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Trustees approve staffing increase for security and Title IX

By KATIE HAMM
FEATURES EDITOR

At their meetings this past weekend, the Board of Trustees endorsed the security proposals and faculty adjustments to correspond with the Title IX settlement through the approval of the 2004-2005 operating budget, among other issues discussed.

The security recommendations made by Kroll Security were at the top of the agenda for the Student Affairs Committee, said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Janice Kassman.

"The Board was very thoughtful, curious and testing [about security]," said President William D. Adams. "They seemed to understand what we were saying."

Funding was allotted for 1.25 full-time equivalent security officers, which equals two bodies, Adams said. The budget also contains extra money for student patrols and Jetney drivers.

"It authorizes us to have a higher level of security than we've had in the past," said Associate Vice President for Administration Douglas Terp.

The Trustees did not make any decisions about more extensive projects, such as the card access system and lighting improvement. Funding

for those developments come from the capital budget, Terp said, and over the next few months the College will determine their priorities concerning these projects.

"They thought that the types of things and direction we're proposing looks appropriate," Terp said.

Also included in the budget are funds for staffing increases over the next few years to implement the Title IX settlement, Adams said.

Additionally, the group also approved the start of a search for a new women's ice hockey coach, as next year current coach Jennifer Holsten will remain the women's soccer coach and become the assistant ice hockey coach, Adams said.

While no major decisions were made by the SAC, dialogue housing and the alcohol policy were discussed.

Kassman updated the committee on the feelings on campus about dialogue housing, noting that they would not be ready to vote until next fall or possibly January.

"There's no reason to be transactional about it now. This year is really just preliminary," Kassman said.

Derek Taff '04 said the Trustee Working Group is still reviewing the College's current alcohol policy and there were no changes to the policy at this weekend's meetings. Kassman

said the SAC did, however, discuss making the alcohol policy more "user-friendly."

"We want to extract the alcohol policy from the student handbook, because it's buried in there," Kassman said. "We're planning to do that, without changing the policy."

The SAC also considered some programs to educate students about alcohol, particularly ones that are conducted on the Internet.

"Students come to us with a lot of knowledge about alcohol, but do they really think about the effects—damage, noise and other more serious effects, such as sexual assault. There are also negative consequences from an academic standpoint," Kassman said.

Kassman updated the Trustees in the SAC about the destruction of campus on the second weekend of March, resulting from the cancellation of Doghead.

"They were dismayed to think there would be that level of damage, and they were eager to understand why there would be such frustration," she said. "They were impressed with Bro's discussion with Presidents' Council and pleased that there was that approach."

Dining Services and Student Services received Overseers reports this past weekend, Kassman said, both receiving very complimentary reports.

"Dining Services got a very good report. There were a few suggestions about better use of the Spa and concerns with catering, such as how we staff catering since they're doing a lot," Kassman said. "The Student

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Douglas Terp
Associate Vice President for Administration

Services Overseers were pleased with the organizational structure," Kassman said, referring to the hiring of a new Dean of Students. "They were pleased that we're acting so quickly."

Two academic departments, Jewish Studies and Latin American Studies, also received Overseers reports. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Ed Yeterian could not be reached for comment about these reports.

Plans for renovations to Roberts din-

ing hall in the summer of 2005 were discussed and plans were made for structural and fundamental maintenance to be performed on the Miller Library tower this summer, Adams said.

The Development Committee heard a review of the campaign, which has raised about \$62 million in documented commitments, Adams said.

"This is a substantial increase from the last report, which was in January," Adams said. "We're on track."

On Saturday the Trustees joined Adams and others for the ground breaking of the new Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center. Schair, a graduate of the class of '67, is a member of the Board and a "leader in making the center a reality," said Vice President for College Relations Richard Ammons.

Schair made the naming gift with his roommates from Colby in honor of their friendship. The Board also approved the budget for the center.

The fitness center was named for Joe Boulos, a graduate of the class of '68, in honor of his generosity, Ammons said.

During their stay on campus, some Trustees held senior exit interviews. The Environmental Advisory Group gave a presentation to the entire Board, which Kassman described as "excellent and well received."

Doghead damage costs to be distributed across student body

By KATIE HAMM
FEATURES EDITOR

At the April 19 Presidents' Council meeting, the Student Government Association voted in favor of spreading the costs of the damages resulting from the cancellation of Doghead equally across the student body.

The motion states that individuals identified as responsible for specific acts will be held financially accountable and subject to other disciplinary actions, where relevant. If the remainder of the costs cannot be assigned to a specific individual, the entire student body will assume the burden fully and in equal portions.

There was no discussion of the issue at the meeting, as Presidents' Council had talked about the options and consequences extensively at their previous meeting on April 4. The other possibility discussed at that time was to charge the students living in the residence halls for the damage that took place in their building, as is the standard policy for dorm damage.

"If we focus on residence halls, we ignore the fact that Doghead is a campus issue and that participation and damages exceeded what we have in place to deal with damages," said Mary Low Hall President Todd Lohsen '06, who proposed the motion. "I think the campus will support it. Ideally the campus will recognize that it's not a limited problem. Doghead is an event that really attracts chem-free students, as well as the rest of the campus, to alcohol."

"This damage doesn't have abstract consequences. It serves as a real detriment to the student body and that's what's so unfortunate about it; we're the ones who enabled this to happen," said SGA President Derek Taff '04.

Taff expects that the cost per person for the damage will be approximately \$10, but there are no exact figures yet.

"One way or another it would come from something for the students, ways intended to improve residential life or academic life for students, and if we didn't step up to pay the bill then we would be deprived in another way," Taff said. "It's better that we understand what the costs of these things are even if we didn't do them."

Taff said that it would be hopeful to think that the monetary effects being incurred on all students because of the damage would encourage individuals to report a friend known to have caused some of the destruction because the individual amount is not significant.

"In general my hope is that it would start to make people a little more conscious of what people are doing to the campus and when people are being

Ex-hostage Terry Waite to speak tonight in Page

By KATE RUSSO
NEWS EDITOR

Terry Waite, a hostage for five years in Beirut, Lebanon, will be speaking to the Colby community tonight on "Moral and Ethical Decisions" at 7 p.m. in the Page Commons Room.

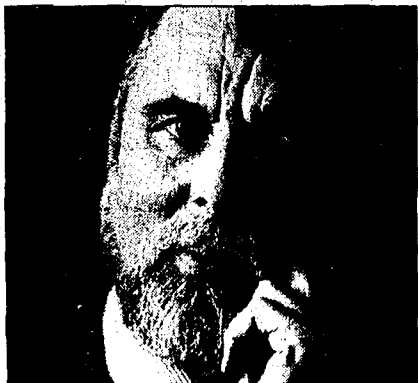
Waite is coming to Colby thanks to a grant from Gail Gerrish '62 and her husband Allan Gerrish, who advocate that concepts of moral and ethical decision-making be more prevalent in the Colby curriculum, according to Associate Dean of Residential Life Ron Hammond, who was instrumental in the lecture's feasibility.

The Cultural Events Committee screened the names of many possible speakers to come to talk to the community on the issue of moral and ethical decisions until they were ultimately able to contract Waite, said Hammond.

"This was a rare opportunity to bring an internationally known speaker on the subject of moral and ethical development," added Hammond.

Hammond explained that Waite, the former Special Assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury, was in Beirut as a hostage negotiator hoping to free hostages in 1987 when he too was taken hostage and spent 1,763 days—five years—in captivity.

Four of his years as a hostage, accord-



Terry Waite will speak tonight.

ing to Hammond, were spent in solitary confinement, where Waite was chained to a wall with no direct sunlight.

Waite was captured in Lebanon during wartime, which Hammond speculates was the major reason for his being taken hostage. Hammond suspected, however, there could be a more fascinating answer as to why Waite, himself, was specifically taken hostage. He hopes someone in the audience will enquire at Waite's lecture.

Currently, Waite is traveling and lecturing about his time as a hostage and hostage negotiations, particularly in reference to more current issues.

"Waite has been in the news recently discussing the prisoners being held at Guantanamo Bay," said Hammond. "He is certainly an expert in hostage negotiations."

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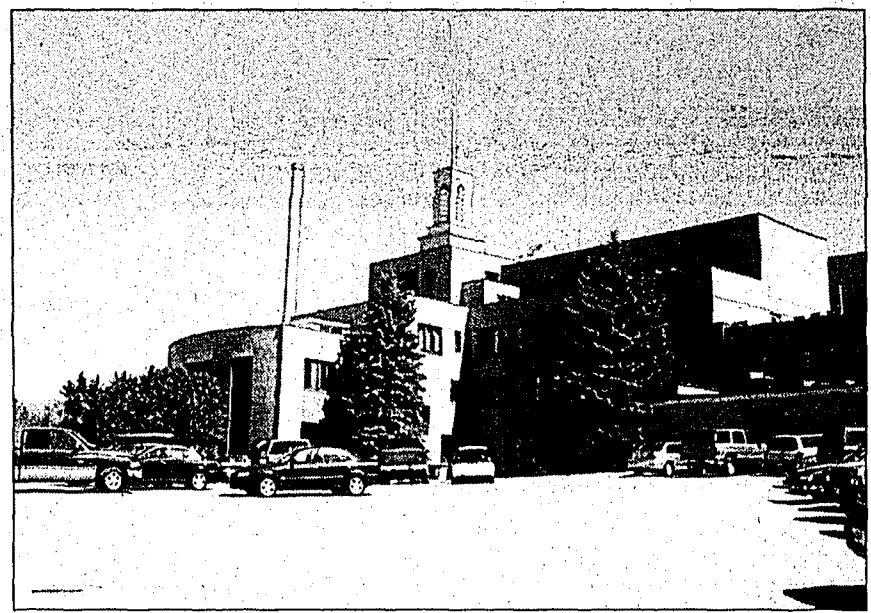
Changes looming for hospitals in Waterville, consolidation possible

By LIZ BOMZE
MANAGING EDITOR

As a result of a decade-long drastic decline in the utilization of local health care facilities, equally radical decisions are pending to revamp the tri-campus MaineGeneral hospital system.

As Garrison-Foster Health Center Director Melanie Thompson noted in her "Compromising our health" column last week, Mid-Maine Medical Center, comprised of the Waterville Thayer and Seton Units, as well as Kennebec Valley Medical Center in Augusta, merged in July 1997, thereby forming MaineGeneral Medical Center. Expectations that the fusion would be financially beneficial to both communities, however, have been thwarted by harsh fiscal and practical realities: capital and operation costs to maintain the old buildings have exceeded financial feasibility, revenues have steadily waned and, as a result of the generally distressed system, physician recruitment has also declined.

That said, reconfiguration to MaineGeneral is inevitable, though discussions are still in embryonic stages and a final decision, according to MaineGeneral Health Board member Bob Marden, is still at a distance. Two primary options, he believes,



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The two MaineGeneral campuses in Waterville could be consolidated.

remain on the table: maintaining two campuses—one in Waterville and one in Augusta—and closing the Seton Unit, or consolidating the Waterville and Augusta sites into a single MaineGeneral facility along the I-95 corridor in Sidney.

Since news of the possible merger broke in the last several days, heated debates have been ongoing both within and without the media. Overhaul discussions as a part of the Strategic Planning Process, however, have been underway since 2002. Of course, neither community wants to lose its hospital(s) for both healthcare and economic reasons, so

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Hall president appointment process breeds controversy

By KATIE HAMM
FEATURES EDITOR

With no rule to dictate the procedure for appointing hall presidents in halls where no students have been elected, some students expressed concern over the manner in which Student Government Association President and Vice President-elect Catherine Welch '05 and Adelin Cai '05 are selecting hall presidents.

After SGA elections on March 15, eight residence halls remained with no hall president elected for next year: The Heights, Leonard, Mariner, Pierce, Sturtevant, Treworgy, Williams and Woodman. Already a substantial number, there were soon nine halls because the elected president for Coburn, Michael Walsh '05, no longer wished to hold the position because he did not get the room he wanted, Welch said.

Welch and Cai have appointed students to serve as hall presidents' next year in three of these halls. Shawn

Legendre '05J will be hall president of Woodman for the first semester, with Cat Downing '06 taking his place in the spring. Antonio Mendez '06 will be the hall president of The Heights and Travis Kendall '07 will be the hall president of Sturtevant, Welch said.

