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## Candidates for SGA President and Vice President

### Gretchen Groggel '03 and Jill Gutekunst '03



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Candidates Gretchen Groggel '03 and Jill Gutekunst '03

We have been working well together since the spring of our freshman year, when we rowed as the bow pair on the novice crew team. For the past two years, we've found that we're more skillful serving as our class representatives: Gretchen working with Presidents' Council and Jill with the Student Programming Board. We're also very active in other areas of student life: Gretchen is an intimidating force on the women's rugby team, Jill is an un-intimidating tour guide for admissions, and we are both COOT leaders.

Since we already have a solid

understanding of the SGA system, we are confident that we've set realistic, balanced goals to ensure positive change.

As far as reforming some current regulations and structures, we plan to:

- \* clarify party host expectations and procedures in order to make the event host system more host-friendly,

- \* re-organize SPB in order to make organization and events more efficient,

- \* make the Senior Apartments accessible to all seniors at all hours, and

- \* thin out the Digest of General Announcements by set-

ting up a Lost & Found link on the Colby website.

To make the Colby bubble seem a little less asphyxiating, we would like to:

- \* schedule a monthly shuttle to Portland for a change in nightlife / dining / shopping / scenery

- \* support the blossoming activist organization by providing funding and mainstream, accessible venues for all opinions in the spectrum of student discourse

- \* bring big-name newspapers (like the Times, the Globe, the Wall Street Journal, etc.) to dining halls for breakfast or weekend brunch.

These are just our ideas. What we really hope to accomplish is to implement some of your ideas by making ourselves available, accessible, and flexible. Through weekly informal lunches and more community forum opportunities with Presidents' Council and SPB, everyone could take an active part in the campus community.

Even though we're abroad right now, we're trying very hard to stay connected to the campus community. If you have any questions, please e-mail Gretchen at gretchen555@hotmail.com or Jill at jillinpadua@hotmail.com.

We've absolutely loved our experience at Colby so far and are excited about having the opportunity to give back to the college as your SGA President and Vice President. Thank you!

### Erin Hanrahan '03 and Mac Cathles '03



RYAN DAVIS/THE COLBY ECHO  
Candidates Erin Hanrahan '03 and Mac Cathles '03

In a community with less than 2000 members, a democratic student government need not give way to diplomacy. Often a salient frustration with SGA at Colby is attributed to a slow process of proposal bureaucracy; a seeming impasse between student government and action on campus. As candidates for the SGA presidency and vice presidency in 2002, we, Erin Hanrahan and Mac Cathles, are convinced that strong communication between students and SGA, in conjunction with a constant flow of creative ideas, will keep SGA a proactive organization on campus.

In order to maintain an open forum between SGA and the student body we intend to host a weekly open lunch table in Dana Hall and organize a weekly SGA column in the Echo, in addition to our assurance that we will always make ourselves available to receive voiced concerns and suggestions. We look forward to a close working relationship between SPB and SGA executive board, in the hopes of helping to integrate cultural and social events across campus.

Beyond forging strong community ties within Colby, however, we believe that a more prominent relationship with the Waterville community would immensely benefit the college in its efforts to increase diversity on campus. With Erin and Mac in office, an SGA representative will be sent to all city council meetings in Waterville, with the intention that students can cooperate with the town to effect common interest changes, such as the proposed skateboarding park in the South end of Waterville last year.

Forging stronger community ties will facilitate communication between students and town resi-

dents, giving rise to more opportunities to take advantage of resources in the surrounding area, such as Bangor's Wabenaki Center, which remain virtually untapped thus far in our efforts to diversify Colby.

The second component to our campaign includes, as stated, a long overdue flow of creative input in the Student Government Association. Given that all motions will not pass Presidents Council votes, it is duly important that new proposals be consistently offered. Herein lies one of the strongest aspects of our candidacy for SGA. A few such proposals we intend to offer to begin with include: a weekly snack hour, to be held late each Sunday night in the street of Miller Library; additional

barbecue grills and possible swings by Johnson Pond, and planting grove trees in the section of Dana lawn immediately adjacent to Cotter Union. Also, if elected to SGA executive board, we fully intend to make it our responsibility to ensure the uniformity of clocks campus wide, with monthly synchronous settings.

These proposals should serve as a starting point from which a tireless supply of new ideas can arise. Voting Erin Hanrahan and Mac Cathles for SGA president and vice president this week will result in a fresh and creative executive board, with a serious focus on expanding Colby's resource potential through communication and cooperation, both on campus and off.

### Garrett Kephart '03 and Conor Cooper '03

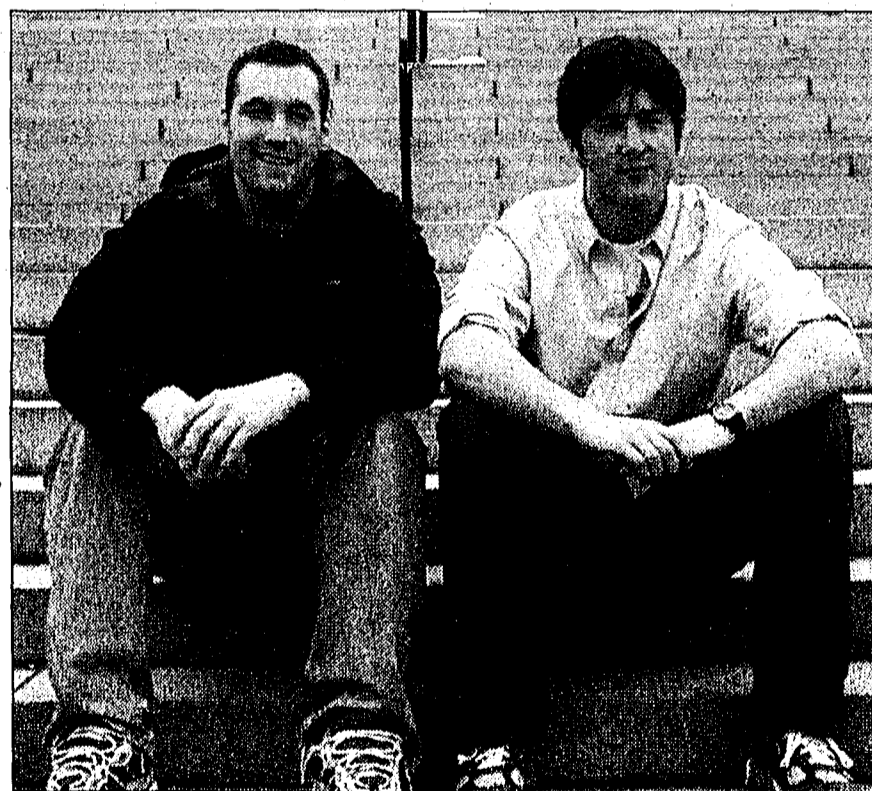


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Candidates Conor Cooper '03 and Garrett Kephart '03

Hello Colby! We are Garrett Kephart and Conor Cooper, and we are running for SGA President and Vice-President in 2002.

