

Phase one of campus strategic planning process unveiled

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A new parking layout, major dorm renovations, an expanded Coffeehouse, and a performing arts complex are all possible changes Colby may see in the next several years. Right now the committees dealing with the strategic planning process are at work evaluating the needs of the College and developing plans for the near future. Their determinations will direct how Colby will spend its growing endowment on the improvement of the school and the campus.

Colby's last fundraising campaign exceeded goals and expectations and the administration must now determine how these resources will be used to better the College.

A campus master plan is being created concurrently with the ongoing \$50 million project to renovate every dorm on campus. The next dorms scheduled for refurbishing are Coburn and Mary Low. After this, students present and future can expect to see continued dorm renovations, along with several other changes to the physical campus that are still being planned.

Renovations to Coburn will begin the day after Commencement this May. Next semester's residents will benefit from full-sized men's and women's bathrooms on each floor. The building will meet accessibility requirements through the construction of ramps and an elevator, and a new stair tower on the north side of the building will replace the current fire escape. There will also be some room alterations, with the goal being

to provide at least 100 square feet of space per person, which is currently not the case.

Work on Mary Low will take place during the summer of 2002.

Dean of Housing Paul Johnston reported, "There's going to be significant changes to the Coffeehouse...there's some talk of connecting the Coffeehouse with the room below it."

In addition to a game room, an additional room for club activities may also be added. Other changes slated for Mary Low include a new kitchen in the Co-op, a living room in the Annex, storage space for Outing Club equipment, and additional suites throughout the building.

Coburn and Mary Low will be connected on the upper floors, allowing travel between the buildings without navigating the basement corridors. The Mary Low/Coburn parking area will be

reduced to create more grassy space in front of Coburn. Altogether, the Mary Low and Coburn renovations are estimated to cost \$4.9 million.

Other plans for dorm renovations and building improvements are being considered during the strategic planning process. The Roberts Row dorms will be renovated sometime in the next few years, although the details have not yet been determined.

Roberts Union and dining hall may undergo improvements in the next two to three years. There will be major alterations made to the Johnson and Averill buildings in the near future, possibly involving a move toward academic use, though "we're still trying to come to a conclusion," said Johnston. President William D. Adams believes "we'll figure that out in the next six months."



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The Mary Low-Coburn complex is scheduled to be renovated over the next two summers.

Adams is also considering the possibility of a new performing arts complex and alumni house.

The availability of parking spaces on campus is also being investigated during the planning process. Adams said that while steps would be made to address the problem, the solution "will not address [the issue] necessarily by making parking closer."

One possibility involves the restructuring of parking around the periphery of the campus, creating a clear pedestrian area located within a five minute walk from the epicenter of campus.

The planning process has been made less burdensome due to an increase in financial resources. From

1990 to 2000, the Colby endowment grew by 378 percent, the fastest

growth of any New England Small College Athletic Conference school, but the total endowment still has one of the lowest market values in the NESCAC. The College's \$373.5 million endowment is still far behind

Williams College's \$1.36 billion endowment and most other NESCAC schools, excepting Trinity, Bates, and Connecticut colleges.

According to Vice President for

Development and Alumni Relations Randy Helm, the reason Colby's

endowment is lacking is that "we don't have that tradition of the super-elite sending their kids here."

The College's undersized endowment

has resulted in a hiring freeze and the College has become more dependent upon privately endowed chairs to hire faculty members in recent years, jumping from just seven

endowed chairs in 1990 to 35 this past year.

It is the task of the committees involved in the strategic planning process to prioritize projects and distribute funds equitably and effectively. Members of these committees recognize both the importance and difficulty of balancing the needs of the physical facilities, faculty, student aid, and other expenditures in order to maximize the effectiveness of Colby's financial resources. If the current planning successfully fulfills these requirements, "the result of the process will be a stronger and more competitive Colby," said Adams.

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Randy Helm

VP for Development & Alumni Relations

DeSombre tenured, will not return next year



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Eliza beth DeSombre, professor of government and environmental studies

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Assistant professor of government and environmental studies Elizabeth DeSombre, the first woman to receive tenure from the government department, has decided to leave Colby next fall. DeSombre is leaving Colby for an endowed chair at Wellesley College. She is taking a leave of absence from Colby for two years and may or may not return from her sabbatical.

DeSombre is also part of the environmental studies program at Colby.

DeSombre is also leaving because her fiancée, an international relations professor, has had difficulty finding a job in Maine. She and her fiancée believe that chances of finding a job are greater in the Boston area. DeSombre also is leaving because the position she is being offered at Wellesley is "a big honor, with it comes many resources," she said.

The chair that DeSombre will be taking next fall is called the Frost Chair in Environmental Studies. It

was created at Wellesley because there was a need for an Environmental Studies program and major.

"She will be a major faculty member, working with new programs with Environmental Studies," said Dean of Wellesley College Lee Cuba. "Although it must be a great loss to Colby, we are delighted she's coming."

DeSombre's role in the creation of an environmental policy major at Colby has been key. Mitchell Family Professor of Economics and Environmental Studies Director Thomas Tietenberg said, "We didn't establish the major until we had adequate staff. She was the staff. She is pivotal and will be a tough act to follow."

Clara C. Piper Professor of Environmental Studies David Firmage added, "She brought expertise and enthusiasm to the program."

One reason that DeSombre received the endowed chair was her experience in developing the envi-

ronmental studies program at Colby. Cuba explained, "her background with the development of an

environmental studies section at Colby made her very attractive to us [at Wellesley]."

"My work is cut out for me [at Wellesley]," said DeSombre. She will be working on a new environmental policy program. "I have heard great things about the students and I am excited

to work with them on the new program," she said.

Many are saddened by DeSombre's decision to leave Colby. "I feel in some ways that I am letting people down; nobody wants me to leave," said DeSombre.

Professors who have worked with her on environmental studies as well as people in the government department are heavyhearted about her decision to move on. DeSombre's enthusiasm and dedication to her job will be missed by her colleagues.

"She is very dedicated to teaching... She has worked on her teaching while being at Colby and she is a

great teacher," said Firmage. "I am disappointed. We lose real expertise and a pleasant colleague. Her enthusiasm for the environmental studies program was great. She is a very alive person that added much to the program at Colby."

"She is excellent at guiding students. She was an excellent intellectual presence on campus," said Tietenberg. "She had a lot of positive energy that affected everyone else."

"I have mixed feelings [about her departure]; I am delighted, although not surprised, at the opportunity. Being close to her fiancée is a great idea, but it is a heavy loss to Colby. She is a very, very good at what she does."

W. S. W. Assistant Professor of Government Joseph Reiser said, "She is a great asset to the department. She was one of the most dedicated teachers I have ever met; she really thinks carefully about what she is going to do in each class. She is a very productive scholar as well."

Reiser and DeSombre have known each other since they were in graduate school at Harvard together.

"I will miss our interactions on both the professional and the individual level," he said. "We have a number of people who have wide ranging intellectual discussions. She was one of the most intellectual people and she will be greatly missed."

DeSombre has taken two years leave from Colby, but it is not certain that she will return at the end of the time period.

"I will have the option of coming back to Colby. If my partner can find a job in the area, then we will come back. I really like Colby," she said.

Although she will not miss the winters and lack of civilization, DeSombre said, "I respect and

admire my colleagues. They are good at both teaching and research, which is rare. I find that it is not as true anywhere else as it is here... I am a city person at heart, but I love Colby and I love my job."

"I am both excited and sad about leaving," she said. "I will miss my colleagues and the students, but I am excited about going to a new place."

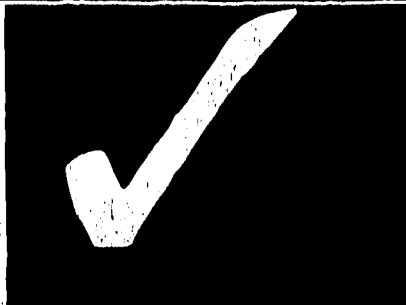
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Lee Cuba
Dean of Wellesley College

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June, 1894

The following laws were added recently by the Ladies' Conference to the magnificent code now in vogue.

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II. No lady shall leave the hall with uncovered head. For any distance under ten feet a straw hat shall be worn, between ten and twenty feet, a tam o'shanta for any distance over twenty feet, a shawl.

III. No lady shall be allowed to walk with more than two gentlemen on the same day.

October, 1895

The number of bicycle accidents on Campus is this year very large, doubtless owing to the increased number of new riders. There is too much fast riding on our roads. Too many young men ride, not for the incidental pleasure of the sport, but for the mere

exercise and the desire to outdo some other owner of a wheel.

November 15, 1963
 Reserve System To Be Changed? Girls vs. Books

The recently published results of the Colby Life Studies show that the number of male Colbyites who do not date has risen from 10% in 1950 to 25% today... What is needed at Colby is a civilized dating system benefiting its intelligent male students. The most effective plan seems to be the simple adaptation of the library system to girls' dorms. When the male student wanted a date he would go to one of the dorms. If he didn't know which co-ed he wanted, he would look in the card catalogue under one of the many listing such as name, vital statistics, interests, habits, etc. He would then fill out a girl request card and take it to the main desk where he would be asked to produce his I.D. card. (This would prevent "hard-up" Bowdoin

men from diminishing the already limited resources.)

Although it would be nice to have open stacks, or rather open rooms, so that he could go from room to room examining the contents before deciding which co-ed to take out, this policy would meet with too many objections to be feasible at the present. Therefore, he will be given a call number and will wait while a husky page-girl brings the requested co-ed to the main desk in remarkably short order.

The co-ed would then be stamped out to him according to her category. The more popular girls would be on two hour reserve. The average co-ed would be signed out for days.

November 22, 1963
 Headline: SURVEY
 REVEALS MOST COLBY
 MEN WANT ACTION

Sexual assault controversy draws campus-wide action

By EMMA McCANDLESS
 STAFF WRITER

In light of recent controversy surrounding sexual assault on campus, the administration and the Student Government Association have begun to take action. The hope is to make assistance more readily available to students in need of help.

SGA is currently organizing a new student group on campus: Sexual Assault Allies. A preliminary organizational meeting was held Mar. 15 in the Pugh Center.

Currently, students' only options for reporting sexual assault are through the Dean of Students Office, Security, or the Health Center. The new organization hopes to provide students with a fourth, confidential option.