However, Welch and Cai have decided to wait until after room draw is completed to appoint students as presidents of the remaining six halls.

Welch did not find a problem with students appointed after room draw not having the perk of choosing their room.

"I think that the fault lies within the current system as it's written. [The choice of room] wasn't instilled as a benefit as its conception; it was intended for practical reasons—if you're going to have a dorm president, you're going to need them to be in the dorm. I feel like if they're interested in really representing the people on campus and if they really want to be a part of SGA, rooming won't be an issue," Welch said.

Legendre, Downing, Mendez, and

Kendall were chosen after Welch and Cai received a couple dozen applications for the positions through e-mail before a campus-wide e-mail was even sent out, Welch said. They were impressed with the initiative of those individuals and the strong backgrounds and genuine interests of the four selected, she said.

No interviews were held.

According to the SGA bylaws, the incoming SGA president holds the right to appoint hall presidents in whichever manner she chooses and at any time.

"There is no rule that says an SGA president has to do it any way," said Director of Student Activities Lisa Hallen, the SGA advisor. "Each SGA president has chosen a slightly different path. I laid out all the options for them. It makes sense to have a President use good judgment."

Yet some students find this year's appointment process to be inconsistent, especially considering that those hall presidents already appointed will

They broke from procedure; they didn't inform anyone else of what they were doing.

Bob Brady '07
Grossman Hall President-elect

enjoy the benefit of choosing a room before regular room draw, while others will not.

On Wednesday, April 14, a small meeting was held at which certain current hall presidents and hall presidents elected for next year raised their concerns about the procedure with Welch

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Office hours give students a chance to speak with Bro

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A few weeks ago, President William D. Adams announced that he would be holding open office hours on a regular basis during which students could talk with him on any issue.

Adams said that he frequently meets with students privately, but never before in an office hours manner. He noted that before this announcement, students may have had the impression that he was not easily accessible.

"I wanted to make sure people understand that they could come talk and that my door is open," he said.

Adams met with one student during his first office hours session and five students during the second. College policies, academics, experiences at Colby and individual situations were among the issues discussed. One student came in to get to know him better. Some topics were relevant to other students, while others were not, Adams said.

"It was really all over the place, in a good way. It wasn't very predictable," Adams said. "Nothing terribly odd or

worrisome came up."

Adams said that he cannot solve every problem a student might have, but the students he has spoken with so far had not come asking him to resolve a problem; he doesn't believe that students see that as the purpose of the office hours.

"The premise of office hours is not for me to solve problems, but to listen to their experiences," Adams said.

Office hours are typically held once a week, but Adams noted he is sometimes traveling or not able to hold office hours during a certain week.

Adams said the frequency of office hours has seemed sufficient for the student response.

"If I can try to do it once a week, I don't think that's a bad target," he said.

The implementation of open office hours this spring has definitely been worth it, Adams said, and he hopes to continue with them next year.

"I enjoyed the conversations; I learned from them and thought it was very good."

Adams will be holding open office hours on Friday, April 30 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and on Friday, May 7 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in his Eustis 301 office.

WAITE: Expert in hostage negotiations to speak

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Hammond also described a story he knew of when Waite was held captive in Beirut where, as a prisoner, he was unable to read.

Eventually, according to Hammond, Waite was given the "M" section of the encyclopedia to read. He opened to a map of Maine, which he studied for days and he wondered if the citizens of Maine knew all the Maine towns as well as he did at that point.

"He is an absolutely fascinating person. He has raised four kids on his own, a few of which were in college when has being held captive," said Hammond.

According to Hammond, Waite has

a full day scheduled on Thursday. He will be interviewing with Maine Public Radio in the morning as well as at a possible afternoon press conference.

There will, however, be a meet-and-greet reception for him at 4 p.m. in the Pugh Center for students and community members interested in meeting him on an individual basis.

After the lecture, Waite will hold a signing of his books, "Taken on Trust," "Footfalls of Memory: Reflections from Solitude" and "Travels with a Primate," all of which are currently on sale at the Colby book store and will also be available for purchase at the lecture.

DOGHEAD: Damages to be spread out equally

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destructive. When it gets to the point that you're paying for this Doghead damage, and you're paying dorm damage, and you've got parking tickets and all these extra costs, I'm hoping that the next time people see something happen, they stop it in action," Taff said.

Twenty members of Presidents' Council supported the motion, with zero opposing it. Eight members abstained from voting.

"Either way I voted, innocent individuals were being forced to pay for the damages. I could not synthesize a conclusion from these difficult circumstances," said Dana Hall President Greg Lusk '06, who abstained.

"I think the support on Presidents' Council for the decision to put the fines on everybody shows that in general we are a school that is willing to take responsibility for our actions," Taff said.

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Foss employee Carmen Burns dies at 54

By KAITLIN McCAFFERTY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Carmen Burns, part-time supervisor at Foss Dining Hall, died in her sleep on Friday April 2, 2004.

Burns, 54, had many friends both on staff and students. Her son, Mac Burns, also an employee at Foss said, "She had a lot of contact with students. She loved to talk with people. She had a few close relationships with students."

Burns was a 13-year resident of Waterville. Nee Grenuer, Burns was born in 1949 on September 22. A long-time area resident, Burns graduated from Waterville High School in 1969 and resided in Waterville with her son.

"She was everyone's mom," Sharon Parks, her Foss co-worker said. "She was like a sister to us and a mother to the kids."

According to her son, Burns always gave workers rides. "She was like a taxi," he said.

"She was always dependable, you could always count on her," Park said. "She was very matter-of-fact, very upfront, very straightforward."

Burns had worked at Foss since 2002. "She was always quick to laugh," Jack Sisson '05 said. "[her laughter] often involved good humored harassment, but she was never quick to judge."

Mac Burns said, "She had a big

She was everyone's mom. She was like a sister to us.

Sharon Parks
Foss Employee

mouth. She'd tell students to clean up after themselves. If she wanted to leave early she'd well. They all happily comply. She knew how to get her point across."

Burns' relationship with students extended beyond her time spent at the dining hall with them. When Connor Beliveau '04 travelled abroad he, "sent her postcards from different

places," he said.

"Connor sent her a postcard from Morocco. She got a real kick out of that," Mac said.

"I met Carmen because I've been going to Foss for four years and she's been working there for a couple years," Beliveau said. "She was a great lady. We would shoot the breeze a lot."

"She really loved working [at Colby]," Mac said.

"She was a no-nonsense woman. She said what she felt all the time," Beliveau said. "It was perfect when you were stressing about something that wasn't important."

Mac said, "It was fun to tease her. I called her Carmen here and it ended up carrying over to home. She liked that."

Burns' funeral service was held in China, Me. at the China Baptist Church on Thursday April 8. Sisson reported that the Foss staff provided food for the post service meal. "She was a really nice woman," he said. "She had her head on straight."

"Someone at her funeral put it well, she never sugar-coated anything,"

Beliveau said, "She came from a family of 12 or 15 and everyone got up to say that she, more than anyone, made the most effort to keep in touch. It seemed like she was always there for her family."

Burns is also survived by a daughter, Noreen Gauthier, husband Eric of Benton, brothers and sisters Roland and Angie Grenier, Gerald and Loretta Grenier, Bernard Grenier, Dale and Diane Grenier, Rick Grenier of Waterville, Sandra and Paul Reynolds and Daniel and Barbara Grenier of Winslow, Shirley and Francis Poirier of Vassalboro, Reginald and Pauline Grenier of Benton, Robert and Linda Grenier of Clinton, Joann and Paul Warren of Smithfield, Ronald Grenier of Minnesota, Donald and Vheryl Grenier of Madison, Ken and Donna Grenier of Oakland, Debbis Smart of Arizona, Brenda and Jeff Waller of Utah and Mike and Willier Grenier of Albion and may nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carmen Burns Memorial Fund, 49 Dixon Drive, Benton, Me. 04901.

New Dean of Students expected by the year's end

By BRAD KASNET
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The search is well underway for a new Dean of Students and the College hopes to name someone to the position by the end of this academic year in order for the new dean to assume the position on July 1.

The national search began with over 120 candidates and has now been narrowed down to three finalists, who have been visiting the campus and meeting with many individuals and groups as part of the process.

The names of the three finalists cannot be released because they may not have informed their current employers that they are seeking this position, but Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Janice Kassman said that the candidates come from a very rich pool of applicants and all have experience as either a dean of students, an assistant or associate dean or a vice president.

She also noted that the candidates are currently employed at a mix of institutions, including some at similar liberal arts colleges, while others come from vastly different institutions.

The initial group of 120 applicants was narrowed first to a group of 29 with the help of Spelman & Johnson, a consulting agency hired by the College to assist with the search. An on-campus advisory committee of administrators, students, and faculty then narrowed that field to a group of five.

The committee was made up of nine individuals: Kassman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Ed Yeterian and Associate Director of Admissions and Multicultural Enrollment Denise Walden represented the administration; Lee Family Professor of English Cedric Bryant, Associate Professor of Economics Michael Donihue and Associate Professor of American Studies Margaret McFadden represented the faculty; Adelin Cai '05, Bill Stohner '05 and Jon Bastian '06 repre-

sented the students. The five candidates were then interviewed by phone and narrowed to the three finalists who were invited to campus.

While on campus, each of the candidates meets with President William D. Adams, the senior staff, the Dean of Students staff and selected faculty involved in student life, as well as receiving a campus tour and attending a reception to which over 100 students are invited, although Kassman said that these receptions have not received overwhelming attendance so far. After each of the candidates has visited, the advisory committee will make a recommendation to Kassman and Adams, who will make the final decision. They hope to name a new dean before exams begin.

The ideal candidate would be "someone with good communication skills, relevant experience for our type of liberal-arts education, supervisory experience, a proven track record and a conversant interest in diversity, student input and staff development," Kassman said. "I

would like someone who loves working with students."

With the hire of a new Dean of Students, Kassman's current position will be split, making her solely the Vice President for Student Affairs. This will mean that Kassman will oversee the Dean of Students and student services in general, including medical services and the chaplains, and work closely with the Board of Trustees, while the new Dean of Students will take care of more day-to-day operations, oversee the associate deans and handle emergency situations.

Kassman had been exclusively the Dean of Students until two years ago, when the Dean of the College position was eliminated and the Vice President for Student Affairs position was created to handle some of the oversight duties necessary in the student life area. Kassman has held both positions since then and will relinquish the Dean of Students position once a new dean is found.

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Citation	4/16/04	11:15 p.m.	Heights	Deans Office	Open Container.
Citation	4/16/04	11:45 p.m.	Alford Apartments	Deans Office	Unregistered Party.
Larceny	4/17/04	6:55 p.m.	Dana Kitchen	WTVL Police	\$60.00 taken from a wallet.
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Citation (5)	4/18/04	11:17 p.m.	Heights Hall	Deans Office	Open Containers.
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Vandalism	4/18/04	6:15 a.m.	Heights Hall	Deans Office	Damages to the 1st floor Bathroom.
Safety Violation	4/18/04	8:20 a.m.	AMS Hall	Deans Office	Fire Extinguisher discharged in Kitchen.
Trespass Warning	4/17/04	7:44 p.m.	Blue Light Pub	Security	
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Citation	4/17/04	10:30 p.m.	Outside Heights Hall	Deans Office	Open Container/Disorderly Conduct.
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Citation	4/18/04	12:15 a.m.	Heights Hall	Deans Office	Unauthorized use of Colby ID Card.
Citation	4/18/04	12:30 a.m.	Heights Hall	Deans Office	Open Container.
Larceny	4/18/04	10:00 p.m.	Mariner Hall	Security	Money stolen from unlocked room.

HOSPITALS: Consolidation could affect Waterville's economy, but would be gradual process

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paper, Waterville surgeon Sheridan Oldham, who has coordinated the Save Our Hospitals protest, expressed her concern about a loss of local healthcare access:

"I don't dispute the seriousness of the problem," she said, acknowledging Strategic Planning Committee Chairman Conrad Ayotte's assertion of the fiscal dilemma for maintaining multiple campuses, "but stating that a consolidated facility would address the problem is overreaching and ignores the problem it creates for patient access. A community hospital belongs in a community."

