged from the woods and stole the cart. Muffin gave chase briefly before falling down. He then got up and proceeded to walk into the woods, where he would remain for the next five hours.

A massive search effort followed, as all three Stinkfingers drove around in the woods hollering "Muffin!" and hanging pieces of steak out the window. But as darkness approached, Muffin was still at large in the Vasilineboro Woods. At this point one of the Stinkfingers suggested that Muffin had probably been eaten by a bear, in which case the logical thing to do would be to quit looking for him and go

home and have a beer. The rest of the team agreed, and so were quite surprised when Muffin turned up later that night at a party in the Heights. When asked why he'd wandered into the woods, Muffin answered only "I saw a porcupine." He did not elaborate on whether he was going to try to ride the porcupine back to the clubhouse, or merely found the porcupine to be sexually attractive.

Despite Muffin's little adventure, Colby Alcoholic Golf Day organizer Spot Titglow declared the event a big success. "Sixpackawhupass is a great club, and they said they'd let us come back next year as long as we didn't bring anyone who came this year."

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## What you think VS. what you drink

How many times in a typical month does the average Colby student drink alcohol?

Reality — 5.01 times/month

Perception — 8.38 times/month

How many alcoholic drinks does the average Colby student have in a typical week?

Reality — 6.90 drinks/week

Perception — 10.48

How many alcoholic drinks do you typically consume at once?

Reality — 4.03 drinks at a time

Perception — 5.97 drinks at a time

How many times a month did the average Colby student drink last semester?

60% drank three times or less

Results of the Colby Alcohol Research and Education Committee (CARE) Study on Alcohol Perceptions at Colby, based on representative samples of students. Data collected Fall '98/Spring '99


## Colby Scoreboard

Billy scored with Jenny last weekend. On Monday night, Beckyscored with Danny. Jimmy scored with Molly on Friday night. Christy on Saturday night, Nancy on Sunday night and Barbie on Monday night. Good job Jimmy!

We would like to extend our apologies to Bobby. The Echo has learned that he almost scored with Debbie on Friday night, but his roommates came home and puked on him, ruining the mood. Better luck next time Bobby.

## Upcoming Events

Matt and Jill have been getting hot and heavy lately. They may wind up doing the nasty this weekend. So don't come knocking on Woodman 423's door when they're sleeping. Also Joey's girlfriend is coming up from Bates this weekend, so he should be getting the rocks off.



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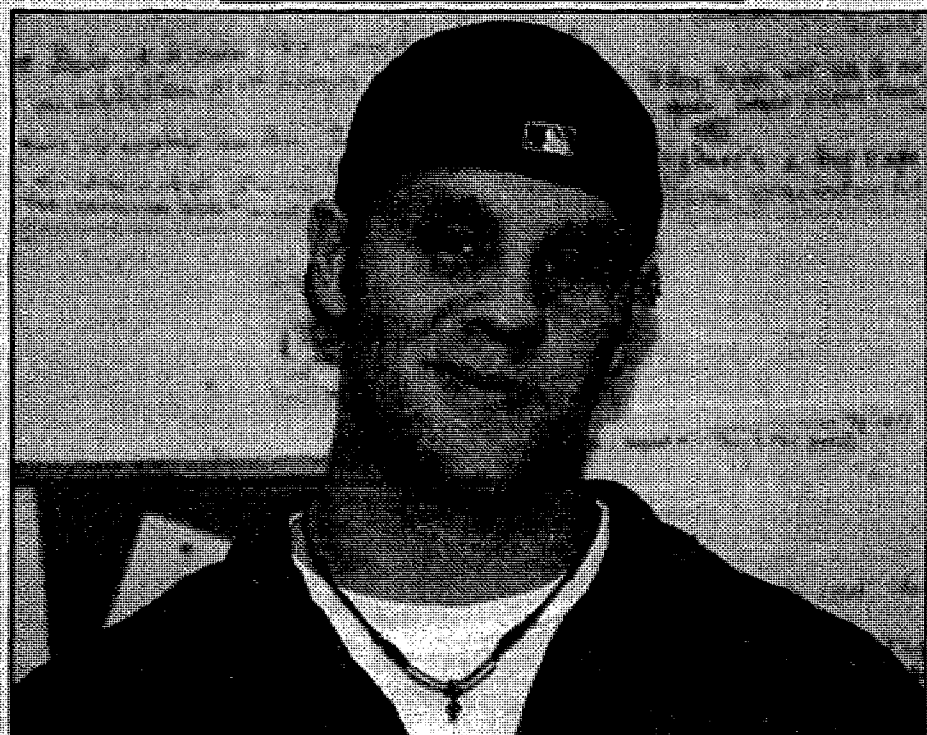
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## P L A Y E R

of the year



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## Brendan McPickup '00

McPickup sexiled his roommate a record 124 times this year, shattering the previous record of 69 he set his freshman year.

