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Cancellation of campus tradition generates destruction

By KAITLIN McCAFFERTY
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The annual Saint Patrick's Day celebration, Doghead, resulted in thousands of dollars of damage after the party was moved to campus. A tip to the State Police made hosting the party a risk for the students who live at the off-campus house. Incorrectly believing that the administration had brought an end to yet another tradition at Colby, students vandalized the campus.

Doghead, an off-campus party that was to be held in Clinton, was moved after the Clinton Police Department was contacted by the State Police who had received information about the party, according to Chief of Police in Clinton Leonard MacDaide. They then called the landlord of four seniors, Jon Evans, Ryan Lochhead, Tim Glew and Ryan Tyler, to alert the residents to the fact that they were aware a party was scheduled for that Saturday morning. The students then met with the police and decided that the risks were too great to host the party.

"They scared the crap out of us," Evans said. "They threatened us with a lot of stuff. They said the State Police were going to bring the nastiness."

"They basically said that if we had a party the Clinton Police would be nice compared to the state troopers, who would be called with a force as big as 50 and they would be 'nasty,'" Glew said. "They would arrest us and any minor either intoxicated or drinking."

"They told us that someone from the school told them about it," Tyler said. "Someone from the college were their exact words."

On Tuesday MacDaide told the *Echo* that the tip was anonymous.

In an email to campus Monday evening, President William D. Adams said that a staff member mentioned the

party to a friend in the State Police Department during casual conversation and denied any previous knowledge of the tip.

The Clinton Police visited the students' house and left their business card when no one was there, according to Glew. The residents met with the police three times and the chief of police twice.

"They were very respectful young men," MacDaide said. "We just made a courtesy call."

"If it weren't for the Clinton Police and the Kennebec County Sheriff," Evans said, "We could have been caught. They were looking out for our best interests. They weren't required to come out and tell us."

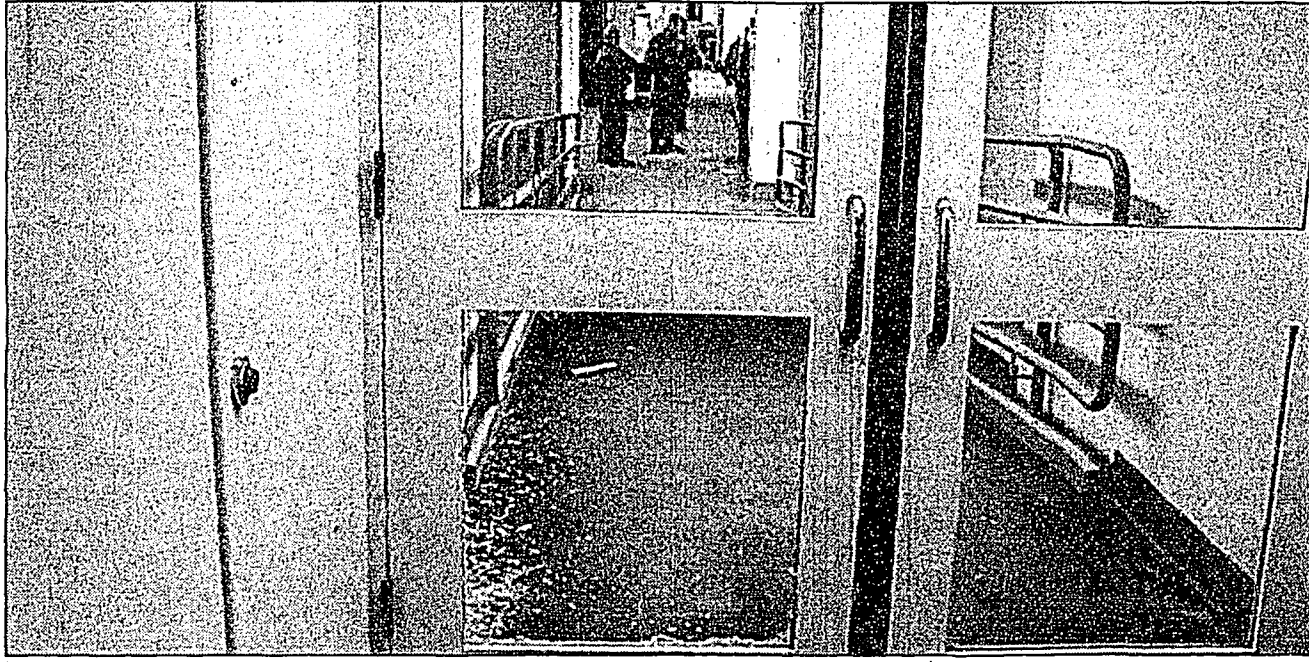
"We were most upset that nobody came to us, not the deans, not whoever made the call, not security, not even the state troopers," Glew said. "We were the last to 'know' that our party was going to be broken up."

"They weren't just willing to let us get fucked, they were willing to let every underage kid and intoxicated person get fucked," said Evans.

The residents proceeded to create posters that hung around school alerting students to the cancellation.

At the time of the printing, Director of the Physical Plant Department Pat Murphy said that the total amount of damage done to campus was "getting close to \$20,000 at this point." Although that figure did not include figures from security or the damage done to Associate Dean of Multiculturalism Cecelia Stanton's car.

"There is no excuse for this kind of destruction whether or not the administration told the police," Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Janice Kassman said. "Neither the Deans nor President Adams nor anyone in an official capacity informed the police... Director of Security Pete



Door windows smashed into The Street during riotous Doghead activity. Security officers examine the damage.

Chenevert was planning on mentioning it to the police in the interest of security, student welfare and the good relations we have with law enforcement."

Murphy said, "The biggest single expense was broken glass... We had a contractor come in and estimate the damage. It came to about \$6,000. The windows can cost anywhere from a few hundred dollars to a thousand dollars."

Murphy cited damaged smoke detectors, broken exit signs, broken screens, holes in walls and ceilings, missing ceiling tiles, a broken vending machine, a urinal ripped off a wall, missing and broken furniture, a turned over dumpster, graffiti on walls, a broken door in The Street, a painting ripped off of the walls in The Street, a piece of furniture thrown from Taylor and landed on Stanton's car cracking the windshield and breaking the mirror, windows broken all over campus and other acts of vandalism. "Someone knocked down a lamppost; they're lucky they didn't get killed," she said. Also, the statue

"Mother and Child," by William Zorach was rocked off of its stand.

"We had to call people in on the weekend, we had to put up temporary repairs. It was a lot of labor," Murphy said.

"We have some suspects," Chenevert said. "An officer witnessed some students throwing rocks at the windows in the Spa and chased him into Dana. We are starting to put things together. We hope students will give us a call and give us some names... Students who weren't involved should be outraged."

SGA voted to condemn the vandalism at Presidents' Council on Sunday.

Kassman, Student Government Association President Derek Taff '04, Vice President Josh German '04, Senior Class Representative Matt Ritter, Executive Assistant to the President Sally Baker, Chenevert and Kassman met various times on Thursday and proposed a plan to hold Doghead on campus. The Senior Class sponsored 10 kegs and 500 Egg McMuffins at the half

shell at 9:30 a.m.

"It was a cooperative decision," Kassman said. "[Taff and German] were aware of the students' anger and adequately described the unrest on campus. We decided, now that it's cancelled, we should do something."

"We met with [Kassman] at 9 a.m. [on Thursday]. She had no idea. We met with her all day. She had no incentive to call in and stop the party. They knew the backlash would be huge," Taff said. "We were in meetings all day to discuss ways that SGA and the Senior Class could step up and make the best of the worst situation."

Students gathered on the Miller Library steps at 8 a.m. chanting against President William D. Adams, Kassman, and Dean of Residential Life Ron Hammond. Kassman was present on the steps as were Chenevert and various other security officers. "I was sad," Kassman said. But she expressed her desire to talk with the students about the situation.

Diversity survey offered to Colby community

By BRAD KASNET
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment is conducting a campus-wide survey in hopes of determining the attitudes of students, faculty and staff on the topic of diversity.

The survey is being conducted online through the College website and began March 1 when Director of Institutional Research and Assessment Mark Freeman sent a campus-wide e-mail inviting the Colby community to participate.

After answering basic demographic questions, respondents are asked to answer 24 questions about various issues of diversity on the Colby campus. Each question asks for separate responses in the areas of race, sex, sexual orientation and social class.

The idea behind the survey is to "find out ways in which people on campus think broadly about diversity," Administrative Vice President and Treasurer Arnold Yasinski said. "We hear some voices and not others."

Yasinski and Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy Cheshire Calhoun are currently serving in the final year of two-year appointments as special assistants to the President on diversity initiatives and were initially involved in the design of the survey, along with Freeman. As the survey evolved, various students, faculty and staff contributed to the design of the survey, including those on the Multicultural Affairs Committee and the Committee on Race and Racism.

Freeman said the idea for the survey had first come about last spring. The designers of the survey looked at similar surveys conducted by other institutions to find questions and issues to cover in a survey of the Colby community. While many of the questions are similar to those found in other surveys, Freeman noted that separating answers based on race, sex, sexual orientation and social class is a unique feature to this survey. Other categories such as religion were considered for the survey, but the survey was limited to the four chosen categories because "those are seen as the ones that carry the most weight," Freeman said.

"Not to say there aren't a multitude of other differences, but these seem to be the big ones we struggle with," Yasinski said. Freeman also noted that including social class is somewhat distinctive as well, as this category has not been studied as thoroughly as others and there is less existing data on that topic.

The goals of the survey are to "establish a baseline and see if there are kinds of issues where people feel particularly positive or negative about," Yasinski said.

Freeman called the survey a "barometer of public opinion on issues related to diversity."

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Existing policy prohibits alcohol promotion for events

By KATIE HAMM
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In effect for many years but unknown to some students, the Colby College alcohol policy bans the Student Programming Board or any other organization on campus from advertising whether there will or will not be alcohol served at an event.

The policy, as outlined in the Student Handbook, states that "public advertising of the event must not include the mention of alcohol."

"We don't want students to attend an event because of alcohol," said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Janice Kassman. "We want students to go because of the nature of the event, the theme of the event. We don't want the purpose of the event to be to consume alcohol."

Since the policy has been in effect for such a long time, it is difficult to judge the consequences it has on attendance at events.

"The trend generally is that if there is alcohol, there are more people that are attracted to the event. I'm not sure how advertising would play into it, but I'm sure it would have an effect if we were allowed to advertise alcohol," said SPB President Mary Biggins '05.

"I don't think it's such a cut and dry issue. Yes, on average dances with kegs tend to be more popular than dances without kegs, but there's not really a science to it. It doesn't hinder attendance too much usually, a tiny bit it might, but nothing noticeable," said Social Events Committee Chair Dori

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Hackett expected to plead guilty

By KAITLIN McCAFFERTY
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Edward J. Hackett is expected to change his plea from not guilty to guilty on Friday morning for the September kidnapping and murder of Colby Senior Dawn Rossignol.

Assistant Attorney General William Stokes said, "We anticipate a change of plea," but "we can't discuss what is motivating him."

The hearing has been scheduled for 9 a.m. tomorrow in Kennebec County Superior Court in Augusta. If Hackett changes his plea, "he will be sentenced on Friday," Stokes said. However, if Hackett decides not to change his plea, "We are prepared to try the case," Stokes said.

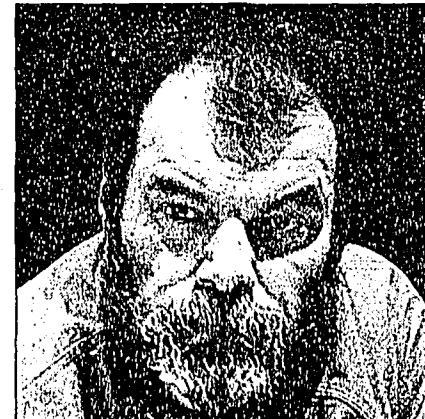
Forty-seven year-old Hackett is charged with killing Rossignol on Sept. 16, 2003. She was allegedly abducted from the Hillside parking lot and taken to Rice Rips Road. Police found her body in Messalonskee

Stream the next day near her abandoned car.

Hackett was on parole from Utah, where he had been incarcerated for charges of robbery and kidnapping a 24 year-old woman from a downtown parking garage 12 years ago. He was staying with his family in Vassalboro, Me., where he was arrested one week after Rossignol's murder.

His charges include murder, kidnapping, aggravated assault, unlawful sexual contact with penetration, robbery and theft. Facing a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole, he pled not guilty to all charges at his November arraignment. According to Stokes, entering a plea of not guilty on murder charges is customary until the defense has had the opportunity to review all of the evidence. "That is the process that we have," he said. "It is standard."

Due to the amount of evidence to be reviewed by the defense, a continuance



Edward J. Hackett.

was granted until March 26, extended 60 days from the original deadline.

Hackett is currently being held in solitary confinement at the Maine State Prison in Warren. He was moved there from the Kennebec County Corrections Facility in Augusta following his alleged assault of another inmate and threat to kill a jail guard in December.

Hackett's attorney Pamela Ames was unavailable for comment.

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GLBTTIQQ "Q and A" pamphlet distributed

By KATIE HAMM
FEATURES EDITOR

A new "Q and A" booklet addressing GLBTTIQQ issues is now available to the Colby community.

In its introduction, the pamphlet states its purpose as presenting "to the general campus community some of the issues and experiences common to members of a subordinate group based on sexual orientation, sex or gender identity."

Several questions are answered throughout the booklet, including definitions of the identities represented in GLBTTIQQ, the difference between heterosexism and homophobia, the difference between sexual identity and gender identity and the unspoken sexual orientation or gender identity privileges of the members of the dominant group.

"I think in general that it's necessary, particularly for dominant group members in whatever form of differ-

ence, to have ways of educating themselves without people of subordinate groups always providing the information. This acts as a source for people to learn about forms of difference," said Administrative Vice President and Treasurer Arnold Yasinski.

"A lot of GLBTTIQQ people have had bad experiences here. This is in part a response and for people wanting something to refer to their friends who might ask awkward questions, but are people of goodwill," said Heidi Kim.

Reference Librarian Marilyn Pukkila believes the newness of the information in the "Q and A" will vary among students.

"You can't speak of students as a group," Pukkila said. "Some are extremely informed about these issues, while there are others for who it will be very new."

"This is really for everybody," Kim said.

The information in the "Q and A" came from a variety of sources,

according to Yasinski.

"A lot of it is commonly in circulation, and a fair amount came from sources in the library research areas

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Marilyn Pukkila
Reference Librarian

on the web," Yasinski said.

"There is quite a good collection of definitions available in the Colby library, from what it means to be intersexed to more vulgar slang,"

Kim said.

President William D. Adams notified the student body about the booklet through an e-mail sent Thursday, March 11, writing that he hopes "all of us will find it useful, informative, and helpful in building dialogue."

The "Q and A" was produced in response to a recommendation by the Queer Task Force of 2002-2003. The process of putting the pamphlet together began late in the spring of 2003. It was drafted originally by Kim and Pukkila. Yasinski and Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy Cheshire Calhoun worked on the editing of the booklet, along with the help of many others, including members of the Queer Task Force.

The pamphlet was distributed in mailboxes late last week and can also be found at http://www.colby.edu/diversity/glbttiqq_q&a.pdf.

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Sexual Assault Task Force turns organization

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At the March 7 Presidents' Council meeting, the Student Government Association approved the establishment of Students Against Sexual Assault as an official student organization at Colby, a transition from the Sexual Assault Task Force that has been present on campus for the past two years.

The main goal of the organization will be awareness, said President Kellie Phelan '04, whereas the task force was created to examine Colby's policies in dealing with sexual assault.

"There are a couple reasons why we wanted to become an organization," Phelan said. "First, the fact that I'm graduating. For continuity, so this can continue on. There is so much potential. Money is also a reason. We've gotten money a couple of times from SGA, but it will be much easier to have money as a club. We wanted to make it an official Colby thing."

Phelan noted that Bates College and Bowdoin College both have student organizations whose focus is sexual assault.

To increase awareness and dialogue about sexual assault, the group already has four dorm events scheduled, which will start the week after spring break. The 30-minute presentations will consist of an interactive section about the myths and facts of sexual assault, include definitions, a brief discussion of school policies and reporting off-campus and will end with a discussion of what students can do about sexual assault.

The organization has also designed programs about sexual assault for athletic teams and has spoken to Associate Director of Student Activities Leanne Burnham, who is the director of the COOT program, about training for COOT leaders to allow them to have a casual conversation with first-year students about sexual assault.

"[Sexual assault] is definitely an issue at Colby, and in society. It's really hard to talk about. Especially at Colby, the chances are that the two people know each other. In any instance of sexual assault, there are always feelings of shame, especially if alcohol is involved. A huge problem is that people don't know definitions.

There's a fuzziness when alcohol is involved, hopefully we can help in letting people know where the line

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Kellie Phelan '04
President of Students Against Sexual Assault

stands," Phelan said

Students Against Sexual Assault currently has 18 members, including four males. About half of the members are seniors, Phelan said.

"We're not calling ourselves advo-

cates, but a group that shows support, understanding, and caring. We want to put it out there and have dialogue," Phelan said.

"At any institution, certainly sexual assault and rape are salient issues, so I just feel that Rape Crisis and that sort of thing are very important. This organization has done some very nice things, as a task force beforehand. This is a nice stepping stone and I thought if they were made into a legitimate organization then we can do even more things at the Colby campus," said Alford Hall President Joshua Hunnewell '04, who proposed the motion to establish the organization.

The Sexual Assault Task Force was established in the fall of 2002 through the Student Government Association. The task force was "very much about looking at policies and reporting," Phelan said. While underreporting by sexual assault victims is still a severe problem, it is not because of the College's policies. The task force found Colby's policies to be satisfactory, according to Phelan. Last semester, the task force held Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which started dialogue on campus, Phelan said.

Colby forms Free Tibet chapter

By ERIN RHODA
STAFF WRITER

Students for a Free Tibet was created in 1994 and has over 650 chapters worldwide. Tenzin Tsewang '07 officially established another chapter at Colby at the Feb. 22 Presidents' Council meeting and became its president. Colby and the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor are the only two colleges in Maine that have an SFT chapter.

Colby students involved with SFT have a number of plans for the semester. They will be having panel discussions, letter writing campaigns, film festivals and guest speakers, including Executive Director of SFT Lhadon Tethong. They will also recognize Tibetan celebrations such as Tibetan New Year, International Human Rights Day and National Tibetan Uprising Day and they hope to collaborate with other colleges to attend demonstrations and rallies.

Currently, they are working on the case of Tenzin Delek Rinpoche, a Buddhist leader who was sentenced to death without credible evidence by the Chinese government for his alleged involvement in an explosion in Eastern Tibet.