Marden's wife and Women's Health Nurse Practitioner at the Garrison-Foster Health Center Lydia Bolduc-Marden cited the elimination of local hospitals as examples of the continuously downward spiral of Waterville economics.

"Waterville is financed primarily by two institutions: first by the hospital and second by the College," she said. "[The consolidation] could be a nail in Waterville's coffin economically."

Maintaining multiple facilities, however, poses further problems regarding the future of specialty care. Already the Waterville and Augusta campuses share services, such as an Augusta-based cardiology lab. Oldham and former Thayer trustee David Brown told the Sentinel that keeping two facilities would still require the consolidation of specialty medical services at one location. "Duplication, they said, is not financially feasible for procedures that have a more limited patient pool but considerable technological needs in terms of space and expense," Colin Hickey wrote.

Though estimated at \$250 million, the consolidation and construction of a new, state-of-the-art facility would

ultimately be, according to Ayotte, more financially practical.

"We must also recognize that these buildings will continue to be expensive to maintain and will never be as efficient as a new facility," he wrote in an editorial for Sunday's Sentinel. "A new hospital costing an estimated \$250 million compares to the 15 year cost of \$215 million to keep what we have in place. A new hospital also brings with it \$10 million in annual operating savings."

Granted such consolidation would inevitably yields employment cuts. Medical staff, however, is currently shared between the campuses, Health Center Physician's Assistant Jim Woodlee noted, and most cuts, he suspects, would come from the mid-level management positions.

As speculated by both Ayotte and Marden, nonetheless, consolidation would be such a gradual process-

likely a seven to 10-year project-that the "elimination of 200 positions out of 3,500...should be accomplished through attrition," Ayotte wrote.

Confident that certain services-Express Care, dialysis and radiology will remain in Waterville regardless of modifications, as well as the expectation that Waterville's Inland Hospital would assume triage care, Ayotte asserted that "preserving the level and quality of care" is the Board's priority.

"A central site could result in us having a far superior medical facility," Marden concurred. When the Board (including key members of the medical staff and MaineGeneral resource individuals) reconvenes the weekend of May 7-8 to agree on a "preferred decision," he added, "[we need to consider] what are we aiming to provide our community and what kind of facility we need to accomplish this."

Students find endless hours of love and happiness with MuleMatch

By BRAD KASNET
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Colby students have discovered the art of on-line dating as the recent launch of MuleMatch has taken Mayflower Hill by storm.

MuleMatch is an online compatibility matching service launched at Colby on April 8 and already over three-quarters of Colby students have signed up. The service originated at Wesleyan University as WesMatch, but has since been spread to four other schools.

Students fill out a multiple-choice questionnaire about qualities in themselves and possible mates and how important these qualities are.

Questions range from sex drive ("I wrote the book on extended massive orgasms") to hygiene ("I only shower when it's time to take my dreads out") to eco-consciousness ("I pick garbage out of trash cans and strew it on the grass"). After completing the questionnaire, students can see who their top matches are at Colby, and break down their matches by class year, as well as viewing who they match with at the other schools on the WesMatch network.

Students can also look up anyone else on the network and view their compatibility as well as their profile,

where users can write a little more about themselves and upload pictures. Only Colby students are authorized to use MuleMatch.

After the launch on a Thursday night, over 500 users had signed up in the first 12 hours and two weeks later there are over 1,500 Colby students using the online dating service.

"I wouldn't say we were surprised at the turnout," said Student Government Association President Derek Taff '04, "but we were very surprised at what a huge buzz it's created on campus."

Taff was initially contacted by the creator of the network, a Wesleyan student, and brought the idea before Presidents' Council, who felt it was a good idea to go forward. The service cost SGA \$750 for the initial setup and this semester and will cost \$650 per semester hereafter.

The service has been the talk of campus since its start and is receiving positive reviews and strong opinions from many users. Taff said he has received more positive feedback about MuleMatch than possibly any other issue this year.

"I think it's one of the best things SGA has spent money on since I've gone to Colby," said Matt Lynes '05. Will van der Veen '05 called the

service "mildly to pretty entertaining."

Some people were surprised at who they were found to be compatible with and who they were not.

"I'm not friends with some of the people I was before [MuleMatch was introduced], because we are just completely incompatible," van der Veen said.

Grasso was disappointed with her results. "The highest I got was 76 percent. You can't build a future on 76 percent compatibility," she said.

Users on the network can match up with students at the other schools on the WesMatch network—currently Wesleyan, Williams College, Bowdoin College and Oberlin College, but this feature wasn't greeted with as much enthusiasm.

"I don't understand why Thomas doesn't do it, at least then I would have a chance of meeting those kids," Lynes said. "The way it is now the best chance I got is to drive to Ohio."

The MuleMatch frequently asked questions page says, "It's not a dating service, nor a hookup service," but Colby students are keeping their fingers crossed. Most were excited at the prospect of finding love, but have so far come up empty handed.

Asked about his success, Taff said, "Not yet, but there's still time, so we'll see."

Survey will assess the level of environmental awareness of Colby students

By ERIN RHODA
STAFF WRITER

The Environmental Advisory Group (EAG) and the Environmental Studies Program have created a survey to assess students' levels of environmental awareness and to inform about new greening projects on campus. The survey will be available for another week and can be found online at <http://www.colby.edu/info.tech/services/surveys/stuesatt/>.

"The survey was proposed as an idea to help understand and inform Colby students about their everyday actions and to guide new projects and new environmental initiatives. We [Katherine Ennis '04 and Kellie Phelan '04] thought it was really important to gather student input to inform Colby's greening efforts," Ennis said.

Ennis and Phelan proposed the survey to the EAG this past fall as part of their environmental studies senior seminar class. The survey was drafted in the middle of last semester and Ennis has since taken it on as her individual project. She has been working collaboratively with Oak Professor of Biological Sciences Russell Cole, Web Application Developer Toni Fredette and Director of Institutional Research Mark Freeman to put the survey online. Since the fall, the survey has been through five months of editing and weeks of testing.

"I hope to be able to get some interesting results and give them to the EAG before the end of the semester. I'm really looking forward to seeing what the students have to say

about these issues because the input and ideas from students is really crucial to the greening of the campus," Ennis said. "The results will hopefully be helpful next year to the EAG in determining the best way to approach new projects and finding the most effective ways of greening Colby."

To date, Ennis has received approximately 300 completed submissions. She is hoping for 1,000 submissions in order to accurately

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Katherine Ennis '04
Environmental Survey Creator

represent the ideas of Colby students. "We are anxious for more participants to increase the sample size," Ennis said.

Ennis will be making a preliminary analysis of the survey's results at the Undergraduate Research Symposium presentation on April 29. There are no available results at this time.

Ennis and Phelan chose to work with the EAG because it is responsible for environmental initiatives

on campus. The EAG is made up of students, faculty and staff who want to promote environmental awareness and address environmental concerns.

"We proposed it to the EAG for help on implementation of the survey and advice since they work on greening initiatives," Ennis said.

As an incentive to do the survey, participants are entered into a lottery for gift certificates to local restaurants. The first winners will be announced during Earth Week.

To start off Earth Week, there was a Campus Greening Update held on Monday, April 19. The forum drew those interested in on-campus greening projects and members from the Environmental Studies Club, the Environmental Advisory Group and the Environmental Coalition. Individuals presented reviews of such things as the new washing machines, the composting program, biodiesel use, economizers for vending machines, RESCUE and recycling on campus.

The idea surrounding the meeting was to generate more ideas about creating environmental awareness through student involvement.

The environmental survey will be a part of Earth Week festivities. At the Earth Day Environmental Expo in Coter Union on April 22, there will be computers available for students to complete the survey. The celebration will also include demonstrations, information booths and giveaways.

IN TOWN Q&A

By KATIE HAMM
FEATURES EDITOR

Dean Bureau is the co-owner of Uncle Dean's Good Groceries in Waterville. Features Editor Katie Hamm spoke with Bureau about his store and organic foods.

Katie: How long have you been the owner for?

Dean: We've been in business for 24 years; well, this is our twenty fourth year, since 1981.

K: Why did you want to own a store specializing in organic and health foods?

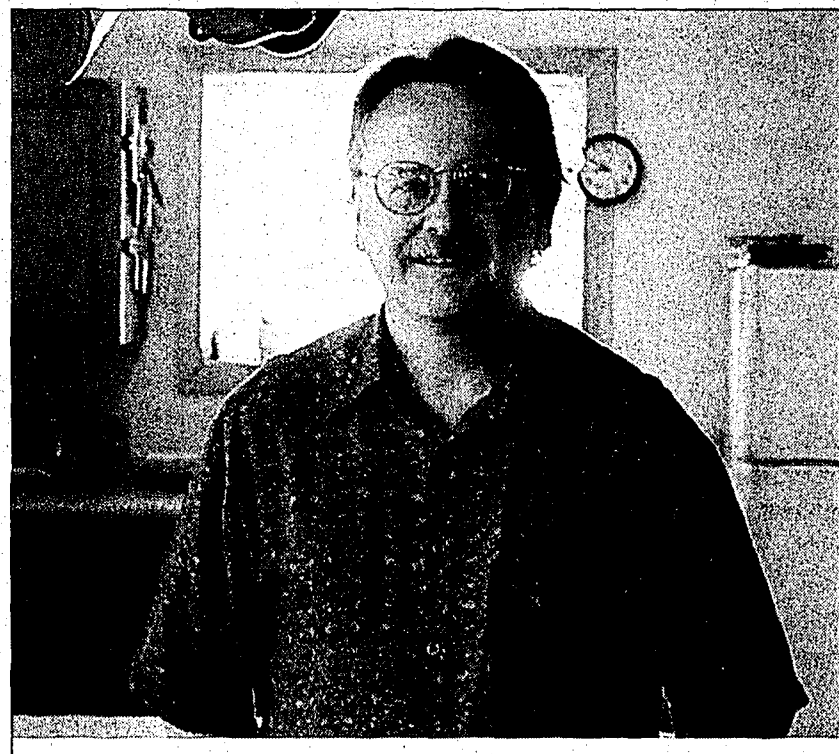
D: When I first got in to it, I was working for someone else and I saw that his prices were a little exorbitant. I really wanted to provide the community with something that was a little more reasonable, and I think we've done that.

K: What variety of products do you have?

D: We have a few Maine made products. Organic is probably our specialty. We really favor things that are grown without herbicides, pesticides, antibiotics, growth stimulants—that would be more our meat and poultry products.

K: Have you seen your business increase in the past few years?

Uncle Dean's Good Groceries



Dean Bureau owns Uncle Dean's Good Groceries in Waterville

D: Since we've moved from the JFK Plaza to here, our business has increased about 35 percent. And that's a good increase, however, it's really been more beneficial for the city of Waterville and for my bank than it has been for me.

K: With supermarkets such as Hannaford starting their own sections of organic grown foods, has that been noticeable competition for you?

D: Well, it can't help but be competition, but I don't necessarily want to have a corner on the market. I think it's good that organic foods are available to the general public. I think in a lot of ways they've capitalized on the way that health food

stores have pioneered the industry, and just came in and skimmed the cream off the top, but it's a free country and they can do that.

K: Do any of your products come from local places?

D: Yes, I get a few products locally. One of the ones I can think of is an organic farmer in Starks. He will be bringing me some local organic produce later this year. Of course Maine maple syrup and we get Maine bison, and pretty soon we'll be getting Maine local poultry. I have a number of farmers who bring me in their free-range chicken eggs, which are really, really good.

Colby to host two speakers on Islam

By KATE RUSSO
NEWS EDITOR

The Religious Studies Department and the Phi Beta Kappa Initiation and Lecture will both concentrate on Islam this week.

Harvard Professor Ali Asani will be speaking today at 1 p.m. in Olin 1 on "Pluralism, Intolerance and the Quran."

According to Crawford Family Professor of Religion Nikki Singh, "as a Muslim in academia, Asani has been concerned with improving the image of Islam in the western world."

Singh noted that she was interested in bringing Asani to Colby because there is no specific curriculum about Islam at Colby. Also, students of Colby's Muslim group came to her asking for more lectures, which would promote a better understanding of Islam on campus.

Asani has been particularly active in advocating the religion of Islam since September 11.