According to an announcement sent out via email by SGA President Justin Ehrenwerth '01, "members of [Sexual Assault Allies] will act as advocates for students who have been sexually assaulted."

Training from Waterville Rape

Crisis Assistance and Prevention is necessary to become an Ally, but any interested student can work with the organization. Students are needed to educate the general public about what Sexual Assault Allies will do and to spread information about issues surrounding sexual assault.

To provide additional assault assistance, a counselor from the Rape Crisis Center in Waterville will be on campus to talk with students every Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. up to the last week of classes.

At the advice of the college attorney, Dean of Students Janice Kassman, in conjunction with other members of the administration, began to amend the College's literature on sexual assault earlier in the semester, but the new material has not yet been finalized.

"I had thought consultation [on the new literature] would be done by spring break, but discussions are still continuing," said Kassman. The new literature should be completed within the next two weeks.

Kassman added, "There is lots of

consultation going on with the Women's Group, the harassment advisory group, and the Multicultural Affairs Committee."

Colby's current sexual assault literature offers general information, including definitions, advice, and statements regarding Colby's current sexual assault policies.

According to the brochure, available in the Health Center, "Sexual assault at Colby is sexual activity, of any kind, with a person without that person's consent." The literature goes on to indicate that only "actual words or conduct (that) indicate freely given approval or agreement without coercion" constitute "consent."

The literature advises students who have been victims of sexual assault to "consult with a counselor at the Health Center or one of the deans to discuss what happened and to review their options."

The new literature will further define consent and include scenarios involving homosexual assault.

NEWS BRIEFS

Balinese dance troupe

The Balinese dance troupe Gamelan Galak Tika will perform in Lorimer chapel on campus on Sun. Apr. 8.

One of Boston area's first Balinese performance groups, Gamelan Galak Tika is a community ensemble in residence at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Gamelan Galak Tika was founded in 1993 to study and perform both traditional and modern Balinese music and dance and to develop new works in collaboration with Balinese and American artists.

Gamelan Galak Tika's is made up of 30 members including MIT students, staff, and community members. Evan Ziporyn, associate professor of music at MIT, is the group's founder and director. Gamelan Galak Tika has performed at such venues as Wellesley College, the Planet Gamelan Festival at Dartmouth and Boston's First Night. The 3 p.m. performance is open to the public and free of charge.

Furniture

18 artists from Maine will exhibit contemporary furniture at the Colby College Museum of from Apr. 22 through June 10. "Maine Contemporary Furniture," the title of the exhibition, explores international trends and the diversity of influences in contemporary design-Shaker, Bauhaus and Asian.

Materials range from traditional woods, such as cherry and mahogany, to steel, glass, plastic and rubber. While some of the artists believe that form follows function, others focus on materials and the structure of the furniture.

The exhibit includes a Shaker influenced chest of drawers by Chris Becksvoort; a cobalt blue glass, wood and stainless steel table by James Carpenter; and an armoire made of recycled architectural fragments and found objects by Heidi Gerquest and Greg Frangoulis.

Gregory Williams, assistant director of the museum, is curator of "Maine Contemporary Furniture." There will be an opening reception on Sun. Apr. 22, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and the public is invited. Colby museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

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Complementary Wisdom

Peer mentors help fellow students at Colby

By KATE ZIMMERMAN
STAFF WRITER

Colby's Peer Mentor program was originally designed to aid first-years with the transition into college life. The program was started last year by a student initiative for mentoring with academic support, but it offers various types of encouragement. Its theme is "Complementary Wisdom," because the peer mentors listen and offer support to their contacts.

The program is now in its second year and has 15 peer mentors who meet with one to four freshmen per week. Some upper-class students have taken advantage of the program as well.

Geraldine Roseboro, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Intercultural Affairs was appointed by former President William Cotter to supervise the Peer Mentor group. Roseboro developed the program with the aid of the book, "Becoming a Master Student," by Dave Ellis.

"This book is fantastic," said Roseboro. "It is the best one that has been written on the subject. The book has helpful hints on every subject that could be valuable to a student, from study techniques to managing money."

Through a push in on-campus advertising, the program has continued to expand over the past two years. Roseboro says, "I am hopeful that more students will take advantage of the program."

The peer mentors are chosen at the end of the academic year for the upcoming semester. "The mentors arrive early in the fall and attend a peer mentor training program while the freshmen are on COOT," said Roseboro. "There are outside consultants that come to run the workshops on lis-

tening and career choices."

She added that, "applicants have to really want to do the job because it is a big commitment. Mentors are paid for four hours a week but they usually spend eight to ten hours with their peers."

Tramaine Weekes '01 is a peer mentor and feels very positive about the program. "In helping others, you help yourself as well. It is on the principle of practicing what you preach. If I had a mentor when I was a first-year, it would have saved me a lot of time."

When asked how she would improve the program, Weekes said, "I would let more people know that it is good to have a mentor. Having a mentor is what you make of it. I have a different role in the lives of each of my four mentees, because

they have chosen the role that they want me to take. Some ask me for advice, while others just want to hang out and talk about anything and everything."

Sarah Chapple-Sokol '04 is one of Weekes' four mentees. Chapple-Sokol said, "The fact that Tramaine is not only my peer mentor but that she has become my friend has been really great. I feel comfortable with her and I know I can talk with her about anything. I know she's always there to listen to me or to give me advice."

Chapple-Sokol feels that the program is a wonderful service from the perspective of a mentee. "I think that as many people as possible should take advantage of this wonderful service. Not enough people realize that peer mentoring can be helpful to everyone, not just a select few. The peer mentoring program should definitely try to expand and get more freshman to sign up next year," she said.

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Sarah Chapple-Sokol '04
Student

Off the Hill

Temperamental Russel Crowe

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. — Meredith Moroney '02 leaned out her window in Princeton University's 1901 Hall Tuesday with her camera to catch recent Oscar Award winner Russell Crowe in action during the filming of "A Beautiful Mind." As she snapped the picture, Crowe turned around to face her, thrust his hand in the air and extended his middle finger.

Moroney said her life has been turned upside down this week, with her voice-mail box perpetually full of phone calls from newspapers around the world and news crews waiting in the courtyard below her second-story room, requesting interviews and permission to print the photo.

Schoolyard games deemed psychologically damaging

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Generations of people grew up playing dodge ball and other childhood games. However, according to a recent study, these games might cause psychological damage.

The study, led by Neil Williams, Professor of Physical Education at Eastern Connecticut State University, states that many traditional games are played with the intent to harm. These games also result in isolation between children and their peers, according to the study.

Williams compiled a "Hall of Shame" list of all games that should be removed from schools. Included in this list are dodge ball, kickball, Simon Says and Duck Duck Goose.

No Affirmative Action in Michigan Law Admissions

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Rejecting the University of Michigan's defense of its affirmative action policies, U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman struck down the Law School's use of race as a factor in admissions, declaring that student diversity is not a compelling state interest.

Friedman also refuted the arguments of student intervenors in the case, ruling further that a race conscious admissions system cannot be used to remedy past discrimination, nor "level the playing field" between minority and non-minority applicants.

Reparations for Slavery?

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — College campuses across the nation have been rocked by controversy over a paid advertisement that has appeared in their campus papers in the past two months. The ad, "10 Reasons Why Reparations For Slavery Is A Bad Idea — And Racist Too" is paid for and written by conservative columnist David Horowitz.

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Students can vote on their favorite dishes from this web page

Dining services creates interactive menu

By JON SILBERSTEIN-
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NEWS EDITOR

To cater better to students' culinary desires, Dining Services will implement an "interactive menu" in the middle of April, allowing students to choose what will be served for dinner at Dana dining hall.

The idea was suggested by Dana Production Manager Jody Pelotte and is being put into operation by Information Technology Services (ITS) in conjunction with the Dana dining services staff.

Pelotte, who works on the computer a lot to track the usage of food in Dana, thought, "on Wednesdays nights, it would be neat if we gave you guys a bunch of choices."

In its initial phase, the interactive menu will only be used once a month, "then a couple times a month and, if it works, once a week," said Pelotte.

Dana Manager Dan Roy is excited about this, "new innovative thing," and hopes it will be a success. Roy explained the process:

"Each week students will be able to select an entrée and a side dish as well as input their own comments."

Creating the web page has been a relatively easy task because it mirrors the page used for the Student Government Association election process. ITS Client/Server Technology Specialist Keith McClaughlin explained that although the complexion of the page is different from the election site, the program necessary to tally the votes is identical.

Dining Services will start with a Mexican theme to get the interactive menu going. During the week of Apr. 16, students will be able to vote, from a list of four options in each category, for a meat entrée, a vegetable entrée and a side dish. The most popular selections will constitute the menu.

The last day to vote will be Apr. 19 and the meal will be served on Apr. 25.

According to Roy, "where [the interactive menu] goes from here, we have no idea—there are no limits."



The Question Marquis

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Ask the Question Marquis

Q: Dear Question Marquis: How many times do I have to tell my roommate that just because he's stressed out, it's no excuse for his "accidentally" gnawing on my ankles? — Jeff in Seattle

A: I am not interested in your problem right now. I am outraged. Do you know that I went to try to purchase a fanner today? What kind of world has this become when a marquis cannot cheaply acquire someone to fan him as he sleeps? And yet access to an extensive collection of digitized books and journal articles costs less than the price of two pizzas a month? It is making no sense. It is like a horse with two derrières.