Garrett is a philosophy major and environmental studies minor. Since freshman year, Garrett has been on the Colby Outdoor Orientation Trip Committee which plans and helps lead COOT trips. He has led COOT trips in both his sophomore and junior years. In addition, Garrett is the SGA webmaster this spring and sits on the SGA Executive Board.

Conor is an economics major and administrative science minor. Over the past two years, Conor has been an EMT volunteer for CER and a member of the Lacrosse team. He also was an I-Play coordinator

for January of 2001. Both candidates studied abroad in Cork, Ireland this fall. We encourage all students to take a look at our website to learn more about us and our platform: <http://www.colby.edu/personal/gmkephar/campaign/campaign.htm>

Our platform is simple: we intend to improve Colby's social life; enhance the current meal plan; expand the links between everyday students, student government, faculty, and administration; and make sure Colby continues to strengthen its environmental standards.

**Social Life:** The recent increase in the number of students living off-campus has significantly affected the social atmosphere at Colby. We want to make sure off-campus liv-

ing is restricted to seniors only.

Furthermore, because successful social programming relies on money, we will push for additional social programming funds so that events can be offered with more regularity.

We also hope to explore how other NESAC schools have dealt with social life issues by establishing multi-college think tanks where programming leaders can brainstorm new ideas.

Diverse speakers with controversial views spark important campus-wide debates. In turn, such discussion can ultimately increase awareness and acceptance for diverse lifestyles and viewpoints. We believe this is a crucial element of a liberal arts education and, for this reason we want to bring such speakers to Colby more frequently.

**Meal Plan Enhancement and the Colby Card:** We hope to introduce "Mule Bucks" to the Colby dining system. At the start of the semester, each student will be provided with a set amount of Mule Bucks (1 Mule Buck = 1 dollar) on their card as part of their dining plan. Mule Bucks can then be used at select off-campus vendors such as Papa John's, Domino's, Subway, and WHOP.

This system will work best with the introduction of a "Colby Account." The Colby Account would turn the Colby Card into a credit card/cash card. Each student will have a locked purse and pin number for their card. If the card is lost, the money on the card will be safe because all funds will be tied directly into a central account

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### Jessica Martin '03 and Peter Brush '03

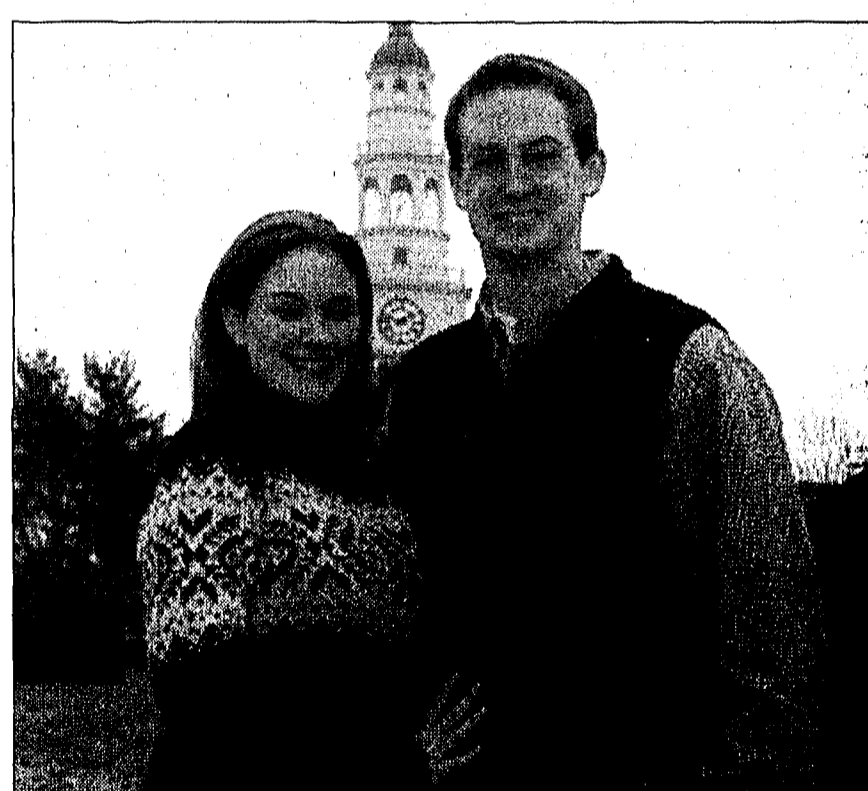


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Candidates Jessica Martin '03 and Peter Brush '03

We care about Colby. Peter and I are running for President and Vice President because we think we have the skills necessary to make Colby better for everyone.

We're both members of the junior class, friends since freshman year, and we love this campus. I've spent my time at Colby working with people. I am the current HR of Schupf and enjoy working with students as well as Hall Council. For the past three years I've been involved in "The Vagina Monologues," a program which raises money for the Rape Crisis Assistance and Prevention Center of Waterville (RCA&P).

Peter has had more experience in the way of Student Government and politics. His credentials include freshmen class representative, SPB rep '01, Cultural Events Committee Co-Chair '01-'02, and current Dorm President of Dana.

We're not those candidates that promise the impossible. We can't get you more parking or off-campus housing, because no one has the kind of power or money. We are the realists. We've done our homework. Anything we promise you in our platform, we can honestly give you. We've gone to the right people and found the funds necessary. So if our goals seem small to you in prospective with everyone else's, remember everything on our platform will be a reality.

Our platform focuses on the four aspects we find important to Colby and its students: safety, convenience, social traditions, and campus awareness. For us, safety is our biggest concern. We can no longer ignore sexual assault on this campus. We can't prevent it,

but we can't continue to let silent crimes run rampant. We've designed a program that would bring Rape Crisis Assistance and Prevention Center to campus. We want to give them their own space as well as the financial means necessary to become a presence on this campus. We will increase the number of hours an advocate is present each week at Colby. We will bring back the Rape Crisis Hotline Jan Plan course since it further fosters a student partnership with RCA&P. Although it will be controversial, it is necessary to establish a task force of students, faculty, and administration to investigate Colby's official handling of sexual assault on this

campus. Only then can we make the steps necessary to combating sexual assault.