Singh's reasons for bringing

Asani to Colby are religious, political and personal.

The religion of Islam needs to be viewed from an academic perspective, says Singh, who believes a better understanding of Islam will add to Colby's diversity initiatives. "So many people in the world are converting to Islam," she said.

"As from a political angle, we are so heavily involved with Afghanistan and Iraq and it is so vital that we understand these people," said Singh.

On a personal level, Singh described her childhood growing up in the Punjab in India, where before 1947, Muslims, Sikhs and Hindus all lived peacefully in the same region until the drawing of the Radcliffe line when the three religions began to battle.

Singh is concerned that similar religious separations could happen in today's world. "I don't want to see that happen again," Singh said. "Once we know and we try to understand each other, we are all human."

The Colby Social Science Division is funding Asani's lecture.

Also, as part of the Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, Columbia University Professor George Saliba will be speaking Friday, April 23 at 7 p.m. on "Islamic Scientific Legacy and Renaissance Europe."

Saliba is a scholar that has often been associated with Phi Beta Kappa and is coming to Colby by recommendation, according to Singh.

He is an expert in Arabic science, particularly "Arabic astronomy and the development of planetary theories in medieval Islamic times," said Singh.

His talk will deal with issues of Islamic science as opposed to the science of the west.

"I really want students to know about the Phi Beta Kappa lecture," said Singh. "It is important because it honors academics."

"Both of these lectures are a little step toward making our campus more academically sound and in touch with our new world," said Singh.

Nalgene's ties to animal testing anger some college students

By KATIE HAMM
FEATURES EDITOR

Clear, yellow, pink, green—there's no escaping them: Nalgene's are everywhere on college campuses across the country, including Colby's. Yet students at some schools are not as enthusiastic about the water bottles as they once were, as knowledge of Nalgene's

Outdoors', the makers of Nalgene's, connections to animal experimentation becomes more widespread.

Besides being responsible for the bottles known for their unbreakable quality, Nalgene Nunc International, the parent company of Nalgene-Outdoors, produces and distributes laboratory equipment used worldwide, including beakers, bottles and vials. Among these products, however, are items used in animal testing, including cages used to hold mice on which experiments will be held and racks for these cages.

According to an article in the student newspaper at Northwestern University by Lauren McCollough, the Rocky Mountain Animal Defense (RMAD) group in Boulder, Colorado first exposed in 1996 Rochester, New York-based Nalgene Nunc International for selling devices that restrain rabbits used for testing, protecting the animals from breaking their backs in unsuccessful

attempts to avoid the pain experienced during experimentation. Since then, the RMAD has led a boycott against the company involving several student organizations.

After discovering Nalgene's ties to animal testing, more than 100 students at the University of Colorado sent their Nalgene bottles back to the company requesting a full refund, McCollough wrote.

Although the complaints to Nalgene Nunc International are not a new occurrence, the company's sales of Nalgene's have not been impacted.

"Sometimes you hear more of [the protests against Nalgene because of animal testing] at certain times, but it has been a constant thing. I haven't noticed it affecting sales at all. Every year our sales keep going up and up," said Jamie LaPierre, a technical application specialist at Nalgene Nunc International.

According to the Nalgene-Outdoors web site, Nalgene Nunc International does not use animals in the development or manufacturing of their own products and they do not condone the inhumane treatment of animals. They do, however, realize the importance of animal testing in the medical and scientific world and believe that nothing can simulate experimentation on a living organism. At the same time, the web site says, Nalgene Nunc

International has been and will continue to be a leader in the development of new products for cell and tissue culture, which will minimize the use of animal research and enable medical researchers to cure diseases and alleviate suffering in humans and animals faster.

"I don't have a problem with the fact that the company that produces Nalgene's is affiliated with animal testing," said Matt McPherson '06. "I wouldn't be alive right now without animal testing as a person with diabetes, because the original insulins were extracted from animals. Without animal testing, concerning medical situations it's hard to progress to where we are today."

"While I don't necessarily agree with animal testing, I don't have a problem with owning a Nalgene and the company being affiliated with it. I bought a Nalgene for holding beverages," said Lindsey Boyle '06.

"I disagree with [animal testing], but I'm not incredibly informed. I wouldn't support it if I had to choose," said Mitch Bartkiewicz '07. Bartkiewicz, who was not aware of Nalgene's connection to animal testing, said "I couldn't fault myself for owning one. I don't know if it would bother me enough that I wouldn't buy another one if I lost this one, but the thought would enter my mind."

DORM PRESIDENTS: Some students upset at process of appointments

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and Cai.

"[Welch and Cai] hadn't reached out to the entire campus. Maybe freshmen didn't know what was going on, those who were either not involved or their dorm presidents didn't know what was going on.

They broke from procedure; they didn't inform anyone else of what they were doing," said Bob Brady '07, elected Grossman hall president.

"We wanted everyone who was appointed to be brought in the same way," said Patrick Semmens '05, elected AMS president.

Two suggestions were made at the meeting in an effort to make the process more just, Brady said. One was to rescind the hall president appointments already made and wait

until after room draw to make all of the appointments. However, Welch and Cai found that it was unfair to take away the positions already promised to four students.

The other suggestion was to keep the appointments already made and select the other hall presidents before room draw. Yet since room draw for substance-free housing and the Alford apartments has already taken place, this method would not allow students who wished to be a hall president in a substance-free building or the apartments to receive the choice of room benefit.

On Friday, April 16, Welch sent an e-mail to the student body stating that a student must obtain a room in one of the remaining halls in order to be chosen as a hall president and welcoming a diverse group of students to apply

for the positions.

"My main concern was reaching out to make sure that everyone knew what was happening; they've done that now, and they've moved forward on that path," Brady said.

"In light of the fact that they have put together a meeting and taken our suggestions but haven't necessarily used them, I think it's a good show that they care, but don't think that necessarily turns back time on the three appointments," said Michael Klaus '07, elected Dana hall president.

Welch said that she and Cai hope to appoint hall presidents of the remaining halls by the end of the school year, but will wait if they don't feel strongly enough about the candidates.

President Bro Adams will be holding office hours for students at the following dates and times in Eustis 301. No appointment is necessary, and he will be pleased to speak with as many students as he can within the 90-minute period, on a first-come, first served basis.

Friday, April 30. 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Friday, May 7. 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Opinions

EDITORIAL

Bro's openness commended

When a light goes out at Colby, we call PPD to come and fix it. If we don't like how the Health Center is being restructured, we petition. For most other problems, we tend to blame our president, William D. "Bro" Adams.

For the balance of this year, and most of last, a common perception on campus has been that Adams is more interested in the views of trustees than those of students. To many, he is the manifestation of all that is parental and overbearing of the Colby administration.

Any Colby student is well within their rights feeling disenfranchised by the actions of the President's office. However, any Colby student feeling disenfranchised should also take heed the recent actions of the President's office. In the last month alone, Adams has opened his office up for weekly student office hours, chatted with students at the pub, joked about himself in this newspaper, and took part in a community forum with other senior administrative staff to answer important questions about Colby.

Any Colby student is also an incredibly hard worker. Beyond a full course load, many students participate in club and varsity sports, important community organizations, and a variety of other time consuming activities.

Extra curriculars are an important part of the Colby environment. They are the institutions on campus that bind students together. They bind us together so well that few have time to attend forums, office hours, or other efforts of the administration to involve the student body in the decision making process.

Only time will tell if Adams is really trying to understand student concerns or merely to placate them. Until then, students should take the recent actions by the administration for what they are. He has made the effort to reach out to students. Will we reciprocate?

Surely, shunning the administration after it tries to engage the student body will only encourage it to further ignore us. To use a cliché, the ball is now in our court.

The responsibility of action now rests with the student body. Do you want a more lenient alcohol policy? Do you want strong athletic department? Is more security on campus a priority for you? Are you for or against multicultural housing? Or are you interested in extended dining hours? Tell him.

We are faced with a unique opportunity to add constructive criticism to the college. Wasting it now would invalidate future critiques of the President's policy. The time to act is now and we would be foolish to waste it.

Earth Week meets Saturday night



VANITY PRESS

By Steven Weinberg

The slogan "every day is earth day" gains an extra level of *oomph* on this, Colby's earth week. For a week everyday is Earth Day. That is, until the week is over and earth conservation related activities lose their official nature.

But this doesn't mean earth week has to end when the week does. Think about this coming Saturday night. Sitting in my dark room, with no music playing, powering my computer through the mechanical energy of my jerry-rigged bicycle, I have figured out some very fun and efficient ways to party hard, while hardly hurting the environment.

Let's begin with drinking. Alcohol

isn't bad; what it takes to get alcohol into our system is. Sure, the aluminum can or glass bottle is as recyclable as a joke about people throwing their collars up, but

achieve similar effects of drunkenness while eliminating the seemingly inevitable industrial byproducts? Spin around in a circle really fast. Not



that doesn't mean producing these cans doesn't hurt the environment. You may say your Heineken is green, just look at the bottle, but what about the factory that makes these bottles? I doubt they took the time to paint the factory green, as well. So, how can one

super fast, just fast enough to give you a good, dizzy, buzz.

Now that we've pre-gamed, let's go to the dance. At most hip dance parties, light shows are an important way

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I'M NEVER GOING TO RETIRE

By C.W. Bassett

Spring in the Big Apple

Somehow I helped rear a male heir who is now an international banker for the Royal Bank of Scotland (not the Bank of Scotland, the ROYAL Bank of Scotland—I expected him to appear wearing those funny shoes that curl up at the toes and carrying a scepter, but he had on Banker Clothes). Anyway, not having seen David for a while, I flew to New York, which is having spring, last weekend to do paternal things with my suddenly sovereign son who is a remarkably generous and kind young magnate, traits probably engendered by his mother years ago.

He put us up at The Four Seasons, a hotel on 57th Street, so comfortable that only the Stately can afford to sleep there. Checking in is a little like the security stations at Logan and LaGuardia, but once in the room, I felt so pampered that I gave serious thought to giving up the teaching of English composition and seeing if the ROYAL Bank had a job for me.

We did Dad/Son things, as I said, at least Bassett Dad/Son things. We went to posh restaurants where we were the only people in the place drinking beer (my son isn't wholly unlike The Old Man). The waitrons looked at us as if we were space aliens from the Royal Bank of IRELAND (Guinness or Sam Adams are not classified by vintage, though they should be).

And because the Yankees were at Fenway, we went to see the Mets and the Pirates. Not a National League freak, I know no one besides Piazza on these clubs, but Shea is the usual information overload that is necessary in the Bigs these days. We drank some awful beer and marveled at some excellent fielding—a Pirate threw out a Met from his

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Christian students of faith endure unseen prejudices from campus peers

By EMMA McCANDLESS

A&E EDITOR

It is not safe to be religious let alone spiritual on this campus. As soon as Colby students hear the word Christian, they think of Bible-thumpers and Bush's faith-based initiative. I don't think I really need to say that that idea is a huge, huge misconception.

I'm sure (though I can't speak from personal experience) that those of other faiths on campus experience similar generalizations and prejudices. No matter how you slice it, being a person of faith at Colby means you face struggles that go overlooked on this campus far more often than other forms of cultural insensitivity, microaggressions and hate speech.

For instance, I, a Catholic, recently described an Easter service to a group of friends in the dining hall.

When I finished, instead of the nods and smiles I'd expected, one member of the group left me stunned and hurt by saying, "Yeah, and the priest is fucking the altar boy on the side, too." I was speechless.

Now, I had assumed Colby students to be educated and intelligent enough to realize that only a very small percentage of Catholic priests are pedophiles almost negligible, in fact, when you consider the number of priests worldwide. I had also assumed that Colby students would be able to tell the difference between a sincere person of faith and a criminal who finds the pastoral life an easy way to get close to victims. Apparently, I was wrong on both counts.

What baffles me most about this particular incident is that same person who made this immensely hurtful comment was one of the most vocal objectors to Andrew Sullivan's use of the phrase "Islamofascism." Seems a bit hypocritical to me but

that's another column entirely.

Perhaps the problem lies in the fact that there is little administrative support for religion of any kind on campus. Just because we're a private, liberal institution, do we have to act like religion really is the opiate of the masses?