Tsewang knows first-hand how the people of Tibet struggle for survival. As children, her parents escaped from Tibet through the Himalayas and grew up in an orphanage in India. Tsewang was born and raised in India until her family was granted admission to the United States. She moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico when she was twelve and is the first of her generation to attend college. "Everything is taken from you. You have to start from beginning...my family has been through a lot," Tsewang said.

SFT is a grassroots organization that not only fights to free Tibet from Chinese occupation, but to end Tibetan human rights violations on a more localized level, according to Tsewang. To this day, freedom of speech, religion, movement and assembly do not exist in Tibet. Arbitrary arrests, unfair trials, torture of political prisoners and forced abortions are common. Since Chinese invasion in 1949, over 1.2 million Tibetans have been killed and over 6,000 monasteries have been destroyed. Fifty-five years later, hundreds of Tibetans continue to flee Tibet. Jobs created by the Chinese occupation benefit Chinese colonists, not Tibetans, and Chinese practices have endangered the Tibetan environ-

ment through strip mining, toxic waste dumping and deforestation. The peaceful, loving people of Tibet have little power to overthrow the heavy Chinese militarization and that is why they need outside help.

When asked about her personal reasons for creating SFT at Colby, Tsewang said, "You have a certain obligation to your country and to your people."

She described her culture: "My mother's side were nomads and often relatives from my mother's side would tell us children of their daily life and how they long to go back. My father's family was mostly farmers. Our relatives would try to create a bond with us children who were born outside of their country through the use of oral tradition."

"For me, it's so hard when people ask me where I am from. I say 'Tibet, India and New Mexico.' I share a deep connection with India because that's where my childhood memories are of climbing guava trees, eating mangoes, jackfruits and playing peetu, which is a game. We still play peetu in New Mexico when kids gather for ceremonies or celebrations. Yet my heart belongs to Tibet."

To join SFT, contact Tsewang. To gather more information on SFT or the situation in Tibet, go to www.studentsforafreetibet.org.

Wireless network progresses in Miller, but reaches technical difficulties

By BRAD KASNET
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Work is continuing on the installation of a wireless computer network in parts of Miller Library and several other locations on campus, although recent technical issues have delayed the launch of the new network.

The internal wiring and antennas are in place, but Information Technology Services (ITS) has discovered that many newer "wireless-ready" laptop computers are not compatible with the network. Many of these newer computers experience fluctuating and dropped signals when using the network. Although older laptops that have had wireless cards added to them have had few issues on the network, Director of ITS Ray Phillips said that the majority of student laptops are of the newer variety.

Most of the components of the network were installed over the month of January after funding was approved in late December. Three antennas were installed in the first floor of Miller Library, which should provide coverage throughout the study area behind the reference shelves and some coverage on the floors directly above and below this area.

Two antennas were installed to cover the Street as well and antennas were also installed in the Lovejoy Building in the ITS offices for testing and the Language Resource Center.

ITS is now working to correct the accessibility problems and hopes to have the network ready to launch at some point during this semester. Once operational, students will be able to

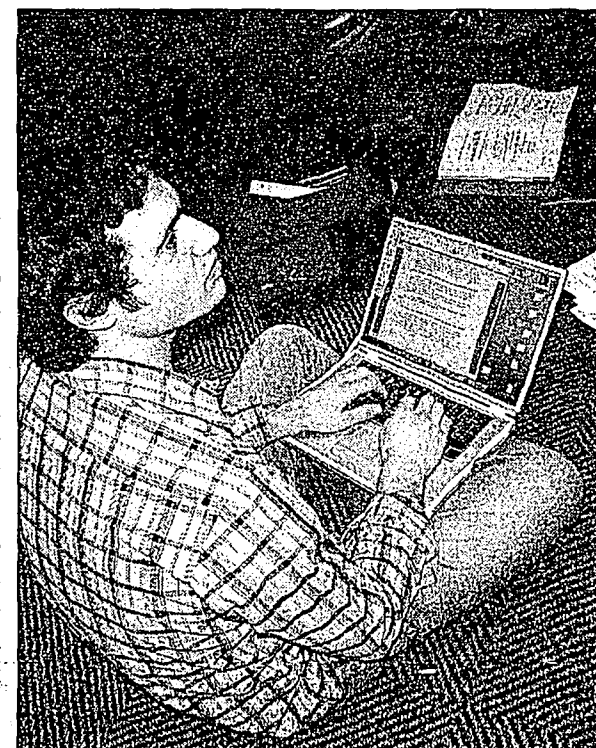
configure their laptops once to access the network and then have wireless Internet access whenever they are within range of an antenna.

"We're trying to design it so it's as simple as possible to use, so you won't have to reset things when you move from the study area to the Street," Phillips said.

"In the fall, there was strong interest on the part of a few students that having a wireless network would be a good thing," Phillips said. He noted that some other colleges have already

done a lot with wireless networks, but Colby wanted to wait "until there was a compelling reason." The wireless network is not intended to replace the wired network and is being installed as a pilot program in areas that currently have little or no network access.

The wireless network provides a more affordable alternative to a wired network when expanding network access to new areas. Each wireless access point costs roughly \$2,000, compared with about \$600 for a traditional Ethernet port, although more than one computer can use each wireless access point at a given time. Phillips said that one drawback to a wireless network, though, is that with current technology, a wireless network



A student works on his laptop in The Street.

offers at best about half as much bandwidth as a wired Ethernet port.

There are currently no plans to expand the wireless network beyond what is currently being installed, but if the network is successful, a wireless network could be used in the future to expand network access around campus, Phillips said.

"The next step we would be interested in is identifying areas of no or inadequate network access for future networking," Phillips said. Areas where large groups of people gather such as Cotter Union or residence hall lounges could be possibilities for future wireless networking.

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Ellowitch '06.

"I don't think that advertising with alcohol has a great impact on event attendance because I think the student body word of mouth is a powerful vehicle," said Director of Student Activities Lisa Hallen.

Ellowitch furthered Hallen's sentiment, "Word of mouth plays a part of it, and usually people will stop by a dance, and then sometimes how long they stay is determined by whether or not there's a keg. There have been a lot of dances where if there's no keg people will stop by, but it's harder to get them to stay."

Kassman did note that the prohibition of advertising alcohol for an event may "combat the 'there's nothing to do but drink' phenomenon." The possibility of groups trying to "outdo" each other in terms of alcohol at events could also be a concern if the policy

was not in place, Kassman said.

Kassman said that the policy has been in effect for at least 10 years, and possibly longer. Along with the other policies outlined in the handbook, it was developed by the College as a whole, including the Dean of Students Office and students.

According to Biggins, there was some discussion at the end of last semester among the executive board of SPB and the Student Government Association about looking into ways of changing the policy, but the outlook was bleak.

"It would have to go to the Board of Trustees and it's not likely they would change it," Biggins said.

The Trustee Working Group is currently examining the entire alcohol policy of the College, according to Kassman.

"I think that [the policy banning advertisement of alcohol] is consistent with other college policies, so I think that it makes sense," Hallen said.

DIVERSITY SURVEY: Analysis to follow

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The survey will be open until March 19. After that, Freeman will begin the task of compiling and interpreting the data collected. Some form of a report will be released to the community at large, likely with at least summaries of average responses. Freeman hopes to release this analysis by the end of this semester, although it may not be finished until early fall.

Freeman said that how the results will be used will be based largely on the findings of the survey and that "anyone that wants to" will be able to use the findings.

Yasinski said that the senior staff would review the findings and determine where to go from there. Depending on what is found, the College may be able to identify and address areas that need special attention.

Although the survey is voluntary, Freeman expects that the results will still be largely representative of the student body as a whole. Two days after the survey began, about one-third of the 2,481 potential respondents had already participated. He said he would have confidence in the results if at least 50 percent of the community responds.

"I hope as many people as possible will participate in the survey so we can get a good full picture of what the community is feeling," Yasinski said.

IN TOWN Q&A

By KATIE HAMM
FEATURES EDITOR

Donna Bennett is the owner of Fashions Quality Consignment in Waterville. Features Editor Katie Hamm spoke with Bennett about her store.

K: Are you the first owner of the store?
D: I'm the second owner.
K: Do you know when the store opened?
D: The store opened in 1998, but it wasn't at this location.
K: When did you become the owner?
D: I became the owner in May of last year.

K: What got you interested in the business of a consignment store?

D: I worked for the first owner, Diane; I steamed for her. I didn't get paid; I got clothing in return, to help build my wardrobe because I waitressed and I worked part-time for Weight Watchers and I didn't have dress clothes. I quit my waitressing job and I became full-time with Diane, and back in 2001 I managed the store, when Diane wasn't here. Then she decided to sell and I purchased the business.

K: Do you sell just women's clothing or is it men's also?

D: Just women's.

K: Any interest in expanding or do you think it will remain just women's?

Fashions Quality Consignment



Donna Bennett of Fashions Quality Consignment.

D: We tried the men's clothing for a couple consignments. It didn't sell like the women's clothing, and then space became an issue because the store has really grown. We really don't have the room for the men's.

K: When someone brings you clothing that they'd like to be sold, what are your qualifications for accepting it?

D: We are very selective. We want name brands. There can't be any spots or tears. It has to be good quality.

K: How do you determine the price of an item?

D: Rule of thumb is it's a third of what it would sell for; that's what we pretty much base the price on. And again, it's going to depend on the shape, the condition of the clothing.

K: What are the most popular items that are sold?

D: We have career, for professional women in the office. We have casual, blue jeans and khakis. We do very well with everything. We have semi-formal to some formal gowns, and we do well with that.

Colby community commemorates former professor Ruth Brancaccio

By KATE RUSSO
NEWS EDITOR

Members of the Colby community, past and present, gathered on Monday, March 15 in Lorimer Chapel to celebrate the life of former Theater Professor Ruth Brancaccio, who died of cancer on Sunday, Mar. 7.

Brancaccio, 67, had been part of the Colby community since 1963 when she moved to the Waterville area with her husband, Professor Emeritus Patrick Brancaccio, who was very much involved within the town and the College. As a Waterville Junior High English Teacher, she invented the language arts program in the Waterville school system, which allowed junior high students to learn theatre more closely.

Within Colby, Brancaccio taught on and off as a member of the Department of Theatre and Dance and, with the help of Assistant to the Vice President Geraldine Roseboro,

started Colby's own Social Action Theatre group in 1995; it is in this vain that she most influenced the Colby community, according to the myriad speakers at the service.

Brancaccio married her love of drama with her drive for politics by directing eight Social Action Theatre productions.

"Eight productions and about 200 students later, we still marvel at Ruth's magic—how she could take what she had and do with it what she did—we will all continue to be amazed," Roseboro said. "She had a vision and she could make you see what she thought...the students learned more than just their lines and their crew jobs."

Roseboro went on to describe Brancaccio's talent and conviction as a magic potion, which made her productions such a great success.

When reflecting on her relationship with Brancaccio, Roseboro was reminded of a psalm which said, "I am drinking from my saucer, because my cup is overflowed." "I am drinking from my

saucer because of Ruth and her unselfish caring and giving," Roseboro said.

Aside from her role in productions at Colby, her friends and family remarked on her charisma and optimism. Pottery Instructor Nancy Meader and her husband, Professor Emeritus Abbott Meader, as well as Associate Professor of English Natalie Harris and her husband, Zacamy Professor of English Peter Harris, spoke of Thanksgivings at the Brancaccio household, where Ruth thrived on the chaos of cooking a large meal, a characteristic of her life that was well known to attendees.

"She was a rich blend of tradition and creativity and inspiration... Ruth loved the world and she loved people. She was a great soul and an artist. And I am a better person for having known her, better by far," said Abbott Meader.

Brancaccio's husband Patrick, as well as her children David, Peter and Lisa and her grandchildren, attended the memorial service.

Colby invests money in business park

By BRAD KASNET
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Colby College announced on Wednesday, Mar. 10 a plan to invest \$500,000 in FirstPark, a business park in Oakland designed to stimulate business growth and attract new corporations to the region.

Colby's investment will go toward one quarter of the cost of a \$2 million building in the park, which is being built in the hopes of attracting future tenants.

Colby President William D. Adams was quoted in the Waterville Morning Sentinel saying, "We talked about it a great deal and we reflected a great deal...We agreed because we regard this as an important regional opportunity." In a press release on FirstPark's website, Adams said that Colby's trustee leadership supported participation in the partnership.

"Colby's investment in this venture is an affirmation of our commitment to support local economic development initiatives and to do our part to help bring new jobs to the Waterville area," Adams said on

FirstPark's website.

Gov. John Baldacci was grateful for Colby's investment, saying at a news conference "I really appreciate [Adams] stepping up to the plate. This partnership will improve the vitality to central Maine. The project today is a positive step for

dedication to the community and its support of the FirstPark project are gratifying," he said in the press release.

This investment comes on the heels of a recent donation of approximately \$125,000 from the College to help fund about half the cost of a new rescue vehicle for the Waterville Fire Department.

FirstPark hopes to find a tenant for the building within five years and Adams stressed that Colby is making an investment, not a donation, and hopes to make back the money invested in the project.

FirstPark is a project of the Kennebec Regional Development Authority, which is a joint venture of 24 area municipalities who share costs and revenues associated with FirstPark and other projects. It is the first of a plan to create three regional "Super Parks" across Maine and includes tax exemptions to lure businesses into the park. The park is located on 285 acres off Routes 11 & 137 in Oakland, near Exit 127 off Interstate 95 and includes some of the land just across Interstate 95 from the Colby campus.

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John Baldacci
Governor of Maine

the growth of central Maine," according to the Morning Sentinel.

FirstPark CEO Paul Levesque echoed Baldacci's sentiments. "We are indebted to Colby for taking a leadership position...The College's

Economy makes finding a job especially difficult this year

By ERIN RHODA
STAFF WRITER

While planning life after Colby is always stressful, this year's seniors face an even tougher job market than previous classes.

It's definitely more difficult for students to find jobs this year than last year, said Director of Career Services Cynthia Parker, but as long as students are persistent they'll be able to find work.

"Clearly, the entire economy is depressed," Parker said.

Parker said that students who are not prepared are going to have a particularly difficult time finding a job and some jobs will be harder to obtain than others. Finance and consulting are especially difficult areas to get into this year, according to Parker; yet some students have managed to acquire jobs in finance, but not consulting. Because certain jobs are not available until the end of the school year, it's hard to say which other areas are hard to get into at this time.

The Class of 2002 Survey Summary, statistics that were gathered in December 2002 from a survey mailed to that year's graduating class, states that within six months of graduation, approximately 71 percent of Colby graduates will work full-time, while nine percent will work part-time. Sixteen percent will be full-time graduate students and two percent will be part-time graduate students. Eight percent will be looking for work, one percent will be interning and four percent will be doing something independently.

Percentages in the survey may total more than 100 percent because some respondents indicated more than one activity. Career Services received a 63 percent response rate. Parker said that the results of the survey are typical of each year and can be applied to the Class of 2004.

According to the 2002 survey, of

the approximately 80 percent of Colby seniors who will be employed, about 23 percent will be involved in the field of education. Eighteen percent will enter the field of business; 12 percent will work in finance; 11 percent will join a non-profit organization such as the Peace Corps, social services or VISTA; nine percent will join the communications field; nine percent will be involved in the scientific field; three percent will work for the government; three percent will enter the field of law; three percent will enter the arts; two percent will work in health-care; two percent will enter a technology-related field; and five percent will work miscellaneous jobs.

"It's a pretty broad representation over many fields," said Parker.

Almost 50 percent of Colby graduates find jobs through some form of networking—either through family, friends, alumni or faculty. Fourteen percent find jobs through previous employers or internships, 13 percent through newspaper ads, 10 percent via Career Services and 17 percent via online commercial or industry listings.

After looking at these percentages, Parker said that it is vital for students to start the networking process early, even as a first-year student. She advised getting connections through Jan Plan and summer internships and through Colby faculty. She also suggested that seniors keep networking even after they graduate because new and better jobs are always available. Seniors are not making decisions about the rest of their lives, she said. They will most likely have a number of jobs before finding the right one.

When asked about the attitudes of seniors as they face the "real world," Parker said that they are both scared and enthusiastic.

"A lot of people are apprehensive and nervous...at the same time we see a lot of students who are excited to be out on their own."

Colby College Department of Security Incident Report Log March 2004

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Citation	3/12/04	11:20 p.m.	Outside Miller Library	Deans Office	Underage Possession.
Citation	3/13/04	12:45 a.m.	Drummond Hall	Deans Office	Underage Consumption.
Vandalism	3/13/04	12:50 a.m.	Miller Library	Deans Office	Broken Window.
Vandalism	3/13/04	12:55 a.m.	Johnson Hall	Deans Office	Broken Window.
Citation	3/13/04	2:25 a.m.	Dana Hall	Deans Office	Noise Complaint.
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Citation	3/13/04	12:05 a.m.	Dana Hall	Deans Office	Underage Consumption.
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Citation	3/13/04	6:50 a.m.	Outside Dana Hall	Deans Office	Open Container.
Citation	3/13/04	7:15 a.m.	Johnson Hall	Deans Office	Safety Violation, Pull Station.
Vandalism	3/13/04	12:03 a.m.	Miller Library	Deans Office	Windows, phone, exist signs and painting.
Vandalism	3/13/04	3:04 a.m.	Dana Hall	Deans Office	Windows, exit sign and Bulletin Board.
Vandalism	3/13/04	12:58 a.m.	Runnals Union	Deans Office	Broken glass doors.
Vandalism	3/13/04	9:21 a.m.	Johnson Hall	Deans Office	Damaged vending machine.
Vandalism	3/13/04	7:00 a.m.	Hillside Halls	Deans Office	7 broken windows, damaged vehicle.
Citation	3/13/04	8:15 a.m.	Outside Miller Library	Deans Office	Open Container.
Vandalism	3/13/04	4:44 p.m.	Walkway by Chapel	Deans Office	Pole light knocked over.
Larceny	3/14/04	4:00 p.m.	Lovejoy	WTVL Police	Cell Phone. RECOVERED

Newspaper program expands campus-wide

By BRAD KASNET
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

After a successful trial period over the month of February, the USA Today Collegiate Readership Program has been expanded at Colby for the remainder of the spring semester.

The trial program included only a handful of residence halls, but as part of the full program, newspapers will be delivered each weekday to every residence hall on campus. The Boston Globe has also been added to the program for the rest of the semester.

The program continues to include USA Today, the New York Times, Waterville Morning Sentinel, and Financial Times.

Students can take newspapers at their leisure and the College is only charged for newspapers that are taken at a special price that is below the newsstand price.

