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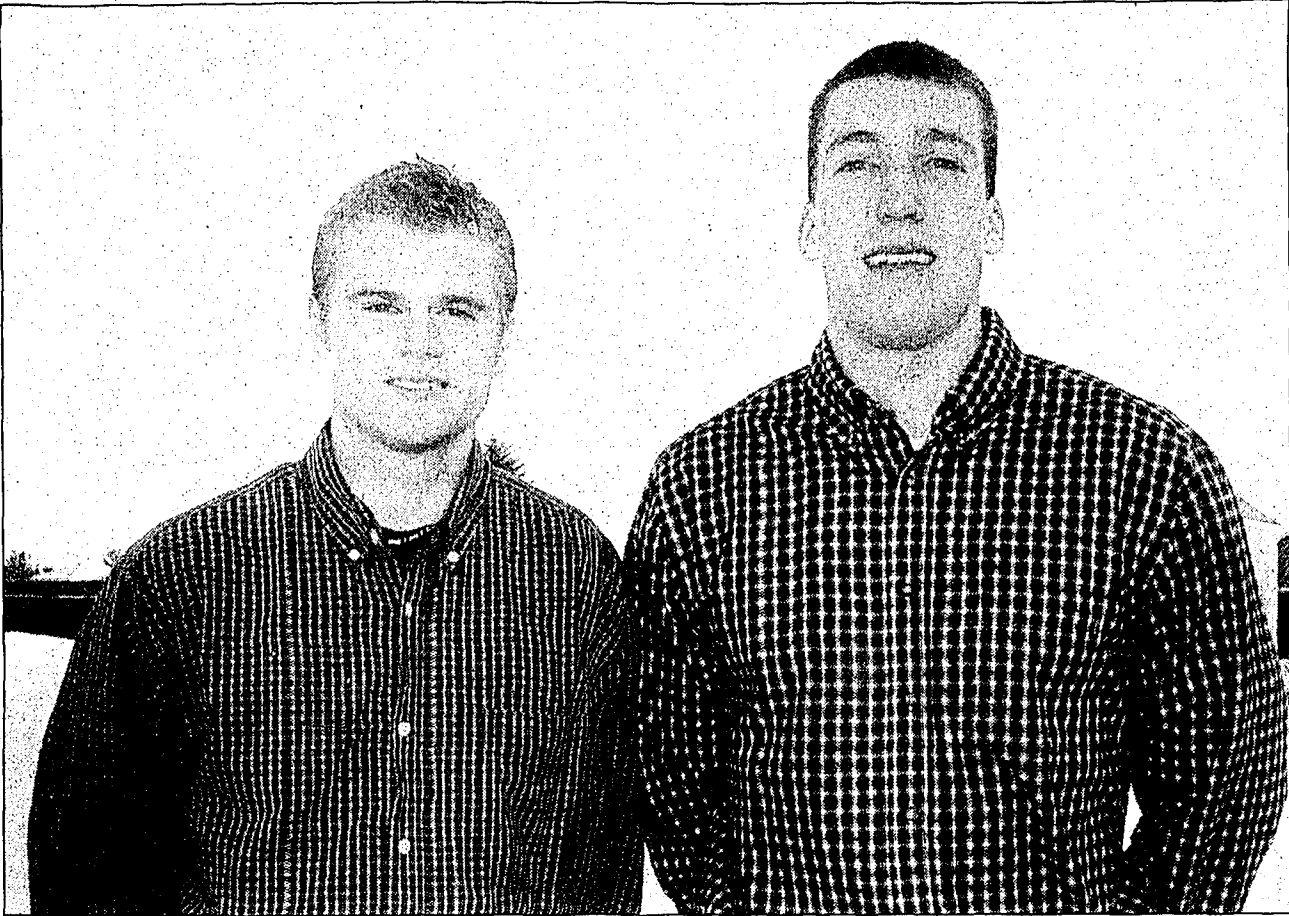
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## Candidates for President & Vice President