I think we worry so much about excluding that we forget to include. Why can't we celebrate all religions and all people of faith in our community? Where's the support for that kind of diversity?

The student body, however, is no better. During the recent MOSAIC conference on multiculturalism, a friend and I attempted to lead a workshop promoting religious understanding and cooperation between people of all faiths. A whopping two people attended. Now that really makes me feel supported and welcome as a person of faith on

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Constitutional reforms

By DEREK TAFF AND JOSH GERMAN

SGA PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

On Monday, April 19 the Student Government Association passed a motion proposing a new constitution for our organization. This new constitution must now be ratified by a student-wide referendum. The SGA feels that this document is a step in the right direction in terms of helping our organization better serve the needs of the student body and more successfully involve the most highly qualified, highly motivated, and highly effective people.

The existing constitution is fraught with problems. Basing the membership on hall presidents we are restricting our ability to elect the best people. Many people who want to get involved do not because they find their lifestyle or health preferences are not conducive to the culture or physical layout of their dorm. Moreover, the room pick in dorms with desirable rooms often entices people to run for the wrong reasons. Those people receive their incentive up-front and therefore it is difficult for their constituencies or for SGA to hold them accountable and keep them motivated. Hall presidents

are elected in the spring but represent the residents who will live there the following year making accountability even more difficult to ensure. The existing constitution removes 23 of the best rooms from the general student housing lottery. This may be a suitable price to pay for hall presidents who do their jobs well, but for those who "scrape by," the room pick does a great disservice to the student body.

The new constitution solves these problems. It gives the hall presidents' room picks back to the general student body. Five class representatives will be elected by each class to serve on SGA. Additionally there will be representatives from various organizations on campus like the PCB, CVC, SPB, and Student Athletics Affairs Committee. Specific residential groups (substance-free, Alford Apartments, and off-campus) will be guaranteed a voice on the council as well. These representatives, in addition to the class reps, will help SGA identify and understand the problems students are facing and the ways in which these can be addressed.

Switching to five class reps increases the likelihood that every student will have someone they

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LETTERS

Sculpture vandalism unwarranted

The Editor:

This is a difficult letter to write and one that I have resisted sending, mostly because the issue with which I feel compelled to deal is one that gives me great pain to confront; for, it is sad indeed to express my profound disappointment in the behavior of students whom I teach. But, I would feel remiss were I not to express my thoughts on what strikes me as a significant campus occurrence.

Among the destructive actions that transpired on campus during the upheavals following the cancellation of the so-called Doghead party was the toppling of a bronze sculpture of a mother and child, entitled "Devotion", by William Zorach in the collection of the Colby College Museum of Art and

located at one of the entrances to the Bixler Art and Music Building. I still cannot comprehend how anyone could consider an attempt to destroy a work of art as an appropriate response to any situation, let alone to the cancellation of a party. The destruction of any property, windows, furniture, automobiles, which were also targeted that night, is certainly to be condemned in a community whose very existence as an enterprise is based on increasing knowledge, knowledge of the world and knowledge of self that are themselves crucial to creating a society based on civility. Any violation of the code of civility, including the destruction of any property, is to be condemned, but we must recognize as well that the attempt to destroy works of art is, in fact, profoundly different from the destruction of other material goods.

Works of art, both in their making

and in their appreciation, are expressions of the human condition. As such,

To appreciate the destructive response to "Devotion" as an expression of an Oedipus or Electra complex heightens the meaning of the work...

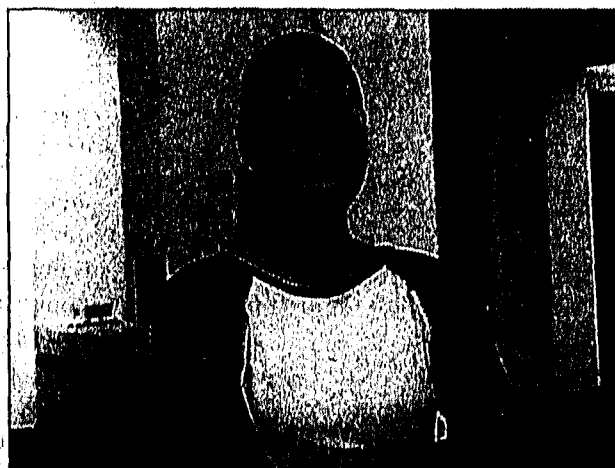
and if art is the expression of human experience involving the skillful handling of materials, the destruction of a work of art is equally an expression of a human response. To attempt to

destroy a work of art places the perpetrators of such activity in direct relationship to the art object, virtually making them part of the existence of the work's condition of being. What I would like to be able to comprehend is what kind of self hatred could allow individuals to risk harm to the products of human creative enterprise. There are a number of sculptures on public display at Colby, including a cement-block wall, steel cubes and a standing bronze figure, all of these around Bixler and thus in close proximity to the sculpture that was attacked. Why was the figure group of the mother and child singled out, we might ask. Is it possible that the sculpture, in its expression of the nurturing role of the parent and the tender response of the child, was understood

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Students on the Street

How will you conserve energy during earth week?



"Not let Matt Murdoch do laundry at my house."

—Kelly Thomas '04



"I won't keep my computer on during the night."

—Katie Augsten '05



"I mute my t.v. when I'm at class."

—Sarah Burrows '06



"Set up some photovoltaic cells on top of your mom."

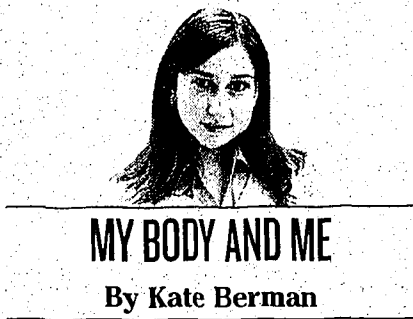
—Miguel Silva '06

Who Wants Cake By Steve Weinberg



NOTE: THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS COMIC STRIP ARE THOSE OF THE ARTIST AND ARE NOT NECESSARILY SHARED BY THE ECHO.

Losing a shirt and our inhibitions



MY BODY AND ME By Kate Berman

I'm not much of a feminist in the conventional sense of the word. I would never burn my bras. In fact, I love my bras very much. They are sweet and sensible and I have no qualms wearing them. Biologically this is how it is: girls have breasts, men have none. This condition is not cut in stone, however. Plenty of women, I included, do not absolutely need a bra to prevent the assault of a wild breast involved in free-range bounce. And likewise I'm sure the Seinfeldian "bro" remains a fertile dream to each man of the prodigious B-cup. Here at Colby, the lines of gender have been eloquently defined. Bras, or at least questions involving the wearers of, are no mystery.

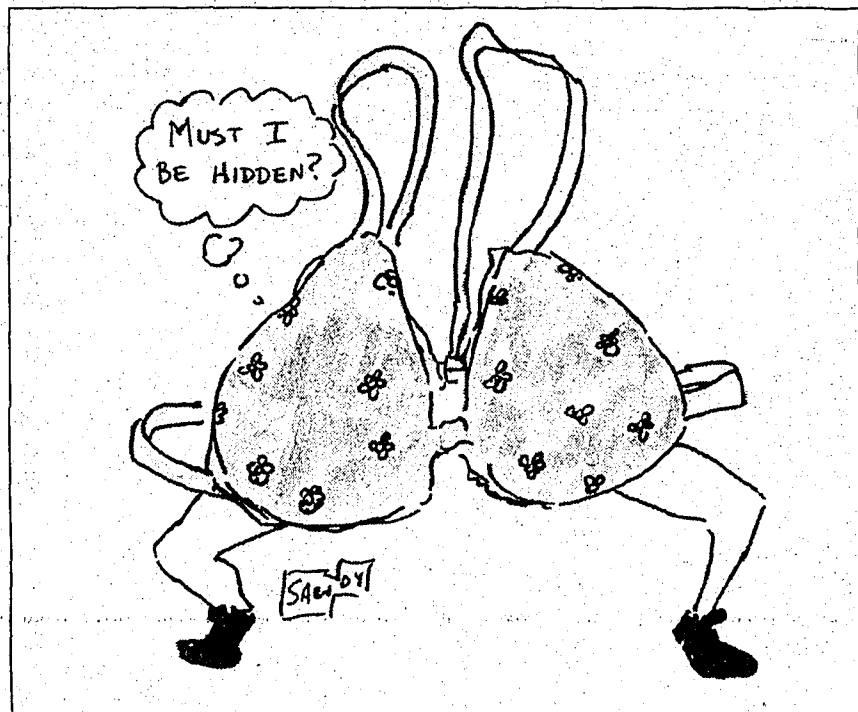
Colby is a forward thinking community, but we pale to Wesleyan the institution forever putting the "liberal" back into "Liberal Arts." The legends you heard are probably true from gender-blind to naked dorms. What you might not know is next year gender neutral housing expands from one dorm to all Wesleyan residence halls. All campus room occupation will completely disregard of gender. Wesleyan's progressive step allows housing to secede from its assumed nature of heterosexuality.

Recently, two girlfriends and I were visiting a friend at Wesleyan, and she explained the school's revolutionary concepts of gender and gender policy. Wesleyan has created a whole new system of pronouns. The world is no longer divided into "he" and "she" because not everyone regards oneself as man or woman. The alternative

word "ze" befits a transgender student or anyone who does not identify with male or female. Requiring same-sex housing in this type of environment is not just obsolete but impossible. The lines have been blurred, and gender is no longer a choice that each person has to make. At Wesleyan you can opt out and just be, living with an individual instead of a gender.

This year, two of my friends of opposite sexes, found themselves in unsatisfactory rooming situations at Colby. Though of platonic relationship,

point: Colby College is petrified of underwear. When I found myself on the Wesleyan campus, I realized that I didn't have to be afraid anymore. The sight of my bra would no longer expose me as a woman showcasing my sexual identity. So as I strolled across the Wesleyan academic quad, I casually removed my orange polo shirt. There I stood, basking in the warm, Connecticut sunlight, in a white cotton brassiere. I looked around waiting for people to whisper or leer behind their books, but nothing happened. The



the option of them living in a generic double was out of the question. The dean politely and hastily explained that they could only occupy a two-room double in Heights, provided that each room had its own door to the hallway. Obviously that partitioning wall is enough to prevent hormonal post-adolescents from inexplicably ravishing each other one night. The doors to the hallway, thereby yielding two singles, eliminate the dire possibility of the two youths spying each other in their skivvies a vision ghastly enough to drive any adult to sexual intercourse.

This leads me back to my original

Wesleyan population was completely unfazed by my daring display.

This demonstration has been, to my knowledge, untried at Colby, but admittedly I would feel uncomfortable walking across campus in blue jeans and bra. In our world where gender and sex remain in orthodox fashion, the sight of girl-in-bra would still provoke the hairy eyeball. On a similar note, a man and woman cohabiting a dorm room is forbidden by housing, as the two students would become sexual suspects. Not that we need gender-blind housing tomorrow. I just want to wear my bra out.

LETTERS: Art professor expresses dismay at the Doghead destruction

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as a metaphor for the role for the academic institution, which attempts to provide intellectual and other sustenance to its community?

Undoubtedly the sculptor William Zorach must have thought the subject of the sculpture a fitting one, when he donated it to Colby in 1959, a gift marking the foundation of the Colby Museum. His relationship to the institution was not casual; he had many contacts with Colby and a deep friendship with Art Department Professor James Carpenter, who was responsible for establishing a museum here. Thus, Zorach understood the nature of the enterprise, both of the Museum and of the College.

While I certainly wouldn't expect those adolescents who attempted to

destroy the sculpture to recognize that they might have lashed out at a work that symbolized their own relationship to the institution at which they were so angry, neither do I think that self recognition of their motives is necessary to understand them as meaningful. To appreciate the destructive response to "Devotion" as an expression of an Oedipus or Electra complex heightens the meaning of the work of art as one that communicates directly with those who experience it. While on some levels it might be gratifying, though not surprising, to recognize that a work of art can elicit significant reaction, there needs to be an institutional response to guarantee the continued existence of art on campus. An

institution's responsibility, in this case both of the College and the Museum, is not only to exhibit works of art, but as well to preserve them. As a member of the Art Department, I would ask my colleagues if we too might not have an institutional responsibility to teach students about the significance of caring for works of art, of protecting them. It is not enough for us to teach students how to analyze works of art in formal, iconographic or social terms; we must encourage them to understand the moral responsibility to protect works of art, a responsibility some of our students clearly do not understand.