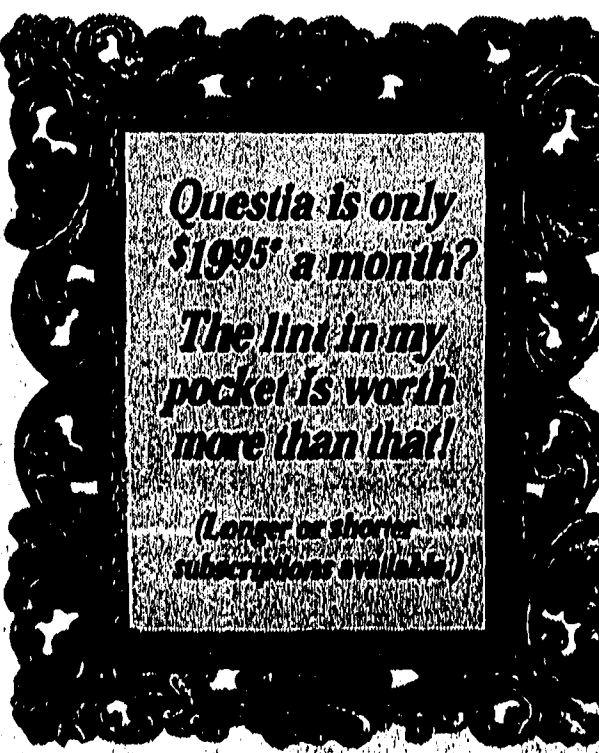
Q: Dear Question Marquis: I've got a paper due on Diderot's political influence. I figured, "The Question Marquis is from the French Enlightenment — maybe he could give me some insight." So... any scoop? — Karen in Santa Monica

A: Yes. You are fortunate you asked. Diderot was an idiot. He had the political influence of my poodle's phlegm. Do you know, he had his Ds coming before his Cs in *l'Encyclopédie* before I straightened it out for him? If there were a French Enlightenment, you can be sure that Denis Diderot knew nothing about it. So you are best behooving to pick a new topic. Once you do, go to questia.com to search for an extensive collection of scholarly books and journal articles to reference in your paper. That should make up for some of the time you wasted thinking about Diderot. Time that you can use to improve the thoughts you will put into a new paper. So Questia will not only save you *beaucoup de* time, but it will also help you to write a better paper. And of course, my loyal readers (you feisty roustabouts, you!) will know that Questia also does your footnotes and bibliographies automatically, once you have finished your paper. You can part with a few francs for that, can you not?

"Diderot was an idiot. He had the political influence of my poodle's phlegm."

Q: Dear Question Marquis: I haven't been feeling myself lately. I lash out at the people I care about, my cooking skills are slipping, and I'm often visited by the ghosts of vegetables I've eaten. I worry I might be losing my mind. — Nick in Houston

A: It is a shame that losing one's mind must inspire fear. It is really not so bad. I myself lost my mind several decades ago. I highly recommend it, in fact. The day you want to lose it, just put it under your pillow before you go to sleep, and that night, the Mind Fairy will come along and take it, leaving behind anywhere from 50 to 3,000 francs, depending on the quality of the gray matter. I got over 1,800 for mine. Yours, being an American mind, will naturally not command such a high price. But still, something is better than nothing.

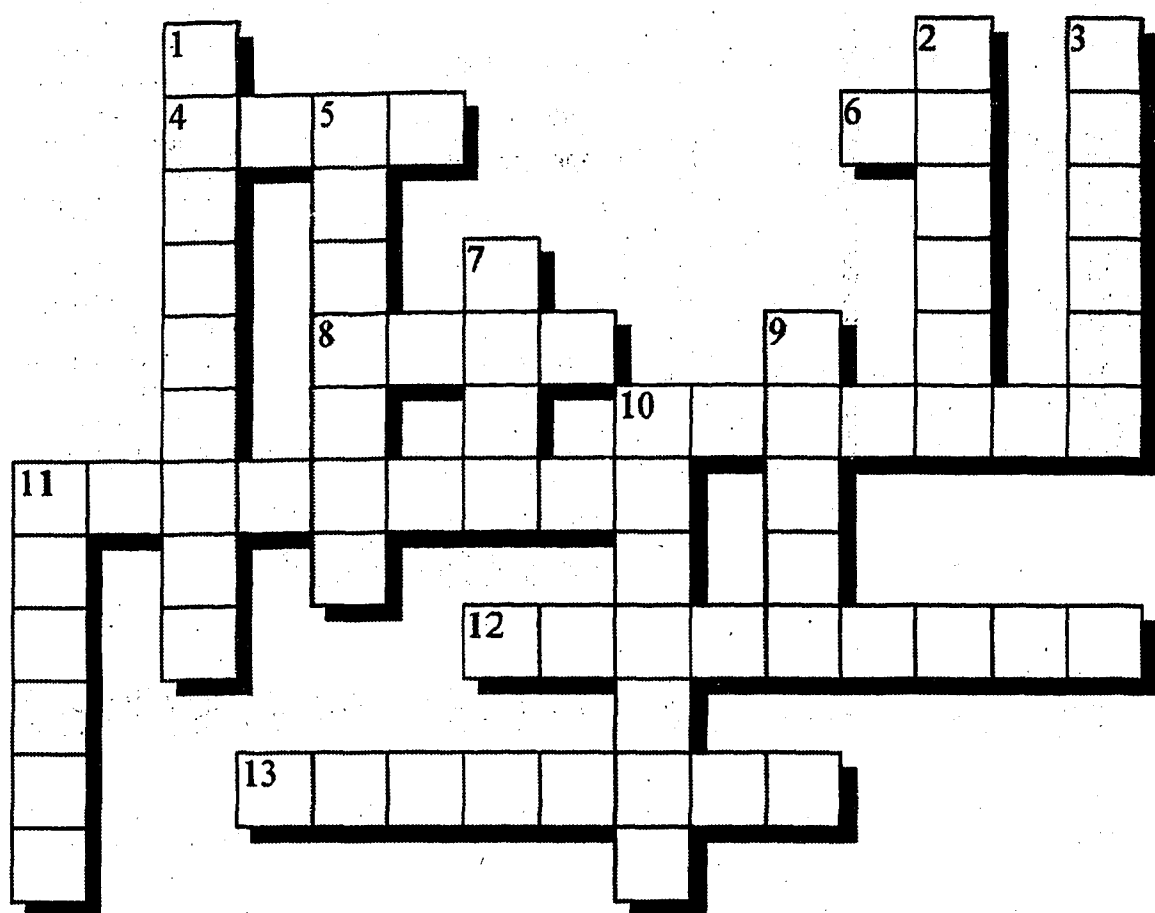


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Colby Clues

This is the second in a series of weekly crossword puzzles. The first person to bring the completed crossword down to the Echo office will receive a \$15 dollar cash prize. Be sure to sign the sheet outside the office noting when you dropped off the puzzle. All of the puzzles will be about Colby and Maine trivia. Faculty members familiar with school and state trivia compiled the questions for the crossword.



ACROSS

- 4 "retired" puckster Ron _____
 6 Musical maestro Peter _____
 8 Military "casualty" of the early 70s
 10 "Keep Colby, move _____" c. 1930s
 11 Colby colors: Royal Blue and _____ Gray
 12 Johnson Pond Regatta month
 13 Colby birthday month

DOWN

- 1 Jackson Pollack biographer
 2 Lux _____ Scientia
 3 Tape, rock and admissions "legends"
 5 Name of the famous Samuel F. Smith tune
 7 Local radio call letters
 9 1903 President forbade dancing
 10 Intense study, begun 1961
 11 Prize winning author of the "Shipping News"

High school students sample Russia at Colby

By Suzanne Skinner
BUSINESS MANAGER

On Mon., Mar. 26, Colby College hosted the ninth annual Russian Sampler, a program jointly sponsored by the Colby College Russian Program and the Waterville-Kotlas Sister City Connection. Throughout the day, local high school teachers, Colby professors, Colby students who have traveled in Russia, and exchange students from local high schools conducted presentations on Russian culture for those in attendance.

The sampler is one way Waterville maintains its sisterly connection with Kotlas, Russia. The sampler "tries to help local area people understand Russia a little better" said William Thompson '03, who talked about his travels in Russia.

"It gives the many junior high students a taste of Russian language, culture, geography, and history," said Associate Professor of Russian Sheila McCarthy.

Along with connecting the two cultures, the sampler is a good fundraiser.

"Contributions of time, money, and goods came from individual contributors, Shop-n-Save, Shaws, Colby College Department of German and Russian, and McDonald's," said McCarthy. The money raised at this event is added to the fund, which is used to "allow students from Kotlas to study in Waterville area high schools for a year," said McCarthy.

The sampler is also a good way for the Colby community to interact with the surrounding community.

"It helps bring the [Waterville] community into Colby. I gained the experience of trying to conduct a class in front of almost-teenagers with raging hormones," said

Thompson.

McCarthy believes the day is important because it gives junior high school students a chance to meet college students and is "a first-time visit for many of the junior high students" to a college campus.

When asked if he thought the sampler was successful in achieving its three goals, Thompson said, "Yes, because every year the numbers have gone up since they started doing it."

This year, 230 students from 16 different schools attended the sampler. In order to prepare for the day, many of the schools had been studying Russia at school. The

schools that had not given their students background information before the sampler plan on supplementing the day with Russian units later on in the semester.

At the sampler, the students studied a variety of subjects concerning Russia. The students listened to lectures about Russian language, history, icons, schools, fairy tales, stamp collecting, the contemporary economy, the rise and fall of Communism, the

city of Kotlas, and Russia on the Internet. Students did not listen to lectures all day; they also had an opportunity for some hands on experience. Students helped prepare traditional Russian soup and cookies. Classes on traditional Russian folk crafts were also offered.

Those who organized the sampler hope students will go back to their schools and share what they learned with their classmates. Colby students and faculty will be visiting some of the schools to help share the information.

"It is important for colleges like Colby to keep academic contact with local schools in order to enrich the arts and social studies curriculum with special programs and visits to the schools," said McCarthy.

"It was fun and I think the kids learned a lot," concluded Thompson.

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Editorials

End hiring freeze

The Echo realizes that terminating the hiring freeze is no easy proposition. With that said, doing so remains the most important step the College can take to improve its academic standing and indeed to raise the quality of and make more dynamic the educational opportunities available to Colby students. By increasing the number of professors on campus, the administration stands to lower the student-to-faculty ratio and to expand the course offerings available to students each semester.

Nearly every College department could be improved and diversified with the addition of a new position. While adding a position to each department, in the short run, would be near impossible, such steps as creating a position for an archaeology professor and expanding the over-crowded Italian department are pressing and desperately needed.

The Echo acknowledges that lack of space in academic buildings prohibits the addition of new faculty members to the College and that finding adequate space for existing faculty is already a taxing job for Dean of the Faculty Ed Yeterian. The long-term solution to the issue of space constraint is one that the Strategic Planning Committee has already considered: renovating the dilapidated and cramped Johnson and Averill dorms and restoring them as academic space. The short-term solution is to ensure, with what limited space is available to the College, that those positions that are most heavily demanded, such as the aforementioned two, become available as soon as is humanly possible.