### Mickey Cooper '04 & Matt Forlizzi '04



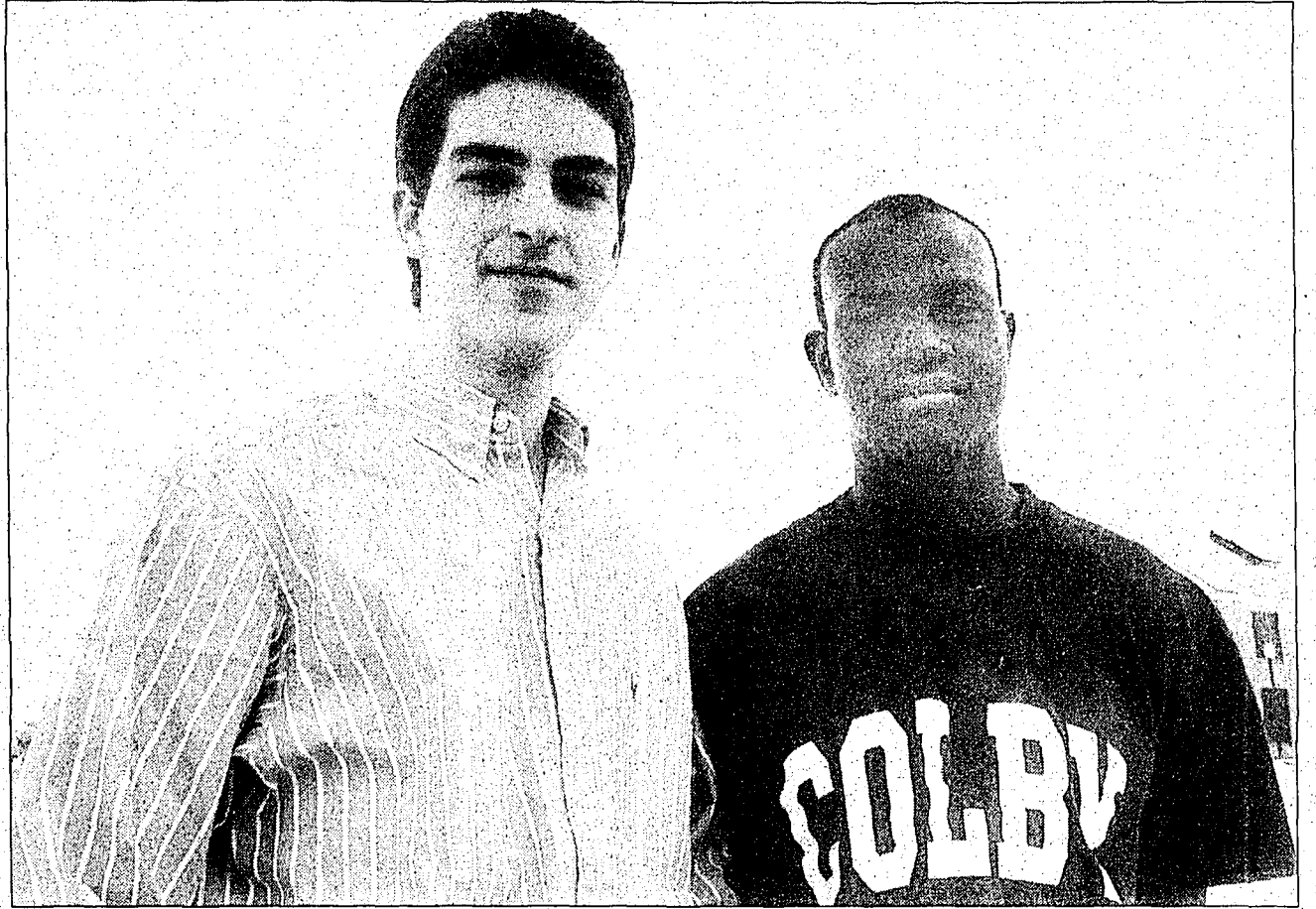
Mickey Cooper is a junior from Fairfield, Conn. who is a double major in biology and religious studies. After a one-year stint on the Colby men's basketball team, Mickey spends his time away from the classroom broadcasting men and women's basketball on WMHB as well as co-hosting a sports talk show every Sunday night. He also plays guitar, performing locally as well as on campus and volunteers for community work in both Connecticut and Maine.