Sincerely yours,

-David L. Simon
Jette Professor of Art

TAFF: SGA to send the proposed constitutional changes to student body

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feel comfortable talking to about SGA issues (because you actually vote for your representative, unlike your hall president). Currently, most SGA members are sophomores. First-years are not on campus to run for positions and most juniors cannot serve because of a Junior-year semester abroad. We are losing out on some of the best people because of this problem. The new constitution is the answer. It provides opportunities for more people to get involved early and stay involved

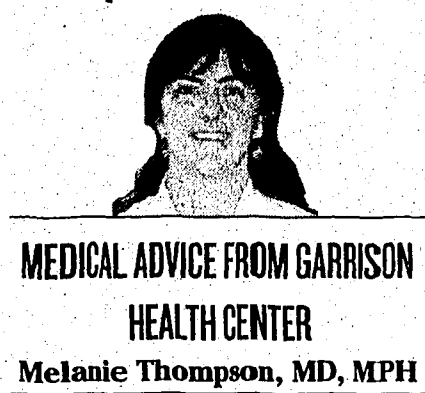
throughout their time at Colby. While it may appear that we lose some ability to communicate with students by removing hall presidents, the new constitution actually includes more realistic ways of informing students and facilitating dialogue. Chief among these is the addition of the Public Relations Chair. This person will effectively fill the communicative role of the hall president through newsletters (posted in all dorms), the Echo, the website, and other mediums.

This constitution moves to a more appropriate incentive system based on

incremental pay increases. This encourages the best people to run for office and continue to serve the college throughout their tenure as students. Moreover, it provides a better avenue in which to hold people accountable or reward people based on their service.

The new constitution can be found online on the SGA website and is posted around campus. We encourage everyone to turn out to vote for ratifying the new constitution. It's a step in the right direction for SGA, for the student body, and for Colby.

Important HIV facts and questions



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

June 5, 2004 will mark the beginning of the 23rd year of the AIDS pandemic. Students today don't remember a world without AIDS. I do. In college I gave blood as often as my iron level would let me. I made it to a gallon a year once. I'm not allowed to donate blood anymore (and I might brag that I'm A+, too).

The American Red Cross has delineated new guidelines since I was in college. I was in Peace Corps, Kenya 1979 and 1981, and have been disallowed to donate blood. Not because I had any risky behaviors that would put me at risk for HIV. Because I lived in Kenya those two years, I have not been able to donate blood. I presume that they presume that I MIGHT have engaged in some risky behavior and just lied to them on the intake form. I understand; they're just trying to keep the blood supply safe for the public's safety. The eligibility criteria change as new research/studies/statistics elucidate what we understand about the

blood supply. Check with the Red Cross to see if your blood is eligible. (www.redcross.org/services/bio-med/0,1082,0_557_00.html).

As you are aware, many others have different suggestions in the name of "keeping the public safe." In A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to HIV/AIDS, a Colby Jan Plan, students discuss such ethical issues as:

—Who should be mandated to have HIV testing: blood donors; pregnant women? army recruits? immigrants? emigrants? prisoners? college students? surgeons? professional boxers? anyone? (and, as always, who should pay for the tests?).

—To reduce HIV spread by sharing needles, should NEPs (Needle Exchange Programs) be funded? at all? by the State? the local principality? the Government?

—Should condoms be available in middle schools? high schools? college? Who should pay for them?

—Should the CDC (Center for Disease Control) require partner notification and contact tracing for all sex or needle partners of HIV positive patients? Who would do this? How would it be verified?

—On whom should HIV vaccines be tried?

No easy answers exist for slowing the AIDS epidemic. Sign up for the Jan Plan next year to talk about these and many other dilemmas.

Other miscellaneous fact-ettes:
HIV in Women:
Approximately 312,000 American

women are living with HIV infection and of these about 177,400 have AIDS.

AIDS is the leading cause of death for American women between the ages of 25 and 34.

Ninety percent of U.S. women carry lip protection in their purse. Fewer than 25 percent carry condoms.

HIV Risks:

Worldwide, ending year 2004, heterosexuals will make up over 80% of the estimated 47 million living HIV-infected people.

HIV/AIDS is discussed in terms of risk groups. The point of placing people in behavioral risk groups is not to offend them. It is not gender, continent, or ethnic group that places people at high or low risk for infection, it is behavior that puts one at risk for infection. Exchanging blood or bodily fluids, intentionally, or not, primarily via sex, needles or pregnancy, puts one at risk of infection.

HIV in College Age people:

Estimates from the most recent studies state two in 1000 college students are HIV infected, nationwide.

Colby has done 100-150 HIV tests yearly for the last 10 years.

HIV tests at the Garrison-Foster Health Center are currently \$25 for blood and \$30 for saliva.

The SHOC (Student Health on Campus) AIDS Carnival this weekend raised \$400 for Day Spring, the local AIDS Support Service for direct patient help.

OP ART By Dave Olsen



"As you see, art plays an essential role in the implementation of Colby's Strategic Plan."

WEINBERG: Raising the roof does not have to mean raising ozone levels

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of establishing the desired mood. Most, besides pregnant women, can agree that the coolest part of any dance party is the strobe lights. Strobe lights help realize the fantasy that we're all part of an awkwardly drawn cartoon strip with many cells missing. They also use a lot of electricity. The solution? Upon entering the dance, blink your eyes really fast. This will not only replicate strobe lights but, after tens minutes or so, probably add to the dizzy buzz you got from spinning earlier.

The dance is getting kind of lame so you go out for some fresh air that is

surely fresher thanks to earth week. Some punks are spinning around in a circle outside and security rolls up to inform them they are breaking the outside spinning rule which is meant to keep spinning inside dorms where Waterville cops can ignore it. In this energy-efficient bizarro world, security doesn't consume countless gallons of gasoline with Ford Escapes. For most of the year, they roam around on dogsleds, a la Balto. When the snow melts, security would ride razor scooters. Between keeping the campus safe and issuing parking tickets, passersby would often see security guards popping wheelies and grinding along The Miller Steps.

The night is basically over. You've managed to have a great time with a limited environmental footprint. The next morning, there won't even be a hangover. Though, you may feel sick from the spinning.

Incorporate whatever of this you might like into your next bender. There is a lot more to learn about actually helping the planet this week. Everyone who has organized Earth Week has done a great job and they have much more practical information setup all around campus. But, if nothing else, remember that debauchery doesn't have to be detrimental to the environment.

BASSETT: Getting the royal treatment in the city that never sleeps

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knees at deep short, thereby enshrining himself in immortality on SportsCenter that night. And we kept track of the Sox victory on The Big Board.

And that night we went to a sports bar where the Banker talked the maitre d' into switching one TV to the suddenly toothless Bruins being trounced by Montreal. All the rest of New York still can't believe that their Knicks are awful, though not as bad as the Celtics.

The waitrons wore skirts so abbreviated that the Bruins' ineptitude was inconsequential, but that's New York.

And Sunday, the Banker flew back to the United Kingdom, and I visited my old Penn officemate, a New Yorker who has chaired every major committee from the Guggenheim Foundation to the Modern Language Association. A marvelous guy, but not a Royal. Then onto the US Air Shuttle back to Boston—sunk low from a Yankee win. The real joy, however, is the final leg

on Colgan Airlines to Augusta with a stop in Rockland.

Six people got off in Rockland, and the one guy left behind me asked if Augusta's airport facilities were any larger than Rockland's. Not much, I said. He knew when we got off and the copilot told me to turn the lever on the "terminal" door to get off the runway.

It's good to be back home again. No ROYAL would turn a lever.

MCCANDLESS: Religion subordinate to other conceptions of diversity

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Colby's campus. Right.

Sadly, the issue is often simplified so that students see it as a mere matter of politics the eternal battle of conservatives versus liberals, even on matters of religion. News flash, Colby religion is not just about politics. For many people, it is about genuine faith. Every religion has conservatives fundamentalists, even and every religion has liberals and

progressives. Every religion also has people who fall somewhere in the middle. Understanding that is key to understanding why students of faith on this campus get so frustrated. We're a diverse group, with a lot to add to campus life, if Colby would only give us the chance and we don't like to be stereotyped any more than anyone else does.

Maybe, just maybe, the answer is for all members of the Colby community, to be sensitive to and

supportive of the needs of all others. To not make hurtful comments just to be inflammatory. To quit jumping to conclusions about those students who actually do have a spirituality. To try and be understanding, rather than pointing fingers, flinging around obscenities and choosing sides. For us to (gasp!) genuinely care about each other. But that's probably asking way too much.

Arts & Entertainment

this week

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

- Colby Sounds of Gospel
7 p.m.
Lorimer Chapel
- Terry Waite Lecture
7 p.m.
Page Commons
- SGA Film: *Cold Mountain*
9:30 p.m.
Arey 005

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

- International Coffee Hour
4:30 - 6 p.m.
Mary Low Coffeehouse
- Benefit Concert
7:30 p.m.
Page Commons
- Colby Dance Theater
7:30 p.m.
Strider Theater
- SGA Film: *Cold Mountain*
7 and 9:30 p.m.
Arey 005

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

- International Extravaganza
7 p.m.
Page Commons
- Colby Dance Theater
7:30 p.m.
Strider Theater
- SGA Film: *Cold Mountain*
7 and 9:30 p.m.
Arey 005
- Collegium Musicum
7:30 p.m.
Lorimer Chapel

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

- Rebecca Taylor and Cici Malik Senior Recital
7 p.m.
Given Auditorium

Sherman Alexie gives provocative lecture in Page Commons

By EMMA McCANDLESS
A&E EDITOR

Sherman Alexie, as he would probably be the first to admit, is a man of contradictions. An upper class, Catholic, American Indian celebrity, Alexie arrived on campus Sunday night to give a packed Page Commons room just what one might expect of him—something completely unexpected.

A prolific author, screenwriter, filmmaker and poet, Alexie is best known as the writer for the renowned film "Smoke Signals," which is based on his short story "The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven." His appearance on campus was sponsored by a number of campus groups, including the Four Winds, the Pugh Community Board, the Student Programming Board and the Student Government Association.

Alexie began his talk—which was a performance that combined elements of storytelling and stand-up comedy—by addressing the fact that this is his first appearance in Maine, the 49th state he has spoken in. "You beat out Louisiana," he said. "But do they even have colleges there?"

Alexie maintained this light-hearted and irreverent tone throughout the evening. He spent the duration of his performance relating the story of his quest to have the 12 military medals earned by his grandfather in World War II reissued. However, he frequently interrupted the narrative to offer comedic commentary on the ironies and contradictions that surround us in today's society and in our world.

"We're mostly afraid of contradictions," Alexie said, "and to cope with



American Indian author Sherman Alexie performed for a packed crowd in Page Commons on Sunday night.

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that a lot of people live with exclamation points. And I try to live with question marks."

Alexie did a fantastic job of pointing out those question marks to his audience on Sunday night. Rather than taking one viewpoint and sticking to it and defending it—as some in the audience most likely expected and wanted him to do—Alexie effectively demonstrated that no political philosophy is ever entirely right about any one issue.

Alexie offered comic criticisms of both extremes of the political spectrum—conservatives and liberals alike. "I hate fundamentalists," he

announced, noting that liberals can be fundamentalists too. In order to demonstrate the hypocrisies he was critiquing, Alexie offered a fairly detailed rant directed at vegans.

"I'd rather sit down to a prayer breakfast with Jerry Falwell than eat lunch with a vegan," Alexie announced to loud audience laughter, which was a staple throughout his performance. "You vegans, you're making moral judgments too. You're saying that a cow is more important than a carrot."

He also addressed his disdain for the liberal tendency to be anti-

American. "I'm a patriotic liberal," he said. "And that's not an oxymoron."

Alexie said of the United States that there is "no other place in the world" where someone with his background of growing up on a reservation can rise to wealth and relative fame. "This is the only place where you can get rewarded for your imagination," he said.