"This is a record the likes of which we've never seen," said President Slaughter. "It's Ripkenesque in its scope and it will most certainly never be broken... unless of course he tops it again next year."

A fierce competitor, McPickup said he will continue to work his mojo at parties, sporting events, meals, weddings, funerals, bat mitzvahs, and bake sales. But, he said, records don't drive him. Hormones do.

While legends and stories of McPickup's endowment circulate campus, he refuses to comment on the things "God saw fit" to bless him with.

"Give me a call and you'll just have to find out for yourself," he said, winking.

## Stool Pack

## Billie-Jo Clinton '99

After competing in the Mr. Colby Pageant last week, a modeling scout disguised as a Colby student approached the basketball captain Clinton after his brave display of topless fireblowing and offered him a \$2 million modeling contract for the spreads in both National Geographic and Sports Illustrated. Clinton has decided to forego his career plans as a camp counselor and accept the offer. He will be the first Colby hoops player to be featured in two national publications (co-captain Nahum Mc'ri Her '99 appeared in the August 1998 issue of Playgirl).

## Katie A. Mitchell S. '00 and Booty Razz '00

This pair of outfielders will test their athletic abilities next week - not on the softball diamond but at the National Intercollegiate Couch-Dancing Championships. The top booty-bouncers in the nation will convene in Honolulu on May 15 to compete for the title of Couch-Dancing National Champion. Razz expects that her reign as Miss Maine Blueberry will give her the tools to win. A. Mitchell S. thinks her beer dieraine, "Rumpshaker," says it all.

Editors Note: We know this is not funny, we apologize to anyone who had the misfortune to read this sad excuse for an article.

## Mules go Div. 1-A, join Big Ten

BY CHESTY HECKLER  
Ass Shorts Editor

"It's incredible," said student activities secretary Sheila Havit. "There hasn't been a line this long since the De La Soul concert."

Students have been lining up for game tickets ever since the football team's surprise promotion to Division I and into the Big 10. The move did not come as much of a shock to head coach Tom Lustin.

"No, I'm not surprised," said Lustin. "It's obvious to me that we've been playing in the wrong division for a while now."

While the Mules are only one year removed from an 0-8 season and are 6-18 over the past three years, the Big 10 is making an effort to improve its academic standing.