Matt Forlizzi is a junior government major from Danvers, Mass., who is captain of the Colby men's basketball team. Matt also mentors elementary school children for the Colby Cares About Kids program and student-teaches at a local elementary school.

Colby is a great place to spend four years of one's life and

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### Charles Data '04 & Piri Kutluoglu '04



We are Charles Data '04 and Piri Kutluoglu '04, and our goal is to serve you and work to improve your time at Colby. If elected here are some ideas we will put into action:

\* Students pay too much for used books in the beginning of the semester, and receive almost nothing when they return their books at the end of the semester. If elected, we will organize a student book sale program at the beginning of every semester. In addition, many students drop courses after

the present two-week return period. We will work to extend this deadline. Wouldn't it feel good to drop that course and still be able to get your money back?

\* We believe our Colby lounges need to be more entertaining. We will liven up the lounges with recreational equipment such as pool tables, foosball and ping-pong to mention

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### Emma James '04 & Kearney Shanahan '04



Hey, we're Emma James '04 and Kearney Shanahan '04. Between us, we have five years of Colby student government experience: co-chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, president of the International Club, membership on the College Affairs Committee, the Athletic Advisory Committee, the Appeals Board, and the Judicial Board, the Task Force on Statements of Values and representation on Presidents' Council. From our experience, we know that successful student rep-

resentation hinges on understanding the system, setting realistic goals and effective communication with students and administrators to bring positive change to Colby. These are our platform ideas:

\* Community: We believe that each and every student at Colby brings an important and valued perspective to our com-

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### Derek Taff '04 & Josh German '04



With the right leadership, the Student Government Association next year will have many opportunities to improve the quality of life for all students. This is why we, Derek Taff '04 and Josh German '04, are running for the offices of SGA president and vice president respectively.

We bring proven leadership, teamwork, creativity and experience to these positions, which will be invaluable assets for accomplishing our goals and those of the student

body next year. Serving as Johnson Chaplin Commons leaders in 2001-2002 gave us the opportunity to improve social life on campus. Through the Social Programming Board we gained expertise in the functions and capabilities of student government at Colby and developed working relationships with key administrators.

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### Jeff Wong '04 & Shannon Hopkins '04

We love this school.

But we know it's not perfect. It is our belief that in order to strengthen Colby, we need to emphasize individual student rights and advocate for a more unified community. This will require communication among students, faculty, administration and the Student Government Association. By working together, we will create a healthier environment for the Colby student body.

We are members of the junior class, friends since freshmen COOT and over the years we have realized that we complement each other in our ideas and strengths regarding Colby issues. If elected, these are some of the changes we will initiate at Colby:

\* Student Academic Committees: within each major, a formation of a student-led committee to facilitate com-

munication between the faculty and the students of each major/minor. This will provide students with a voice regarding issues and changes within the curriculum.

\* Protecting individual students' beliefs: preserving students' views, no matter how extreme and disputed, by bringing to Colby more diverse and controversial speakers. Also, to conduct open and unbiased forums allowing for debates among contrasting opinions. We believe that truth is something that needs to be constantly reexamined and questioned.

\* Diversity: by attending meetings of a diverse array of organizations and clubs, we will strengthen communication between the students and SGA by listening, par-

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# The Educated Voter: Understanding the proposed changes to SGA constitution

During this year's elections, students will also have the opportunity to vote on a referendum regarding changes made to the Student Government Association constitution.

Some of the changes are structural, and do not affect the actual rules that govern SGA. Previously formulated bylaws were incorporated into the body of the constitution and some of the articles were combined. Lingered references to the Student Planning Board were eliminated.

The referendum concerns the following changes to the constitution. The proposed changes are written verbatim and below them is a brief explanation of what the changes mean.