We're trying to make Colby better for everyone. And the way to get there is often through small steps. We have found the funds for the addition of at least 3 Cash-to-Chip (Foss Woodman, Senior Apartments, and others) machines that will be added to dorms for your convenience. Face it, nobody wants to walk to Miller or Bob's when he or she needs money for his or her card.

The establishment and preservation of social traditions is a key

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# SGA Presidential candidates continued

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online. As a result, students will have to no longer use the boxes in Cotter Union, the Library, or near Security to add money. Instead, students could revalue their cards via the web. Additionally, parents and students can wire money directly into the account at any point—which provides an easy way to add Mule Bucks.

The Colby Account and Mule Bucks will utilize the dynamic functions of the Colby Card—the Colby Card already has the ability to do all these things, it just has to be done.

Communication: Interaction between the student body and the administration is crucial to the successful operation of the college. First, we will improve contact through online feedback forms. This will allow us to further evaluate the effectiveness of the SGA, the Colby administration, and various offices. Secondly, we advocate the placement of suggestion/comment boxes outside all offices that are student service oriented. Through the use of postings, we hope to further educate the student body with regard to school related issues. Lastly, we plan to increase our communication with the student body by attending at least one event at each dorm over the course of the

year and continuing the SGA lunch on a bi-weekly basis.

Greening Colby: Most students fail to realize the steps that Colby has already taken to improve their environmental standards. For this reason, we hope to further educate the student body of this progress. Also, we will push for additional "greening" projects including:

Place paper and magazine recycling bins in all dorms. As of now, only the newer dorms have this feature. We want to extend this across campus if possible.

Install various energy saving devices including motion sensor lights in all possible areas. Although sensors have already been installed in some remodeled areas around campus, we will push for their further placement in all dorms and academic buildings where feasible.

Promote "Alternate Fuel Vehicle Program." Many colleges and universities around the nation have already begun to use such vehicles including: SUNY Buffalo, UCLA, Emory, Middlebury, Duke, Princeton, Marshall among others.

Explore buying renewable energy. Potentially, this is doable—we hope to urge the college to further research this idea.

## MARTIN & BRUSH

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priority. We want to foster Colby Spirit by giving away Colby Pride gifts at sporting games to reward loyal fans as well as provide transportation to Bates and Bowdoin for off-campus events. We want to cement the COOT tradition by giving COOT leaders a higher stipend for COOT reunions. We'll even throw in Ben Stein for some good times. He wants to come Colby, really.

Other goals important to us are financial and moral support of the

CBB Diversity Conference as well as making Colby more environmentally friendly. We want to meet those goals set by the Kyoto protocol on a square foot basis as well as work with dining serves to rid the dining halls of bleached paper products as well as creating an overall more efficient dining services.

Peter and I love Colby and we see things we can make better. We know we can get them down for you, the student body, if given the chance. We've done the research. We have the skills. We know how to get the job done.

# Hall Presidents

AMS:

Greyson Brooks '05,

Chris La Putt '03

Dan Seifert '05

Averill:

No candidate

Coburn:

No candidate

Dana:

Jonathan Eisenberg '05

Drummond:

Andrew Orr '05

East Quad:

Kyle Manson '05

Noah Smith '05

Foss:

Amy Campfield '05

Go-Ho:

Michael Silberman '05

Grossman:

Rachel Luskin '05

Heights:

Bradley Kasnet '05

Johnson:

Nicole Conrad '05

Adrian LaRochelle '04

Leonard:

Nicholas Snyder '05

Andrew Warneck '05

Marriner:

No candidate

Mary Low:

Chris Suprenant '05

Erin Hill '05

Pe-Wi:

No candidate

Pierce:

Alicia Freese '04

Piper:

Katlyn Shagory '05

Sturtevant:

No candidate

Taylor:

No candidate

Treworgy:

No candidate

West Quad:

Justin Burner '05

Brian Footer '05

Trevor McWilliams '05

Williams:

No candidate

Woodman:

Matthew Harrington '04

Zachary Sager '05

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# SGA TREASURER CANDIDATES

## Justin Hedge '03



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Do you have good ideas about how to spend the school's money? I'll bet you do, and if you want to see these ideas become reality then vote Justin Hedge for treasurer. Maybe you're the more passive type, but you can still vote for me, because I'll see to it that your money is spent on

activities that the entire student body can enjoy.

Being representative this semester for the class of 2003 I understand how the student government works, and I know where to go to get things done. Next year, this experience will allow me to make sure you get the

most out of your money. I say your money because that's just what it is; money in the student budget should be spent with the benefit of the students as the main goal.

As treasurer, I will put your money back into your hands and see to it that the ideas that the student body supports are the ideas that come to life. I have all the credentials to make a good treasurer: organizational skills, patience, an open mind and I'm an economics major to boot!

If you see me around school, say hi and tell me what you would like to see happen at Colby College next year. If you tell me your ideas, I will make sure that I do all I can to make them come to life because frankly, without funding it is virtually impossible to put on an event. I have already met with Ed Jastrem, the current treasurer, and I have a good insight as to how the job works and what will be required of me.

I am qualified and eager to become actively involved as treasurer. If all this doesn't appeal to you, how does a full tuition refund sound? It sounds good to me, but just in case that is out of my reach, I'll see to it that next year is a pretty damn good year anyway. I love money, but even more I love Colby, so vote for me, Justin Hedge for treasurer. Thank you.

## Peter Loverso '03



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Hi, my name is Pete Loverso and I am running for SGA treasurer for the 2002-2003 school year. I am a junior currently studying on the CBB program in London, England.

I have been very involved in the Colby community over the past three years. I am a member of the Colby 8, been on the College Affairs Committee, been an HR, and I'm on the football team.

I am very excited about having the chance to be treasurer next year. I have extensive banking experience and am going to be working for a finance firm this summer.

The treasurer's job is not easy, but I think I would be a good candidate for the position because of my experience in banking and because of my ability to work with people.

The clubs and organizations on campus often come to the treasurer to

help them get the proper funding they need for their programs.

If elected, I would try my hardest to help student organizations out as much as possible. I appreciate your support, and I wish the best of luck to all the SGA candidates.

# CULTURAL CHAIR CANDIDATES

## Nathan Shinagawa '05

My name is Nathan Shinagawa and I'm running for SGA Cultural chair. There are around 130 clubs and organizations on campus and more than 1800 students, all in which have different ideas and opinions.

I'll work for every one of those clubs and organizations, representing the entire student body as diligently as humanly possible. As Cultural Chair, I'll help shape a college atmosphere on campus that truly represents us: Committed, exceptional, and open minded.