"The pilot program was a success; there was a lot of very positive feedback," said Student Government Association President Derek Taff '04.

SGA is funding the program and the financial commitment at this point is approximately \$5,500 for the semester, although Presidents' Council has given the SGA Executive Board the authority to spend up to \$9,000 on the program.

Taff noted that the program is very flexible. If one residence hall tends to show more demand for a particular newspaper, the program can be adjusted so that more copies of that paper are delivered.

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Derek Taff '04
SGA President

"The program is dynamic; we want it to meet the needs of the student body," Taff said.

Some students have requested that the Wall Street Journal be

included as part of the program, but they do not offer a discount from the newsstand price and the cost would be significantly more than that associated with other papers.

Colby is the first college in the country to develop a relationship with the Financial Times and they offered the College a very good deal, according to Taff.

SGA is still looking into ways to improve the program. Taff said that they are investigating adding Investor's Business Daily as well.

The full program will continue until the end of this semester. "We chose to implement the full program throughout the spring with hopes that it will continue into next year if the finances are there," Taff said. SGA will need to decide whether to continue the program next year.

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EDITORIAL

The good spirit of many ruined by the delinquency of few

Notwithstanding the commendable rally to maintain one of Colby's few remaining much-cherished traditions, this weekend's display of beligerence and carelessness by a relatively small number of students has generated disgraceful and costly ramifications for the community at large. Undeniably, Doghead's cancellation has elicited two separate issues, one of which pertains directly to this event, the other to a much more pervasive campus problem.

Mistakenly believing the administration to be at fault for the Lodge party's cancellation, a number of (at this point) unidentified, enraged and inebriated students destroyed thousands of dollars worth of property. They broke windows, cracked Associate Dean Cecilia Stanton's car windshield by throwing furniture out of Taylor and overturned museum sculpture. As echoed by a motion passed by SGA on Sunday night, whether or not the College intentionally halted the St. Patrick's Day festivities is inconsequential. "The Student Government Association condemns the destruction of the campus...in response to the cancellation of Doghead," the motion states. "The behavior of a few individuals was immature, outrageous and unfitting of an otherwise estimable student body."

In fact, students later learned, the administration claims no part in efforts to curb the off-campus party. Moreover, that Director of Security Pete Chenevert had plans to contact local law enforcement officials last Thursday comes as no surprise; rather, such notification is made annually, President William D. Adams said in his emailed statement to students on Monday, to ensure "the interest of student and public safety."

Regardless of the cause behind the cancellation, student behavior was embarrassing, selfish and juvenile. Post-drinking food fights in dining halls on Doghead afternoon used to occur annually and force staff members to extend their work hours to clean up; this year's display was worse. "PPD workers had to be called in on what should have been a day off," Adams continued, "to clean up messes and replace broken windows and exit signs. Security engaged extra staff and spent a good deal of time responding to incidents of vandalism and cataloguing damage."

Motivation behind these events encompasses the other, broader issue: lack of student-administration communication. In an emailed statement to students, SGA President Derek Taff '04 rightly termed the destructive actions as "misguided." Recent failures on the part of the administration to adequately and in-advance discuss with students influential decisions, such as last year's prohibition of pond-swimming and this year's Health Center changes, has resulted in a lack of trust and respect for the governing body. Many students feel that they are not part of the college and therefore have little respect for it which was shown through the damage this weekend. Concluding quickly that the administration led Doghead's cancellation was an easy, but also a rash and relatively unfounded assumption. Thus, those responsible for this weekend's destruction should own up to their actions and defray the significant charges and from everyone else's tab.

Meanwhile, not ignoring the significant efforts of SGA, Senior Class and administrative representatives to organize a comparable campus event at the Band Shell, those individuals must be commended for working so quickly and resourcefully. Though hardly achieving the full effect of Doghead, Saturday morning's celebrations—destructive activity aside—demonstrated the community's enthusiasm for a campus tradition of which everyone was clearly in favor.

Dogheading in the wrong direction



VANITY PRESS

By Steven Weinberg

There were no gross human rights violations in a far-off banana republic, a newly conspicuous gap separating the rich from the poor or even a major athletic win or loss this weekend. None of the traditional reasons for riots on a college campus existed. But, then again, Colby isn't a traditional college.

This weekend, Colby students took the timeless words of the Beastie Boys to heart. Many rolled up their sleeves and did fight for the right to party. They battled windows, street lights, trash cans, exit signs—anything, which to the inebriated mind, was clearly a proxy of the administration, the Man. The guilt

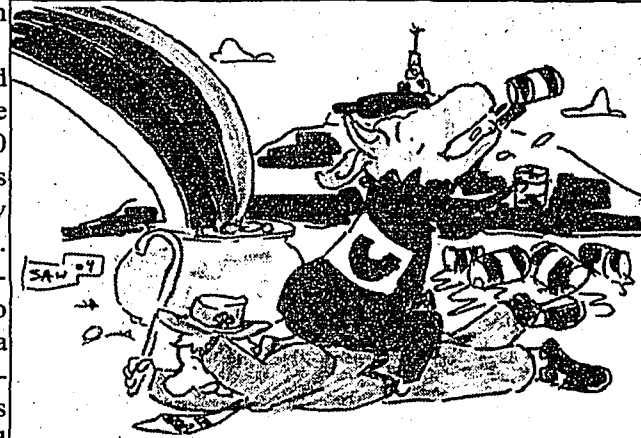
of those windows was transparent. The fault of the streetlights shone brightly. One could smell the culpability of the trash cans across campus. The exit signs were just too damn smug.

It is certainly hard to look past the \$10,000 to \$25,000 worth of damages accumulated to Colby last weekend. Likewise, it is certainly easy to declare Doghead a useless, debauchorous and dangerous tradition we should

do away with faster than paper cups in the dining halls.

Easy. Yes, it is easy and so is it also easy to walk down to the athletic center. But Colby students drive to the athletic center. We shrug off ease in favor of critical appraisals and five-hour chemistry labs.

Doghead is much more than starting Saturday night on Saturday morning. Doghead is where Colby students' entrepreneurial appetites shine brighter



than the blue light against a cold January sky.

Was the Digest of Civil Discourse littered with announcements and predictions of who would be the drunkest, the crudest or the rudest during the days

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The Continental flu is revived in Spain



COLD FILTERED OPINIONS

By Matt Busch

Last week on March 11, ten bombs exploded in the Madrid subway shortly before 8 a.m. and directly in the midst of the heaviest portion of the morning rush. The explosions, appearing to be highly coordinated, occurred within ten minutes of each other and ripped through four full commuter trains. In the end, the attacks left almost 200 dead and over 1,400 wounded, far outdistancing any terrorist in Europe since World War II.

Initially, Spain blamed a Basque separatist group known as the ETA, but when a van was found nearby containing detonators and tapes recorded with verses from the Koran, scenarios involving Islamic groups began to be entertained. Furthermore, a group

linked to Al Qaeda took responsibility for the attacks, furthering skepticism surrounding the theory that linked ETA.

However, despite official ambiguity as to the perpetrators of the bombings, popular opinion in Spain (and in Europe in general) subscribes largely to the theory that Spain is paying directly for its participation in President Bush's "coalition of the willing" in Iraq. Furthering this belief is the fact that Spain, with 1,300 troops stationed in Iraq, was unequivocally fingered by Osama bin Laden through videotape as an enemy of his radical Islamic movement within the past year.

It now appears 9/11 has finally come to the European continent. One must wonder where the Europe goes next. With public opinion, a set of perceptions that is as good as reality to those who must confront it, further validated in its opposition to American imperialism, will US allies in Europe move even further away from US goals? Furthermore, could we be witnessing the nascence of a new, even more virile breed of xenophobic isolationism on the Continent?

The Spanish elections of this past

week delivered a further and even more emphatic public referendum on the subject as Prime Minister Aznar's Popular Party, leading in the polls days before the elections, lost in a landslide to Prime Minister-elect José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero's socialist party. Zapatero, who had run on promises to withdraw Spain from Iraq, immediately proclaimed Spain as increasingly "Pro-European" and vowed to break step with Washington, shifting allegiance to Germany and France.

Furthermore, this tragedy sets a dangerous precedent for terrorist usurpations of democratic processes in the future. The resounding shift in public opinion in the immediate wake of the bombings, further compounded by the failure to delay the elections, sends a dangerous message to terrorists: "It is now evident that democracy on the continent and alliances abroad can be directly influenced by a few strategically placed bombs on the eve of an election, and the democratic spirit of a

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I'M NEVER GOING TO RETIRE

By C.W. Bassett

Escape! Escape now!

Two weeks ago this column expostulated on the disappointments of Spring Break, assuring all of you that you would be taken advantage of and/or ripped off. The wisdom of that column still holds, but this week I'd like to spend a few paragraphs on what you're missing in Waterville—and the surrounding areas; Winslow, Fairfield, Oakland and Sidney are not evasions but accentuations.

It's been six years since the Gods of Winter sent Maine an ice storm of such gigantic proportions that everything was disrupted—EVERYTHING! Your pipes froze, you had no electric power (you'd have killed for an outside generator to keep a dim light burning and the electric stove capable of making oatmeal; I know people who lived on oatmeal for 11 days).

Colby set up emergency shelters in the Fieldhouse; student response teams snowshoed to isolated areas to check on old people without resources. The College came through with Mules logos aloft. Not much town-gown animosity on the heels of this "weather event."

But come on, man, you don't spend four years in central Maine without questioning your decision to return your application to Miami University with a sneer. Consider these irrefutable statistics.

*Average number of days below zero in Waterville: 23

*Average number of days below 32 degrees in Waterville: 165

*Average annual snowfall in Waterville: 75"

*140"—record annual snowfall in Waterville. I recall carrying my son to the school bus each day, knowing that I would never see him again. Sweney claims the he had 160 inches in his dri-

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Get on the elevator and get off: exploring the lost art of sex in and around public places



MY BODY AND ME

By Kate Berman

Picture it: Sicily, 1918. An attractive peasant girl sneaks off to the barn with Sicily's foremost podiatrist, Bruno Bonafiglio. They laugh, they cry, fluids are inevitably exchanged between woman and man, man and horse, horse and floor. And thus an innocent farm girl learns the titillating secrets of doing the beast of two backs around the beasts with burden in the family barn. That girl grows up, moves to America and passes on her sexual know-how to a blooming

young journalist. That journalist is me, and that farm girl was Sophia Petrillo.

Believe it or not, my fictitious granny was not the first to find pleasure outside of the boudoir. I'll say this much, the pilgrim's journey on that tiny vessel also known as the Mayflower was not made in celibacy. Man has been publicly fomicating for years, and Colby College is no exception. Ever since the enrollment of Mary Low in 1817, Colby students have desperately sought new and exciting places to make love. The original undergraduates flirted with the idea of same-sex trysts in the out-houses, but due to a lack of ventilation, little progress was ever made. Then finally in 1842 Samuel Dart concocted the grain elevator. Life at Colby would never be the same.

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Colby students need to grow up

First of all, to anyone involved in the reckless destruction during Doghead: you're an idiot. If breaking windows is your way of sending a message to the administration, I hope you realize that the only message you're sending is that Colby students truly are immature and aren't even responsible enough to respect their own property. Exciting as breaking glass may be, I cannot fathom what rationalizes tens of thousands of dollars in damage to your own campus. If you were involved in this, you no longer have any right to complain about the costs of laundry or Bro's policies. You have, however, given everyone else the right to beat you into the ground (or break your stuff) for robbing us of our money (my dorm damage fee increased by \$125 in one morning) and of

our faith in fellow students.

Whether or not this weekend's idiocy is due to the generally ill feelings toward the administration, why can't students just do something about those issues? Instead of wearing Buck Fro shirts, you could actually try talking to Bro and explaining your grievances. It's crazy, but it just might work. But if, in the end, we do all decide that Bro is bad for our school, we could probably track down the board of trustees or whoever, and they could get rid of him. So quit your whining and don't destroy our campus. That does nothing except make this already outrageously expensive school cost more.

Finally, why is there so little outrage at the damage incurred Saturday morning? Do we condone this? Maybe Colby really is just a bunch of privileged jerks who don't care about their campus or fellow students. If that's the case, let's at least rid out-

siders of any delusions that Colby students are responsible. The Sentinel should let Waterville know about this weekend. Our viewbooks and brochures should talk about the destruction. Every tour guide should mention how Colby students can't handle having windows, paintings, exit signs, bulletin boards, furniture, or phones in their buildings because they have to break them. At least then there'd be some honesty. Come on Colby, grow up.

—Stephen Plocher '07

Distrust of administration due to Bro's attitude toward student body

His bullying of the student body has gone too far. The events that transpired this weekend were not arbitrary acts of vandalism, but rather a venting of resentment and anger that has been building since Bro Adams took over

the presidency of the school in 2001. Bro has led the school away from the successful ways of former Presidents Robert Strider and William Cotter, presidents who made Colby one of the most highly regarded academic institutions in the nation. Although I was not at Colby during the tenures of either of these great men, I have heard that they maintained a steady stream of communication between their offices, the faculty and staff, and the student body.

President Adams has not continued the legacy. He has systematically burned bridges between himself and the student body. He makes decisions that are in direct opposition to the will of the student body, as expressed by votes of the Student Government Association. He made the decision to ban smoking in all dorms despite the

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Students on the Street

How will you thaw out over Spring Break?



"I'm going to the mucky duck."

—Sarah Webster '05



"Not open a book."

—James Albright '05



"Vodka and rollercoasters with the melting pot."

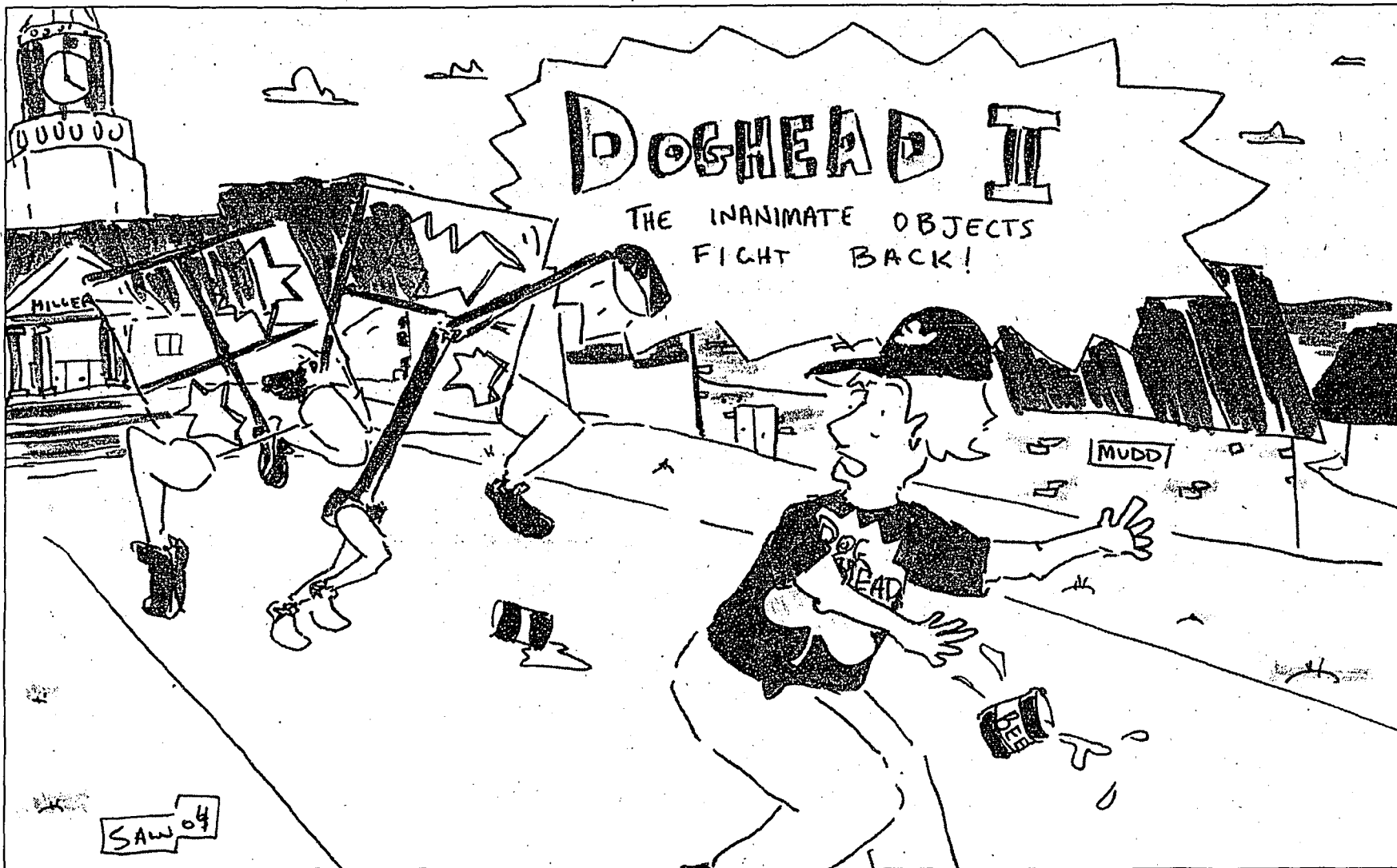
—Brain Kittler '04



"I'm going to Bermuda."

—Kerry Whittaker '04

Who Wants Cake By Steve Weinberg



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overwhelming disagreement with that decision. His administration led the movement in the NESAC to ban organized out-of-season practices. And worst of all, his vast expansion on the Colby Green, which was begun without any input from the student body, has resulted in cutting funding in other areas that are more important to Colby students, such as weekend meals at Bob's, and 24-hour healthcare, which were only reinstated after a large outcry from the shunned student body.

To turn to the issue of the day, in response to this weekend's destruction of campus property, President Adams sent out an email that was demeaning and belittling to everyone to whom it was directed. Its tone was patronizing, its message completely ignorant of the reasons for the damage, namely, that the student body is extremely dissatisfied with the way he and his administration is handling the affairs of the college. The matter at hand is drinking by students. According to many accounts, President Adams, when he was president of Bucknell, attempted to make that campus dry.

I have seen no definitive proof that he wanted to eliminate all alcohol on campus, but Bro himself has been quoted as saying that he believes the abuse of alcohol is a major problem. He said in Colby Magazine, "The abuse of alcohol is everywhere in the culture—and not just American culture. As educators, we ought to worry what bad habits get reinforced. Something incremental happens here and we have to worry about that. I quote the same article in Colby Magazine, "One of his early acts at Bucknell was to end a tradition of alcohol at a pre-commencement event—a move not popular among students. That led to the first of what became regular campus events where

Adams would explain his decisions and take any questions.