•According to the amended constitution each hall president shall:

1. Receive the first choice of rooms within his/her residence hall before room draw takes places, after hall staff

has been assigned. A president having served no previous time on Presidents' Council may choose between a single and a double; a president having served two or more semesters may choose between a single, double, triple or quad; a president serving three or more semesters may choose any room in his/her residence hall.

2. Be able to express his/her desired committee assignment to the Vice-President who will legitimately consider all requests.

*The current constitution does not give preferential treatment to returning presidents. What type of room a president is allowed to choose depends on his or her class, not experience on the council. Seniors can choose quads, and juniors and seniors are allowed to select triples. According to the new constitution, presidents are no longer required to hold monthly dorm meetings.*

•According to the amended constitution the SGA treasurer shall:

Deliver a state of the budget address to the Presidents' Council at the beginning of each semester, and make further reports on the financial status of the SGA as requested by the Presidents' Council.

*According to the current constitution the treasurer is required to report the budget's status per request. There is no designated time for a biannual report.*

•According to the amended constitution: Meetings must be at least one week apart.

*The current constitution allows for two meetings in one night.*

•According to the amended constitution: For constitutional amendments, seventy percent of those present and voting is required for passage of the amendment.

*The current constitution requires a*

*campus wide referendum be held to make changes to the constitution.*

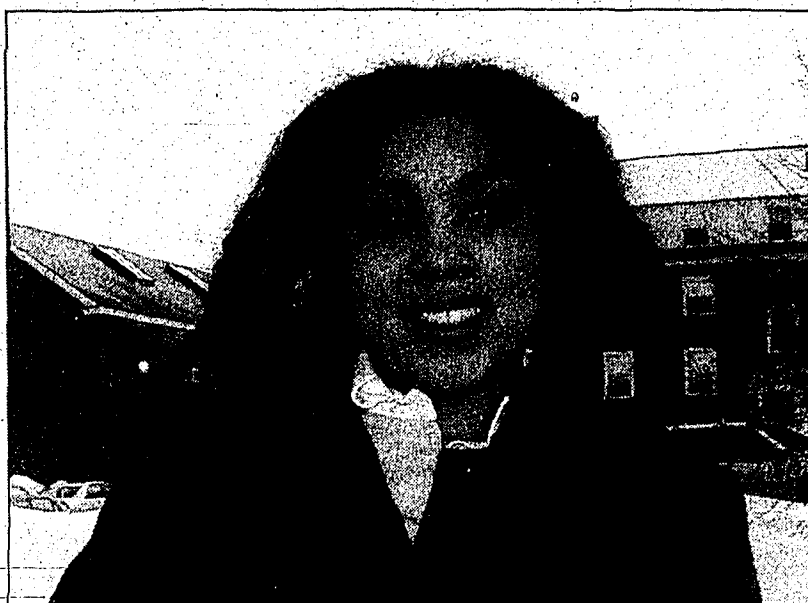
•According to the amended constitution: A voting member of Presidents' Council may move to amend the constitution by authoring a motion to amend a specific article, section or subsection of the constitution. Passage of a constitutional amendment requires the support of seventy percent of those members present and voting.

*The current constitution prohibits a constitutional referendum unless the proposed amendment has the support of the majority of the members of Presidents' Council, or is backed by a petition with at least 200 signatures.*

For more information concerning the constitutional referendum refer to [www.colby.edu/sga](http://www.colby.edu/sga) or attend an information session Sunday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Marylow lounge.

## TREASURER

### Chelsea Downs '06



I want to work with the Student Government Association and other campus organizations to improve the social life on campus. Unlike other candidates, I plan on working with SGA and Colby for the next three years to make sure that progress takes place.

As for my current social involvement, I am a social chair on the steering committee of the Bridge, and a D.J. for WMHB.