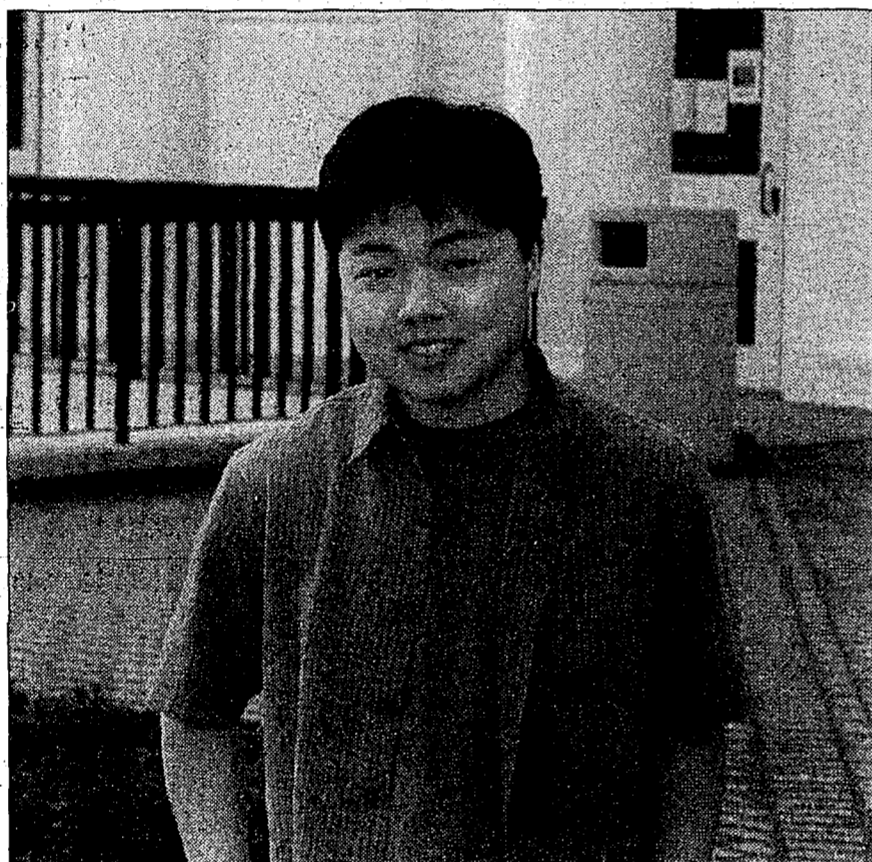
Here's my platform, straight out:

\* I'll work to secure more funds on campus for clubs and organizations that want to host events and bring speakers.

\* If elected, I'll contact past Cultural Chairs over the past 5-10 years and learn about their contacts and their techniques. In addition, I'll contact the board of trustees, professors, and administrators to create a vast list of excellent speakers to bring to Campus from across the world before the end of this semester.

\* I'll help host even better social events: including bands, music groups, dance groups, etc. I'll work hard with the social chair to keep the College culture strong.

\* I'll make sure funding is used



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for the very best, with the consultation of the student groups on campus.

I want to make sure that the decisions made by the Student Programming Board truly and equally represent the wishes of the college campus. Email me at nishinag@colby.edu or contact me through AIM, since we all have it,

at "Ikkyu23." I'll take every comment and consideration seriously, and I'll answer any questions sincerely. This may be cheesy, but I'll truly be a Cultural Chair of and for the people.

Let's make this college campus even better. Nathan Shinagawa for SGA Cultural chair.

## Meade Barlow '03

I'm Meade Barlow and I'm running for SGA Cultural Chair. Simply put, I'm the best man for the job.

I believe that the job of the Cultural Chair is to stimulate this campus intellectually through speakers, debates, and events. It's not just a weekly email cluttering your mailbox telling you what's going on each weekend. There should be something interesting that you want to go see every single week. This doesn't mean some boring lecture that you'd only go to in order to get a Wellness credit; it means someone who gets you excited enough to get out of your room and go.

What else am I going to do, you ask? Well, simply put, whatever you want me to do. I promise to have an open-door policy in regards to any idea or event that people want to happen on this campus. You want Travis Roy to come speak at Colby, send me an email and I'll do my best to make it happen. You want a formal debate between two people who can make intelligent arguments on gay rights in America, give me a call and I'll set it up. You need funding for your club's activity or event, come talk to me and we'll work something out. It's my job to make sure that your needs are met, so I'll be available to do just that.

Last year I was one of the two Mary Low Commons Leaders, and as such I know how SPB works inside and out. I was one of the

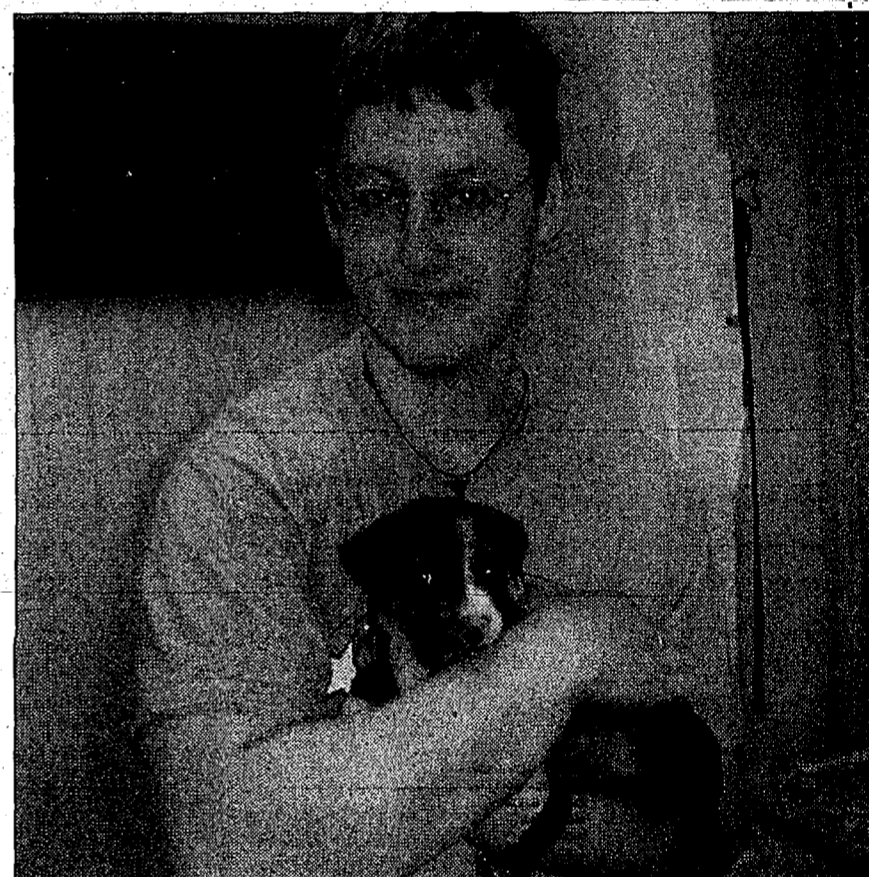


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original planners of the new set-up for SPB that is now beginning to take place. I know how it works, and I won't need any time to "learn the ropes." I'll hit the ground running rather than fumble around while nothing is going on.