Why hasn't Bro communicated with students at Colby the way he did at Bucknell? Without making any public appearances to explain his actions to the students at Colby, he appears almost like a dictator making edicts from on high. He appears similar to former Colby faculty member and Bucknell President Justin R. Loomis, who Bro talked about in his inauguration speech as president here at Colby in 2001. President Adams said, "Loomis was notorious for appearing unexpectedly on the campus in the dead of night, camouflaged and ill tempered, ready to ferret out student excesses that might be occurring. He possessed great foot speed and endurance, which enabled him to capture any miscreants and return them to their quarters, but probably not before delivering some form of 19th century discipline."

Unfortunately, Bro does not even deign to come down off his pedestal and engage in personal contact with the student body, even to punish them for drinking. If he did, he'd probably improve his popularity among the student body above the dwindling levels it stands at now.

Yo, Bro, where you at, man?

-Cliff White '06

Rally against the war in Iraq

How many more anniversaries will come and go before our loved ones in the military are allowed to come home? Our military men and women were not called to defend America. This country was never under attack nor was such an attack eminent or even possible. Our troops were not called to die for America. They were called to kill for the neo-cons' agenda. How unpatriotic are we; we who sit in

silence allowing this to continue? They are our sons and daughters and have no choice but to carry out the orders of the President. Don't we care enough to raise our voice above the din of political opportunists? Let's not "bring 'em on," let's bring them home now.

Our children were not sent to Iraq to protect our freedom. Iraq has never threatened our liberty. The greatest threat to our liberty exists here, in America. Our sons and daughters are needed to fight for our freedom here. Will we join them in this fight; a fight against those who peddle fear, a fight against economic injustices here and abroad; the same injustices that drove many of them to enlist? Can we support them by joining the struggle to motivate a lethargic and unconcerned electorate? Can we begin to speak out and let it be known that Maine says no to war? Yes, I think we can and by all means we should.

March 20, 2004 will mark the first year anniversary of the bombing and invasion of Iraq. It will also be a day of protest throughout the entire world against the war in Iraq, including a mass protest planned here in Maine. Come; join us in our support of the troops and in calling for their swift return. Join us in saying no to war. Read more about the planned events in Augusta at www.marchfortruth.org.

-Kelly Bellis

Response to "A Christian Perspective"

To the editors:
While the essay titled "A Christian Perspective" (Echo, March 12) is a gracious and tolerant statement, it commits the usual error that Christians fall into when they cite the Bible as their authority. That error results when the only passages cited are those that support the current

Christian agenda while passages to the contrary are ignored.

Here the writers cite Jesus' mention of marriage in MARK 10 as a union of a man and a woman. Jesus is merely describing the custom of his time; he is not demanding that marriage should exist only between a man and a woman, though that is how this passage is often interpreted.

But the main point Jesus is making is that such a union is indivisible. "What God has joined together, let not man separate." (NIV) There can be no divorce. As this is clearly and strongly stated, we can only wonder why Christians are not seeking to amend the Constitution, not to forbid same-sex marriages, but to prohibit divorce.

On the other hand, in LUKE 14, Jesus says, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple." This is hardly ringing support for our modern notions of family values.

The writers of the Echo essay state that, no matter what the opinion of those who conversed with Jesus, "all were treated with respect." They ignore what Jesus says to the Scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 23: "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!... You snakes, you brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?" This goes on for the whole chapter.

If our Christian brethren have special knowledge of why certain passages in the Bible are truly God's word, and must be obeyed, and why others are not, and must be ignored, they should share it with us.

-David Mills

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STIs vs. STDs vs. VDs



MEDICAL ADVICE FROM GARRISON
HEALTH CENTER
Melanie Thompson, MD, MPH

Herpes, HPV, HBV and now HIV. If some of those affect skin and some blood, how do they count as STIs? And how is an STI different from an STD or a VD?

STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections) is the newest, up-to-date term for "things" you catch from "sex." The oldest, out-of-vogue term (ask your parents) was VD a.k.a. venereal disease. I just looked up the term in the Taber's medical dictionary from 1977 (had to blow the cellar dust off the top) and found this: v. disease—one acquired ordinarily as a result of sexual intercourse with an individual who is afflicted. The diseases are gonorrhea, syphilis and chancroid.

WOW! Look what can happen to sex in just 27 years!! None of the H-infections we're following are even listed as procured by sex. Is intercourse only "penis-in-a-vagina sex?" Again, Taber's medical definition: intercourse — social interaction between individuals or groups; communication; intercourse, sexual—the sexual act. SYN: coitus. I figured we're all supposed to know what than means. (Although I always learned that it is cheating to use the word (i.e. sexual act) in your definition of a word (i.e. sexual intercourse.) There is a little hint with the synonym coitus. Let's look that up: coitus—sexual intercourse between man and woman in which semen is introduced into the female reproductive tract by insertion of the penis into the vagina.

Hey, wait a minute—Didn't we know back then that other body parts could touch other bodily places and put one at risk for catching infections? Maybe not just heterosexuals. Maybe not just the "traditional" position. Maybe that just wasn't sex. Maybe that was too difficult to talk about in a medical dictionary.

In 10 years of practicing medicine I can count the number of cases of syphilis and gonorrhea on fewer than 10 fingers. I've never seen chancroid

except in really graphic textbooks. Did the four H-infections just spring up out of nowhere in the last three decades? Were they there smoldering along and we didn't know to look for them in sexy places? The answers vary with the different infections.

STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) is an interim term and is still often used interchangeably with STI. The part that is misleading and has fallen somewhat out of favor with this term is the DISEASE part since that means someone is usually sick. We (the royal medical "we") started to note that if many people with no symptoms get cultured, many of them have some of these viruses or bacteria but don't appear "diseased." We call them "infected" with an organism. Some organisms which infect human bodies can survive for years without causing a symptom. It is true, some infections lead to diseases (i.e. with symptoms). Some people will never have symptoms or will have only intermittent bouts of symptoms. Some bacterial infections can be cured, and the infection is totally eliminated after a treatment with an antibiotic. Some infections can hide out in a body part for, what some scientists believe, what could be forever. Some unchecked infections can lead to serious complications like infertility or death.

The bottom line: STIs (infections) are still around, and evolving. The term "STD" is what is going away, slowly. Even the CDC (Center for Disease Control) still calls them all STDs. It is just misleading to think you have to wait to see/feel a symptom before getting checked out. If you are "sexually active" (i.e. involved in any behaviors where blood or body fluid could be exchanged) get checked now. Even skin-to-skin contact in the "right" place puts one at risk for infections. (If you don't know what the "right place" is, see one of the articles/references below.)

http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/dstd/dis_ease_info.htm

See archival Echos from this year for more info on:

Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Feb. 26, 2004 "Hepa-what is this?"

Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) Feb. 19, 2004 "Nothing Simple About It"

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Feb. 12, 2004 "Innies and Outies"

Wait until next week for more on: Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

BASSET: Spring break is approaching shortly

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veway. I won't argue.

*32 was the coldest temperature ever recorded here by the National Weather Service. Their testing devices are not situated between Miller and Lovejoy.

*22,000 cubic yards—the average amount of snow cleaned from byways of The First of the CBB Colleges. It is dumped in "holding areas" near the Band Shell, a worthless monstrosity except when Country Joe and the Fish followed by the swing band of Al Corey perform in August when you're waiting tables on the Cape.

*3.5 is the annual number of baseball

games postponed each "spring" at Severns Field. The sweet lax people are similarly beset.

*33 is the number of miles that Colby is closer to the equator than it is to the North Pole. Is Pittsfield the winner here? Or maybe Newport? Who cares? I saw people on campus with short shorts last week. I hope they are hospitalized and miss Spring Break altogether.

I've booked reservations in a cheesy motel in Newport. I'll let you know how it is—halfway between the equator and the pole. I'm taking lots of Shipyard with me. Let's just call it March Madness.

WEINBERG: Entrepreneurial spirit thwarted

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leading up to Doghead? Were students declaring potential targets of vandalism over the e-mail? I never read any digests like this one I will dramatize: "FOUND: Taylor window that is discomfortingly not broken. Meet friends and I around 5:30 a.m., Saturday. Bring objects to break with (baseball bat, bowling pin, boot) and booze."

Rather, students were soliciting rides. A fellow down the hall was offering three dollars a head. Someone over in Schupf was undercutting him: five dollars for two people. Thursday morning I saw several digests asking, "Twenty dollars a van. Pack as many as you dare!"

The invisible hand was at work. Just last week, at the dialogue housing forum, attendees couldn't get over the intellectual doldrums existing everywhere besides classes and a few pockets of the libraries. It doesn't take an economics major to realize many Colby students were thinking outside of class.

Profiteering was not limited to transportation. Some students even planned to setup food-stands outside the lodge. These entrepreneurs would cater to the

gastronomical demands of stomachs full of booze but empty of food. As the sun rose over the sky, so would their prices. The only thing eclipsing their profit was one anonymous call to the police.

One call was all it took. As posters declaring the cancellation of Lodge Doghead splattered campus like bugs on a windshield, the thoughtful profiteers found themselves without a market. Commercial aspirations lost out to early morning libations.

Can we blame those trying to take a little cut out of their tuition? No. But we must blame those nameless rioters for finding a form of expression more obscene than chalkings.

Todd Dixon put the day into perspective best in his digest of Civil Discourse posted last Sunday:

"Five Hundred Egg McMuffins..... \$500.

Doghead Dorm Damage..... \$10,000. Embarrassed to be a Colby Student..... Priceless. There are some things money can't buy; for everything else, there's tuition."

After five days of reflection, it becomes hard to deny that Doghead has shed any spirits except the ones we can find at Joka's.

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The Running Man: should Ralph Nader run for President?

Supporting Nader supports democracy

Vote Nader for four more years of Bush

By TRAVIS KENDALL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In recent weeks, Ralph Nader's decision to run for President in 2004 has caused great consternation among Democrats. They allege Nader is an egoist out only to promote himself and his organizations. Nader is just the opposite. He is dedicated to democracy and the people, and will not cave to larger pressure even if it means a dent in his reputation and loss of funding for his cause.

The portrayal of Nader is extremely problematic. There is no mention of his policy stands, nor any of his actions prior to 2000. This is part of a disturbing media trend where there has been a shift from coverage of the candidates to "election coverage," and where there is very little attention paid to any substantial issues of the campaign, except, who is most electable, and what the current polls are showing. This leads to a feedback cycle, where at some point the "election coverage" is completely out of touch with what the outcome will actually be. (See the Democratic Primary.)

The media, rather than focusing on Nader's consumer advocacy or environmentalism, focuses on his effect on the election, mostly as a "vote-stealer." This characterization, as a thief rather than a normal, fair, vote-getter, leads one to the conclusion that somehow Nader's intention to run is anti-democratic. This is just as great a transgression as portraying war protesters and dissidents as traitors, something Democrats were very concerned about. Of course, when dissidence threatens them, rather than their opposition, it is an abomination. Exercising fundamental political rights is not wrong.

For all you realists who want to

vote for Nader but can't stand four more years of Bush, consider the position in which you are putting us. (I cannot claim this argument as my own, it was articulated to me by a certain campus rabble-rouser.)

For we all know that the Bush Administration is mismanaging virtually everything, from social policy to fiscal policy to trade policy. Yet no President will be able to rectify these problems by 2008. In the next four years, it is very

continue to wield power in the long term? If you will vote strategically, you must consider both the short and long term.

To be clear, I will not vote for Ralph Nader. I find many of his policies unappealing. Regardless, third parties and alternative candidates are of utmost importance to our political system and I completely support Nader's decision to run. Since the inception of our electoral system, third parties

have provided a means for people to express their discontent with the two major parties, sometimes even winning twenty five percent of the popular vote in presidential elections.

Other, less powerful, parties introduced to the political discourse have brought issues, which are now considered fundamental. To force an alternative candidate out of a race due to their threat to one of the major parties is an extremely dangerous precedent to set. As VoteNader.org characterizes it, it is like asking an upstart shut down because of their threat to two huge corporations. Criticism of Nader's decision to run stifles the criticism we need in this country if we want to continue to call it a democracy.

If you succeed in giving Kerry the presidency, and the consequences of President Bush's actions are dumped on his head, no democrat, in any shape or form, will win the office in the next 25 years. Might it not be better to endure four more years and let Bush cope with the full implications of his policies in order to prevent those with similar philosophies to

By MATT GETTY
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A couple of weeks ago, Dick Meyer, Editorial Director of CBSNews.com, wrote a column entitled *Run, Ralph, Run*. I tried very hard to read this column with an open mind, but, much to my chagrin, I found myself responding with the attack phrase which Meyer attributes to the soldiers of the left: 'You just don't get it.' I wrote to Dick to explain that I felt this way and why. He was kind enough to respond, thanking me for taking the time to write, yet was understandably unable to get beyond my delicate use of 'You just don't get it.' I am of course open to the very likely possibility that I am the one that does not get it. It has happened before. I didn't get AP physics, for example. I took it because it was there and because I could. I didn't belong there. I certainly don't get why Ralph Nader is running for president, but I suspect it is because he can and he does not belong there either.

Ralph Nader is an American hero of a rare sort. I respect the man immensely, and I would gladly fight for his right to run for president. That doesn't excuse him from his obligation to exercise good judgment. A man of his intelligence should know better, and what disturbs me most about his rhetoric is not his principles, but his apparent blindness to some fundamental political mechanics. The force denying Nader a run at the presidency is not simply 'The Man' keeping dissent under his thumb, but rather the nature of our winner-take-all electoral system. We do not have here a proportional parliamentary system in which winning five percent of the vote can earn five percent of the seats in Congress. During

his recent appearance on Meet the Press, Nader lectured the American people about how much choice is available to voters in Canada and Europe. If Ralph Nader so much prefers foreign forms of government, I suggest that he organize a grassroots movement to amend the Constitution. Meanwhile, as the Red Sox have learned through so many bidding wars with the

Dean supporter, I know this all too well. As he retired from the race, Governor Dean continued to define this election. Having succeeded in putting a spine back in the Democratic Party, he announced that he would not run as an independent candidate and urged his supporters not to be seduced by one. Our electoral system works to produce moderation, and this election is focused on beating President Bush. Howard Dean's campaign lived and died on that very desire. Ralph Nader is neither a moderate nor capable of beating Bush. There is no practical place for a 'candidate boutique' in which voters of all stripes can find someone that represents their narrow interest. I have no doubt that there are many voters in this country for whom the Democratic Party is too mainstream, but casting a protest vote for Ralph Nader is not going to move this country toward change; it will merely contribute toward shooting the progressive movement in its collective foot.

Reality may have no place in Ralph Nader's world, but it is possible that many of his supporters will be more open to compromise this time around. If they are not already aware of the facts, they should know that this will be an extremely close election and that the demographics are stacked against the Democrats. I can see the handwriting on the wall and plan to swallow my disdain and support a John Kerry candidacy. There is an important principle at play here. Democrats need Nader voters and should get them without being forced to shamelessly pander to them. Why? Because Nader voters need Democrats.

BERMAN: "Livin' it up while you're goin' down"

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After all, is there anything in college more sexually evocative, more scrumptiously suggestive than an elevator? The floor is made of rubber, it goes up or down, you press the buttons, and it has a shaft. Certainly this miracle of modern science gives the handicapped and lazy the same floor transitioning benefits as any other red-blooded American. But might I propose that when God invented the elevator He had another theory in mind. What a glorious setting for a college-esque quickie! This undulating device is utilized by the kinkiest of student everyday. These plucky perpetrators could be anyone from the front row scholar in vector calc, to the conservative who won't shut up in your government class.

Most importantly, never let "societal conventions" hamper your sexual appetite. For the less daring, the three floors of Miller are a virtual bevy of fun-filled nooks. If you and your partner need to step it up a notch there is nothing wrong with a bang in a booth in the back of Foss. At five o'clock there is barely anyone there anyway. The Coburn stairwell is always an option if you are into the sultry, silent sex. Chem-free dorms need to have options, too. If you regard Colby College as a gigantic 714-acre playground, than the sky is your sexual limit.

Songstress, Alanis Morissette wisely croons "Would she go down on you in a theater?" bringing to head the foremost question in what ultimately makes a loving mate. That song, as many of you know, is allegedly accusing Full House's wise-cracking Dad, Bob Saget. With Uncle Jesse and Aunt Becky shacking up in the attic, Joey living with his woodchuck puppet in the basement, and five kids to boot (six including Michelle's duel Olsen twin composition), of course one has to be accommodating. So think about the pressure we face everyday with a roommate, and about 2000 other young people mulling about. Public sex is more than good old-fashioned Yankee fun; it's a necessity. Grab your partner, roommate, husband or wife, and when that elevator comes, you ride it!

BUSCH: Spanish voters respond to Madrid bombings with their ballots

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moderate people can be easily plied by injections of fear and uncertainty.

Without a palpable monolithic threat necessary to hold NATO together, this watershed event could very well mark the beginning of the end for American military influence on the Continent. With the advent of the European Union, a market larger than that of the United States, the economic soft power the United States was able to impose in order to compel Europe to fall into the NATO ranks quietly is rapidly becoming trivialized.

On a unified European continent where terrorism once thought to only directly oppose American imperialism and consumerism in the Middle East is

quickly becoming a domestic issue, there appears to be a rapidly shrinking niche for US foreign policy aims. Now European leaders are not only accountable for their actions abroad on a moral level, but, as this tragedy has shown, on a level that is measured in the blood of their constituents.

Even if ETA is responsible for these attacks and Al Qaeda, too fractured by the war on terrorism, is absolved it seems perhaps too late. The link between alliance with America and attacks on the continent has already been tried in the court of public opinion, evident from the chanting of "Your war, our dead" by demonstrators this past week, and the potential seeds of a new fervent breed of American xenophobia among uneasy allies have

already been sowed.

An integrated European market now stands against American economic politicking and will be less inclined to defer to Cold War institutions like NATO. This ability to pursue autonomy over American hegemony will render this institution of the Cold War obsolete. The United States has to answer some tough questions quickly to our most instrumental allies in the war on terrorism before ties are severed.


The real question is will the American public understand, when they lose these allies, the bitter irony of how such a misguided and misled foray into Iraq in the name of "terrorism" set America further back in the war on terrorism than can be repaired?

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Pugh Center

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Mary Low Coffeehouse
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Annual Mr. Colby pageant is a mixed bag of entertainment

By BEN JONSON
STAFF WRITER

After a haphazard weekend of assorted feelings regarding the current state of traditions at Colby, it was clear that one event would be around for years to come. The Mr. Colby pageant this past Friday was able to bring together a crowd of students that put the capacity of Page to the test.