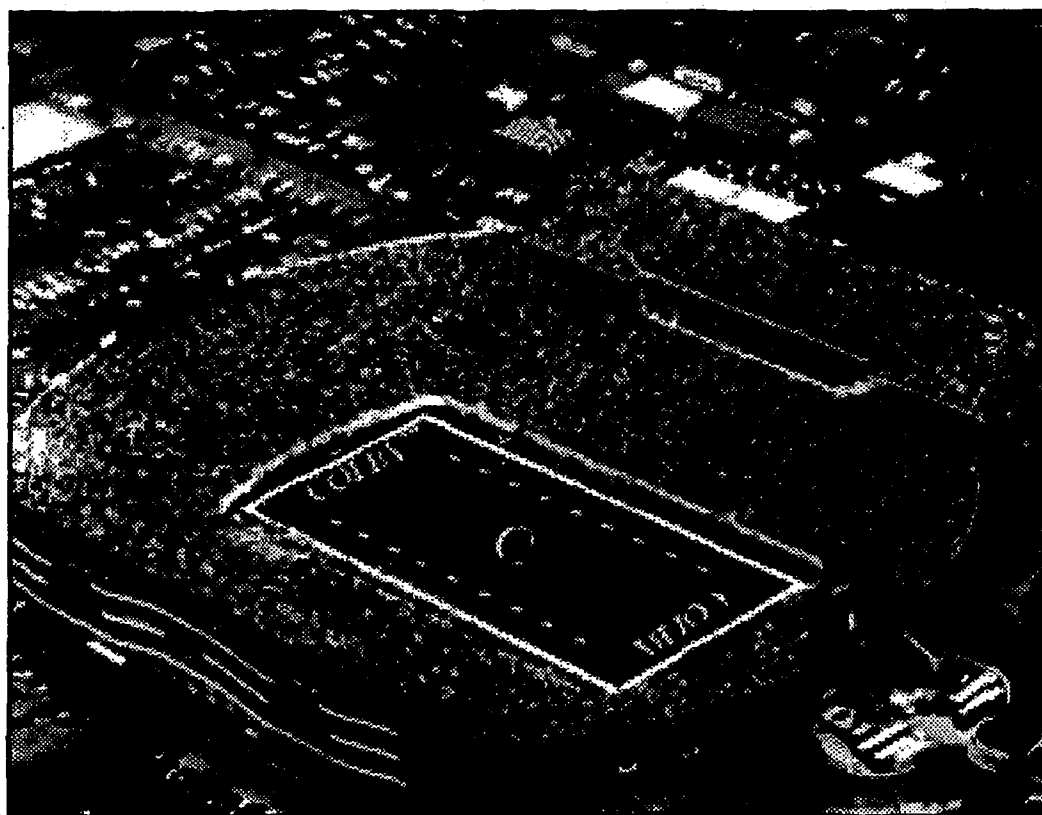
"We need scholars, not just athletes," said Tom Greene, spokesman for the conference.

The players and coaches aren't the only ones who have to adjust to the change. The administration is hoping for an imminent donation from the Alfonds in order to expand the football stadium.

The roster, coaching staff, band, and cheerleaders of a typical D-I team will fill more than a third of the existing structure.

While the White Mules are gearing up for a segment on Sportscenter, their D-I competition is trying to prepare for the new arrivals.

"They got some sneaky sons-of-guns on their staff, I'll tell you. I don't know how they did it, but somehow they got the networks not



A schematic of the proposed stadium, to be built in 2001.

to cover any of their games," said Florida State head coach Bobby Bowdown. "I can't show any film to my players. If it weren't for the bootleg copies of those radio broadcasts I don't know what I'd do."

The Seminoles are even more worried than their coaches.

"I'm having nightmares, it's so bad," said wide receiver Joe "Yo Mama" Mann. "I can hear their footsteps."

Opposing coaches refuse to look past the Mules.

"Are you kidding me? They've got a helluva defensive line. Did you see that Middlebury game?" said Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr. "Cinderella team my ass. That Johann Zadronczy, he'll bust on up through the middle like a fat man at

a buffet line."

Although the Mules aren't necessarily thinking Rose bowl this year, Lustin sees Pasadena in Colby's future travel plans.

"We've got the talent and the ability," said Lustin. "We're gonna show them what Mule pride is all about."

"The national competition should do wonders for a draft success too," he added.

Graduating quarterback Taken Badley '99 has decided to enter the NFL draft.

"I had some trouble with the Bowdoin defense," said Badley. "But it's so hard to get up for NESCAC games, I think I'd fare a lot better with 20,000 fans cheering for me."

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- Mount My Mango

"Stop taking pictures of my  
ass, bitch!!!"  
-Renée Largebreast

"I'm sitting on a crew oar."  
- Julia Grease-Me-Up

Single-clip photos by Jenny O'Donnell



# Johnson Pond to be expanded for crew, swimming practice, cigarette boat racing

## Football players implement new Colby club

BY MIKE HUNT  
Contributing Writer

Due to the crew team's recent success and the desire of the men's and women's swimming teams to compete year-round, Director of Athletics Richie Rich Whitmore announced yesterday his plans to expand Johnson Pond.