Anyone who knows me will tell you that I don't make promises that I don't intend to keep. I am hard-working and I'm dedicated

and I don't give up until the job is done. I'm smart, friendly, kind to puppies, motivated, and I am the best candidate for the job. So remember to vote for Meade Barlow for Cultural Chair!

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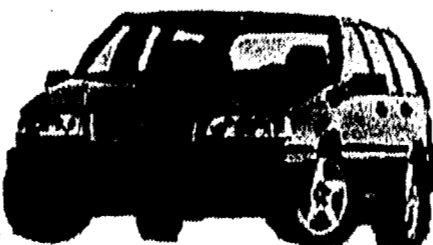
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## Echo supports Martin and Brush

Selecting an SGA presidential candidate to endorse was more difficult for us than in years past. The Echo staff was largely unimpressed by the issues raised by the candidates in this year's election, most of which dealt with relatively minor issues.

Not one ticket addressed the proposed changes to the diversity requirement or issues relating to improving Career Services. In addition, most of the proposals regarding changes to social life on campus were vague at best.

We appreciated ideas such as Erin Hanrahan and Mac Cathles' proposals to promote diversity by attending Waterville city council meetings and ensure the uniformity of clocks on campus. We also thought Gretchen Groggel and Jill Gutekunst's plans to establish a shuttle to Portland and put a lost and found link on the Colby website and Garrett Kephart and Conor Cooper's proposal to diversify the speakers brought to campus were good ideas.

After carefully considering the platforms of the four candidates for SGA President and Vice President, however, we have decided to endorse Jessica Martin and Peter Brush. While we do not agree with all their positions, we feel that of the four candidates, their platform contains the most clearly articulated proposals.

The centerpiece of Martin and Brush's campaign, their proposal to increase awareness of sexual assault on campus, is important and practical. Giving the Waterville Rape Crisis and Prevention Center a greater presence on campus and creating a task force to address the issue of sexual assault are worthy goals. Sexual assault is a more serious issue at Colby than most people are willing to admit. An SGA that makes combating sexual assault one of its priorities would be a significant asset to the College.

Increasing "financial and moral support" for the 2003 CBB Diversity Conference at Bowdoin is also an important step. This year's Diversity Conference at Bates was poorly organized, and we hope Martin and Brush can provide the support needed to make the next conference a success.

We also support Martin and Brush's proposals to provide more transportation to events at Bates and Bowdoin, and improve communication between SGA and hall staff. Still, some of their ideas, such as making the dining halls more environmentally conscientious and increasing the number of cash-to-chip machines, need further explanation and research.

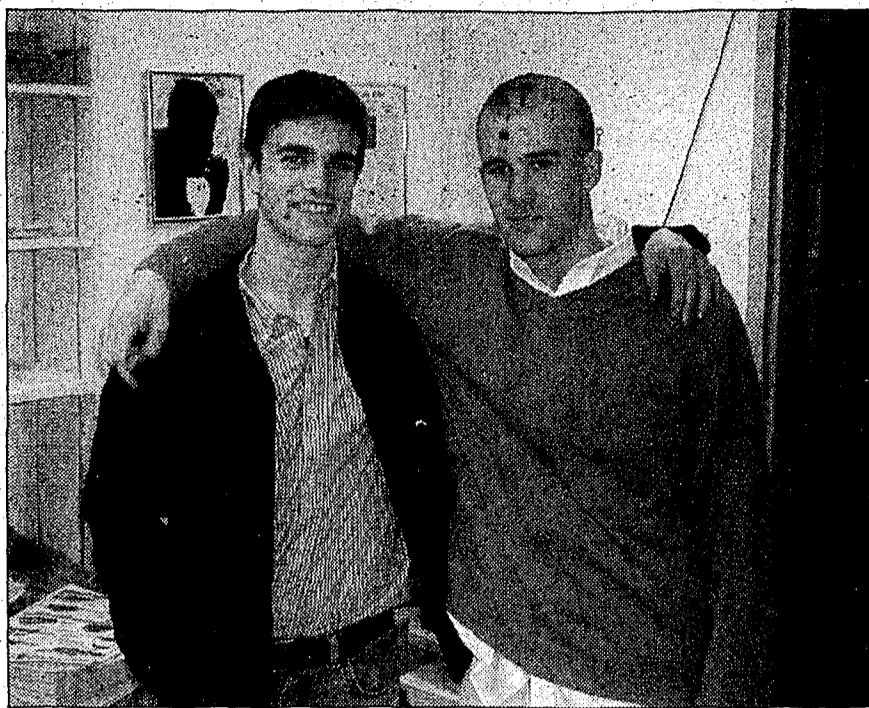
With the possible exception of Martin and Brush, the statements of this year's SGA candidates seem to suggest that students have given up on the idea that SGA is capable of making meaningful changes to life at Colby. After a year of little dramatic change to student life, the idea that the SGA is irrelevant seems to have become increasingly prevalent.

The problem extends beyond the candidates for executive office. There are eight dorms this year where no one is running for president, and eight dorms where one person is running unopposed. We see an alarmingly high level of apathy among the student body that is certainly not conducive to bringing about change. It can not be that people are completely satisfied with everything about Colby, they just do not seem to think there is anything they can do.

If there is something about Colby that you think needs to be changed or a proposal you think should be implemented, speak out and encourage your student representatives to make something happen. Better yet, run for office yourself. The mentality that someone else will solve Colby's problems does not accomplish anything.

# COMMONS LEADER CANDIDATES

## Richard Downing '05 and Matt Bucklin '05 Mary Low Commons Leaders



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Candidates Richard Downing '05 and Matt Bucklin '05

Interview by Chris Johnson  
(Edited by Richard Downing and Matt Bucklin)

CJ: So, Mr. Downing, you have been bitten by the political bug?

RD: Yes, indeed. My ambitions in said arena have drowned my better judgment.

CJ: Why Commons Leader? Why not run for SGA President or something more noble, more romantic?

RD: Well, I gave this a lot of thought. I have a lot of ideas about how to improve Colby for everyone. But you have to start small, you

know. You can't just, especially as a freshman, jump right into the pool. You need to get your feet wet a little bit, get used to the water temperature. When that is all done, then you make your splash.