The two-hour event had ten contestants competing for the title of "Mr. Colby" which came complete with a crown, sash and a cash prize of \$500. Mike Hildebrand '04 and Liz Newman '04, who provided the audience with the most original and creative humor of the night, hosted the competition. Their spontaneous wit made up for the somewhat chaotic format. John Goss '06, Nick Markham '04, Ryan Spanich '06, Patrick Harner '05, Jamie Snyder-Fair '05, Matt Clason '04, Russell Spittler '05, Drew McKechnie '04, Derek Taff '04 and Dan Oliphant '06, were judged by Student Post Office Supervisor Allen LaPan, Blue Light Pub bartenders Cheryl Jason and Lisa Nye and senior class rep Lindsey Lanier '04.

Sam Crocker '07, who strutted across the stage holding up the swimwear competition sign with the confidence of a Vegas showgirl, introduced the first event. Goss was the first contestant to enter the stage,

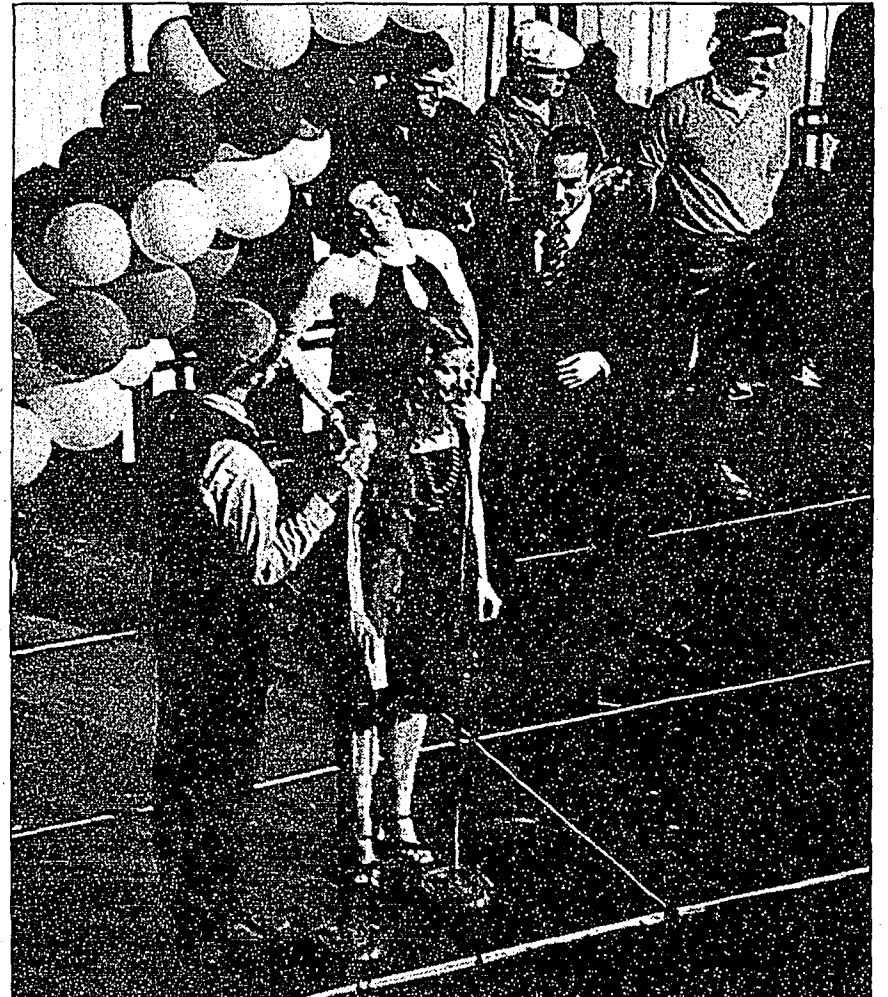
wearing clothes that looked like they came out of the "derelict" collection; after doffing the outer layer he revealed his duct tape thong, which was an impressive article. Snyder-Fair rocked the yellow Speedo while Taff opted for the scuba gear. Perhaps the most creative contestant was Spittler's scuba equipment, which consisted of a keg in place of air tank. On the whole, this portion of the competition could have been much more creative.

The next event was the talent competition, which proved to be the highlight as well as the low point of the night. Oliphant proved to a bewildered crowd that he could eat the most cheeseburgers out of all the contestants, while Spanich proved that he still was living in the late '90s with a singing and dancing routine that could have been the opening act on N'Sync's Popodyssey tour. By far the nadir of the evening was when Taff came out onto the stage dressed as a mule and proceeded to do karaoke to the Tenacious D song "Fuck you Gently." McKechnie treated the audience to an original rap about Colby, while Snyder-Fair performed a heart-warming rendition of "Maria" from "West Side Story." Harner had an outstanding theatrical performance, while Clason's abdominal contortions were fascinating yet bizarre. The highlight of the talent portion came from Markham who put his woodsmen skill

to the test as he carved a rabbit out of a log using a chainsaw and finished it off by shotgunning a brew hidden the base of the log.

The final event for all the contestants was formal wear. Oliphant exploded onto the stage doing summersaults while wearing more red velvet than Hugh Hefner's entire wardrobe. Snyder-Fair continued the trend dressed in true P.I.M.P. fashion, as did Clason who entered with a lovely lady on either side. McKechnie was the best dressed in a debonair suit that defined formal. Spittler came dressed in pleather pants and emulated the "Zoolander" "walk off." Nothing says formal like ripping your thong out of skin-tight pants. Markham came out in a black number complete with high heels and ruby red lipstick. Markham attempted to shave his head, however he was forced to settle for his armpits.

Following an energetic performance by the Blue Lights, the list of contestants was then narrowed to McKechnie, Markham and Taff. Each contestant was asked a random question. McKechnie and Taff put forward an excellent effort to answer their questions, however neither of them was able to overcome Markham's package of woodcarving and armpit shaving. Markham was crowned Mr. Colby to a cheering crowd that was clearly pleased with the decision of the judges.



SASHA SCHROEDER/THE COLBY ECHO
Nick Markham '04 and Drew McKechnie '04 in the finals of Mr. Colby.

Overall, this year's Mr. Colby pageant was extremely entertaining. While all three contestants in the last round may not have been the best contenders during the competition, this

years winner clearly came full circle when the judges agreed that he indeed was "due to be Mr. Colby."

Food Fair offers a taste of the world



The first annual International Food Fair, sponsored by the Dean of Students Office and held this past Saturday in the Page Commons Room, was a remarkable success. A number of students prepared their favorite recipes from their home countries and offered a sampling of the delicious results to the rest of campus. The flavors and aromas of the home-cooked food were certainly a welcome culinary treat.

Jessica Care Moore shakes up the Spa

By EMMA McCANDLESS
A&E EDITOR

"I don't call myself a spoken-word artist," poet Jessica Care Moore said Saturday night in the Spa, suggesting that many African-American poets are often automatically labeled as such. "I'm black and I'm a writer." Her performance, a cross between a poetry reading and a one-woman speak-out, certainly provided an innovative approach to the art of performing poetry and gave the audience in the Spa plenty to think about.

According to an email announcement sent out to campus by Student Programming Board Cultural Events Committee Chair Hui Kim '06, "Care Moore has performed for audiences in London, Scotland, Berlin, Paris and Holland. Her words inspire, her music touches deep into the core. A blend of funk, hip-hop, soul and rock takes her musical aspirations to the next level of word-sound power." Those words certainly proved true on Saturday night.

Before Care Moore took the stage, the show opened with two of Colby's own poets, Chyann Oliver '04 and Cat Downing '06. Oliver's performance in particular was most impressive, as she demonstrated real emotion and strength in her voice and words. The second of the two poems she performed, reminiscent of Eve Ensler's "Vagina Monologues," celebrated strong, liberated female power. Oliver's performance of the poem conveyed a compelling mix of both anger and self-affirmation.

Care Moore then took the stage to read

and perform a number of her poems, mostly from her newest book, "The Alphabet Versus the Ghetto." Touching on powerful and controversial contemporary issues, including feminism, racism, sexism and political concerns, Care Moore's poetry seemed to resonate with all in the audience. Some poems, such as "158th Street," a poem written for the people in Care Moore's New York City neighborhood, even called for audience participation, drawing laughter and smiles.

Throughout the evening, Care Moore demonstrated a superb knowledge of empathy with her college-student audience. "I know; I was in college once, too," she said more than once over the course of her performance. In between her poems, Care Moore offered a commentary that was at many points more like a conversation with her audience, discussing everything from race relations and the American government to feminism, gender issues and college campus politics. In spite of the fact that she often diverged on tangents that were only distantly related to the poems she read, Care Moore demonstrated that she is more than a poet; she is also a passionate and emotionally engaging



ERIN RHODA/THE COLBY ECHO
Jessica Care Moore performed poetry with an attitude.

speaker and performer.

One of the most compelling poems that Care Moore performed on Saturday was "God is Not an American," which Care Moore said was partially inspired by her disappointment in the nature of the media coverage of the Sept. 11 attacks, partially by her intense disapproval of the Bush administration and partially by her deep concern for and celebration of womanhood and what she called "rites of passage." Through the poem, Care Moore did an excellent job blending these multifaceted themes together, shifting from concrete images from her own adolescence to the face of contemporary American policies to using womanhood as a metaphor for the war on terrorism. It was a highlight of the evening and an excellent example of Care Moore's powerful lyrics and emotionally compelling performance.

"Our Country's Good" allows natural talent of student performers to shine

By KAREN PRAGER
STAFF WRITER

On Friday and Saturday night, "Our Country's Good," a play by Timberlake Wertenbaker, took the stage in Strider Theater. The cast had been rehearsing together for roughly only four weeks, yet they put on a superb performance of a thought-provoking play.

"Our Country's Good" tells the story of prisoners-thieves, rapists, murderers and petty criminals-who left England to live in exile in Australia. The British soldiers who guarded and ran the camp were to become Australia's first colonists. Wertenbaker's script had its highs, which included plenty of sharp one-liners, comedic moments and entertaining characters. The script also dragged at points and was occasionally too noble to be believable. The character of Captain Arthur Phillip, RN was so dignified and honorable that it made the audience question why there were problems in the colony in the first place. However, with the help of expert directing by Theater and Dance Department Technical Director John Ervin, the cast put on an excellent performance that received a standing ovation.

The play's main conflict is over the issue of a play. Second Lieutenant Ralph Clark, RN believes that if the convicts could put on a play and find



SASHA SCHROEDER/THE COLBY ECHO
"Our Country's Good" was a hit this weekend in Strider.

some meaning in the world, perhaps they would regain their humanity. Clark, played by Michael Curran '06, spends much of his time trying to organize the convicts in rehearsals. Curran did an excellent job portraying the frustrations and challenges his character faces.

The play also benefited from the acting expertise of several upperclassmen, including Aimee Jack '04, Andrea Palmer '05, Loren Sanborn '04, Michael Hepburn '04 and Katie Toole '05. Hepburn, Jack and Sanborn portrayed multiple characters, each very different. All three actors kept their characters distinct and gracefully changed from one to the other from scene to scene. Jack and Sanborn

believably crossed genders while Hepburn gave a stellar performance as his character found his "melancholy" in a scene that involved flailing and writhing on the floor. Hepburn's performance is not likely to be forgotten; nor is Sanborn's, who made provocative advances on Curran's character in his scene as a female prostitute. Palmer played a firm and evil villain with conviction and Toole's portrayal of a sweet and bubbly prisoner added comic relief.

The underclassmen in the cast showed an incredible amount of promise for the Department of Theater and Dance. Kit Hickey '06 delivered a

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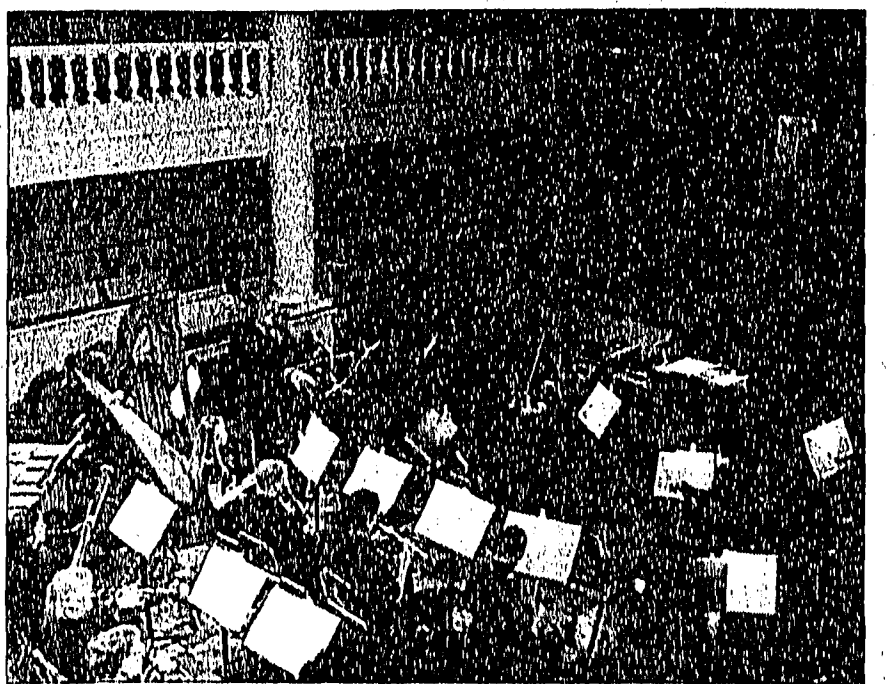
Sinfonietta continues to impress in its second year as an ensemble

By MICHAEL GREENBERG
STAFF WRITER

One year after its astounding debut performance, the Colby Sinfonietta this past Saturday once again delivered a program of mid to late-twentieth century music, showcasing the rich talents of students, faculty and members of the Waterville community.

At a small liberal arts college such as Colby, the Sinfonietta is a reminder of the talented instrumentalists among our student body.

This year's program began with Augusta Read Thomas's "Spirit Musings" (1996), a composition for chamber orchestra and violin, originally to feature Mary Jo Carlsen. Introducing the piece, however, conductor Jonathan Hallstrom said that, due to an injury that would make it difficult for Ms. Carlsen to perform with the virtuosity the piece required, faculty flutist, Barbara Siesel agreed to perform the composition in its origi-



ERIN RHODA/THE COLBY ECHO
The Colby Sinfonietta performed in Lorimer Chapel this weekend.

inal instrumentation for flute-of course with the permission of the composer. Apparently, she had to learn the solo part in two weeks,

though had Hallstrom said nothing, I don't think anyone would have sus-

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Beer Review

Black and Tan: Guinness and Bass together again

By **BILL YOUNKER**
STAFF WRITER

There are a lot of opinions about the previous week-end's cancellation of Doghead and the ensuing destruction of campus property, but one thing is for sure: a lot of people were pissed about another lost tradition—and rightfully so.

But I must admit, the scene on the steps was something positive. For a half hour of drunkenness at eight in the morning a large contingent of the Colby community gathered together and had some harmless, albeit drunk, fun, school spirit and camaraderie.

In honor of Doghead's absence, we picked up two beers that are often consumed a little more heavily during this green time of year: Guinness and Bass Pale Ale. And to show our good faith in the Colby community and that wonderful sight at the steps, we decided to take a different route this week. Instead of our usual competitive rivalry between two beers, we found two that work in harmony together: the one and only Black and Tan.

Feeding off the positive energy of the on campus Doghead, Logan commented, "It's got all the colors of the nations."

Donovan was still riding the negative, more destructive energy of on campus Doghead. "What the hell does that mean?" he demanded.

"If you weren't such a philosopher, you'd understand," responded Logan. He continued, "It's a beautiful thing when something like this (the black and tan) comes together."

"Shut up, James," said Donovan.

As Lizotte opened his Guinness, he was drawn to the whistle sound it makes. Despite the sound and creamy goodness of Guinness, Lizotte confessed, "I don't feel

very talkative tonight."

I told him to drink more. He laughed and conceded, "Well, bottoms up!"

I soon remembered that Lizotte would be "crossing the pond" this upcoming week for his spring break. Noting that he would be in both England and Ireland, I said that he'd be able to sample these beers from their native countries in just a few days. "That's right, Bill," he said. "I can drink one in Ireland and one in England." Reflecting on an acquaintance's faux pas years earlier, Lizotte continued, "But I won't order an Irish carbomb when I'm in Ireland."

After talking with Lizotte, I soon discovered why Donovan was still on edge—he hadn't started drinking Black and Tans. When I told him to hurry up and start, he asked, "Can I just keep drinking Scuds and say that I like them?"

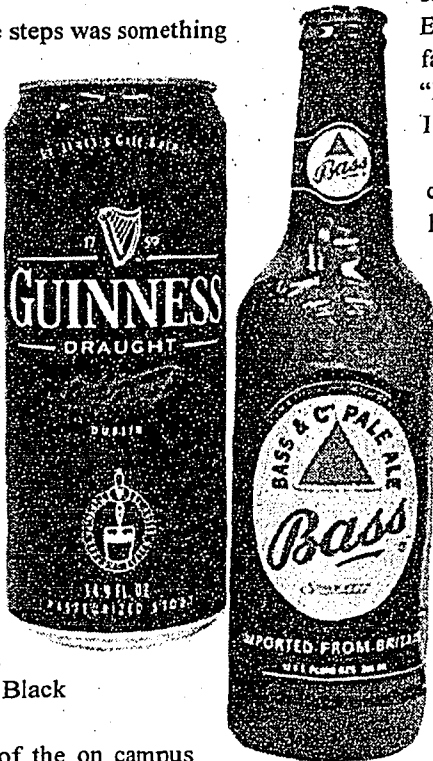
His comment about Scuds reminded me of a former beer review with master Scud drinker Tyler Rowe. His roommate, Matt Guy-Hamilton '05, had made a comment about Black and Tans that night that I had to share with this week's panelists. Guy-Hamilton said, "Just like the people, you can put Bass and Guinness together, but they still won't mix." Brilliant.

"Unless you spoon them," said Donovan, offering an alternative solution to Brits' and Irish people's inability

to get together.

It appeared that switching to Black and Tan had alleviated any bitterness Donovan was still holding onto about Doghead. Even through beer, he was now looking for ways to bring people together, rather than keep them apart. And Donovan's sentiment captured the scene on the steps: Colby students coming together to carry on one of their school's great recent traditions, no matter who and how many people tried to stop it.

Viva la Doghead. The bite will be that much harder next year.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

Loren Sanborn '04

By **EMMA McCANDLESS**
A&E EDITOR

It is difficult to speak with Loren Sanborn '04 without coming—correctly—to the conclusion that he is an actor. But performance is only one aspect of Sanborn's many theatrical talents—talents from which Colby theater has greatly benefited over the last four years.