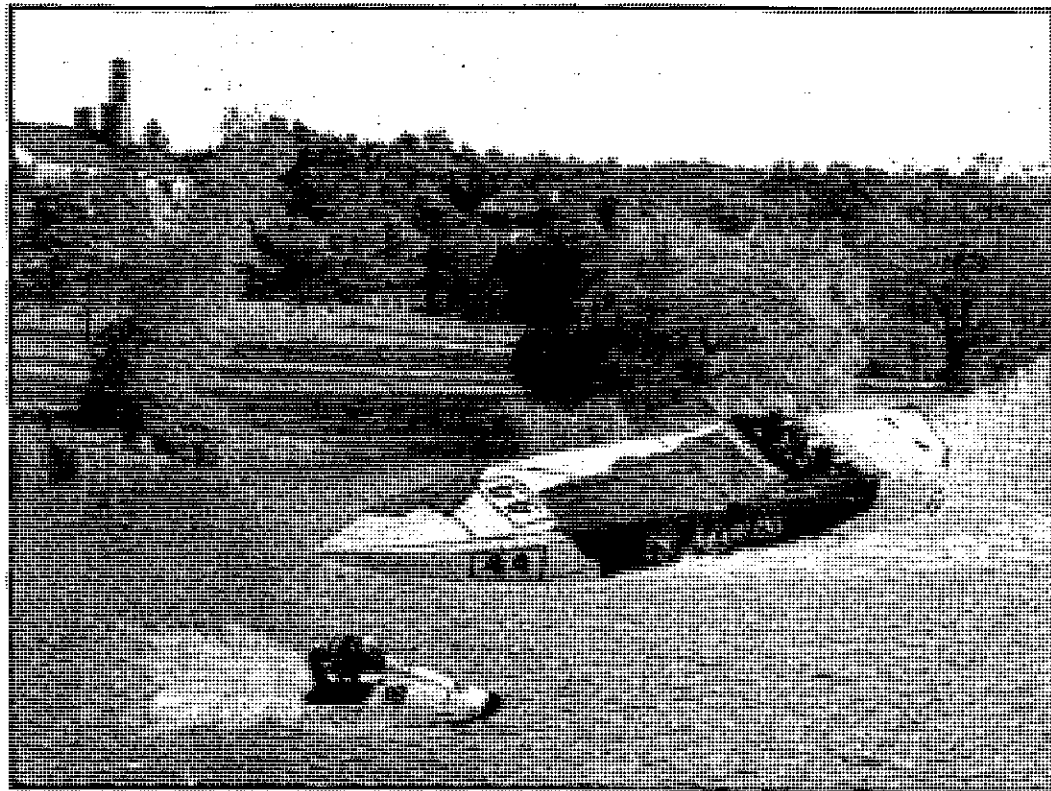
"I have no doubt that outdoor competition for the swim teams and a nearby facility for the crew team will make Colby tops in the NESAC," said Whitmore. "Go Mules!"

In addition, three members of the Colby football team have decided to trade in their shoulder pads and girdles to lead a new club sport: The White Mule Polar Bear club. Harry Henderson '00, and tri-captains Scaaron Hermore '99 and James Scrubber '99 tested the plausibility of swimming in the pond in early April.

Following a bet about when the ice would melt from the pond's surface, the three shed all of their clothing and jumped from the overhanging willow tree into the icy waters below. Their invigorating rush of adrenaline made them believe they had found the true sport for them.

"I got such a thrill from that cold, cold water," said Henderson with a shiver. "It was unlike any feeling I have ever experienced."

The club will watch weather forecasts throughout the months of March and April each year, awaiting the warm weather necessary to melt the ice. As soon as a clear path of water can be made from the north side of the pond to the south end, Henderson, Hermore and Scrubber, along with any teammates, will race across Johnson pond - dodging the oncoming crew sculls if necessary. The race is based on time, measured in minutes and seconds, and the length of time one can



Created by Banal Moralless

**The expanded pond has significantly altered possible recreation activities.**

stand outside of the water without grabbing a towel in order to truly prove their toughness.

Any members wishing to

join the White Mule Polar Bear club can call Henderson, Hermore or Scrubber. Sign up before next March. □

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**We will soon have no worries about bulges. Snip snip!**

the chokehold after Peckmislied into second base.

"I thought it was his fault," said Peckmi. "But I guess I'm just not supposed to retaliate. I should be the bigger person. I have realized the error of my ways and promise to forever be sensitive to every other living creature on this planet as long as I live, so help me God."

Similarly, hockey players Spew Pondscum '01 and Cott Gittensome '00 have decided that wearing women's clothing will be their way to apologize for slamming too many opponents into the Plexiglas boards. Under their pads and helmets, Pondscum and Gittensome will wear dresses and make-up. Self-humilia-

tion will remind them to put others' feelings first and never put winning above being nice.