Although weekly events are essential, I believe that the best events are those that are planned by large groups to encompass a wider spectrum of ideas and interests. As treasurer I'll encourage groups to collectively spend their money to create larger and more highly attended events. Events sponsored by SGA, like the Jurassic Five concert and the CBB Diversity Conference, were a great success, and I will continue to follow this year's precedent of highly supported and funded events.

### Jon Nickerson '04



Just wanted to say what's up from across the ocean in the British Isles. Hope things up on the hill are going well for everyone this year. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jon Nickerson '04 and I'm running for Student Government Association treasurer.

As you read this, I will be heading off on a bit of a break from the small town life of St. Andrews, Scotland to do a bit of traveling around Europe. Back at Colby I have kept myself busy jumping between work and play. I have been involved in music, sports, theater, admissions and student government. I've learned the ropes involved with being a treasurer by holding the position in the past with various societies and groups both on and off campus. I have been a dedicated member of the Student Programming Board and have worked on various SGA committees.

My goals, if elected to the position of treasurer, are simple— involving three things: First, I intend to get money to clubs and societies that need it most by evaluating each group's past expenses and present needs. Second, I want to bring new ideas for events on campus as an active voice in the SGA. Finally, by keeping myself readily available on campus, I will be able to quickly facilitate each group's requests for funds.

I love Colby College and I want next year to be the best year possible. Going into my senior year, I've been around Colby, I know the people, I know the job, and I know what I need to do to get the job done. On Election Day, remember: vote Jon Nickerson for SGA treasurer.

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# EDITORIAL

## Echo endorses Taff/German

It is safe to quickly whittle this five-candidate race down to two. Cooper and Forlizzi's suggestions to "further enhance the quality of campus life," are, as they oddly admit in their platform, only "minor additions," which fail to address larger campus issues.

The platform of Wong and Hopkins lacks ingenuity. Many disciplines already have student academic committees. Diverse and controversial viewpoints are protected at Colby. Other suggestions for improving community, athletics and career services appear to lack prior research. Their suggestion to improve social life by working closely with the Social Programming Board is implausible because the Student Government Association and SPB are now separate entities.

Data and Kutluoglu's platform points are inconsequential. Improving Colby lounges by providing ping-pong tables is not a bad idea, but it is doubtful they will increase the amount students socialize there. It is unclear how the duo plans to increase attendance at athletic events. We expect Data and Kutluoglu to promote representation because it is their job, having it in their platform suggests they had no better ideas to include. Reducing the price of books is implausible. The bookstore already does the best it can. The candidates' best idea is a free shuttle to Portland and Boston for breaks.

That leaves James and Shanahan, and Taff and German. Taff and German's platform is better than James and Shanahan because they have good ideas that are backed up with solid suggestions and research for fulfillment.

They have spoken with Dining Services, who is interested in having tables outside a couple of times each month at Bobs and Foss and having cookouts during the fall and spring, which would be fun. Dinner mixers to improve communication between different campus constituents would probably be constructive. Offering Jan Plan courses or Wellness lectures that provide students with a usable life skill is a great idea and something worth considering as the College revamps Jan Plan.

It is true that a mandatory warning for noise complaints has already been passed by SGA and that wireless ports in Miller are not necessary because the current ports are underused, but their other ideas are intelligent and show the same level of competence and leadership the two candidates brought to SPB.

James and Shanahan have made their priority helping Colby students feel safe. Colby students' safety should be a concern of any SGA president, but the duo does not indicate how to make students feel safer. This may mean multi-cultural housing, which James supports.

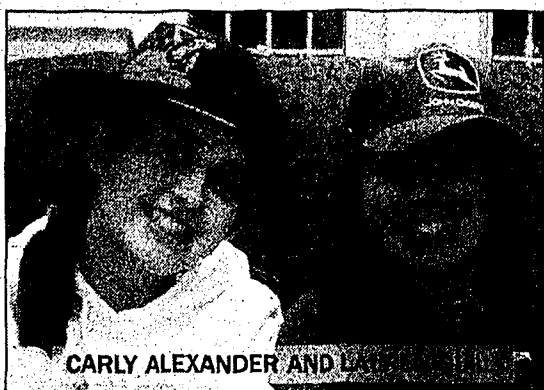
Their other platform points are also lacking. It seems likely that the Board of Trustees will vote to keep the Health Center open 24-hours when they meet this April, making James and Shanahan's platform moot. The issue may come up again next year although it is unlikely.