The Echo further realizes the limitations of an endowment that, while impressive, does not rival that of other New England Small College Athletic Conference schools such as Williams and Amherst, those with some of the lowest student-to-faculty ratios, places on the College's ability to create new faculty positions. Colby spends approximately 45 percent of its annual budget on faculty and staff salaries. Prioritizing the lowering of the student-to-faculty ratio and pursuing qualified applicants with renewed vigor are the keys to improving Colby's academic reputation; in such, the College must begin once again to hire new professors and to create new positions.

While other matters such as the erection of a new performing arts center and improving College athletic facilities demand serious consideration, none are as pressing as bringing to a close this terrible freeze on hiring faculty. We are, after all, above all else, an academic institution, let us move to continue to strive for academic excellence today, tomorrow, and forever. Lux Mentis Scientia.

Student center must be rearranged

The strategic planning committee must immediately create a comfortable space where students can hangout, converse, and interact. There are very few places on campus for students to gather and recent modifications to the dormitories and have been very impersonal, driving students further into their rooms.

Cotter Union is not a viable space for students to gather and rendezvous. Save the occasional student center dance or performance, Cotter Union, commonly referred to as the "student center," is curiously absent of students. Many students do not frequent Cotter Union because the space is uncomfortable, poorly arranged and not conducive to interaction.

The Student Center should be a more integral part of student life on this campus where students can gather to study, catch up with friends, and relax. By converting some of the existing space into study rooms, Cotter Union could be used for 24-hour study as an alternative to the Street. Other spaces could become lounges with big-screen TVs, where students could gather to watch sporting events or movies. Middlebury's student center has a TV theater with surround sound, a convenience store and Internet café.

In Cotter Union, space near the Spa could be made a convenience store again and the Fishbowl could be converted into an Internet café by adding a couple more computers, a printer, some tables and chairs, and a little ambience. Perhaps WMHB and the Echo could be moved to Cotter Union for greater exposure and to foster more student involvement.

If behooves decision-makers in the strategic planning process to coalesce Colby's different facets and resources in a central location such as Cotter Union. Only by making Cotter Union the campus epicenter, will more students frequent the space.

Improving Cotter Union by making it a academic oriented but popular place among students to hangout, will foster a sense of social life distinct from drinking behind closed doors and couple social life with academics. Different facets of the student corpus will interact in this new atmosphere helping to create a greater sense of diversity by providing a place for students to meet after events like the Diversity Conference.

The administration should not waste time digging for techniques to unite students' social life with their academic affairs but must instead create a physical space for this amalgamation to take place.

Campaign Reform

Before beginning, we would like to make it clear that as of this moment we are not aware of what the results of the presidential run-offs will be. This is in response to the manner in which members of our community have behaved during this election process. We think that it would be an incredible shame if everyone did not know about that which those who were more closely related to this election saw happen. I speak in particular about Zahra and Mary Kathryn's

campaign, which had to deal with posters being removed deliberately and repeatedly, as well as misleading rumors being spread about them as individuals. This is not even inclusive of the incident in which a sheet that they had put up was stolen and re-displayed on GoHo a week later (during the run-offs) with degraded language written on it. I won't even mention all of the other illegal actions that have gone on, but I will say that I am disappointed and disgusted by those that are responsible for these acts. If someone had a genuine complaint, surely there

were better ways available to address it than indulging in destructive and immature behavior. And to those that justify such actions because they seem "normal" in politics, I ask you this: since when did being an active member of a college community imply that you could be disrespected for it? I truly hope that in the future the Election Commission will ensure that if a candidate's campaign is being targeted, then everyone will have to pay by removing their posters.

Kristin Elder '02

Letters

SINCE WHEN DID BEING AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF A COLLEGE COMMUNITY IMPLY THAT YOU COULD BE DISRESPECTED FOR IT?

Opinions

Colby's white supremacy



Devils quoting scripture

Jeffrey Calareso

It would seem logical to think that I, as a white person, am not a racist or a white supremacist or any of those things for a few simple reasons. First, my ancestors, to my knowledge, never owned slaves. Second, I do not, nor does any member of my family, belong to the Ku Klux Klan, or to any other racist organization. Third, how can I, when I'm not a Republican and am left of the Democrats, be racist?

Yet there are those who would say that simply my being at Colby proves my racism. Why is this? It goes beyond any white privilege discussion. This is more about how institutional racism functions at this school.

Colby has its scattered heroes of anti-racism. Elijah Lovejoy is the most prominent, being an abolitionist martyr to the free press, who died at the hands of a pro-slavery mob. But since the great strides of the civil rights movement of the 1960s, racism has

gone underground in America and at Colby. It still oppresses, but in more subtle, perhaps more damaging, ways.

There are numerous concrete examples of this. Two very human ones will be at Colby this Sunday to not just share their experiences, but work towards meaningful solutions to the recurrent problems that drove them away from Colby.

The first is former Colby student Mayra Diaz. Ms. Diaz was a student here just a few years ago and was involved in a severely mishandled racial harassment case that seems to be Colby's norm in light of the Olivia Achtmeyer situation this year.

If you want the full story, go to the SOAR web page. Ms. Diaz is a survivor of the Colby system

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wherein the preservation of the white supremacist hegemony has been the accepted way of life for too long. Like many students of color here, she consistently ran into walls put up by the administration when all she sought was equal treatment.

She will lead a discussion at 2 p.m. in the Pugh Center titled "We

Have Not Forgotten: Concerned students, faculty, and alumni revisit the Task Force on Institutional Racism and the 1999 Sit-in." The 1999 Sit-in was in fact a direct

result of the harrowing experience Colby put Ms. Diaz through while she was an undergraduate.

The second visitor at Colby this Sunday is former professor Sandy Grande. If you want to understand institutional racism at Colby, read the letter she wrote to President Adams. It is available on the SOAR web page and in it she lucidly explains not simply her reason for needing to leave this school, but also how Colby continues to be an oppressive and racist institution. At 7:30 p.m. in the Pugh Center, she will lead a discussion titled "Countering Systems of Oppression on College Campuses."

All this talk of understanding racism at Colby will be prefaced by a SOAR discussion tonight, Thursday, in the Philson lounge at 9 p.m.

During my first years at Colby I didn't understand how I could be a racist. I went along with the complacent white community in believing my inaction was acceptable. It was primarily through understanding this history of institutional racism at Colby that I came to terms with the role I play in our white supremacist school.

The racism that is most damaging today is not the overt forms of the past, like slavery and Jim Crow. It is the racism that is denied and disbelieved. It is the inaction of white people in the position of

dominance that propagates racism. W.E.B. DuBois said the problem of the 20th century would be the

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problem of the color line. Here, now, it is the 21st century and by refusing to face the color line, it only worsens. It is not the responsibility of students of color to deal with racism. It is

the responsibility of every white student at Colby. Every white student who chooses to ignore this problem is complicit in Colby's dangerous white supremacy that on the surface seems only to threaten students of color, for they are the first to suffer, but ultimately holds the power to cripple us all. Each student of color who transfers, each professor who resigns, hurts the Colby community as a whole. The first step towards a solution is beginning to understand the problem.

For more information: www.colby.edu/soar

Jeff Calareso is a weekly columnist for the Echo.

The Zen of Jan-plan...and you thought it was just about drinking

Senoiritis

Zack Kahn

"Zen can come in many forms. Even sex is like Zen, only you get to sleep alone in your own bed."

-Lao Bat Bleu 17th century Chinese philosopher

Picture this: your level of responsibility is virtually nil, you have tons of free time to watch movies, sleep, play outside, watch television, play video games, sleep, party, sleep, etc., etc. Sounds like summer vacation from junior high school before you were old enough

to work in Dunkin' Donuts. Instead I am describing a state of being known in a remote corner of the middle of

Maine as Jan-plan. While many of our compatriots are off gallivanting around the globe, lying in the sun, having food cooked by their mothers and working for law firms in New York, the young'ns, (a.k.a. "first years"), us winter athletes, the future ski bums, and, of course, those random kids who are here to take a

class and learn at every opportunity they get, are on campus, braving the dark and depressive month in

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search of a deeper meaning to life: the Zen of Jan-plan.

All of these people somehow fill their days and nights buried deep in the snow and cold of January at Colby. The

freshmen bond with each other, drink heavily, practice dormcest,

watch movies, and sleep. The winter athletes go to practice, drink heavily, practice teamcest, watch movies, and sleep. The future ski bums practice for their future lives by skiing all the time, drinking heavily, practicing dormcest, watching movies, and sleeping. The random upperclassmen go to class (maybe), go skiing, drink heavily, study, watch movies and sleep. Now what in all of this you ask has anything to do with Zen? Ah-chah, ah-chah!

Zen can mean many things to many people but Webster's Dictionary says that Zen is "religious meditation; a Japanese sect of Mahayana Buddhism that aims at enlightenment by direct intuition through meditation." This fits January at Colby perfectly.

Through the processes described above one can strive to reach that state of enlightenment. A state of mind in Jan-plan could be described very much like meditation. While the sun rises and sets and day becomes night becomes day again during Jan-plan, to the well-practiced Jan-planner's mind it is all like one long day of meditation. The entire month takes on a dreamlike state. One action combines into other actions, one might as well have their legs crossed and eyes closed and be chanting.

My particular Zen of Jan-plan involved way too much Mariokart, lots of snow and somehow never enough sleep, despite a grand attempt. Through this process enlightenment may not have been achieved, but it is the attempt that

is the Zen.

And now spring is on its way. The snowy paths are giant puddles, I have to go to class again and finally it is the second semester of my senior year. Reflection becomes unavoidable, everyone asks what you are doing next year, and seniors become desperate.

So, as the Zen of Jan-plan fades completely and we embark upon the second half of the second semester of the rest of our lives I have no advice, no comment, and no sympathy. Kids, the gloves are off. Watch yourselves, enjoy life and as a great man, woman, or Vulcan once said: "Only Nixon could go to China."

Students on the Street

"Wishing we were on a nude beach in Mexico with Bro."

- Gretchen Black '04 & Sarah Getchell '04

"Skiing in the Alps with hot swiss girls, in tight, little, white shirts."

- Piri Kuloughlin '04

"Gettin' naked in Cali."

- Guito Joseph '03

"Bucked naked in the nude in my backyard."

- Coy Dailey '01

Rethinking our priorities

By NICK CHANDLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In our culture, we have some obsessive, unnecessary practices that we constantly fail to realize. Recently I've seen some TV commercials where pets are ludicrously pampered by their owners in the span of 30 seconds. When I think about it, I know dogs that eat grocery-store beef two meals a day. This worries and frightens me, and it should worry and frighten you, too.