"I'm not happy unless I'm creating something," Sanborn said of his art. "I think what's most appealing about theater is the creative process; you can create entire worlds in the theater."

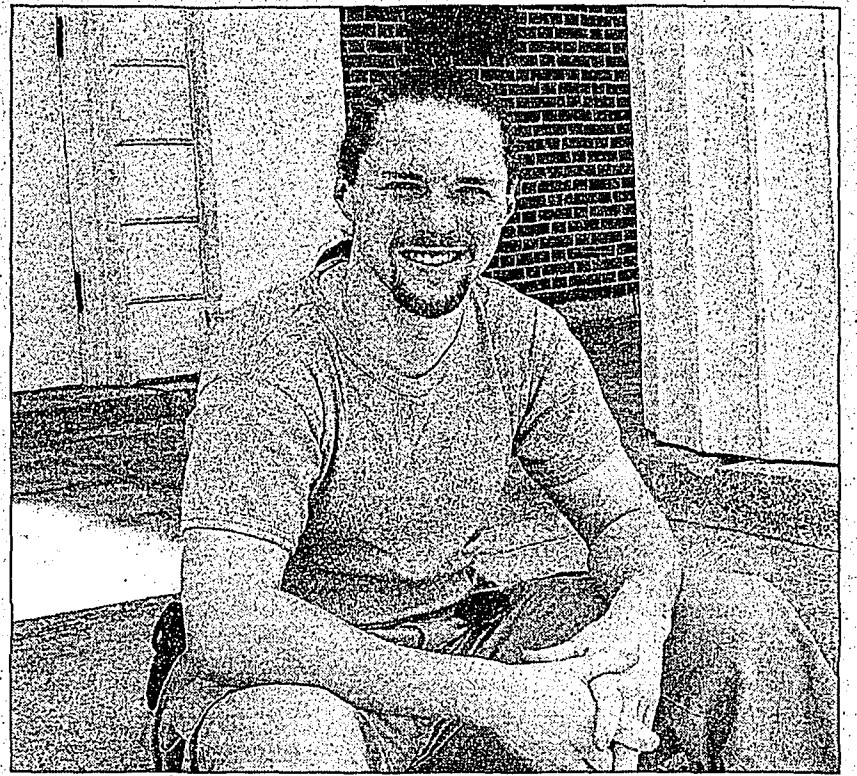
Sanborn's love of theater existed even before his arrival at Colby. "I did some theater in high school," he said. "Mostly unofficially." He said that while he focused on martial arts as an extracurricular activity in high school, he helped out his high school productions in his spare time and greatly enjoyed it. "I knew when I got [to Colby] that I wanted to be a theater major," he said.

During his first semester on campus, Sanborn auditioned for the Department of Theater and Dance production of the musical "City of Angels."

"I had no idea what I was getting into," he said. "And I haven't left [Runnals Union] since!"

Since then, Sanborn has participated in numerous department shows, both on stage and behind the scenes. He ran lights for "Rudens" in the second semester of his first year, played the prince Florizel in "The Winter's Tale" as a sophomore and was assistant stage manager for "Iph..." as a junior. He has also been an assistant stage manager for the Colby Dancers.

Most recently, Sanborn appeared



Loren Sanborn '04

on the Colby stage in multiple roles in the department production of "Our Country's Good." He played the scholarly convict John Wisehammer with great skill and conviction. However, Sanborn said that his favorite role in that production was his one-scene appearance as Meg Long, a prostitute in the Australian colony portrayed in the play.

"Playing Meg was only the second time I've used my hair in a production," Sanborn said, referring to the fact that he let down his long hair, which he normally wears in a ponytail, to add to Meg's character. "And I had never done any gender-bending before. It required using different acting techniques, and stretching some boundaries as an actor. It was just a really fun role."

Sanborn cited his performance as

Meg as an example of why he loves playing diverse roles. "You can take parts of yourself that you don't get a chance to express on a daily basis and bring them out," he said. "It's a chance to portray aspects of yourself and discover who you are."

Sanborn will continue to be involved in theater after his graduation in May. He will join the North England Shakespeare Ensemble, a fledgling company based in his native New Hampshire, as technical director for their summer-long season. "It's a summer job right now," Sanborn said, "but hopefully it'll become more permanent, if they continue after the summer season." Sanborn will help the company stage productions of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest."

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moving and thoughtful portrayal of Liz Morden, a convict who is seemingly beyond hope. Andrew Yeskoo '07, Alexandra Dunberger '07, Antonio Mendez '06 and Meris Esterly '06 did an excellent job dealing with the multiple characters they each portrayed.

Ervin's directorial choices helped the play mesh. His decision to use a minimalist set, a smaller stage and limited costumes, was effective. His choices worked well with the text of the play. When the prisoners realized the limited resources available for their play, one character responds, "This is theater; we will believe you." In another scene, John Wisehammer complains about having to play multiple characters. Clark, Curran's character, responds: "People who don't pay attention shouldn't go to the theater."

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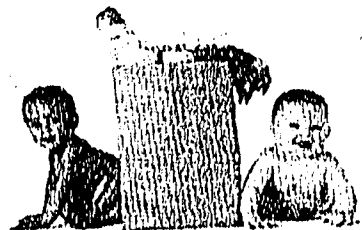
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"Steppenwolf," a parable for the Digest's time

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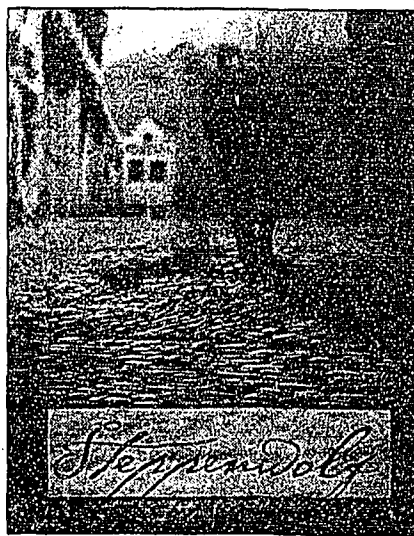
By Andy Lizotte

I find the fact that I've chosen to review Hermann Hesse's "Steppenwolf" relevant to everyone at Colby College (although I'm probably delusional), especially in light of the aftermath of the impromptu Doghead celebration this past Saturday morning. From the Digest of Civil Discourse—which I've actually been reading lately—there, I admitted it—one of the key tenets of those who defended protest over the cancelled orgy of Bacchanalia was that Colby students are of two identities, these being comprised of a side that likes to work and another that likes to play. I'll try not to take a side and dissect this issue, namely because it's already becoming trite, but I will try to offer a more oblique way in which to view this incredibly cliché duality of "work and play." And that's where Hesse's

"Steppenwolf" comes in.

Essentially, the novel begins as record of the life of Harry Haller, a man of erudition with an esoteric knowledge of poetry, philosophy, and music. Harry, like some students would suggest they are themselves every weekend, finds himself drawn between what he considers his primal and his rational selves. The book itself deals explicitly with how we as individuals differentiate our identity, the type of dual identity that has been discussed in discourse defending Doghead. Placing himself into a duality (the type that the works of Jung and Freud conceived), Harry is tortured as he attempts to reconcile his life as an ascetic man of letters with his desire to, basically, party and have fun. So Harry thinks he is two disparate and fundamentally opposed individuals.

"Steppenwolf" refutes this reductive stance towards individual identity, which I feel is relevant to this whole Doghead debate. Any Colby student who looks at his or her four years here and describes it in terms of "working hard and playing hard," or who uses



Hermann Hesse
Steppenwolf

that cliché as justification for whatever damage they did this past Saturday morning, suffers from the primary manifestation of idiocy at Colby: lack of originality. There is always so much more to an essentialized description of one's self conception or actions; in "Steppenwolf," Harry Haller is a scholar who lacks any true knowledge, or any knowledge of the Self.

Likewise, there are numerous Colby students who appear educated, but whose self-conception is stunted.

The success of Harry Haller in the novel is that he comes to discover the existence of the myriad complexities that compose his own individuality, and upon discovering this non-dichotomized way of perceiving himself, he takes an allegorical trip into these spheres. It sounds kind of complex, but basically, Harry realizes that he is not merely two warring identities, but a man who is composed of innumerable parts melded into an irreducible amalgam of self-identity. So if he was a Colby student, instead of passing off some sort of self-destructive or destructive action as having to do with the need to "play hard" after working so hard, he would question the deeper issues behind those actions. This would mean that he'd have to address latent feelings of inadequacy, depression, sexual frustration, which take effort and improvisation.

Thankfully for the plot of the novel, Haller does just this. If he didn't, it would be a pretty pointless life to read.

"Starsky and Hutch" fails to live up to promo hype

By MARLOW STERN
STAFF WRITER

The highly anticipated retro-film "Starsky and Hutch," from "Old School" director Todd Phillips, is a slickly directed, stylized spectacle. Based on the 1970's television show, The film is supposed to evoke feelings of nostalgia for middle-aged fans of the show, while at the same time appeal to a younger audience.

The buddy cop duo of uptight David Starsky (Ben Stiller) and slacker Ken Hutchinson (Owen Wilson) are your archetypal pair—their diametrically opposed personalities, while initially conflictive, result in mutual gain (i.e. catching the bad guy). The bad guy in this profoundly clichéd (although purposefully so) story is Reese Feldman (Vince Vaughn), who, along with his associate Friday (Jason Bateman), have developed a type of cocaine that is virtually undetectable by modern security devices (reminiscent of "Traffic"). Starsky and Hutch are assisted by self-proclaimed "urban-informant" Huggy Bear (Snoop Dogg), in all his pimped-out glory. With the help of Huggy Bear, Starsky and Hutch must foil an attempted blockbuster drug deal before it's too late. Along their way, they encounter two sexy cheerleaders Holly (Amy Smart) and Staci (Carmen Electra). The customary hijinks ensue along Starsky and Hutch's pursuit, highlighted by an amusing cameo appearance

by Will Ferrell as sketchy prison inmate Big Earl, a little Chinese boy with a penchant for knives, and a disco dance-off similar to the renowned "walk-off" of "Zoolander" (although not nearly as funny).

Stiller and Wilson apply their usual shtick, as they have teamed up five times before and in the process, acquired fairly good chemistry. While people are making a fuss about their working experience together, this is only the second time that the two have acted as a duo (the first being the hysterically funny 2001 film "Zoolander"). While I am a huge fan of Stiller and Wilson, as well as Vince Vaughn (whose 1996 film Swingers remains a favorite of mine), the three talented comedians fall victim to a lackluster script. There aren't many "quotable" lines in the film—the key attribute of a successful comedy. Although the film is visually appealing with its groovy clothes, fast cars (including their hip red and white 1974 Ford Torino), and hot chicks, it just doesn't deliver in the humor department. I came into the film with high hopes stemming from the hilarity of Zoolander, and was subsequently let down. Granted, I've only seen a few re-runs of the original 70s show, but I feel that that doesn't really matter. This film isn't really aimed at adults, but at the typical Stiller and Wilson crowd—teenagers.

There is, however, one shining star in the film; one character that breezes through the film (and life) with a unique aura of coolness and "pimp-



Owen Wilson and Ben Stiller in "Starsky and Hutch."

osity" that is rarely imitated, and never duplicated. That man is Snoop Dogg. Snoop's portrayal of Huggy Bear is classic. Clothed in seemingly standard pimp attire, Snoop owns the 70s metropolis Bay City. While our focus should be on the exploits of Starsky and Hutch, we can't help but divert our attention to Huggy Bear, who steals the show.

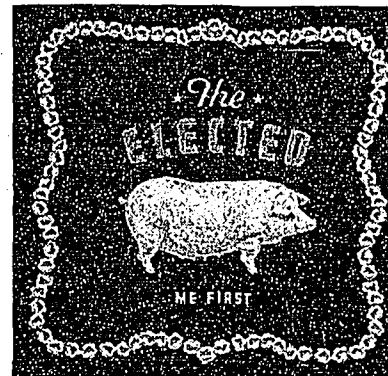
Thus, while the film is a visually appealing 70s satire, it is far from the comedic farce most filmgoers, including myself, expected. Truth be told, the only character that is even remotely enjoyable in the film is Huggy Bear,

and he is underused. I didn't even find the uncredited cameo appearance by Will Ferrell to be that funny—certainly no "Frank the Tank." If you wish to see a comedic satire with Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson (as well as Will Ferrell), go out and rent the far superior "Zoolander." If you want to see the best of director Todd Phillips, go rent "Old School." By no means should you feel obligated to see "Starsky and Hutch." And if you do, you might as well cover your ears, or in the words of Vince Vaughn's character Beanie from "Old School," "earmuffs."

CD Review

The Elected, "Me First"

By TODD OLMSTEAD
STAFF WRITER



The Elected
Me First

Fans of Saddle Creek Records' Rilo Kiley will recognize the voice behind the microphone on the Elected's Sub Pop debut, "Me First." The album is the side-project of Rilo Kiley co-singer/songwriter Blake Sennett. Rounding out the band is Mike Bloom on background vocals and various other instruments, Daniel Brummel of Ozma on bass, and Rilo drummer Jason Boesel. The album itself is a gem, with its biggest weakness probably being the fact that it sounds remarkably like Rilo Kiley, which can hardly be classified as a bad thing. The overall sound is probably best described as indie-pop rock with a country twang. The opener, "7 September 2003," begins with

Sennett's breathy, easy voice makes it fairly easy to zone away from the lyrics, but he is as strong with a pen as he is with a guitar.

slide guitar melody that lasts throughout much of the album. Likewise, the second track "Greetings in Braille" features sad harmonica reminiscent of a country western folk tune, while "My Baby's a Dick" uses slide guitar as well as the banjo.

The instrumentation is particularly deep on this highly collaborative work which almost 20 guest artists on instruments ranging from synthesizer to saxophone to glockenspiel. But while the instrumental depth is a strength, the lyrics stand out in their own way. Sennett's breathy, easy, voice makes it fairly easy to zone away from the lyrics, but he is as strong with a pen as he is with a guitar. His confessional, straightforward words are clearly influenced by Elliott Smith, who is the top name on the thank you's. Sennett has a clever way of incorporating subtle irony into his lyrics, like the line "And if you see me, down at the liquor store,

please don't tell my dad. And if you see my dad, down at the liquor store, don't tell me anything at all," from "Greetings in Braille." Most prevalent on the album are his half romantic, half self-deprecating confessions. On "7 September 2003" he sings: "And on the last night of summer and I got you alone, we talked until dawn and then I walked you home. And I said baby, there's someone out there for you, and maybe he's saved his best side for you." This line, following "Yeah, baby, I do believe I'll never see your face again," shows his reluctant willingness to let go. The stand out track, "Go On," also is an excellent example of this, in a sarcastic biting manner. He sings, "My old girlfriend's studying medicine. Would you save my life if I got sick? Haven't seen you in a while. How have you been? Of course if you had the right insurance for it. And I think if we got back together again, you know, give it a run, you know. You were my first love. You're very drunk and we were very young." He then goes on to say, bitterly, "If you get married can I come? I gotta see this. Well, go on and lay your tired bodies down. Just like you're going to. Just like they expect you to." This song is probably the strongest, with the catchiest melodies and the most creative moment on the album when, following the chorus, the song breaks into a short electronic breakdown and then flies into a guitar solo. Spontaneity like this is central to the album in all its subtlety, which is one of the best words for the album as a whole. Nothing about it, even the guitar solos, is extremely flashy, right down to the non-descript cover art. But subtlety is usually a good thing, which is the case on "Me First," which flows as a great and memorable listen from start to finish.

SINFONIETTA: In second year, new ensemble shows improvement and offers a good concert

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pected these last-minute changes. Both Ms. Siesel and the ensemble performed marvelously.

"Spirit Musings," in contrast to the lush orchestration of the other two pieces on the program, is composed in an almost brittle style, where the importance of musical gestures and texture seems to supersede melodic and harmonic contour. At moments, the work was often quite dissonant, combined with highly rhythmic motives from the winds and strings. These clashes required from the audience a different kind of listening, but, judging from the rousing applause, everyone seemed to recognize the excellence in the performance.

The second and final work for the first half was Aaron J. Kernis's Musica Celestis (1991), a composition for strings which could not have been more stylistically different from "Spirit Musings." Opening with lush harmonies, the work was harmonically and melodically more conventional, and the Colby Sinfonietta's

string players performed Kernis's rich textures with gorgeous clarity and mature musical sensibility. One could say that the Sinfonietta designed the evening's program with the intent of saving the best for last, though that would understate the excellent first half. Returning from intermission, the chamber ensemble performed the original version of Aaron Copland's well-loved "Appalachian Spring," a piece that Hallstrom noted was probably "the reason many people showed up." As he said, the work hardly needed an introduction, containing such memorable melodies as Copland's variations on "Simple Gifts." However, for many, this was their first hearing of the chamber version. Though it lacked the exciting percussion and brilliant brass of the orchestral version, the composition and performance nonetheless embodied the same spiritedness.

The Sinfonietta truly ended a strong second annual concert with the audience hoping the group will continue as a yearly tradition.



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Baseball: riding the positive bus to spring training in Clearwater, Florida

By JEREMY LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

The Colby baseball team begins its 2004 campaign Saturday in Clearwater, Fla. Their spring schedule includes games against perennial opponents Williams College, Hamilton College and Union College. The Mules will return to the hill for their first home game March 30 against Husson College, followed by a three-game home-and-home series against CBB rival Bowdoin College. Optimism runs high as the team welcomes an impressive freshman class that will provide much needed pitching depth in addition to offensive pop.

The Mules failed to gain any sort of momentum last year after returning from Florida, compiling a dismal 8-20-1 record. They finished last in their conference going 1-11. Fortunately they don't have anywhere to go but up.

The Mules welcome back a strong core of veteran players including infielders Co-Captain Vince Domestico '04, Rodney Ames '06 and B.L. Lippert '04, outfielder Travis Agustin '06 and pitchers Phil Geiger '04, Tyler Hales '06, Andrew Jenkins '06 and Rob Jacobs '06.

Also returning is catcher and Co-Captain Eric Roy '04 who was selected First Team NESCAC All-Conference last year and led the Mules in 2003 with a .380 batting average.

Success this season will come down to pitching. The freshman class boasts an interesting mix of power and ability. "Performance in Florida will determine the starting rotation," veteran pitcher Geiger said. "The new guys are young and talented. Last year our

pitching relied a lot on finesse. This year we have a lot more power. The new guys throw a lot harder. Last year [Dan] Deacon '03 and Owen [Kenney] '04 relied on their location and control, where the starting rotation this year will rely more on their ability to use their power."