CJ: So you view this as a springboard for bigger and better things?

RD: Absolutely.

CJ: What about the constituents who say that they don't want their elected representatives worried about higher office? The ones who will say that they elected Rich Downing to be Mary Low Commons Leader and that future political

ambitions may preclude you from giving everything that you have to the post you were elected to?

RD: Well, I'm not really sure that's what is going to happen. If elected, I would work as hard as I could for the people of Mary Low Commons. They are my people and I would not let them down. I do not think that considering running for a different office in the future would necessarily be a distraction. If anything, it would motivate me to work harder so that I could sure up the Mary Low vote for a general campus election.

CJ: You are running, per SGA rules, with Matt Bucklin. Why did you choose him as a running mate?

RD: Well, I knew him originally as a member of the cross-country team, and he always struck me as a stand up guy. He has been my roommate for the past month or so, and the more time I've spent with him, the more I've realized how valuable an asset he would be to my Commons Leader Administration.

CJ: What do you say to your critics and opponents who argue that stances on issues such as the Interim Government in Afghanistan, the internal structure of Zimbabwe, and the politicized nature of the US Judiciary have no place in a campaign for Mary Low Commons Leader?

RD: Well, that's their opinion, and I respect their right to have it. However, I respectfully disagree with it. We live in a global commu-

nity, now more than ever, where everything affects everything else. Take the situation in Zimbabwe, for example. What happens if the United States decides to topple Mugabe's regime? Answer me that.

CJ: No. Moving right along... Some of your campaign slogans have come under criticism from different interest groups. For example: "Vote for Rich Downing: He streaks so you don't have to." What does that mean?

RD: Next Question.

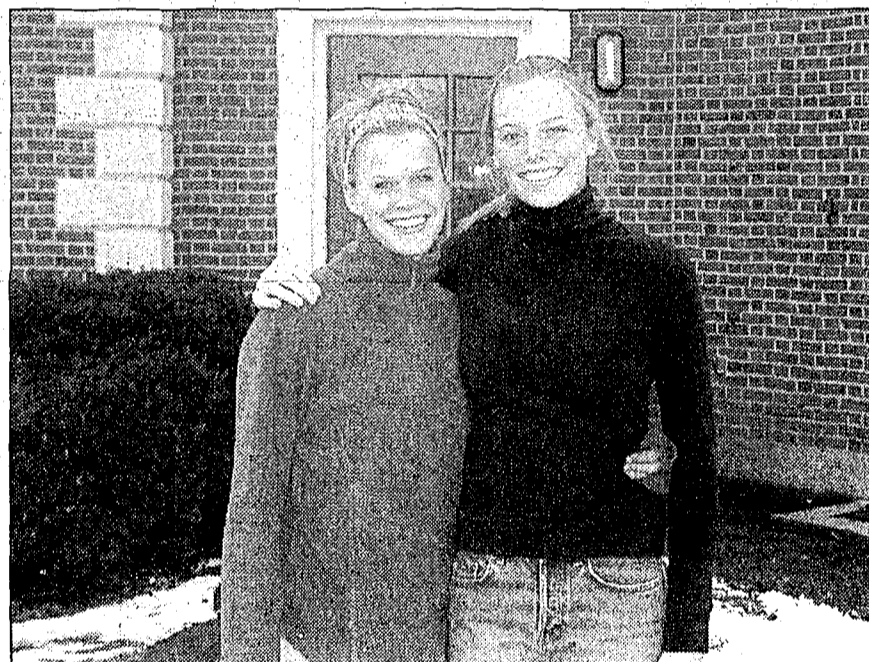
CJ: And then there is this one: "Vote for Rich Downing: The Pope weeps for him every day." Now, that has come under a lot of criticism from Catholics for obvious reasons, but isn't it true that this is, to some degree, a line borrowed from a Neil Pollack interview published by "McSweeney's Quarterly"?

RD: You made that up, not me... Is this a set up? Get to the point.

CJ: Well, I would like to thank you, Mr. Downing, for taking the time out of your busy campaign schedule for this interview. Do you have any final words?

RD: It's been a pleasure, Chris. I would just like to reiterate my desire to improve the social life of every Colby student residing within Mary Low Commons. Matt and I ask all of you for your support on Election Day. Thank you.

## Ann MacDonald '05 & Sarah Burlingham '05 Johnson-Chaplin Commons



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Candidates Sarah Burlingham '05 and Ann MacDonald '05

We would just like to take a moment to introduce ourselves. Our names are Ann MacDonald and Sarah Burlingham and we are running for

Johnson-Chaplin commons leaders. We are both freshmen, we live in West Quad and are very excited to be running for this position.

As commons leaders, we would like to bring some new and different types of Colby-sponsored events to the students. We want our activities to better reflect all extra-curricular interests, and make weekend events fun for all types of Colby students.

We see it as necessary to move beyond the "keg in the basement" mentality of commons activities and really try to make each event different and exciting. We want to take advantage of the nice weather and the outdoors in the fall and spring, and make use of the snow and ice next winter, if it comes and stays around a bit longer.

We want to continue things that were started this year, such as Octoberfest and Winter Carnival, keeping the things that worked and changing what didn't. However, we also want to try some new things with

Loudness and other parties with new themes and activities.

We both love having fun, meeting people, planning things, and working for something that interests us. We think it's important to talk to everyone and keep in touch with what's fun and what's not. We have been talking to this year's commons leaders and other members of SGA to get an idea of how the system works, what difficulties were had, and how to do the job correctly. We have been at our fair share of Colby-sponsored events and have seen for ourselves the problems that have been had in the past and the places where we had fun. We are committed to working hard and taking advantage of all that Colby offers and pushing to get different kinds of events to happen.

So, on March 18, get online anytime between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. and vote for Ann MacDonald and Sarah Burlingham for Johnson-Chaplin commons leaders.

Mary Biggins '05 and Maggie Johnson '05 are running for Lovejoy Commons Leaders, but did not submit a candidate statement to the Echo.

## Kate Fletcher '03 & Lilla Lund '04 Lovejoy Commons



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Candidates Kate Fletcher '03 and Lilla Lund '04

Hi, we're Kate Fletcher and Lilla Lund, and we're running for the position of Lovejoy Commons Leaders for next year. Lilla, a sophomore, is currently one of the Commons Leader for Lovejoy. During this year she has been involved with the planning of many successful campus-wide events. She worked at Loudness, G-Love, Blood-Drives, and fundraisers as well as planning and hosting several events, such as the Fall Semi, Pajama Jam, Valentine's Day Dance, and the Mardi Gras Party, this weekend she will be helping to host the Stoplight Dance in the basement of AMS.