American people have a tendency to see injustice on a large scale, but fail at seeing how their personal consumption perpetuates this injustice. To put this in perspective: people are starving and our dogs are eating Grade A beef! I'm NOT saying that we should ship all of the beef that American dogs would have eaten in the month of March to starving children. The important lesson here has to do with our desensitization regarding the needs of other human beings, especially those living outside of the United States.

What do you think about when you feed your dog? How about when your dog wears a sweater? Everyone knows his or her dog doesn't need a sweater, and everyone knows that there are people freezing on the streets. Let's not go giving our dogs' sweaters away, but it's honestly pretty absurd, if you think about it, that we treat our pets the way we do.

I understand that dogs and cats will continue to be treated like humans in our society, but maybe we can learn some compassion from this whole scenario. Human beings, in practically every geographical location, are starving and dying every day. You've heard that a million times, but have you thought about it? Have you thought that the beef a dog ate on a given day could have kept many people alive? Now I'm not saying that humans are necessarily of more worth than other animals, but certainly we can't say that our pets are more valuable than certain human beings, just because

they are our pets.

On the same line of reasoning, we certainly can't claim that we have a "right" to wear sweatshop clothing because we are of more worth than the six-year-olds that make it. A friend of mine reminded me of the fact that the United States grows thousands of tons of wheat each year, just to feed to the cows that we will eat later, and none of that wheat is considered for any other use. We even pay American farmers NOT to produce food in some circumstances, instead of just giving away (heaven forbid!) the extra. Just a few years ago there were serious famines going on in Africa, and still we fed all of that wheat to cows.

While it is easier to blame evil and unjust acts on anyone but ourselves, we need to take responsibility for something before we are so desensitized that those sweatshop laborers and starving people really become just mere statistics, with no human characteristics. Can we honestly walk right by them on the street, without even putting a dollar in their worn paper cups? Can we forget they exist? Can we blame their plight on anyone but ourselves? I think that we can, and that fact alone is rather horrific.

To conclude, let me say that the idea of selfishness being a part of human nature is ridiculous. Obviously, selfishness is brought on by social conditioning, and unselfish people are not deviating from what is natural. It is easy to be an unselfish person in theory. It is easy to think in an unselfish way. It is another thing entirely to act selflessly. It requires sacrifice, there is often no reward, and sometimes it even requires deviation from the norm.

Still, there is necessary merit to the utilitarian view of society. We must not think that there has to be a specific, selfish motivation behind all charitable and good acts. As long as we are convinced of this, we cannot make real progress as a nation. We cannot even see that progress is necessary. As Goethe said, "None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free." Think about it.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT THAT THE BEEF A DOG ATE ON A GIVEN DAY COULD HAVE KEPT MANY PEOPLE ALIVE?



Colby, it's great to be back



Ward's Words
Geoff Ward

Welcome back everyone to beautiful central Maine! Quick note to Mother Nature, it's April, the snow should all be gone by now. I honestly can't believe that the snow is still here. I went to Florida for spring break and I assumed that when I returned all of the snow would be melted. But when I arrived back in Boston, I could instantly see my breath, and there was a light snow falling. I almost turned around right there and went back to the South.

But, nevertheless, it is nice to be back at school and into the swing of things here again. Sure, Florida was fun, but just this week I've had a couple of finals, work to pass in, and probably more fun than I should ever try to pack into one week. The enjoyment of my week back at school has been heightened by the fact that, as conscientious a student as I am, I

neglected doing much work over spring break. Actually, even though some of my professors might be reading this, I might as well be honest and say that I did absolutely no work over spring break. It was just too sunny, and there were too many other much more enjoyable things that I found to do with my time. (Note to my professors: the last statement in no way implies that my course work is not fun, and every bit as enjoyable as sitting on a sunny beach. Really, I swear.)

Thanks to my malicious neglect of my school-work over spring break, I am now in the middle of Sleep Deprivation Week. I did not get as much sleep as I should have over break, and since I've been back at Colby, my enormously entertaining work load has kept me up long past my bedtime. But I

do not despair. Instead, these late nights have offered me many new education opportunities. I have been able to test my personal tolerance for caffeine and even learned effective methods for keeping myself awake, such as using tooth-

picks to prop open my eyelids, or slapping myself repeatedly in the face.

I'll admit that I had a great time on my spring break, but now that I'm back at Colby, I can really appreciate all of the fun I was missing here. Florida was a nice place, but I wouldn't want to live there. I mean, who could handle all that sun and all that warm weather year round. Being constantly tan and being able to always walk around in shorts and a T-shirt wouldn't be any fun. Look around yourself right now. People are probably wearing pants and long-sleeve shirts; they've also probably got a parka with them, or a huge down jacket. And unless they went somewhere warm for spring break, people are probably looking a little pale and they've got bags under their eyes. Now if that's not fun, that I don't think I know what is.

Now take a look outside your window (that is if you can see out your window and it's not completely covered with snow like mine is). You'll see our snow-covered campus, leafless trees, and a gray sky. Well I'm not afraid to say that I'd take a gray sky any day over the so-

called "beautiful" cloudless blue sky I saw in Florida.

We as Northeasterners need to take a stand against the socially constructed definition of what is beautiful weather and what isn't. Snowstorms can be beautiful weather. Nor'easters can be beautiful too. We've got to stop letting society tell us that the only beautiful weather is clear blue skies with the sun beating down and temperatures above 70 degrees.

Maine in March is just as beautiful if not more so than Florida in March. In fact, I'm ashamed that I left for spring break. I can't believe I was so naïve as to believe I could find more beautiful weather somewhere else. All the beautiful weather I've ever needed was right here waiting for me. I'm going to take a stand next year, and I hope all of you will join me, in boycotting spring break vacations.

We should instead stay here and experience the beauty that is Maine.

Geoff Ward is the Echo Opinions Editor.


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Guitarist in Coffeehouse this Weekend:

Political folk singer to rock Coffeehouse

By ERIC EICHLER
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There will be two shows in the Mary Low Coffeehouse this weekend. The first one, on Thursday evening, will feature a folk singer-songwriter performing songs of social protest. The second, on Friday evening, will feature an up-and-coming blues singer and guitarist.

Today, at 8 p.m., David Rovics, the politically-charged folksinger, will be performing. Rovics is a folksinger of the rabble-rousing variety. He has become something of a fixture in the American protest scene, performing at demonstrations throughout the country, including the Apr. 16 protest against the IMF/World Bank, demonstrations at the School of the Americas, and many others. He has shared the stage with the likes of Pete Seeger, Michael Moore, Billy Bragg, Howard Zinn, John McCutcheon, Ralph Nader, Eric Drooker and Fred Small. Rovic sings original songs about the various struggles of the day, combining accomplished bluegrass-style flat-picking with incisive lyrics.

Rovic also sings many songs of other activist-oriented contemporary songwriters such as Jim Page, and those of a variety of 20th-century songwriters such as Joe Hill, Woody Guthrie, and Phil Ochs. Rovic's music focuses specifically on the ideas behind 20th-century social movements such as the radical labor movement of the early 20th century and student and anti-war movements of the 1960's.

"Sing Out!" magazine reports: "For political commentary in the tradition of Holly Near, Phil Ochs or Charlie King, you should check out Rovics, who has his fist on the pulse of intervention through music."

Rovic has won accolades from college professors as well. Professor Terry Flynn of Western Connecticut State University reports: "David



David Rovics the well-traveled folkster is set to jam in the Marylow Coffeehouse

Rovics has performed for a number of my classes at Western Connecticut State University... Each time he has

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always singing around me coming up. She is a deeply spiritual woman and her songs are a direct link to her soul. It is from her that I learned the ways that a voice can move you."

Marigna also opened Mason's ears to the Blues. "As little ones we are pretty much open to whatever comes our way. I was just blessed to be familiar with Black spirituals when I began to explore the roots of rock and roll on the radio and my brother's hi-fi. It gave me a foundation of understanding to work from and something to hold onto." And hold on he did.

From the moment his brother played his first Led Zeppelin record for him, Mason was launched on a journey to find the source of those sounds. "I mean, it was just like a blue flash when Stephen played those songs for me the first time. There was suddenly a link between the '80s pop my friends were into and the comforting spirituals I heard at home. It wasn't long before I was deep into the blues of Robert Johnson, John Hurt, Bill Broonzy, and Taj Mahal, and deep into making music myself."

Mike Reilly '03 has heard John-Alex Mason and reports, "It seems to me that JAM (we've been introduced) is a master of strict cohesion and appropriate incongruity. The music makes me want to get in and out of bed until my heart rate goes up. I brought the stereo into the bathroom this morning to listen to John-Alex while I brushed my teeth." You can listen to John-Alex at www.nakedjay-birdmusic.com.

You won't want to miss this blues performer, a true rarity. He's got a wonderful voice: something like a cross between a babbling brook and a lion's roar. It's totally unexpected to hear a deep, resonant voice like his coming out of such a young face. And his guitar-playing is rhythmic and well-carried-out: he switches from flat-picking to traditional