Not one for taking sides, however, Alexie also took plenty of shots at conservative fundamentalists as well. His depiction and criticisms of President George W. Bush's manufactured military hero image were particularly entertaining and relevant.

Mixed in with Alexie's comedy, however, were moments of real seriousness and truly genuine emotion. Particularly moving was his reflection on the moments after he appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show and received not only his grandfather's medals, but also kindness and empathy from two random strangers.

"I'm living inside the contradictions," Alexie advised his audience. "Ceremonies happen every day. The sacred is ordinary." Alexie's performance did an excellent job of showing that all human beings are composed of just those contradictions.

Levinson performs in Coffeehouse

By JUSTIN DEPREE
ASST. A&E EDITOR

This past Saturday night students lucky enough to make the trip to the Coffeehouse were treated to an exceptional solo acoustic performance by Jordan Levinson '06. The venue provided the perfect intimate setting for the show, which showcased Levinson's talent and capability as an individual performer.

Over the course of the performance Levinson played an assortment of cover songs and originals, each of which demonstrated the diverse ability of the performer. The concert was a mixture of folk, blues and country music, which made for a very "rootsy" sound. The mixture of the banjo and acoustic guitar provided just the right amount of variety in the performance, which captured the attention of the small crowd that increased as the evening went on.

Levinson opened the show with a performance of "Eyes So Gray," a song she wrote a few years ago; however it was performed with the crispness and conviction of a newly penned track. The second song was another classic Levinson number entitled "Pull You Out," which blended the soothing vocals with the rich sound of the acoustic guitar. Levinson then performed a cover of the Foo Fighters

song "Walking After You." This displayed Levinson's ability to infuse her own style into a contemporary track that would not typically be performed in the folk/country style. The evening was full of variety with performances utilizing the unique backcountry sound of the Banjo and the bluesy slide guitar. Levinson played slide guitar well, which she began learning last winter and for which she recently began writing songs. Hopefully this style of play will become more common in Levinson's future shows as she further develops her ability. The bluegrass cover of the classic tune "Shady Grove" with an upbeat spin was a welcomed sound that was definitely a crowd pleaser. The cover of the Blind Melon song "Changes" was performed with such conviction that it seemed as if Levinson had written it herself.

Levinson succeeded in engaging the quiet audience with her warming



Jordan Levinson '06 performed both original songs and covers.

personality that added to the laid back informal atmosphere. All fans of music should make an attempt to experience this type of performance because the stripped down acoustic style of play allows listeners to com-

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Colby Jazz Band presents final concert of the semester, proves talent once again

By EMMA McCANDLESS
A&E EDITOR

Last Saturday night the Colby Jazz Band, under the direction of Eric Thomas, offered their final concert of the year in Lorimer Chapel. Entitled "Power Selections," the show presented a wide range of jazz compositions, from some of the genre's earliest days to the modern "free jazz" movement.

Thomas, well-known in Colby's music community for his friendly, conversational approach to conducting, began the evening by taking a digital photo of his band, much to audience's amusement. "I'm sorry, but they're just so good-looking!" he said. "By the way, if anyone takes a better picture, let me know."

Things stayed light-hearted with the band's opening number, "World's Shortest Blues" by Doug Beach. This tune, only a few measures long, also featured a brief vocal solo from Thomas that kept both audience members and band members smiling.

Once the comedy ended, the band got down to business, starting with the tune "Black Bottom Stomp" by "Jelly Roll" Morton. Featuring admirable solos from Mike Greenberg '04 on tenor saxophone and Rebecca Taylor



The Colby Jazz Band gave yet another quality performance last weekend.

'04 on piano, this number had an easy-going sound that was most appropriate considering the light-hearted start to the concert.

The next number was "Chelsea Bridge" by "Take the A-Train" composer and Duke Ellington collaborator Billy Strayhorn. The highlight of this piece was a long saxophone solo from Todd Moore '05, who did an impres-

sive job with it, particularly when the pace switched mid-song from slow and easy to quick and upbeat.

The band then turned to "Swing Landscape," a free jazz number composed by Mark Harvey of the Aardvark Jazz Orchestra, a group that visited campus earlier this year.

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SHOC AIDS Carnival entertains all



Student Health On Campus (SHOC) presented its annual AIDS Carnival and fundraiser on Saturday night last week. The event featured carnival games, temporary tattoos, cotton candy and hot dogs as well as educational material on AIDS and safe sex. To conclude the evening, a number of Colby's a cappella groups performed and gift certificates to local businesses were raffled off.

Earth Week 2004 programming to include sculpture contest at Dana

By KAREN PRAGER
STAFF WRITER

From April 18 to April 24 Colby is observing Earth Week. The week's activities will all lead to Thursday's celebration of Earth Day. These activities will include talks and presentations but the focus of the week is not only academically oriented. Dining Services, the Environmental Studies Department and the Colby Bookstore will be tabling in Cotter Union and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection will have a hybrid automobile available for test-drives. One of the most visible events will be the Recycled Materials Sculpture Contest which will take place on Dana Lawn on Thursday.

The idea for the contest came from Pat Murphy, the Director of the

Physical Plant Department, and Kelly Stoops '04, an Environmental Policy major, who helped to plan the event and pick out its theme, "The Beauty of Maine." Stoops and other members of the Environmental Advisory Group laid out some basic rules, but most of the decisions are left up to the contestants. They can build whatever they chose, as long as they follow the basic contest guidelines.

The contestants are welcome to organize themselves into teams with any number of members. Anyone from the Colby community can participate—the contest is open to faculty, students, and staff. At 7 a.m. on Thursday morning, base materials will be placed on Dana Lawn and teams are allowed to work on their structures until 4:30 p.m. Stoops explained that this should allow students and faculty to get to and from classes, and that

teams start and stop work all throughout the day.

All of the materials used must be recyclable. The teams will be provided with 50 returnable cans and bottles, 10 plastic bottles, two fiber drums, one spool of twine, one spool of wire, a bag of scrap wood and a wooden pallet. The groups can provide their own materials as well, but they must be able to be recycled. Tape, paint, glass, paper, and living things, such as plants or tree limbs are not allowed. Participants are also not allowed to alter their materials in a way that makes them no longer recyclable, for example, cans cannot be cut.

After the teams finish construction at 4:30 p.m. the judging will begin. The judges for the contest are Professor of Art Harriet Matthews,

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Vol. 2: The Babe, the Bride and Bill

By MARLOW STERN
STAFF WRITER

During the filming of "Reservoir Dogs," a filmmaker, apparently unversed in cinematic jargon, would often be heard directing his cameraman with the phrase: "give me a Leone." The cameraman would comply, and proceed to shoot a staggering facial close-up. How appropriate that then novice filmmaker and movie junkie, the acclaimed writer-director Quentin Tarantino, would over a decade later create a revenge saga emulating the spaghetti-westerns of the great Sergio Leone.

"Kill Bill" was originally designed to be a three-hour plus samurai-western revenge saga, but when viewing "Kill Bill: Vol. 2," it is clear that the division into two separate installments wasn't simply for financial purposes. Rather, the two installments take on distinctly separate identities. Whereas "Vol. 1" is a fast-paced samurai gorefest reminiscent of "The Street Fighter, Vol. 2" is equipped with long, drawn-out takes, echoing the narrative structure of Leone's best film, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."

The Bride (Uma Thurman) is back in "Vol. 2" to continue her "roaring rampage of revenge" on the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad and their leader, the infamous Bill. She previously disposed of Vernita Green (Vivica A. Fox), O-Ren Ishii (Lucy Liu), and O-Ren's henchmen, "The Crazy 88's." Now, she must proceed to slay Elle Driver (Daryl Hannah), Budd (Michael Madsen), and their notorious leader, Bill (David Carradine).

"Kill Bill: Vol. 2" is told as a flashback within a flashback. It begins with the slaughter in the chapel of the Bride, the Groom, all her closest friends, the preacher and his wife, as well as the organ player Rufus (Samuel L. Jackson in an appropriate cameo). Also, "Vol. 2" discloses the Bride's training to become the killing machine she is. The Bride is trained by the pedant master of the Eagle Claw



Uma Thurman stars in Tarantino's "Kill Bill: Vol. 2."

karate technique, Pai Mei (Gordon Liu) sporting a lengthy white beard and eyelashes. The casting of Gordon Liu as the master pays homage to Liu's 1978 "Shaolin Master Killer," in which Liu plays the disciple. Widely regarded as the best martial arts film ever created, this film inspired the Wu-Tang Clan's title for their first (and best) album "Enter the 36 Chambers" led by frontman The Rza, who composed the amazing score to "Kill Bill."

The trademark interconnectedness of Tarantino's scripts is on full display in "Kill Bill: Vol. 2." Aside from the obvious casting choices of Thurman, Madsen, and Jackson's cameo, Madsen's "Budd" has a poster of Charles Bronson's "Mr. Majestyk" in his trailer; a film that was specifically mentioned in the Tarantino-penned "True Romance." Although the part of Bill was originally scripted for Warren Beatty (who turned it down), the casting of David Carradine as Bill is fitting, seeing as Carradine's character Caine from the famous 70's television series Kung Fu is referenced by Samuel L. Jackson's Jules Winfield in Pulp Fiction. Furthermore, Bill calls the Bride a "natural born killer," which is

an obvious reference to the Tarantino-penned "Natural Born Killers."

"Kill Bill Vol. 2" possesses the great Tarantino pop-culture dialogue that "Vol. 1" lacked entirely, including a great Superman soliloquy by Bill. "Vol. 2" is a much slower-paced film and brings the depth and humanity to its characters. Dry dialogue and dark humor are laced throughout without diminishing the several emotional moments essential to the story. Overall, this second installment fills in all of the plot holes, additional information, and story development that were needed. Carradine's portrayal of Bill is superb, as is Thurman, who is as charismatic as ever with touches of sarcasm, wit, joy and sadness. She is no longer the iconic Bride who we were treated to in "Vol. 1"—she is humanized, and her previously bleeped out name is finally revealed: Beatrix Kiddo.

Quentin Tarantino has been heralded as the "Master of Pop Culture" since he released his 1994 tour de force Pulp Fiction. In Kill Bill, he has once again demonstrated his unique cinematic vision, and has created a brilliant tribute to cult cinema—a true masterpiece.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

Sarah Chapple-Sokol '04

By EMMA McCANDLESS
A&E EDITOR

"I think if you asked me my favorite activity in the world, it would be singing," said Sarah Chapple-Sokol '04. An anthropology major with a minor in music, Chapple-Sokol is very well known in Colby's music community as a talented and accomplished vocalist.

Chapple-Sokol said that she began singing in high school, where she also played the piano and flute. Once at Colby, she decided to focus solely on voice, and has taken voice lessons under Applied Music Associate Elizabeth Patches since her first year. She has also been a member of both the Colby College Chorale and the Collegium Musicum for all four years.

"I have sung more than just typical 'classical' music over the past few years," Chapple-Sokol noted. "With Chorale and Collegium, I have sung music from all over the world, in lots of different languages, from all different time periods."

Adding even more depth to her musical repertoire, Chapple-Sokol had a principal role in this January's production of Stephen Sondheim's "Company," in which she played the 30-something Jenny.

"It was really exciting because I had never had a role with solos and lines before," Chapple-Sokol said. She also added that her character taught her a lot about herself.

"In some ways I think Jenny was a lot like me, but in other ways she wasn't like me at all. I learned a lot in trying to distinguish her from who I am."



Sarah Chapple-Sokol '04.

Although she enjoyed her experience in the theater, music remains Chapple-Sokol's true passion. "Singing just makes me so happy," she said. "To be able to produce sounds and music without an actual instrument just feels really good."

Chapple-Sokol demonstrated just that passion in her senior recital, during which she performed works by Salieri, Schubert and Delibes, among others. She said she selected the pieces to be performed with assistance from Patches.

"I especially liked performing the Schubert pieces," Chapple-Sokol said, adding that the song "Gretchen am Spinnrade" ("Gretchen at the Spinning Wheel") was her favorite. "I heard 'Gretchen' my in my intro

music class and I thought it was such a beautiful song and had really wanted to sing it ever since," Chapple-Sokol said. "I felt like I could really convey a story and be expressive with it."

Chapple-Sokol said that in her four years at Colby, she feels that "the music department has really been my home; it's played a really important part in my life."