In my professional opinion, I think "Athlete Sensitivity Day" will offer all male athletes who have hidden behind a masculine image throughout their lives an opportunity to let their true feelings show. Female athletes can encourage the healing of their wounded male counterparts by assisting them in the chores of leg shaving and wardrobe matching.

For information about how to intervene in an athlete's life by taking part in Athlete Sensitivity Day, call the Health Center or Dean Castration. □

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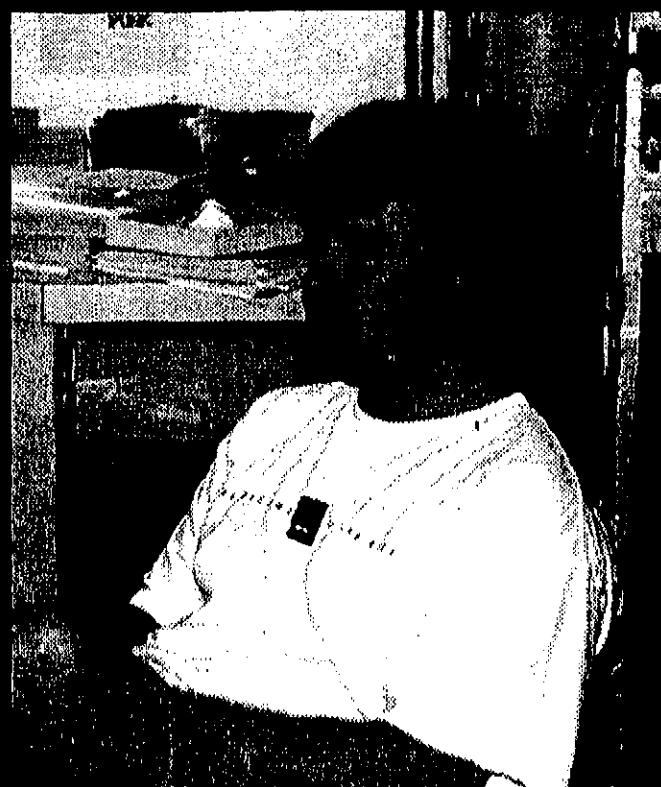
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## Gareth on the Street: What do you think of my article?



"I hate it."



"I'm cutting it."



"You're in my world now."



## Three Bates players defect following Softball Game

BY CARETH OFNOONE  
Layed Out Editor

Following last Wednesday's game, Bates' students Sandy Arquez '00, Melinda Jones '01 and Becky Santiago '01 defected to Colby College and immediately filed for academic asylum. The flight of the three brings the number of Bates athletes defecting to Colby to 12 in this academic year alone.

"After many sleepless nights, soul searching and debating with fellow teammates, I decided that it was the best thing for me as a player and a person for the present and in the future," said Jones.

The most recent defectors, when questioned about their reasons for leaving, cited terrible housing conditions, poor dining hall services and the harsh, repressive practices of their softball coach Fidele Kastrow.

"If you can believe it, conditions have become so bad at Bates that the dining halls have been forced to serve fried sealegs three days in a row. In addition, even though I kept asking for bagels all they kept serving were muffins. I just could not take it anymore," said Arquez.

Due to the large number of defectors, Bates has recently implemented a system in which all athletic competitions occurring off-campus have been accompanied by a team of Bates' security specialists. Brandishing AK-47's, security has attempted to keep Bates athletes away from sports agents, Colby coaches and the media. In addition, the Bates

administration has now begun to only allow the older and more loyal athletes to travel outside the school.

Colby softball coach Dick Lamier remarked, "While Bates' teams are generally poor, the overall quality has decreased further following Bates' refusal to allow freshman and 'troublesome athletes' to compete in away games."

The Colby administration has refused to comment on the situation of the three softball athletes. However, most media outsiders believe that Colby will grant the trio academic asylum and immediately allow them to begin practicing with the Colby softball team. In addition, sports agent Terry Maguire has claimed he has agreed to represent the three women and help them accomplish what they need.

"I am working to guarantee the three women an AMS triple next year with an option to upgrade to the senior apartment if they meet certain performance goals," said Maguire.

Also, Maguire is reportedly seeking to guarantee a minimum GPA for the three. This tactic is similar to what Maguire accomplished with crew sensation Trevor Lorkin '00, using the catch phrase, "show me the GPA!!!"