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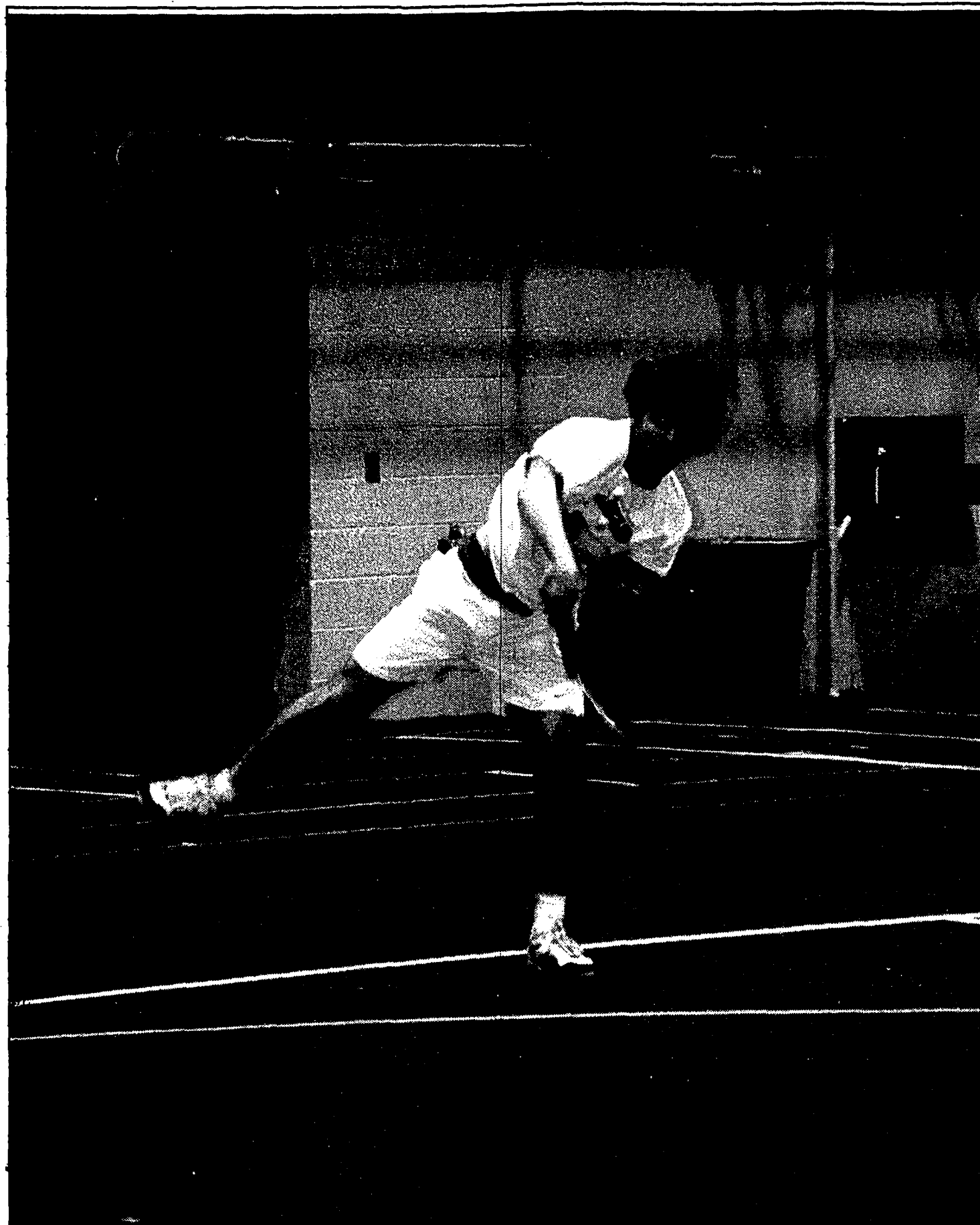
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Tennis teams prepare for conference rivals



Clinton Morse '04 practices serving indoors due to the snow. The men's tennis team hopes to build on a successful Spring break and have a winning season.

By JONATHAN ECK
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's tennis teams breezed through most of their competition while on their South Carolina training trip. Both the women and the men concluded the week with training trip records of 3-1.

In between games of ultimate Frisbee and relaxing in the hot tub, the women found time to defeat teams from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater 6-0, Snead State 8-1, and Carnegie Mellon 7-2. Their only loss came against Middlebury 1-8.

The men were victorious against Greenville 8-1, Carnegie Mellon 4-3, and Connecticut College. They also fell victim to the Middlebury Panthers.

Said sophomore phenom, Rich Cook '03, "We had a tough start in South Carolina. Middlebury nibbled a 7-0 win in our first match, but we rebounded with two tough wins over Greenville and Carnegie Mellon. Finally, we flew back and faced NESCAC opponent Conn College. We gave them a woop'n."

While most of the women struggled against Middlebury, the team had a high point.

"The most impressive match of the week was Sabina Warren's victory against Middlebury. She played really tough and managed to pull it out," said co-captain Brit Palmedo '03. Playing at number three singles, Warren won an exhausting four-and-a-half hour match 7-6, 8-6, 4-6, 7-5.

The Colby women played hard all week long and managed to remain focused even against less skilled teams. If the team can continue to work on consistency and footwork, their winning ways should continue.

Co-captain Owen Patrick '01, Rick Harbison '03, John McManigal '03, and Chad Weiss '02 all stood out for the Mules.

"Rick had a really good week playing at the five and six singles, McManigal and Chad Weiss had solid wins against Carnegie, and Clint Morris, who had pneumonia over spring break,

came back to join the team for the match against Conn College and he absolutely destroyed his kid in singles," said Patrick.

Patrick was also impressed by Cook's ability to play through injury.

"Cook has been battling tendonitis, but he toughed it out and came up big," said Patrick.

The men struggled against the same competition that the women found the most difficult.

"The whole team came out flat against Middlebury. We are a much better team than that score shows. It was our first match [in South Carolina] and I guess we weren't as ready to compete as we thought we were. But we'll see them again at NESCACs," said Patrick.

The men and women were scheduled to face DePauw University on Thursday, but rainfall forced a cancellation. The team had been looking forward to competing in what would have been a day of tight matches. DePauw has a respected program and matches against their players would have been good practice for the road ahead.

The Mules are content with their current standings.

"We're pleased with where we're lining up in the NESCAC right now. We should be looking at a sixth seed heading into the NESCAC tournament, which would be really nice."

The team will spend next week trying to return to good health. Next week's schedule should allow head coach Julie Wienski some flexibility in her lineup and hopefully the team will have time to recuperate before facing Bates and Bowdoin.

The Mules found time for some conditioning in between flights on their way back from training trip. Behind schedule in Atlanta, the team found themselves sprinting through the terminals. Hopefully that will give them the

edge they are looking for in the tight matches. The men face the University of Southern Maine today and Bates on Saturday. The women played Bowdoin yesterday.

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Rich Cook '03
Men's tennis

"We're pleased with where we're lining up in the NESCAC right now."

Owen Patrick '01
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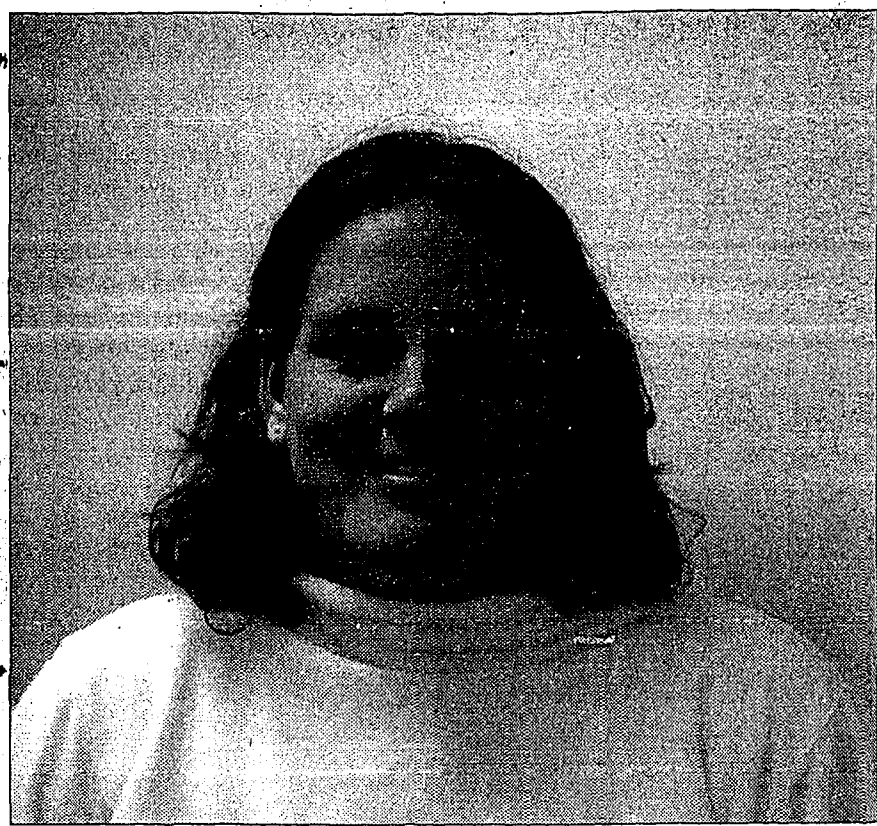
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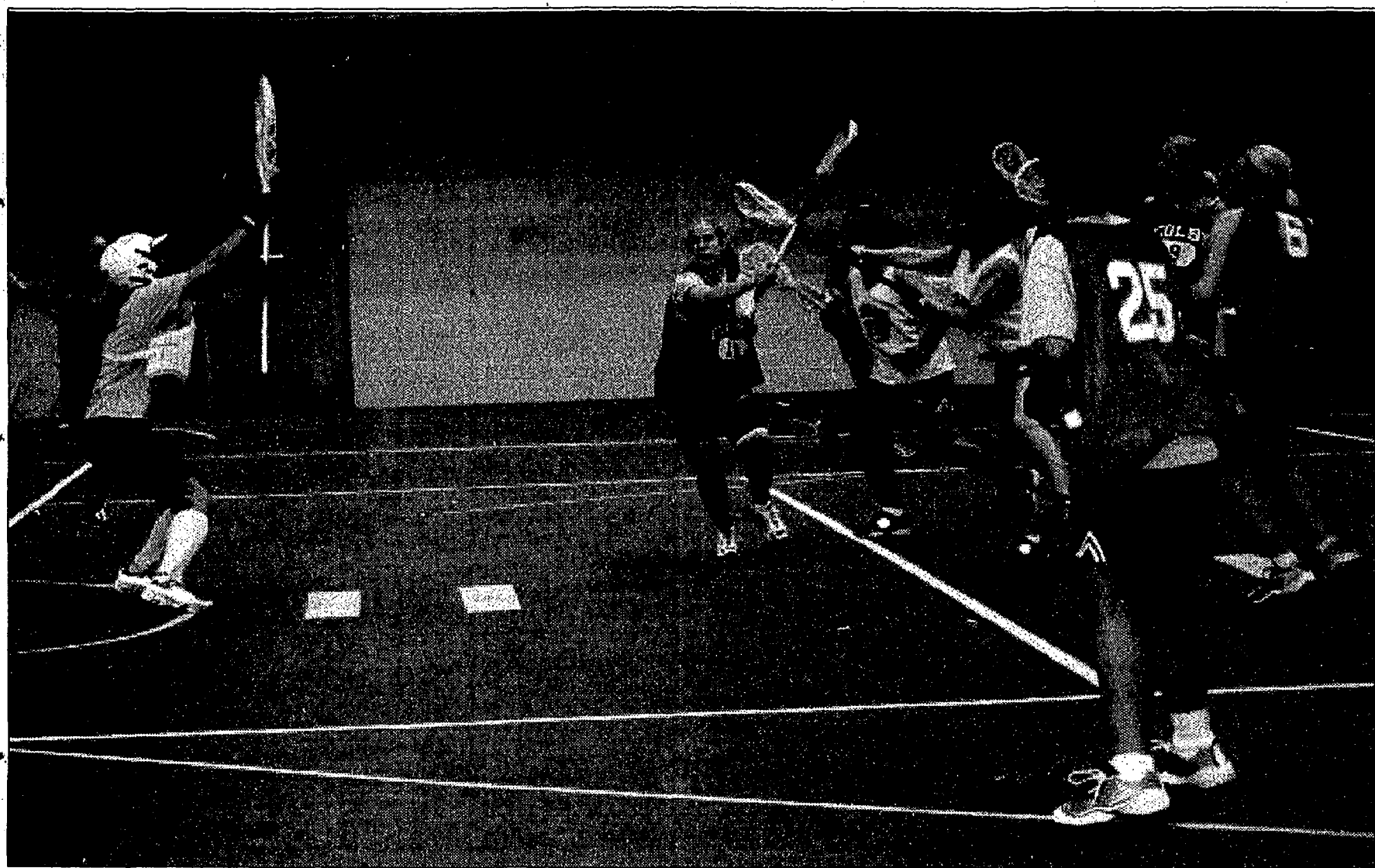
DEVASTATOR OF THE WEEK