Bringing back the Spotlight Lecture Series is an interesting idea, but is already on the agenda of the Academic Affairs Committee. The Spotlight Lectures used to be Thursdays at 11 a.m. and classes were not scheduled during this time. The College got rid of the lectures to create a free block from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Student Activities Office will evaluate mid-year orientation this year. The time students may study abroad has not been curtailed, just reorganized. The duo does not specify how they will improve the handling of sexual assault on campus. SGA has already passed a motion to have booklists published before classes start. Increasing the amount of parking on campus is addressed in the Strategic Plan.

If the platforms are any indication of the candidates' capabilities, Taff and German have proven themselves the most promising.

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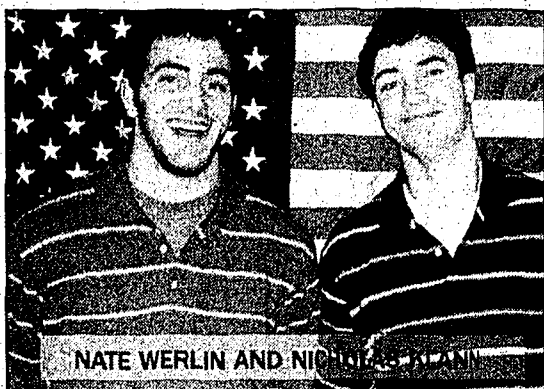
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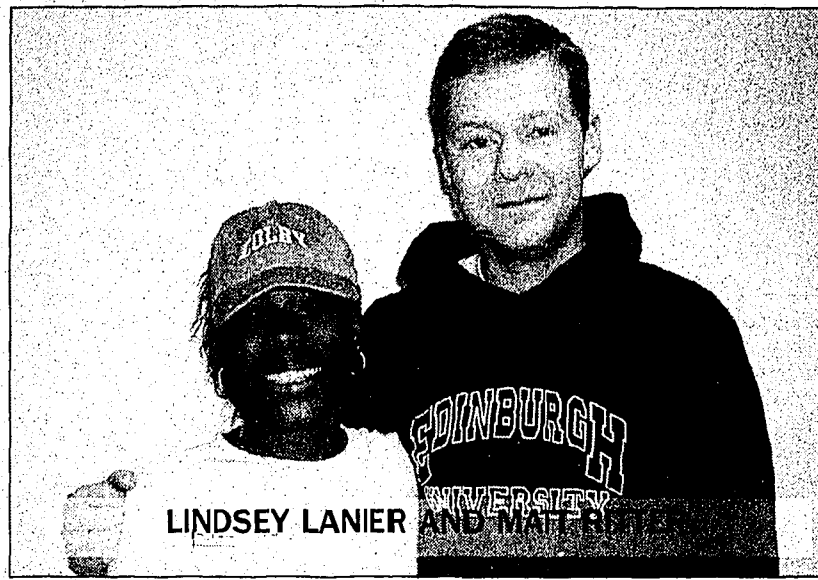
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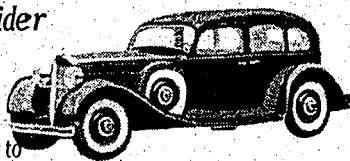


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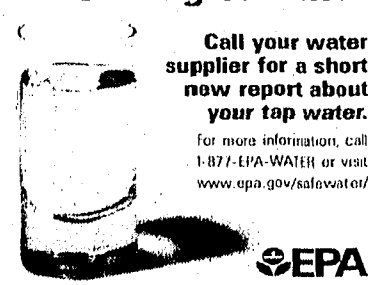
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We are seeking responses and/or stories from any of you who would like to reflect on gender and sports at Colby. Your contribution will be shared at a public forum (confidentially, if so designated).