The three athletes have refused to comment concerning the method in which they escaped Bates' custody. By refusing to name their means of escape, they hope to allow future Bates' athletes to use the same method. It is generally believed that past defectors have had assistance from the large Bates-exile



Photo by the Pig Patrol

**Bates security forces detain the members of an ill-fated defection escape last fall. The members of the Bates Volleyball team where promptly shot and made into dog food back in Lewiston.**

group based in Grossman. Furthermore, a large number of Bates athletes braved the dangerous Lewiston-to-Waterville Greyhound Bus route to escape to Colby in the fall of 1998.

Santiago summed up the situation by say-

ing, "While it is hard to leave behind my large screen television, my bean bag chair and being closer to the Portland Airport, I am looking forward to being a White Mule and giving Bates softball a nice kick in the ass next time we face each other." □

## 'Jocks are Sensitive Too Day' established

BY REBECCA THE WRECKER  
Sports Psychologist

Baseball co-captain Greg Peckmi '99 proved that his nice-guy persona has been nothing but a façade over his four years at Colby. Last week Peckmi not only injured team manger Shap '99 by hitting a line drive in to his only good eye, possibly limiting his vision indefinitely, but he also started a bench-clearing brawl during Sunday's double-

**"I should be the bigger person  
-Greg Peckmi '99"**

header against the Tufts University Jumbos.

The result of Peckmi's actions proved to the administration that if Peckmi was capable of such despicable acts, any athlete was. Thereby, according to Dean of Moral Action Janice Castration, May 1 will forever be celebrated as "Athlete Sensitivity Day" at Colby.

Several prominent White Mules abided by Dean Castration's commands and interpreted the rule by exposing their feminine side to demonstrate their belief that women, more often than men, display sensitivity to the feelings of others.

Peckmi, embarrassed by his actions, promised to don a feather boa for at least a week. He has also offered to write a written apology to the Tufts baseball player who initiated

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## Beer die to become varsity sport

BY CHESTY HECKLER  
Ass Shorts Editor

"Well, it's about time," said co-captain Jacob "Cheetah" Banton '99, after learning that, 30 years after its inception beer die is finally getting the recognition it deserves. After nearly two years of lobbying the administration and the athletic department, the men's and women's beer die teams have gained varsity status.

The frustrating experience with Colby's red tape has left a few team members bitter.

"Hey, I mean we're not asking for any fancy uniforms or jackets or anything," said captain Sarah "Small Wonder" Nielson '00. "We just want gas money."

The teams have away games or tournaments every other weekend. With a combined roster of more than 40 throwers, travel gets expensive. Now Colby will provide the vans and pick up the tab for gas and tolls. The school will also provide the kegs for home games.

"Indie, the home team provides the beer," said co-captain Fred "Flintstone" Kreeger '99. "The special deal at Joka's just wasn't cutting it. It's a lot of beer."

Free beer is precisely what attracts people to the sport. Try-outs during the

weekends of first and second semester loudness always draw large crowds. But Banton contends that true beer die talent is easy to spot.

"After a few turns at the table, that's when the real test begins," said Banton. "Only then can you separate the real players from the amateurs."

The players insist that there is skill and strategy involved in beer die, and they resent those that refer to them as "party-ers."

"Yeah, that really ticks me off. Some

the squads. The White Mules will host the 1999 Beer Die Championships with more than 15 schools competing on May 8-9. The round robin tournament will take place in several dorms around campus. The exact locations have yet to be determined. Nielson shrugs off the suggestion that secrecy is necessary with the threat of the Maine State liquor inspector and the \$250,000 fine for drinking games.

"Whatever. We're not scared of LaGuardia or hiding from anyone,"

**"Hey,  
we've got  
feather  
boas!  
We're  
crazy  
here! Woo,  
CRAZY!"**



Photo by some drunk idiot

people call us 'party on wheels' or whatever," said Kreeger. "We're out there playing hard every weekend, all year, no matter what. You can't say that about any other team. The administration finally realized that."

Varsity status and school funding could not have come at a better time for

she said.

Banton finds the risk of fines and possible arrest exciting.

"Hey, it comes with the territory, it's all part of the game," he said. "Bring it on."

Colby hopes for a three-peat in this year's championships. □