Connie Beal '03

While competing in San Diego, Beal was a provisional qualifier for NCAA championships in the hammer throw, the shot put, and the discus. Her national qualifying throw for the discus was a new Colby record.

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Women's lacrosse ready for warm weather



KELLY MARTIN / COLBY ECHO

Women's lacrosse scrimmages in the field house. The team is anxious to start outdoor play.

By JONATHAN ECK
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's lacrosse team returns to the field after a highly successful 2000 campaign. Last year's team finished the season with a 11-6 record, a 20th place national ranking in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association/BRINE poll, and a trip to the Eastern College Athletic Conference finals. Unfortunately, that team featured three players who have since graduated. Among the graduates was Nicki Furek '00, an All American, North/South Senior All-Star, and Colby recordholder in several categories.

Despite the tough loss, the Mules return with an excellent group of returnees and several first years who

will be counted on to make contributions. The squad is led by captains Valerie Cooper '01, Katherine Lee '01, and Angela Pappas '01. Coach Heidi Godomsky has been pleased with the leadership that they have demonstrated.

"The captains have been excellent leaders both on and off the field. They have done a great job of keeping everyone focused," said Godomsky.

Snow has frustrated the team during the beginning of the season and forced many of the games to be moved to Bates College and their artificial turf field. Godomsky and her players have also relocated practices to the field

house.

As if the snow has not been frustrating enough, the women's lacrosse team has faced some of its toughest competition in the opening weeks of the season. Games against Middlebury, Williams, and Amherst have been significant challenges for the team. The three teams rank first, third, and fifth in the nation, respectively.

The opening games have been frustrating for the Mules. Over spring break, the team fell to Williams 6-15 and lost to Amherst by a score of 3-14, bringing their record

to 0-3. However, the competition has been stiff and the team has not been able to develop properly because of being forced to practice inside.

"We're definitely at a disadvantage, but we're trying to stay positive and excited about our upcoming games," said Godomsky.

Godomsky has been especially pleased with the play of Anna Schierberl Scherr '03. The Mule goalie had 22 saves against Middlebury, 21 against Amherst, and 11 in one half of play against Williams. Lauren Gremelspacher '03 leads the team in scoring with four goals. Several of her teammates are right behind with two or three goals.

The Lady Mules faced Bates on Wednesday and will face Trinity on Saturday in Lewiston.

"The captains have been excellent leaders both on and off the field."

Heidi Godomsky
Lacrosse head coach

Men's lacrosse opens season in Florida

By MICHAEL SHEA
STAFF WRITER

The men's lacrosse team opens up this season just looking for a playing surface. They have already had three games postponed because of the continuing snow here at Colby. The Mules have played three games so far, two of which were played under the sun in New Port Ritchey, Florida, where the team traveled last week during spring break.

David Zazzaro, entering his ninth season as Colby lacrosse's head coach, is optimistic about the team's performance to date and its chances this season. Zazzaro is Colby's winningest head coach with an overall record of 67 wins and 43 losses. This year's captains are seniors Bill Getty '01 and Matt Cohen '01.

The team opened up its season playing at Middlebury against the defending national champions. The Panthers came out too strong for the Mules, scoring four goals in the first 3:36 of the game. They continued to dominate the scoring and finished the game defeating Colby 19-6. Baron Butler '03 led Colby with two goals and an assist, Blake Grosch '02 also scored two goals and Chris Larson '02 added a goal and two assists.

Colby's second opponent was the College of Wooster, Ohio, and the game was played in New Port Ritchey.

"The team came out hitting on all cylinders," said Zazzaro.

Colby opened the game by dominating the first half play, going into halftime with an 8-0 lead. The Mules fought their way to a 17-7 win to break even at 1-1 on the season.

Union College was a much tougher opponent for Colby. The

team dug itself into a hole in the first half, down 11-2 going into the third quarter. The Mules truly showed heart in the second half, outscoring Union 12-6. However, the late push wasn't enough to make up the deficit, and the team lost 17-14 in a hard-fought game.

Zazzaro felt that the trip to Florida was extremely productive because the great weather that allowed the team to get in a number of practices and play two games.

Over the course of the week, the team really began to come together and gelled, while the players also grew individually. Zazzaro and his staff will be stressing that the team "put together four quarters of good lacrosse."

To date, the team has seen contributions from all players. The loss of starting goaltender John Shea '01 out with a herniated disc, was devastating for the team. However, Ben Park '02 and Matt Lapaglia '04 have both stepped up in the net. Captains Getty and Cohen, along with Jemison Foster '01 and Jon Lay '01, have all provided leadership to the young team. Butler has been extremely productive and is currently Colby's leading scorer.

The team's most important games start now as April brings a number of NESCAC games. This weekend, the team will make a road trip playing Trinity and Amherst. The Mules will also look to compete well in the cherished rivalry of the CBB. While all the games are significant, the team to beat this season in the NESCAC is last year's national champion, the Middlebury Panthers.

"The team is anxiously awaiting the first NESCAC tournament," said Zazzaro.

TRACK: team fights shin splints

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looks bright for the Mules.

"We had an amazing meet out there," said Laverde. "It was good being outdoors and seeing how things would go."

Although they did not do as well as the women, the men had a positive experience in San Diego as well. The Mules managed to overcome injuries to have a respectable meet and emerge looking towards the season with realistic optimism.

"We had a lot of shin problems throughout the week, but everyone gritted it out," said one of the squad's four captains Jared Beers '01. "Everybody ran well."

"Everybody had a great week of training and is pretty psyched up waiting for the season," said captain Lee Rankin '03.

One of the highlights of the meet was freshman Nat Brown's performance. Brown won the unseeded 5,000 race with a time of 15:29. He placed

fourth in the steeplechase with a time of 9:54. This feat is especially impressive as it was the first steeplechase he had ever run.

"Nat Brown emerged from that meet as the athlete of the week," said head coach James Wescott. Matt Riportella-Croce '03 also performed well. He triple jumped 41-1 1/4, which is a lifetime personal record for him.

As a whole, the Mules came together in San Diego and now feel prepared for the season.

"It's nice to see some schools we don't see on a regular basis," said Wescott.

Facing a variety of schools prepares the runners to face versatile opponents, thus making them stronger during the regular season. The Mules, however, are realistic when assessing their chances in the upcoming meets.

"We'll do well in places where we actually match up, but our lack of depth is going to hurt us in the end," said Beers.



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Baseball season opens with mixed results

By PATRICK J. BERNAL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

At 5-5, the Colby baseball team is not satisfied—dissatisfied not with their record, but with the knowledge of what might have been.

"We're two or three hits away from being 7-3, or even 8-2," said tri-captain Bill Goldman '01.

The team traveled to Fort Myers, Florida where it took on a host of Division III teams finishing with a 5-2 record, before traveling to Norwich, Connecticut last weekend to play the Trinity Bantams for a triple-header, which saw the Mules lose three hard-fought games.

In Florida, Colby lost its first game to Rowan 5-6. The Mules built a 5-2 lead before Rowan mounted a comeback beginning in the fifth inning. Despite the loss, Kevin Presbrey '03 pitched six full innings, stuck out seven, and gave up only eight hits to a strong Rowan team that had gone 8-2 prior to the match-up.

"We played defensively spot free baseball," said Presbrey. "I managed to keep the ball down and my off-speed pitch was on," he said.

Colby's next two outings saw the Mules put up 30 runs, cruising past Lawrence 15-2 and Hartwick 15-10 in one action-packed day.

In the first game, the Mules racked up 17 hits, scoring six runs in both the third and sixth innings. Kevin Brunelle '03 blasted a three-run home run to open up scoring for the Mules. Lucas Cummings '03 went 3-4 at the plate with two RBIs.

In the next game of the day, Hartwick opened up the scoring, knocking in six runs in the first inning. Colby was quick to respond, blasting in 15 runs in the first three innings. Tri-captain Andy Tripp '01 hit two doubles and Goldman racked up three RBIs.

The next game of the Florida trip saw the Mules pitted against New England Small College Athletic Conference rivals the Middlebury Panthers.

The Panthers opened up a 5-0 lead after one inning, but Colby tied the game with five runs of their own in the second. Middlebury reclaimed the lead, 6-5, in the sixth. But in the seventh inning it was the Colby seniors who trum-

"We're playing well as a team and so far have only beaten ourselves. Everyone has been contributing. We control our own destinies"

Bill Goldman '01

Tri-Captain

peted the Mules to victory. Tri-captain Lou DiStasi '01, Tripp, and Jon Lord '02 all got on base before Goldman smashed in the game-winning hit, a double through the gap.

"That was the most fun game of the season so far," said Goldman.

"It was a great team performance. I was particularly proud of our captains," said head coach Tom Dexter.

Their strong play continued as the Mules blanked Upper Iowa

College 4-0, a team Dexter called "a Mid-western powerhouse." Matt

Gibson '03 allowed only five hits and struck out four in six innings. With the win Colby improved to 4-1.