Kate, a junior, has also helped at several parties since she has

been back from her semester abroad in London. Why should you vote for us? If you enjoyed the parties brought to you from Lovejoy this past semester, and would like to see more of these types of events, along with new and different themes, then we are a good bet.

We are also open to suggestions for all types of parties as well as new talent, so we would like to hear your ideas. It is very important to us to be able to offer diverse and entertaining programming. We would really love the chance to do social programming for you next year. Thanks!

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# SOCIAL CHAIR CANDIDATES

## Thomas Jackson '03

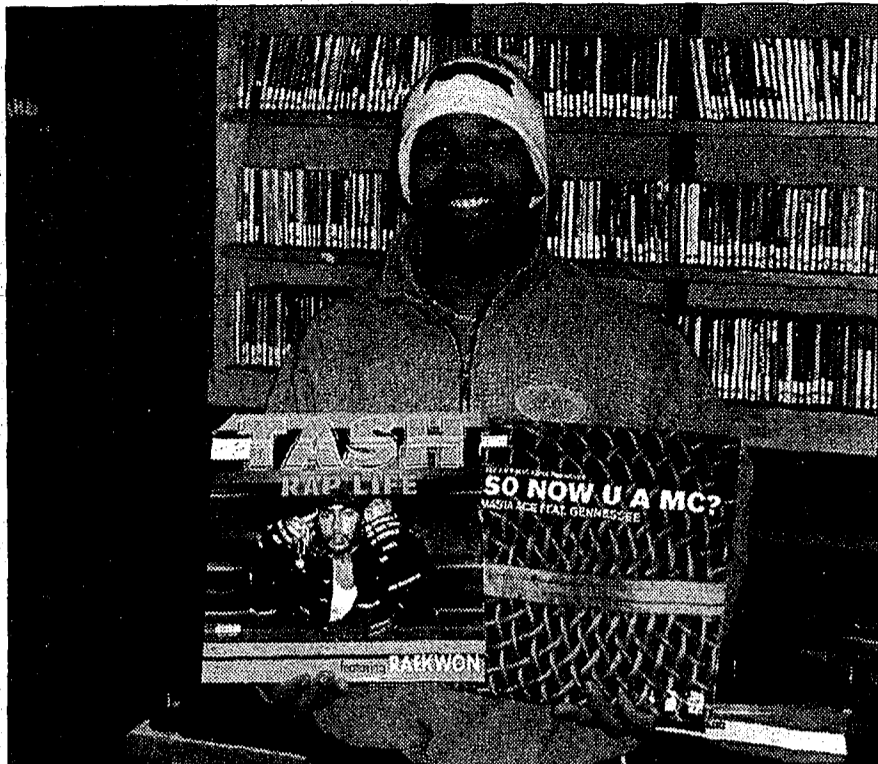
What's going on everyone? My name is Thomas Jackson and I hope to be your Social Chair for next year. But I need your help and support to provide fun filled social events.

For those of you who do not know who I am, I am probably best known through DJing. I am the guy who DJed the football and men's hockey games as well as numerous parties on campus. Through DJing I have worked with various campus groups and individuals including the International Club, SOBHU, SPB, the current Social Chair, and all of the Commons Leaders.

I am also the current Spa Coordinator—who helped plan the karaoke nights, the live music, the comedian, and the poetry reading that took place in the Spa. If that's not enough information, I am also the short black guy working out in the gym everyday.

After talking to a number of you, it has become painfully obvious that many students are not happy with the social life on this campus. With all due respect, everyone involved in social planning has worked extremely hard to improve campus life. Unfortunately, I feel as though we have all, myself included, fallen short in our goals. Perhaps this is because we have been doing what we think people want and not what they actually want. I think it's time to start doing what people want. So here's how I plan to accomplish this task:

1. The campus decides what concerts come to Colby. If elected, whoever wants to can email me (tjackson@colby.edu) with their concert ideas. I will figure out the top 1-5



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acts that people have suggested, do research to see if it is even possible to get the act, and then post the results on the SGA web page. Students will either have the option to vote online for the artist/group of their choice or email their decision to me. With that information, I will work to bring the show to Colby.

2. More chem-free events. There are plenty of students on this campus who do not drink and because of that, find it difficult to have fun. This does not mean that I'm on a personal rampage to get rid of alcohol but it's nice sometimes to have a nonalcoholic alternative.

3. Remember, my email address is not limited to just concerts. If

elected, whoever wants to can email me about whatever other social events they would like to see. Even if I could not do it by myself, I would sit on SPB with a bunch of people who could help make it the event happen.

Please understand that I am not God, I can't read minds, and I definitely do not know everything. It is only with your help that I can be a good Social Chair. So on Election Day vote Thomas Jackson so that everyone can get what he or she wants. Peace and thank you in advance to those who will support me.

## Catherine Jessop '03

Ask yourself a question real quick: what does Colby need to do to make its social scene better? It's a matter of opinion, I suppose. And I have my opinions. I know exactly what I want to do on the weekends and exactly how my weekends could be improved. But the thing is, no matter how highly I value my opinions, it's really the opinions of everyone else that matter.

There are nearly 2,000 of us here and we're a fairly vocal bunch. I mean, everyone at Colby has an opinion and damned if they're not going to let the world know it. So I know that each and every one of you has ideas on how to improve the Colby social scene. It's impossible to satisfy us all at once, with a single event or with a few more of the same activities we have every weekend.

The trick, I think, is to have enough activities and enough different types of activities that everyone will always have something enjoyable to do. I mean, really, sketchy AMS basement parties can be a lot of fun—who didn't have at least a little bit of fun at Songs You Know by Heart? But the truth is, these types of events only entertain a certain demographic.

A lot of people like to get dressed up and go dancing in the Pugh Center after a bottle of wine, but as a general rule, it's not everyone's cup of tea. It was like pulling teeth to get my boyfriend and most of my friends to the Cotillion this fall. If there was something else going on that night I'm sure I would've lost them to it. And that's the way it should be, really.