With the additions of Jordan Henry '07, hard-throwing Jack Peete '07 and

We're scrappy, blue-collar and squirrely. Basically we're a bunch of dirt dogs.

Vince Domestico '04
Co-Captain

squirrely lefty Bob Brady '07, the Mules' pitching staff will have more depth than it did last year.

The 2003 team lacked the cohesiveness necessary to be successful.

"This year we have an entirely different mix of guys," Domestico said. "There are no dominant personalities. Everyone shows up every day and works hard. They're committed to the program. Unfortunately last year we had personalities clash. Those problems were exacerbated when we got back from Florida. It's hard going from a game or two every day to one or two a week. We couldn't put the pitching and the offense together. We rarely put a good nine innings together. That's the sign of a mediocre base-

ball team. We beat most the teams we were supposed to and we blew many late-inning leads. I do think that we were better than we played last year."

The Mules are currently in the third year of a major rebuilding process.

"One of the benefits of going through a rebuilding process is that younger players are able to develop at a quicker pace," Roy said. "We had low numbers at certain positions so guys like Roddy [Ames '06], [Tyler] Hales '06 and Travis [Agustin '06] were able to get playing time. Essentially we have real veterans who are sophomores."

Thirteen-year Coach Tom Dexter will again be joined by third base and infield coach Chappy Nelson '82 and second year coach Robert Lippert, father of B.L.

"Having Coach Lippert around for a second season is going to help," Geiger said. "We're a lot more comfortable. We weren't used to his coaching style last year, but we are now. Not only that, but I think he's more comfortable with us. Our relationship with him has grown and matured."

Hopefully this year's youth movement will help the baseball program get back on its feet. "With so many freshmen coming in, they're not used to losing," Domestico said. "They're going to come out and play hard. These guys are from winning teams and they're going to want to continue that. I think this year's going to go very well. We're scrappy, blue-collar and squirrely. Basically we're a bunch of dirt dogs. We're a much different team this year than we were the last couple. We're on the positive bus."

Men's lacrosse aims for postseason

By JON EVANS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Colby men's lacrosse team finished the 2003 season with an overall record of 4-8, registering just one win and eight losses against New England Small College Athletic Conference opponents. Coach Rob Quinn is noticeably disappointed by the team's record: "Last season was a mentally difficult season. Injuries plagued us physically and emotionally." All the losses were close, but these games need to be won for Colby to have a chance of capturing a playoff berth this season.

The team is aiming to improve on the previous season without a number of last year's starters. Tri-Captain Josh Cleaver '04 feels the entirety of last year's senior class will be missed greatly this season. The teams sole returning captain Ryan Tyler '04 pointed to the graduation of Ben Winston '03, an all NESCAC First-Team selection and attack man Barron Butler '03 as their most detrimental losses. The Mules also have to overcome the losses of Kevin Kiley, Trenholm Boggs and Connor Cooper, due to graduation.

Tyler and Cleaver are joined by goaltender and Tri-Captain Matt Lapaglia '04 to form the basis of the team's leadership. Quinn is convinced his captains' leadership on the field will be a key factor in the team's success.

The three captains are backed by a strong group of returning players. Lapaglia is looking for defensive help from Nick Owens '04, Tom Deutsch '05 and Jonathan Bodansky '06. While Mike Haines '04, Ryan Glennon '04 and Eric Siedel '05 are predicted to play integral roles in the team's offense along with Cleaver, the Mules' top scorer in 2003 and Tyler.

The team is relatively young, as only six seniors are on the roster. Quinn needs many players to step up this season. However, Tyler sees the potential for many players to feature prominent-



Men's lacrosse will try to improve upon its current NESCAC ranking.

ly at both ends of the field. Quinn predicts that many younger players will play contributory roles and identified Kyle Haskett '07 and Dan Schupack '07 as two freshmen who will receive considerable playing time.

Based on last year's performance, the Colby men's lacrosse team has been predicted to finish last in the NESCAC by the *United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Coaches' Poll*. Quinn is unperturbed by this and actually feels the ranking could help the team, as it "will fuel a fire from our men to prove the pre-season poll wrong."

The NESCAC is one of the more competitive leagues in the country for lacrosse, with both Middlebury College and Tufts University currently ranked in the national top-twenty for Division-III.

The team leaves this weekend for a week of training in Celebration, Fla. Two games and one scrimmage are scheduled for the spring break trip. They face Union College March 22 and play Williams College March 24. One day after their return from Florida the team travels to Babson College in Massachusetts March 27 and finishes this month of against Keene State College March 30.

Saturday marked the beginning of

the season for the Mules as they traveled to play Middlebury in Middlebury, Vt. The Mules lost by a score of 5-12. Middlebury is currently ranked second nationally and Quinn said, "Middlebury is an excellent team, one of the best in the country".

Cleaver led the Mules in scoring, registering three goals and one assist. Schupack and Pete Legos '06 also scored for the mules, while Siedel and Sean Murphy '05 registered assists. Lapaglia had sixteen saves in goal for the Mules.

Cleaver said, "We looked like a team that hadn't spent much time outside on a full-sized field." Practicing in the Alford field house puts the men's team at a disadvantage because the surface of the field house is vastly different from turf or grass. Tyler explained, "Both teams made mistakes, but they took advantage of ours and we did not exploit theirs."

Despite the loss, Cleaver found the team's intensity and confidence impressive and said it needs to be maintained for the team to win their upcoming games. Quinn saw positives in the loss also and explained, "Once we are outside consistently, our overall game will improve."

Outdoor track warms up this spring

By MICHELE BARMASH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As the weather warms up, the Colby men and women's track and field teams are ready and rearing for the spring season. Even though there are significant changes this year on both the men and the women's side, both teams plan on having a very competitive and successful season. Men's Head Coach Todd Coffin '83 and women's Head Coach Deb Aitken will have talent to work with this spring season.

Men's Tri-Captain Patrick Harner '05, a member of Colby's record-holding 400-meter relay team said, "This team has tremendous enthusiasm and a great work ethic."

Tri-Captain Xavier Garcia '05 has developed into a versatile athlete in New England Division III track and field. An All-American in the indoor 400-meter dash, he established new Colby records in the 400 at 47.92 and the triple jump at 47' and 4.5."

Harner also said, "Jason Foster '06 [is] a focused co-captain and an up

and coming hammer thrower who qualified provisionally for nationals in the indoor season in the weight throw, Colby's only national qualifier."

There are also a number of first years who are expected to do some damage on the track such as Roy Wilson '07 who, Harner said, "has a positive attitude and smooth running style in the 100-meter dash" and "new-comer Chris Rogers '07 will also be a fierce competitor this season and a force to be reckoned with."

Jeff Alden '07, a member of the U.S. Junior Biathlon team, the State of Maine Class C 1,600-meter record holder (4:17.12) and the 2002 New England 1,600-meter champion, will be a welcome addition to Colby's distance running team.

The women's season last year was successful with wins at all regular season meets, a third-place finish at the New England Small College Athletic Conference Championship and a second-place finish at the New England Division-III Championship.

Several athletes provisionally qual-

ified for the N.C.A.A. meet such as Captain Karima Ummah '04 in the high jump and triple jump.

With the loss of seven seniors, the 2004 team will rely on a host of returning letter-winners and a large and talented group of first-year students to maintain Colby's competitive edge.

Karina Johnson '05 said, "Jess Minty '06 competed well in the indoor season in the mid-distance events. She will certainly be a force outdoors." She added, "Caroline Minkoff '04, in the throwing events, will be another great contributor to the team's inevitable success."

Both teams are now preparing for their spring trips, which is an opportunity for the teams to come together and bond, while at the same time getting some good warm weather training in before the outdoor season starts. The women's season begins at home April 3 versus Bates College and the men's season April 10 at home also versus Bates.

Tennis teams travel to Middlebury

By NICOLE LAVERY
STAFF WRITER

The Colby men's and women's tennis teams start their traditional season with new goals, but with the same hard-working attitude. The fall season, although focused on individual matches, also included the women's competition in several dual matches. The women began the spring season with a record of 1-5 from the fall. The men only played individual matches in the fall and start the spring with a fresh record.

Both the men's and women's teams welcomed back many impact players who were abroad in the fall, including Sarah Hughes '05, who was the 2002-2003 Co-New England Small College Athletic Conference Player of the Year and an All-American in doubles last year.

Both teams look to improve their records from last season. The men went 6-9 and the women finished at 8-7, just one spot short of the N.C.A.A. tournament. According to Head Coach Michael Morgan, the goal is for both teams to make it to the N.C.A.A. tournament and also to, "see how far we can take our game."

These goals, however, are just "icing on the cake," Morgan said, compared to "being on a team and learning about yourself." Morgan hopes to challenge his players to work on their game in a fun environment, in which they can grow both as people and as tennis players.



Men's Co-Captain Steen Sehnert '06 defeated his Brandeis opponents.

March 13 both teams traveled to Middlebury College to play their first matches of the spring season. The men lost to both Brandeis University and Middlebury College. The women, on the other hand, did well and beat both Brandeis and Hamilton College.

Men's Co-Captain Steen Sehnert '06 defeated his Brandeis opponents at the third spot in both the singles and doubles matches. His singles win was the only victory in the 1-6 loss. Sehnert's doubles partner Tony Gill '07 won the lone match in Colby's second loss to Middlebury 1-6, in which Gill defeated his opponent in the sixth singles' spot.

The women fared well Saturday by pulverizing both of their opponents. The Mules shut out Hamilton with a

9-0 victory. All of the matches were won in the first two sets, with no Hamilton opponent winning more than three games in a single set. Brandeis was a more difficult opponent, but the Mules decisively beat the Owls 7-2. The women improved their record to 3-5 after Saturday's victories. Overall Morgan "was pleased with everyone's performance and progress."

The men will play their first of only three home matches tomorrow against Springfield College. Both teams will then pack their bags and travel to Hilton Head, S.C. for spring training where they will face many tough opponents including Calvin College, Depauw College and Western Kentucky University among others.

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Women's lax looks to lead NESCAC in 2004

By RYAN GLENNON
STAFF WRITER

The women's lacrosse team begins their season with a new outlook and determination to further improve on last season, despite losing six seniors to graduation, including Colby's all-time leading scorer and All-American Ally King '03, as well as starting goaltender Anna Schierberl Scherr '03.

However, the Mules do return three of the top-five scorers from last year along with a talented class of first years to fill in the gaps.

First year net-minder Catharine O'Brien '07 will anchor a tough defense characterized by experience and leadership including Kate Weiler '04, Kim Jones '05, the team's leading ground ball player, Nora Beltz '05, Caitlin Grasso '05 and Leah Weisberg '06, who will all see significant time.

Cara Dionisi '04, the second-leading scorer last year, will lead the pack at the attack, with support from Sarah Burlington '05, Julia Benedict '05, Elizabeth Ghilardi '06 and Ali Grenert '05. Kate Wheeler '04, Emma Miller '05 and Becca Avrutin '04 return to lead the midfield with support from

Co-Rookies of the Year in 2003, Tracy Kolakowski '06 and Kelsey Neville '06, as well as from Priscilla Catir '06 and Katie Roberts '06.

With such a strong squad, the Mules expect to compete for the New England Small College Athletic Conference league title once again and making a bid for the National Collegiate Athletic Association's national tournament in 2004.

The twelfth-ranked Colby College women's lacrosse team took on the first-ranked Middlebury College Panthers in their season opener March 13. The game was marked as the Mules' home opener, but due to ever-present layers of frost still hidden beneath the surface of the grass, the game was moved to a neutral site at Bates College in Lewiston, Me.

The Mules had their best performance against Middlebury since 2002, according to Assistant Coach Marcia Ingraham '02.

"We had a little difficulty finding our defensive groove in the first half, allowing seven goals, [whereas the] second half was a completely different story, our defense totally shut them down allowing only one goal in 30 minutes, which rarely happens in lacrosse, especially when you are playing the number-one team in the

country," Ingraham continued.

Weiler added, "it's been one of our goals for a long time to beat one of

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Kate Wheeler '04
Captain

the top three big guns (Middlebury, Amherst and Williams) and I think that this is the year that we can do it."

In the last four years the Panthers have defeated the Mules by double digits. This accomplishment marks the first year in recent memory that the team has held the Panthers to under ten goals and only one goal in a half.

Colby goals came from Captain Kate Wheeler '04, Cara Dionisi '04 and Allie Libby '07, who scored her

first collegiate goal, while Emma Miller '05 dominated the midfield by leading the team in ground balls, creating turnovers and assisting Wheeler's second half goal.

O'Brien started her collegiate career well, turning away 12 shots including a breakaway from Middlebury's leading scorer Nuala O'Donohoe '04.

Starting off with Middlebury, the Mules get right into the heart of their season, as they took on Smith College Tuesday at Harvard University before setting off for Virginia and Florida for spring training, where they will take on Washington and Lee University, Union College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Wheeler mentioned element of surprise that the Mules have as a weapon in their arsenal.

"We have a really new team, a lot of young faces in spots that have been lost to graduation. There is no feeling of only one 'big gun' this year to go to. It is more a feeling of having 11 unbeatable players out there, especially if we can form a strong team chemistry. It may look like a rebuilding year for us to other teams, but we don't feel as though we are rebuilding at all."

Devastator of the Week



Karima Ummah '04

Ummah earned All-American honors at the N.C.A.A. Division-III Championships March 12-13 for her fourth place finish in the triple jump. Ummah also placed eleventh in the high jump. At the New England Championships Feb. 21, Ummah won the high jump, took second in the long jump, third in the triple jump and took fourth in the 55-meter hurdles. Ummah swept the high and triple jumps at ECACs March 5-6.

Steroids: MLB's scary sideshow



FOUL BALLS

By Jeremy Little

Thank God February is the shortest month of the year. For sports fans February is an agonizing, month-long intermission between the Super Bowl and the Spring Training. If I were a bear, I'd hibernate. Thankfully the soap opera that is Major League Baseball stepped up this year to fill the void. This was, perhaps, the most riveting and absurd off-season in history. From the never-ending side show that is Pete Rose, to A-Rod turning to the dark side and becoming a mercenary in King George's Evil Empire, to half of Jason Giambi showing up to spring training, it has been a bizarre, sometimes frustrating, but ceaselessly entertaining ride.

I now know more about steroids than I ever cared to. I don't ever want to hear the initials BALCO, THG, or HGH ever again. So Barry Bonds is in on the juice, huh? Now there's a shocker. The guy's jacked out of his tree and his head's swollen like a beach ball. Sure, he works out and eats right, but he's also 39. Now I may not hold a degree in medical science, but from what I understand, men typi-

cally don't bulk up like that after the age of 35. Baseball players shouldn't look like Hulk Hogan. Hell, Hulk Hogan shouldn't look like Hulk Hogan. Babe Ruth hit over 700 home runs and he did it fueled on hot dogs and cheap whiskey. Bonds' record of 73 homers in a season will have an asterisk. Mark McGwire's should too, but luckily nobody cares about him anymore. I actually heard someone claim that McGwire wasn't juiced up. It's people like that who let their kids go to a slumber party at Michael Jackson's house.

It's also fun to watch these guys try to deny it. Jason Giambi claims to have lost only four pounds. Sure, try 30. That's not conspicuous, is it? When your name's on the same list as Bill Romanowski's, you know you're in trouble. The guy sweats horse testosterone.

Major League Baseball's steroid policy is a joke. You basically get five strikes then you're out. Darryl Strawberry's been in rehab fewer times than that. When the federal government is accusing your organization of being negligent, corrupt and ineffective, you know there's a problem. Of course these guys should be tested. Unfortunately Commissioner Bud Selig doesn't have the cajones to stand up to the players union or its blood-sucking leader, Donald Fehr.

Personally I'd love to see John McCain put his foot so far up Fehr's rear end he'd be flossing with the good senator's shoelaces. Baseball needs a strict policy. They need not even look far. The NFL, NHL and NBA all have better systems.

Major League Baseball has a credibility crisis. This whole mess is a black eye on America's former pastime. I've heard the argument that Bonds' prolific hitting is not a result of steroid use. Consider this: that little extra pop can turn a long fly ball into a home run. He didn't exactly rip the horseshoe off of number 73 did he? That ball probably would have been caught off the bat of the pre-BALCO Bonds.

If they're not going to deal with this, Major League Baseball might as well sell the whole operation to Vince McMahon, call it XLB and replace the ball boys with strippers. Actually that last one might not be such a bad idea.

Lost in all of this steroid nonsense is the fact that we may be in store for one of the more interesting seasons in recent memory. Last year's playoffs were some of the most exciting ever despite a decidedly anticlimactic World Series.

The Yankees might turn into a 2004 version of the "Bronx Zoo," Greg Maddux is back in Cubbie pinstripes, Vlad Guerrero and Bartolo Colon are in Anaheim, Roger Clemens is an Astro, the Bartman ball was blown into oblivion, David Wells is fat and drunk in San Diego, Lou Pinella has yet to have a heart attack in Tampa, Johnny Damon looks like Jesus, Curt Schilling is in Beantown doing Dunkin' Donuts commercials and we may finally get that Cubs-BoSox World Series. Hey, I can dream, can't I?

Women's rugby rallies at Colby-Sawyer

By ALEXA LINDAUER
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

With the spring season just around the corner, Colby men's rugby will look to achieve the same level of success they had during the fall season while the women's squad is hopeful that the return of many of their starting players will strengthen their line up.

The women's rugby team kicked off their spring season at a tournament hosted by Colby-Sawyer College, which they played indoors on turf.

The Mules took on Plymouth State University, losing 0-3, Colby Sawyer, winning 7-0 and Lyndon State College, winning 5-0 and bringing them to the playoffs against Plymouth State. Despite being down 0-1 at the end of the first half, Plymouth was able to make a comeback and defeat Colby 2-1. Backs Captain Jackie Dao '05 was excited about the team's performance, "All in all, we came in second place and it was a good way to kick off the spring season."

The women look forward to their season, which will continue with a scrimmage against Trinity College. April 17-18, the team will travel to Rhode Island to compete in the Beast of the East tournament, which Dao explained is one of the largest colle-

giate rugby tournaments in the nation. "Two years ago we won the title of best Division-II rugby team in the East. Last year, we were winning, but the tourney was cancelled due to the monsoon-[like] rain conditions. I hope to kick off the season with a solid rugby match against Trinity, and then bring the fire to Beast and defend our title!" The women are also the defending champions of the Maine Collegiate Tournament.

In the fall, five of the women on the A-side team were abroad. "There were many positions that were filled by players playing A-side for the first time on the team and they certainly stepped up and played very well," Dao said. The women ended the season with a record of 1-3-1, with a highlight being the first match of the season against Bowdoin College, who was up until the last five minutes of the game, when the women were able to come from behind and tie the match.