The Mules then lost to Union College 7-10. Colby opened up a 4-0 lead, but gave up eight runs in the second through fourth innings.

The Mules ended spring break beating Waterville rivals Thomas College 11-5 before arriving in Connecticut for their series against Trinity.

Against cross town rivals, Thomas, catcher Eric Roy '04 led the way for the Mules smashing home a single, a double, and 3 RBIs, going 2-3 on the day.

After losing the first game of the series to Trinity 2-7, Colby endured back to back heartbreakers, losing 4/4-5/5. Trinity sophomore Jayme

Dorr drove home game winning runs in both of the afternoon's games, giving the Bantams two come-from-behind victories.

The three wins against Colby extended the Bantams' streak to 10 in a row and allowed them to maintain their number one ranking in the most recent New England Division III Coaches Poll. With the loss, Colby fell to 5-5 and 0-3 in NESCAC play.

Despite the losses suffered at the hands of Trinity, Dexter is still optimistic about the Mules' chances of making the NESCAC Championship Tournament. The tournament pits the two top teams from the NESCAC east against the two top teams from the NESCAC west. The winner of the tournament gets a bid to play in the National

Collegiate Athletic Association post-season tournament. Other teams in the NESCAC east include Bates, Bowdoin, Tufts, and Trinity.

The team's strong performances in Florida and near victories against Trinity instilled players with a strong sense of confidence going into the rest of the season.

"We now know that we're capable of playing with anybody," said Tripp.

"We're going to surprise a lot of people," added Presbrey.

"We're playing well as a team and so far have only beaten ourselves. Everyone has been contributing. We control our own destinies," said Goldman.

Massive snow accumulation has forced Colby to postpone and relocate most of its home games for the

rest of the year. "We still have nine NESCAC games to play, most of them on the road," noted Dexter.

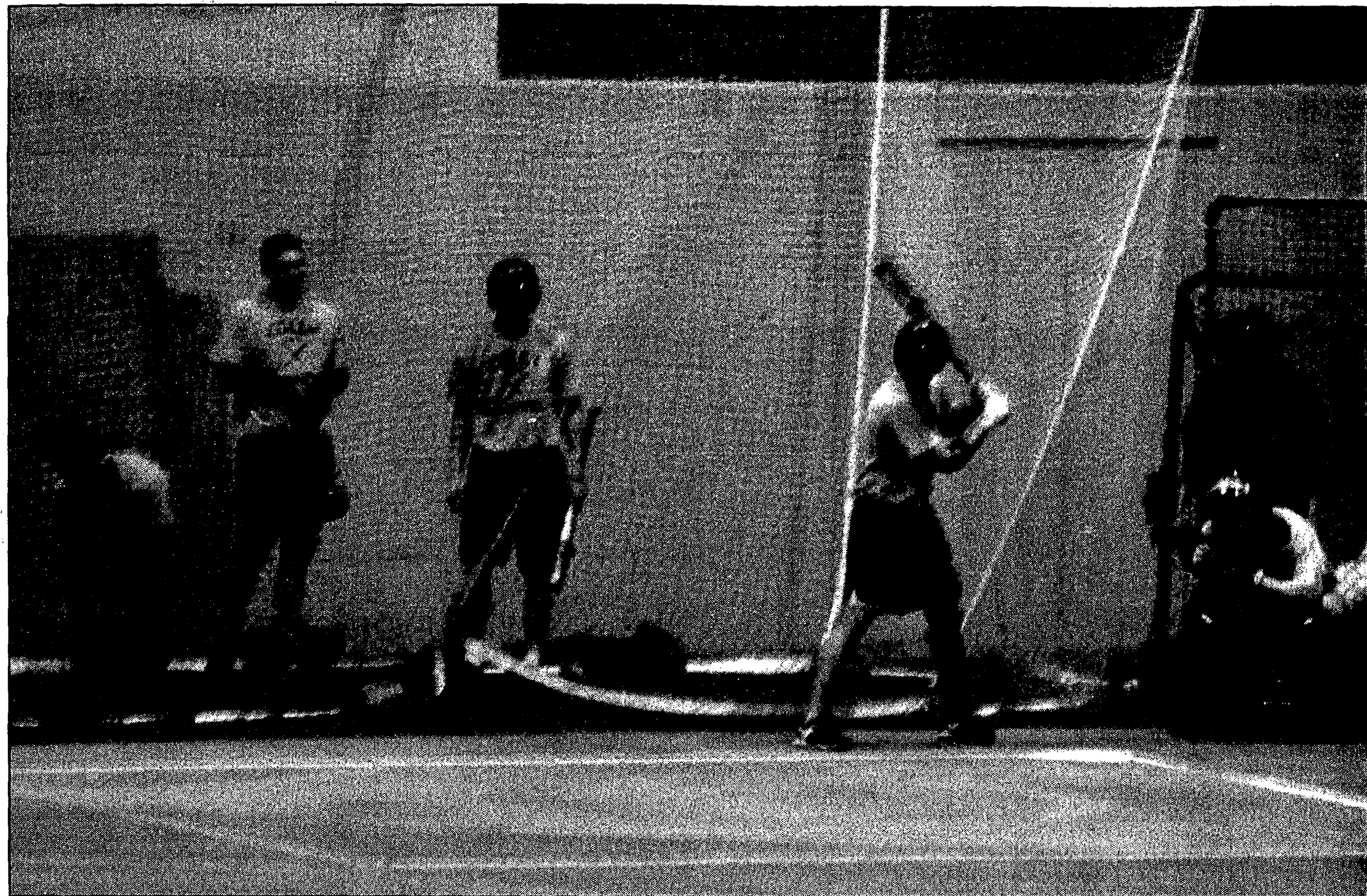
This weekend Colby was slated to play Bowdoin in Brunswick, but instead will travel to Medford, Massachusetts to play in the Tufts outdoor field.

"We were supposed to play 14 home games this year. Instead, we will probably have about four, two doubleheaders," said Dexter.

With so much baseball remaining to be played, the team is hoping to capitalize on the confidence and experience it gained in Florida and to win get a place in the NESCAC tournament and a possible NCAA bid.

Colby baseball swings into action in the fieldhouse. Massive snow accumulations have so far limited the team's ability to practice outdoors.

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Track squads perform well, gain confidence for season

By SUZANNE SKINNER
BUSINESS MANAGER

The invitational track meet in San Diego, which both the Colby women's and men's track teams participated in, attracts Division I, II, and III schools; Olympic contenders participate as well. Consequently, neither the women nor the men went to the meet with any specific team goals. They realized that as a Div. III school, Colby had no chance of placing. Instead, the Mules concentrated on individual goals and coming together as a team. They were successful at achieving both of these goals.

For the women, the highlight of the meet was having two people provisionally qualify for Nationals. Elizabeth Frederick '03 pole vaulted 10-8, qualifying for the prestigious meet and setting a new Colby outdoor record in the process. Connie Beal '03 qualified in the hammer, the shot put, and the discus.

"We have never had a thrower qualify for two events," said head coach Debra Aitken. "This is a real first for Colby track and field."

Along with qualifying for

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Colby track coach

Nationals, Beal beat the old school record in the discus by 9 feet 1 inch. Beal and Frederick were not the only Mules who achieved success in San Diego.

"People had a great meet all across," said one of the team's five captains Claudia Laverde '02.

Meredith Millen '03 won her heat in the 800-meter race with a personal record of 2 minutes, 22.68 seconds. Ellen Whitesides '03 was right behind her, achieving her personal best with a time of 2:25.

"That's certainly a good start," said Aitken.

In her first outdoor season, Michelle Keady '03 threw the hammer 135.

"She's qualified for everything except Nationals," said Aitken.

The 400-meter relay team comprised of captain Jacqueline Johnson

'01, Karlimah Ummah '04, Jill Dunton '04, and Frederick surprised Aitken by running as fast as they did. The relay finished with a time of 31.03.

"That's much better than we expected this early in the season,"

said Aitken.

Judging from this meet, the future

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Softball struggles with consistency

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The season looks bright for the Colby softball team. Over spring break, the Mules played eight games, in which they demonstrated that they have the talent to become a force in the New England Small College Athletic Conference. The only thing they need to do is gain experience and the mental toughness that comes with it to utilize this talent.

Playing teams from all over the country, the Mules finished spring break with a record of 4-4. This score, however, does not adequately reflect the ability of Colby softball.

"We did pretty well, but we could have done a lot better," said Jessica Fitzgerald '03.

"In the games we lost, we were just getting the kinks out," said co-captain Elizabeth Oberlin '01.

In the games they won, the Mules demonstrated that when there are no kinks, Colby softball plays hardball.

In the first game of the break against Huntingdon, the Mules forced the umpire to call the eight-run mercy rule and won the game 10-2. MIT had to beg for mercy as well. The Mules won 16-2 in only five innings.

They continued with this impressive performance in their games against Eastern Nazarene, where the Mules took the game 13-2, and against Lawrence, where Colby won 1-0.

According to head coach Richard Bailey, on any given day the Mules will either be "team A" or "team B." "If team A shows up, we'll be extremely competitive," Team B, however, has mental lapses and thus, in a sense, defeats itself.

"We beat ourselves with defensive errors," said Fitzgerald. The Mules' offensive strategy is very

strong. "We get the bats around pretty well; we have nine people who start who can really hit the balls," she said.

Unfortunately for the Mules, team B showed up for four of the spring break games. This was especially evident Mar. 28 when the

Mules faced Huntingdon again. Three days earlier, Colby had soundly beaten this Alabama team. However, the Mules were not playing up to their potential on this particular day and lost the game 1-8.

The Mules feel that they can get team A out there for the rest of the season.

"We're going to take it one inning at a time," said Kate Magnuson '02. During some of the games, the Mules concentrated on the big pic-

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ture too much, thus losing sight of the current play and making errors.

Team A will have a successful season.

"Judging from the teams that we played last year, I think we'll be in the top half," said Magnuson.

"I think we have the best team in our league this year," said Fitzgerald.

"(The season) should go pretty well," said Oberlin.

The Mules ultimate goal is to make it to the NESCAC tournament.

"I think it's realistic if we play well," said Bailey.

"I think we definitely have a chance," said Oberlin.

Right now, the Mules are hoping the snow will melt so they can start the season. They've already had to cancel games that were scheduled for this week. If the snow melts, Bailey feels that "it should be an exciting season; the spectators are going to enjoy watching the games."

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