Please send your response to either one of these student members of the Multicultural Affairs Committee by March 30. Join us on April 7 for a community discussion.

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the administration, faculty and staff do a tremendous job to see that the college experience runs smoothly. However, we have several minor additions that we believe will further enhance the quality of campus life.

First is the addition of more cash-to-card machines. It can be a frustration to have to trek to one of only a few locations to put money on one's card to perform simple tasks such as doing laundry or buying snacks. It would be a great convenience to all students if additional machines would be installed in areas such as the dining halls.

Second in line is a coffee machine to be installed in the Street of Miller Library. Often it is the case that students studying into the late hours of the night in the Street need a pick-me-up, and the implementation of a simple coffee machine would serve this purpose.

Third is the installation of a television(s) in the weight room. Frequenters of the cardio equipment could now have a diversion other than "people watching" during their workouts, as the Colby weight room would follow in the footsteps of many other colleges that already provide this amenity.

The fourth addition to campus life would be the implementation of "call waiting" to every dorm-room telephone as part of the standard telecommunications package. As most students live with roommates, the telephone can be a valuable commodity of dorm life. As other New England Small College Athletic Conference schools, such as Hamilton, have already done, providing the service of call waiting would ease frustrations and avoid telephone conflicts among roommates.

Our final proposition is to better discuss crucial or controversial issues with the student body. One solution would be enhanced publicity for Presidents' Council meetings and another would be organizing campus-wide town meetings. Both would keep students informed and give everyone ample opportunities to voice his or her opinion.

As Robert Kennedy once said, "There are those that look at things the way they are, and ask, 'Why?' I dream of things that never were, and ask 'Why not?'" Ten seconds of your time could change the next year of your life. Vote Mickey Cooper and Matt Forlizzi for Student Government Association president and vice president.

## JAMES AND SHANAHAN:

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munity. We wish to fully evaluate the current mechanisms used for dealing with threats to individuals in our community. We have researched methods used by other colleges in dealing with hate and bias crimes and hope this will help shape Colby's response policies. Helping all Colby students feel safe is a top priority.

\*Feb-Fresh Orientation: February freshmen should receive the same quality orientation as their classmates entering in the fall. We plan to evaluate the current orientation process for Feb-Fresh.

\*Study Abroad: We believe that studying abroad is an invaluable experience. We are already working to lift the current limitations on the length of time that students may study abroad.

\*Health Center Hours: The Garrison-Foster Health Center is a vital resource for the health and safety of all Colby students. We will fight to keep this facility open 24-7.

\*Sexual Assault: Sexual assault is a significant concern for Colby. In conjunction with the Sexual Assault Task Force, we intend to improve the handling of sexual assault on this campus.

\*Spotlight Lecture Series: Lectures are an integral part of a liberal arts education. To increase participation and restore an old tradition, we hope to bring back the weekly Spotlight Lecture

Series. These lectures will be held each week at the same time and venue and will be properly advertised to insure maximum participation.

\*Online Booklists: Colby students should be able to choose where they purchase their textbooks. We will push for the online publication of book lists prior to the start of each semester to provide students with the opportunity to buy textbooks elsewhere.

\*Convenience Items: Colby has begun to provide convenience items for students in the Bookstore and the Spa, however, we believe that this service should be further expanded.

\*Student Shuttles: We plan to organize shuttles to Portland, Boston and Sugarloaf for the student body.

\*Parking: The parking shortage on campus needs to be dealt with in a timely manner for the safety as well as convenience of students.

We've loved all the opportunities that Colby has given us and are excited about giving back to Colby next year. We have researched these proposals through communication with students, faculty and administrators. We're here to push for effective and positive change. Vote Emma and Kearney for Student Government Association president and vice president March 17.

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ticipating and working together. We also want to encourage and implement more exciting activities that are culturally focused involving music, food, literature and art. Our focus is to find ways to break down the many misconceptions students have of their peers.

\* Community: supporting Colby volunteering programs by providing funding and more opportunities for students to participate. This includes proposing an idea to earn wellness credit through community service.