Dao has high hopes for the season, "This season with everyone who was abroad back in full force, we will be extremely competitive and definitely stronger. I think other teams will not know what they'll be up against."

For the men's team, athletes abroad did not play a significant role in the team's performance. The team went 5-0 in the regular season and advanced to the New England playoffs, losing to the

Coast Guard Academy but defeating Yale University and moving on to Northeast semifinals. The Mules beat SUNY-New Paltz and continued on to the finals where they lost to Middlebury College, but defeated SUNY-Binghamton in the consolation game. The team finished in third place in the Northeast and in the top 24 Division-II schools in the country.

President John Wheelock '06 said, "Our best game in the fall was probably against Yale. We were down [0-14] at the half and came back to win 22-17. It was our best victory of the season that really showed our resilience and toughness." The men's team had the best defense in the Northeast because they gave up the least amount of points.

The men's team will begin their season in early April with the Big Apple Tournament in New York City and will also play in the Beast of the East and the Maine Collegiate Tournaments. Wheelock said, "We expect to win several of these games and be a powerhouse in all the tournaments."

Both the men's and women's teams will look to improve upon their fall record and are in good position to sweep the Beast of the East and Maine Collegiate Tournaments.

Surviving "Dream Job:" reality bites



EAT THE SPREAD

By Cliff White

Anyone who knows sports watches "SportsCenter." It's where sports buffs get their news, their facts and their conversation. If you've ever had a serious conversation about professional sports with someone at Colby, there is a 90 percent chance that he or she is spewing back direct quotes from a "SportsCenter" show they just watched, to the point of borderline copyright infringement. If you've ever been impressed by something said by a friend about sports, let me inform you that what he or she said in all likelihood was not original. Your friend is not a sports genius. He or she just watches a lot of ESPN.

There are a lot of people at Colby who are passionate about sports. However, for many of us, it's hard to imagine making a career out of it. If you're an athlete, you've by now realized (except for the Lathrops and Warner Nickerson) that playing at Colby is probably the last stop in your athletic careers before the beer leagues. There is no possibility in making it to the pros. The moment I became aware that I wasn't going to be a professional athlete came a little earlier for me than for most. I was in seventh grade. The goalie for the lacrosse team I played for scored four goals on himself that season as he tried to clear the ball. That total was more than we scored as a team in 16 games.

Very early on I realized that if I wanted to get close to the action, I'd have to find

another route. So I started covering sports for my high school paper. I have since worked my way up to my current position as sports columnist for *The Colby Echo*.

For people like me, our dream isn't to become the next Derek Jeter, Ty Law or LeBron James. We have our own set of heroes. Their names are Dan Patrick, Linda Cohn, Chris Berman and Stuart Scott. They are what every sports journal-

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ESPN's new reality T.V. show, "Dream Job," is nothing next to a dream-come-true. Every Sunday at 10 p.m. I live vicariously through the contestants. These contestants, who have survived an audition of more than 10,000 people, compete

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and caught seven and two runners stealing respectively. Riley was the Mules' Most Improved Player in 2003. Bailey mentioned first year Essie Widlanski as having the potential to make an impact in the catching position. However he also said that the starting position "will come down to batting."

The Mules did not have a strong showing at the plate in 2003. Bonner and Caswell were the only two Mules to hit over .300 at .395 and .443 respectively. The team's average was .247. Bailey has made hitting the focus of the team's practices, working on widening the players' stances and taking little or no stride forward.

The Mules will face teams from around the country in Florida including Union College, Plymouth State College and NESCAC competition from Middlebury College.

Shea said, "The trip to Fort Myers, Fla. during spring break is crucial because it's the first time we actually get outside. Maine is a tough place for spring sports, especially given the fact that the season is so short in college. It's tough playing inside in the field house, so when the first opportunity we get to play outside is in 80-degree weather, it really gets the team fired up for the rest of the season. The games down there also set the stage

for the rest of the season in that they pretty much determine the starting line up. We get to show our potential in actual live-game situations and that's where it counts."

The Mules' first double-headers after spring training are April 3 at Pine Manor College and April 4 at the University of Southern Maine. With the exception of USM, Colby's most intense competitors during the month of April are NESCAC teams by far.

Hurd said, "The Tufts doubleheader is always one of the most competitive and intense games every year and this year will be no different. Especially since we have proven that we can beat them and now we have expectations of competing at the same level with them. Of course, all of the NESCAC East games are crucial to gain one of two spots to the postseason. Bowdoin and Bates, in particular, are always huge games for us, due to the history of rivalry and abilities of our teams."

Bailey, who anticipates a strong season, especially with the return of many talented and motivated players coupled with the addition of strong newcomers, said, "They're a nice bunch of players," Bailey said. "They all seem to work well together and we're anxious to play on some green grass."

CREW: Warm-weather spring training in S.C.

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somewhat short last year and what it's going to take this year to win," Co-Captain Jeff Sparrow '05 said.

While both teams said that the Coast Guard Academy and the University of New Hampshire have consistently proven to be strong opponents in the past, it is impossible to predict who will give Colby their toughest competition. "Winning crews come spring time are not always the crews that had success in the fall, but more often the teams that were able to train effectively throughout the winter," Mistretta said.

The Mules will travel to Summerton, S.C. next week for their annual spring break training trip. The week in South Carolina gives the teams one more chance to solidify their skills and set a foundation for the season.

"As always, our training trip is extremely important. It's amazing how much physical and mental preparation can actually happen in a week focused solely on rowing," Sparrow said.

Both teams will travel to Cambridge, Mass. April 3 to face teams such as Wesleyan University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Smith College, the University of Massachusetts and George Washington University in their first official meet of the spring season.

Ski team eleventh at Division-I N.C.A.A. championships

By ZACH RUSSELM
STAFF WRITER

The Colby College ski team had its best finish ever at the Division-I N.C.A.A. Championships hosted last weekend by the University of Nevada-Reno. Despite having an incomplete team with only five of 12 possible skiers qualifying, the ski team took eleventh place in the nation. An eleventh place finish is a great accomplishment considering that skiing (both alpine and nordic) is Colby's only Division-I sport (with the exception of squash, in which the only division in which collegiate squash competes is Division-I).

Moreover, placing eleventh with multiple All-Americans is more impressive considering the short history of the Division-I program. Only in 1993 was the Colby ski team promoted to Division-I status after winning five Eastern Intercollegiate Skiing Association Division-II titles in six years.

Colby never finished higher than sixth all season in an EISA Carnival, but at the N.C.A.A. Championships their eleventh place finish put them ahead of both Williams College and the University of New Hampshire. They had not beaten either of these teams in any of the eastern events this season.

The University of New Mexico won the national title, edging out last year's champions, the University of Utah. Although Colby placed its highest ever, the team actually scored less points than they had at last year's championships when they took thirteenth.

However, this numerical anomaly should not take away anything from Colby's most accomplished athletes. The decrease in points earned is telling, however, as the team did not ski as well this year as they had last season. In 2003 Colby had five All-American finishes (two first team and three second team), while in 2004 they had three (all second team). Jenny Lathrop '06 and Abbi Lathrop '06 both repeated their Second Team All-American performance of a year ago in the giant slalom. Jenny improved from tenth to seventh while Abbi fell from eighth to tenth.

Jenny was happy to have improved in the giant slalom, "I was pleased with my seventh place [giant slalom] finish. I had a great first run that I surprised myself with." Unfortunately the twin sisters could not repeat their First Team All-American finishes of 2003 in the slalom two days later.

Jenny was the national runner up last year after winning five of six eastern slalom races.

However, she has not had that kind of success this year and placed fifteenth at the championships.

She said, "My slalom was not as fast this year. I was slightly bummed about it. I changed my slalom equipment around and had less quality time training and preparing for this season. I was not happy with fifteenth in slalom at N.C.A.A.s. I had a slow first run and on my second run I fell but still finished."

Abbi also did not improve in the slalom placing eleventh this year after taking fifth last season.

Warner Nickerson '05 had dominated the male alpine events this season before a late season injury. "I had some great rehab with [Staff Athletic Trainer] Tim Weston and my knee was didn't affect my skiing at all. The only downside of being off snow for a couple weeks was a slight negative affects to my balance, but I had enough time in Tahoe to fix it before the races commenced."

Though he seemed to be recovered by the time the championships rolled around, Nickerson did not ski to the caliber that he performed to at the beginning of the season in the east taking tenth in the giant slalom and earning Second Team All-American honors, while only managing 26 in the



Charlie Reed '06 placed 19 in the slalom at the N.C.A.A. championships.

slalom after falling on his first run.

2003 All-American Robert Saunders '05 struggled placing 28 and 31. Charlie Reed '06 improved from 30 to 19 in the slalom despite the unfamiliar snow conditions of the western mountains.

While last year's championship was held in Dartmouth College the snow conditions in Utah this year, "significantly affected all of the male eastern skiers. Only two [eastern] men finished in the top ten in giant slalom," Nickerson said.

The snow likely contributed to the placement of the top eastern school, the

University of Vermont, only placing fifth whereas they finished second last year.

While the N.C.A.A. ski season is over, Colby's top skiers are still competing. After arriving back at Colby from Nevada on Monday morning, Nickerson will endure a day of exams before leaving for the U.S. Nationals in Alaska on Wednesday. Over spring break Saunders and the Lathrop sisters will compete in the Canadian Nationals because they are being held in nearby Quebec. According to Jenny, "the competition will be just as challenging."

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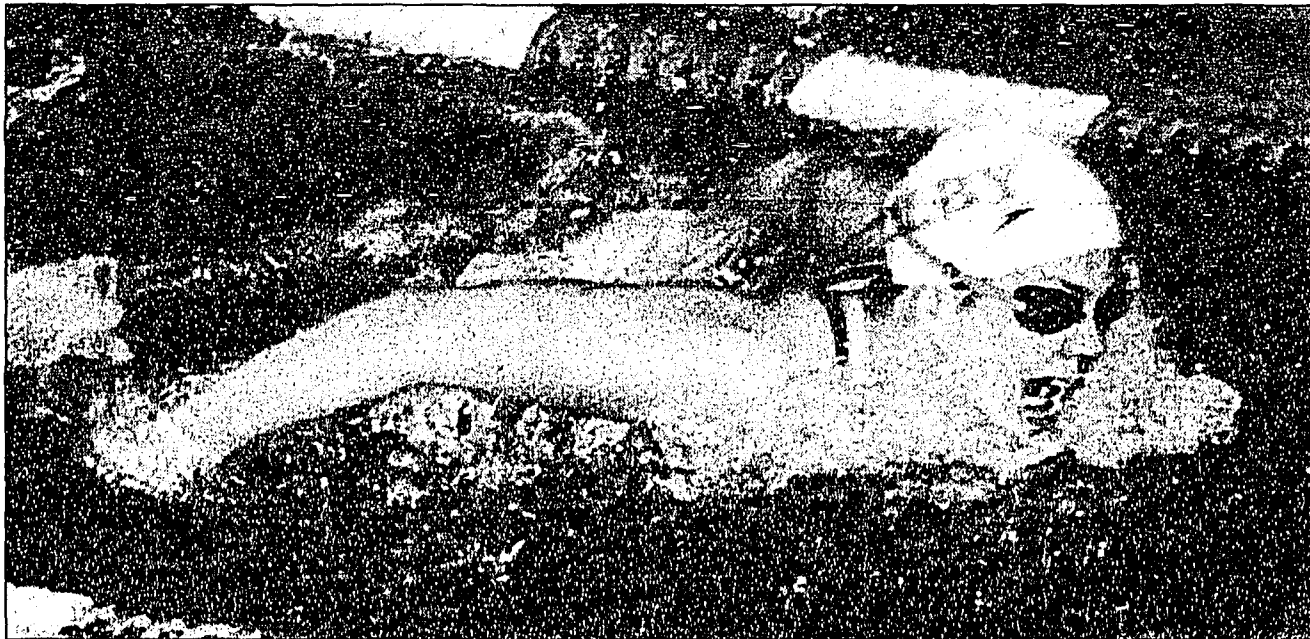
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Track winds down in Wisconsin



Three members of the women's track team traveled to the N.C.A.A. Division-III championships last weekend. Captain Karima Ummah '04 earned All-American honors in the triple jump, in which she placed fourth and also took eleventh in the high jump. Captain Caroline Minkoff '04 placed ninth in the weight throw, barely missing All-American honors, while Jess Minty '06 took sixth in her heat of the 800-meter run but missed the finals.

Swimming sprints in St. Louis, Miss.



Women's swimming placed 20 in the country at the N.C.A.A. Division-III Championships March 12-13. Laura Miller '05 placed second in the 100-yard butterfly, earning All-American honors. She also took 18 in the 100-yard freestyle, while teammate Meg Vallaly '07 placed 25. Miller, Beth Foxwell '06, Vallaly and Annie Muir '07 competed in the 400-yard freestyle relay, finishing in fifteenth place.

Spring Sports Preview

Crew: breaking through the ice

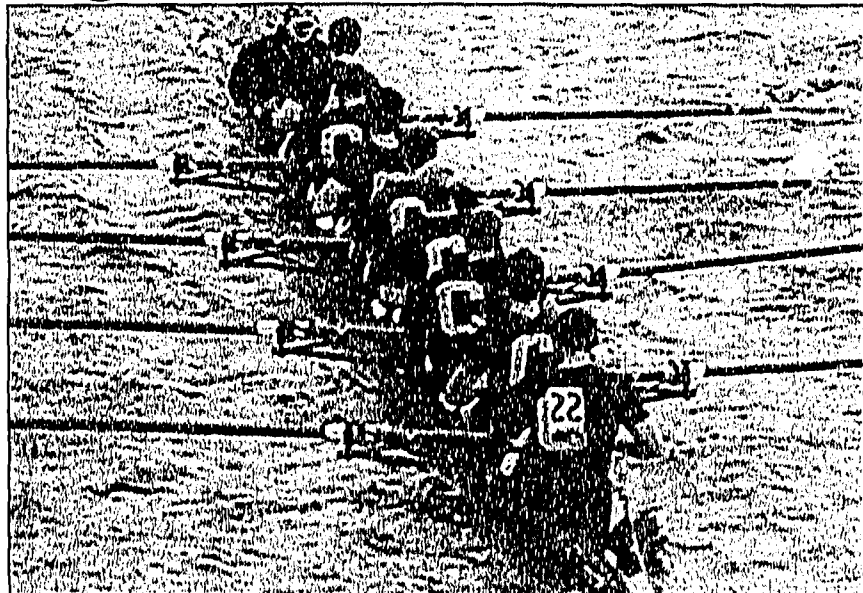
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After a long winter hiatus, the Colby men's and women's crew teams were finally able to put their docks back onto Messalonskee Lake last week and are eager to get back in the water and begin their spring season. With the women's program seeing the highest numbers of participants in recent memory and the heightened fitness level of the men's squad, the Mules will surely be a force to be reckoned with in their spring races.

As defending N.C.A.A. Division III Rowing Champions, the Colby women certainly set a high standard to live up to in the 2003 season, but their performance this fall shows that this year's squad is just as powerful and has a strong desire to win.

The spring season is significantly different from the fall in that crews race 2000-meter sprint races instead of 6000-meter head races, so although the women performed well they are not taking anything for granted. While the initial line-ups will not be set for another few weeks, the women do know that for the first time they have enough varsity rowers to fill both a varsity and junior varsity boat with eight rowers each.

"There have never been so many of us, which makes for healthy competition within the team which in turn makes us faster. There will certainly



Men's crew is in excellent aerobic condition for the spring season.

be a lot of switching and seat racing to determine the lineups this year, but it is not something we choose to let dictate how we practice. First and foremost we function as a team and who sits in what boat is of less importance to us than how we perform as a unit," Co-Captain Laura Mistretta '04 said.

As for the men's team, while they were not completely satisfied with their performance this fall, they are confident that their dedication during the off-season will pay off in the upcoming spring.

"I truly believe that this year is the strongest so far for Colby men's crew. This year, the men have really stepped up to the plate by putting in the extra fitness training we need come spring

racing season. We are definitely ready to solve the problems we had in the fall and so that all our hard work in the erg room will show out on the water," Co-Captain Nick Gambino '04 said.

The men currently have 12 varsity rowers and a coxswain and will be able to fill an eight-man and a four-man boat. However four-man boats do not race often. "We have fewer guys than [in] past years. However, considering our fitness relative to other years, the small numbers is not necessarily a bad thing. We are a close-knit group this year with a great attitude. Also, we have a strong core of juniors who know what it felt like to fall

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Softball commences spring training in Sunshine State, first game on Sunday

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Colby softball begins its 2004 season Sunday in Fort Myers, Fla. at the Gene Cusic Classic tournament against The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Last season the Mules finished just under .500 with a 12-13 overall record and a 6-2 New England Small College Athletic Conference record. The highlights of the season included earning first place in the NESCAC East and hosting the NESCAC Championships, earning the CBB Championship and defeating Tufts University 5-2 in the second of the Mules' two regular-season games against the Jumbos. The 2003 season also marked Colby's first trip to the NESCAC playoffs in the tourney's three-year history.

Pitching and defense, the Mules' strengths in 2003, continue to form the foundation of Colby softball in 2004. Co-Captain Kate Hurd '05 said, "Since we only lost one senior last year, Carrie Morin, we are returning a solid infield, as well as a fast and strong outfield. We have a very talented group of freshman this year that will add depth and skill in all aspects of the game, which will be especially important when tournament time comes."

All three returning pitchers—Lauren Olmsted '06, Toni-Lynn Robbins '05 and Annette Caswell '05, had ERAs under 2.00 at 1.15, 1.80 and 1.99 respectively. Olmsted was named NESCAC's Pitcher of the Year in 2003 and Coach Dick Bailey expects her to "pick up right where she left off." Bailey also mentioned first year pitcher Lindsey Toomey as an addition to the Mules' line up. Where

Olmsted, Robbins and Caswell are mainly power pitchers, Toomey throws a slower ball, but with more spin, such as drops, risers and her best pitch according to Bailey, a change up. However, Bailey said, "Florida is the proving ground" and the two pitchers who prove themselves to be the best will start in the team's NESCAC double headers.

In 2003 the Mules' fielding percentage was a strong .962 with the two-year-running best defensive player Hurd (.961), Co-MVP Wendy Bonner '05 (.932) securing the infield at second and third respectively and Co-Captain Meaghan Shea '04 (.947) and Co-MVP Caswell (.939) covering the outfield in right and center.

Elizabeth Riley '05 and Kara Fagan '06 shared catching duties last season

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Devastator

Karima Ummah '04 earns All-American honors in the triple jump.

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Women's tennis went 2-0 last weekend at Middlebury.

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