We need options. From what I

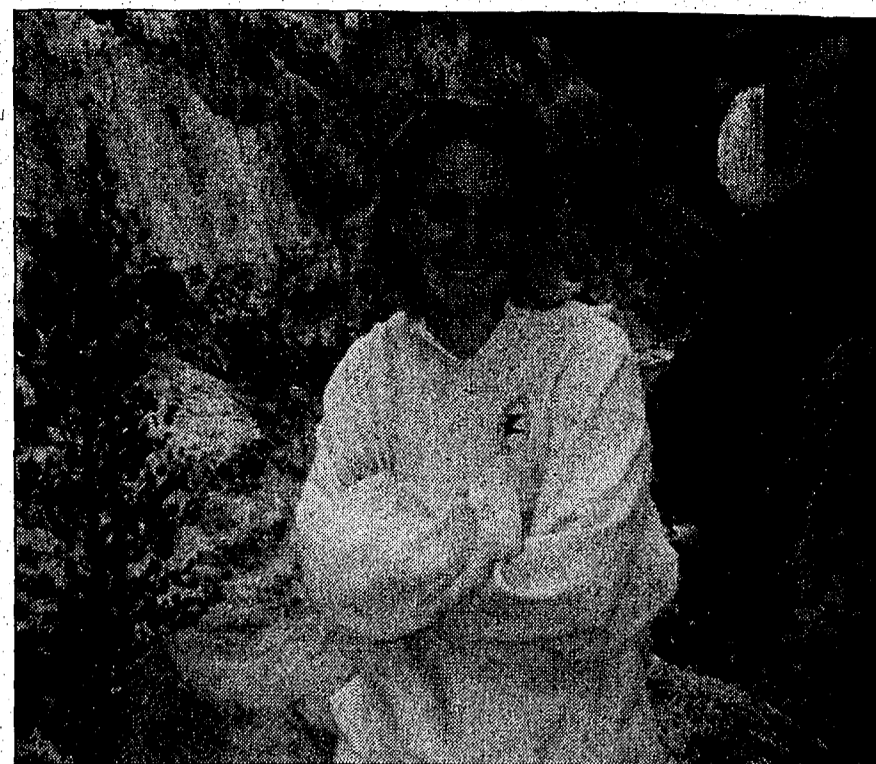


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hear Colby used to book some pretty great bands back in the day. Don't you want that again? And the AIDS Carnival—that was so much fun. What else have you guys enjoyed this year? What events really sucked? The Social Chair needs to know this stuff, needs to understand what people want to do and be open to everyone's ideas. Because we all know exactly what we want.

A good Social Chair will listen to your ideas regarding activities and SPB issues. I can do that. I realize my idea of a good time is not always in keeping with that of others, and I want to know what you want to do with your time. More concerts? More barbecues? More Dances?

More lounge parties? Fewer lounge parties? Let me know.

I really want this job. I look forward to the opportunity of coordinating with the Cultural Chair, the Social Planning Board and the President's Council (whose agenda is not, contrary to popular belief, solely to thwart all of our fun) in order to improve our Colby social scene. We have a lot of fun up here, despite the weather and increasingly strict liquor laws. But there is room for improvement. As the Social Chair, I will do my very best to make this happen, to implement your ideas and mine in order to make Colby even better.

# Sanctions imposed against Kephart, Cooper

The SGA Election Commission has imposed sanctions on the presidential campaign of Garrett Kephart '03 and Conor Cooper '03 as punishment for their violation of election rules. The Commission, which is chaired by SGA Vice-President Alex Aldous '02 and includes Social Chair Mike Bergan '02, Cultural Chair Kate Magnuson '02, Parliamentarian Melanie Ouellette '02 and International Club President Isil Muderrisoglu '02, declined to comment on their decision, apart from issuing the following statement. Because of the sanctions, Kephart and Cooper were unable to be interviewed about the situation. The text of their closing statement from Monday night's debate appears after the Election Commission's report.

In the interest of fairness and clarity, the Election Commission feels that providing additional information about the sequence of events regarding the Kephart/

Cooper election rules violation is necessary.

This past weekend, the Election Commission received a complaint from a student abroad about an e-mail written by Garrett Kephart '03 and Conor Cooper '03. The e-mail was sent to 61 students. In the e-mail, the candidates wrote:

"We, Garrett Kephart and Conor Cooper, are running for SGA President and VP respectively and we would like to get your support for our candidacy. For those of you who don't know us, we are both Juniors—Conor is a Economics Major and Administrative Science Minor, and, Garrett is a Philosophy Major and Environmental Studies Minor. We both studied abroad in Cork, Ireland this past fall. We hope that you will look at our website: <http://www.colby.edu/personal/g/gmkephar/campaign/campaign.htm>. This site is updated frequently, but for now it will give you an idea of who we are."

After reviewing this e-mail, the

Election Commission decided that this was a form of campaigning, which was prohibited prior to 12:00am on March 10 in the election rules. We had two courses of action available to us: to remove the Kephart/Cooper ticket from the ballot; or to create a punishment that we deemed appropriate. After lengthy discussion, the Election Commission made the following statement:

The SGA election commission has decided that a mass e-mail sent by Garrett Kephart and Conor Cooper to students currently studying abroad asking for support and giving a link to their web site was a form of campaigning. They sent the email at 12:01 AM on March 7th. We have found them in violation of the SGA rules, which state that campaigning is prohibited before 12 AM on March 10th. After much deliberation, the election commission has decided that the following is a fair punishment. There is no appeals process to the commission's decision.

- a. Garrett Kephart and Conor Cooper will not be able to serve as proxies for any off-campus students.

- b. They will have to suspend all campaigning from Monday, March 11th until Friday, March 15th at 12:01 AM. All campaign materials posted prior to this decision must be removed by Monday, March 11th at 5 PM. This includes their campaign web-site.

- c. We will send a statement to the echo, all candidates running for SGA President and Vice President, and all those to whom the e-mail was originally sent explaining this punishment.

### Statement from Kephart and Cooper

Garrett and I realize that rumors have circulated regarding our campaign and we would like to clear up the details. On the front

page of the election rules, the proxy voting date for students studying abroad reads the 18th of March. Originally, we misinterpreted this to mean that obtaining the right to proxy for people studying abroad was due on this date.

On Wednesday the 6th of March we were informed by Alex that the deadline for obtaining the right to proxy was actually the 7th of March.

This meant that there was no period of time in which one could campaign for the proxy rights of abroad students. Therefore, we figured that we could send an email and ask for proxy rights from a selected group of people.

When word of our email got back to the election commission, they determined our email to be a form of campaigning. On account of this, we have been reprimanded and cannot campaign (other than

at the debate and in the Echo) before Friday at 12:01am on March 15th.

We kept all platform ideas out of this email because we never intended for this contact to be construed as campaigning. There is a large population of people we know abroad, and we felt that gaining proxy permission was important. Furthermore, because the original deadline for proxy voting was before the campaign period began, we felt we were not breaking any of the election rules when sending this e-mail.

Finally, please note that the lack of clarity in the election rules has since been resolved and the due date for proxy permission is now the 18th of March as we had originally thought.

Garrett and I would like to apologize for our part in this misunderstanding.

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