\* Athletics: regarding the issue of captains' practices, we want to begin a program advocating athlete safety. To do this, we hope to work with the athletic training room to provide athletes with student trainers upon request at unofficial scrimmages.

\* Parking: bring back "plow days" for each lot to clear ice and snow. To create more spaces, we want to make commuter spots available overnight. Make sand, salt and shovels available for each dorm. Improving security in parking lots by adding more lighting, especially in Hillside.

\* Career Services: to help students prepare for a life outside of the bubble, we want to propose real-life experience courses for Jan Plan. This would include information about job searching, interview, etiquette, graduation applications and resumes.

\* Social Life: by working closely with the Student Activities Office and the Student Programming Board, increase the range of activities offered on weekends, without eliminating current student favorites. Also, provide transportation that is more efficient to Bowdoin and Bates for concerts, athletic games and other events.

These are just some of the ideas we have for improving Colby. We are excited to hear any other suggestions from our student body. For more details on our platform, check out our Web site ([www.colby.edu/personal/jj/cwong](http://www.colby.edu/personal/jj/cwong)). We hope to have a chance to represent you in the following year. Thank you!

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We have crafted a platform of ideas that is bold but practical, broken down into four areas of concentration: Improving social and academic life; encouraging diversity; providing better opportunities to gain post-Colby skills and adding to the effectiveness and accountability of Presidents' Council.

Augmenting social and academic life on campus is a priority as it is the essence of our experience at Colby. To improve residential life, we propose changing the protocol for issuing noise complaint citations so that there is a mandatory warning given. We have also spoken with Dining Services and they have responded well to our suggestion of an outdoor eating area at Bobs and Foss along with a regular grill so students can enjoy the weather when it's nice.

We propose to improve academic

life on campus with the installation of a wireless network in Miller Library (and perhaps elsewhere), which would mitigate problems with the layout of the library and accessibility of Internet ports. It would also be beneficial to increase the amount of information provided about classes on the registrar's Web site with testimonials, class Web site links, book lists, etc. Every classroom on campus should also have a clock synchronized with the one atop the library.

Diversity is something we believe strongly enhances our college experience. SGA can play a role by building the forums in which existing diversity on campus is recognized and valued. We would like to start a series of dinner mixers that would create a confluence of people and ideas. We would also like to create an online e-mail forum with a weekly topic — essentially, a "Digest"

for debate to encourage discourse.

In order to help prepare students for the world they will face after Colby we propose offering Jan Plan courses, electives or Wellness lectures that will teach students how to write a resume, interview for a job and use Excel or other computer programs.

Lastly, we want to bring more authority and accountability to Presidents' Council by ensuring that motions are followed up on and not lost in the shuffle between academic years.

Our platform, our willingness to listen to students' ideas, our experiences as Commons leaders and our success working together as a team in the past makes us highly qualified to bring about the changes Colby needs and deserves. For effective and creative leadership in SGA, vote Taff-German for president and vice president.

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but a few. Some of the dorms already have such equipment, but they are often poorly maintained and out of use. We will therefore also provide for the maintenance.

\* We will also consider setting up a free shuttle to Portland and Boston for breaks. It is a measure that does not require much from the College, yet can help out quite a bit. Why spend more money on gas (or ride the scary bus) when you could get a ride out of the \$35,800 you pay to Colby College?

\* We will also strengthen support for athletic events. Most agree that sports are an important part of Colby, especially considering our location. We will promote better attendance of our home games through better publicity to win

greater support for our teams.

\* Finally we will promote true representation of students' voices. We think most students do not currently feel like they are a part of the Student Government Association because they think that their voices are not being heard. Thus, we will recommend referendums for issues that affect students significantly. And most importantly, we will be committed to hearing students' views not only collectively through the Presidents' Council, but also individually by setting up SGA suggestion boxes.

We sincerely look forward to serving you and hope you will vote for us. The SGA can do a lot for Colby students and we want to take up this challenge.

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