"I have had a wonderful experience with the music department, and I appreciate everything my professors and musical directors have done to teach me so much and give me such a great experience," she said. "I only hope I can find something like it after I leave."

Beer Review

Remembering the golden days

By BILL YOUNKER
STAFF WRITER

The spring weather is arriving and with it come lighter beers. Graduation is also approaching and with it come more beers. To celebrate, we gathered around the fire, cooked up some food and then let the fire burn into the night as we compared our two fine choices for the week: Coors Original and Schaefer.

First up was the Coors because Mike Haimes '04 had made a special request for it this week. Haimes had been excited for his beer review debut and was first to comment. With a grin of nostalgia, he said, "When I drink Coors, I think of High School. I want to lie to my parents and run from the police."

Haimes' smile broadened and he continued, "I just have this urge, I want to call my mom and lie to her."

Samuel Ludwig '04 was not as crazy about the Coors, but it wasn't because of the taste. "It's going down hard," he said. He continued, "I was devastated last night...and it was all Jim Beam's fault."

With a second Coors in hand, Haimes was still reflecting on his days of youth. "I was arrested when I was 14. I was drinking Coors."

Pausing for effect, he then continued, "But I got arrested because of a bottle of whiskey. It had nothing to do with the Coors."

Haimes' mention of whiskey piqued Dana Ozimek's attention, who, at the time was drinking whiskey. A visiting beer reviewer from Pennsylvania, she decided to give the Coors a try. "I'll tell ya, it doesn't taste as good as

whiskey," she said.

After two sips, she passed it on to Josh Cleaver '04. "I'll pick up the slack...try to [at least]."

His final verdict on Coors was that, "it definitely tastes better in gulps than sips."

Due to a broken hand, we were able to pry Haimes away from Coors easier than we had originally planned. We opened up the Schaefer.

Haimes pronounced, "I can't say I'm happy about the transition." He continued, "And I don't know if it's the Schaefer or the Coors, but I got to go to the bathroom."

I asked Ludwig what he thought about Schaefer. He pointed to his can and I then remembered he had arrived late and had not yet finished his Coors.

"All right, Schaefer me," said Ludwig when he was ready to go. He cracked it open, took a sip, paused and then looked straight through fire at me. He waited for a second and then concluded, "Offensive."

Haimes returned, but still had not yet decided on his feelings about Schaefer. "For the record," he started, "I don't know about this Schaefer beer, but I do know the

Jets are going to win the Super Bowl next year."

Trying to steer the conversation more towards the taste of Schaefer, Ozimek said, "It's straight up terrible."

Our panelists all agreed that Coors was a much better pick than Schaefer. But we all also agreed that it was unfair comparison.

So if you're strapped for cash and know that by the seventh beer it's not going to matter anyway, grab Schaefer. But if you're looking to relive the good ol' high school days with Haimes, when you had your parents extra cash to blow, go for the gold: Coors Original.



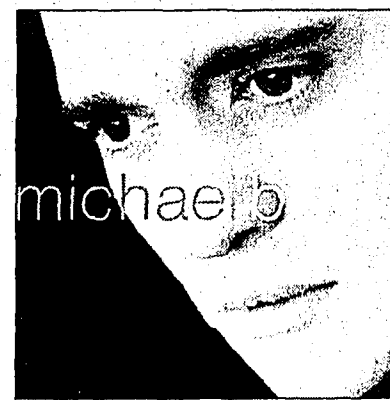
CD Review

Michael Buble, "Michael Buble"

By EMMA McCANDLESS
A&E EDITOR

Fans of TV's "American Idol" know that 16-year-old John Stevens, a teenager with the soul of Sinatra, is by turns endearing and infuriating to audience across the country. But fewer people, perhaps, may have heard have the possible reason Stevens has made it as far in the competition as he has—the 25-year-old Canadian sensation Michael Buble.

Although at first glance Buble seems not much more than any other 20-something rising pop star, his style comes from a much more classy era than our own. Buble reaches for the oh-so-high stars of



Michael Buble
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This album represents a perfectly suitable genre of music for Buble, who brings his own unique style to the songs but also manages to stay true to the spirit and class of the originals.

Sinatra and the like—offering, in the process, something entirely unique to contemporary music.

The album consists entirely of covers, and those covers span a wide range of performers and styles, enabling Buble to demonstrate that he has depth as well as talent. From the classics of the 40's and 50's that include "Come Fly with Me," "The Way You Look Tonight" and "That's All" to more recent, still classic, rock era standards such as Van Morrison's "Moondance" and Queen's "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," Buble's choices show that, while still an obvious newcomer with a lot of growing to do, he has what it takes to become a genuine star.

Those who are not fans of swing

and crooners may have a hard time expanding their horizons to consider the genre, but it is well worth a go for this album. Buble and his producer, the musical wizard David Foster, who also catapulted Josh Groban to stardom, have magnificently arranged this album. Together, they have put out a great album that really swings and mixed in some very smooth jazz classics, such as "Just The Way You Look Tonight." This number does not feature Sinatra's classic swing arrangement, but instead has a sweet and tender melody that works very well for the song.

This album opens an outstanding rendition of the Fitzgerald classic "Fever," but with Buble's vocals and the wonderful arrangements backing him up, he makes the song entirely his own. The standard holds for the entire album.

This album represents a perfectly suitable genre of music for Buble, who brings his own unique style to the songs but also manages to stay true to the spirit and class of the originals. Not only is his delightful voice so strongly reminiscent of Sinatra and Martin, but he also has fantastic charisma that comes through on every track. His genuine passion for the genre and for the music is part of what makes his debut album so enjoyable. This deep-voiced crooner has a promising career ahead of him.

Although the swing, big band genre may have gotten a reputation for being out-dated, with younger vocalists such as Buble doing such an excellent job with these timeless pieces, this music could quickly gain fans in a whole new generation of music lovers.

EARTH: Sculpture contest on Dana lawn

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student art major Joshua McConnell '04, Arnold Yasinski, Administrative Vice President, and Carolyn Treat, a professional sculptor from Maine. Treat's sister, Sharon Treat is the Environmental Studies Coordinator at Colby. The group of judges will award prizes based on creativity, consistency with theme, variety of materials, and overall aesthetic appeal.

The event will give Earth Week a new focus, and offer students something other than lectures to attend. "It's something visible and we want to reach out to people who aren't interested in environmental issues," Stoos said.

LEVINSON: Student rocks the Coffeehouse

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pletely appreciate the aptitude of the individual performer.

Levinson commented that she did not believe that there was enough type of this music being performed in the current music scene. However, with the talent exhibited at this performance, one would hope that this genre will continue to expand in popularity with up and coming musicians such as Levinson.

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JAZZ: Band's final concert of the semester lives up to high standards

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Thomas again demonstrated his personal, hands-on approach to conducting by wandering amongst the band members instead of standing up front the whole time and by directing his conducting at specific musicians throughout the piece. As a whole, this piece was adequate but not quite up to par for the band, as the frantic, chaotic

ic style of composition may have seemed jarring to some listeners and a potentially good flute solo from Barbara Hough '06 got buried under the clashing sounds.

By far the highlight of the concert was "Tenor Madness," a composition featuring tenor saxophone by Sonny Rollins. This number featured solos from Greenberg and Garry Bertholf '06, as well as area high school stu-

dents Jeremy Viner, Henry Redman and Spencer Fitts. The five saxophone players did an incredible job with this unique piece, which featured a frantic pace and great energy from the entire band throughout.

All in all, the Colby Jazz Band proved once again that they are one of the most talented ensembles at Colby, truly an act not to be missed.

Women's tennis competes at NESCACs

By NICOLE LAVERY
STAFF WRITER

The women's tennis team competed at the New England Small College Athletic Conference tournament this weekend hosted by Amherst College. This tournament concentrated on individuals and several of the Colby women advanced to the semifinal rounds in their divisions.

The tournament was bracketed so that the first and second seeded singles would play the other first and second seeded singles from the other NESCAC schools in the A flight. The same structure followed for the third and fourth singles, as well as the fifth and six single seeds. The doubles matches took place in the same manor.

Sara Hughes '05 made it to the semifinal round in the A flight. According to Co-Captain Morgan Pratt '04 one of the highlights of the weekend was, "Sara getting to the semis and losing it in a tie breaker to Amherst." Hughes won the first set

to her Amherst opponent 6-2, but then lost the second set 4-6. In the third and final set she battled to the very end, but lost 8-10 in a tie-breaker match.

Also playing well last weekend was Tracy Nale '07. Nale only joined the team this spring and has made some of the biggest strides and contributions both on and off the court according to Pratt.

Over the weekend Nale received one of her only opportunities to play singles and "she really proved she deserved it," Pratt added. Nale made it to the semifinal round of the D flight. She easily won her first match easily 6-0, 6-3, over Connecticut College and then continued to the quarterfinal match to upset her Bowdoin College opponent in a two-and-one-half hour duel. She suffered a defeat in the semifinals by Tufts College 1-6, 4-6.

Anna Erdheim '06 also performed well this weekend and made it to the quarterfinal round of the C flight. She won a close, three-set match in the first round against her

Hamilton College opponent and suffered close defeat in the quarterfinals in the third set 7-10. Nale and Erdheim also teamed up for the D doubles flight and lost in the semifinal round to Tufts.

Allison Dunn '07 was nominated for Rookie of the Year in NESCAC this weekend as well. In the fall she played first singles and is currently in the second singles spot and first doubles.

Coach Mike Morgan said, "The women played very well against an extremely tough field." Pratt added, "We really demonstrated that we are a team with a big heart and a lot of fight-not an opponent to be overlooked."

The team is currently ranked sixth in the region and is hopeful to make the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament. The teams invited to the competition will be announced April 26.

The men will prepare this week for their own NESCAC tournament at Williams College this weekend.

Crew teams win Presidents' Cup

By AMY CRONIN
STAFF WRITER

Colby crew holds the CBB Presidents' Cup for the fourth straight year after earning the most points in this past weekend's CBB Head Race in Lewiston, Me. "All the crews feel good about their performances this past weekend. Retaining the Presidents' Cup was the entire team's goal and we accomplished it," Head Coach Stew Stokes said.

Both varsity-eight crews proved victorious over Bowdoin College and Bates College, with the women crossing the finish ahead of Bates by a solid 10-second margin at 6:52.3. "We intended to have a really aggressive start because we know we're better at staying ahead once we have the lead and we were pleased that we were able to do that and to maintain a good margin on the field throughout the rest of the 2000 meters," Co-Captain Laura Mistretta '04 said.

The women, who were ranked fourth in the latest Division III national poll, have not been completely con-

tent with their performance in the early races this spring, so this CBB race was an encouraging indication that their technique is solidifying and their hard practice is carrying over into race day.

The men's varsity eight held on to an early lead to beat rival Bates in an extremely close finish in 6:08.2. "We took a pretty good lead on both Bates and Bowdoin right from the start and managed to hold off both crews for the first half of the race. In the second 1000 meters, Bates made a couple of solid moves and actually pulled slightly ahead with only about 100 meters to go, but we had enough left for one final move and we just barely crossed the finish line first," Co-Captain Jeff Sparrow '05 explained.

Both novice eight crews were also victorious, along with a men's novice four. The results mirrored varsity outcomes, with the women crossing far ahead of Bates with a time of 6:51.0 and the men winning by a tight margin at 6:23.3. The Colby varsity four boats fell to both competitors, which is an indication of the fact that Colby crew does not

generally focus on four-man racing. The Mules will have their only home race of the season this Saturday, April 24 versus the University of New Hampshire and the University of Vermont. Colby crew has welcomed the recent mild weather with open arms, because the previously frozen lake is much more effective than the stream for training and racing purposes.

"This warm weather has opened up Lake Messalonskee, so this week we finally get back to rowing out of our boathouse. Hopefully, we can take advantage of the lake for another good week of practice that will leave us well prepared for UNH," Sparrow said.

Coach Stokes cited a solid week of training as a key factor in the success at the Presidents' Cup and all the crews will surely be looking to repeat victory this weekend. "Last year most all of our crews lost to UNH, so we are all hungry for victory on our home course. It will be exciting to race here at home, and UNH always puts up good competition across the board," Mistretta said.

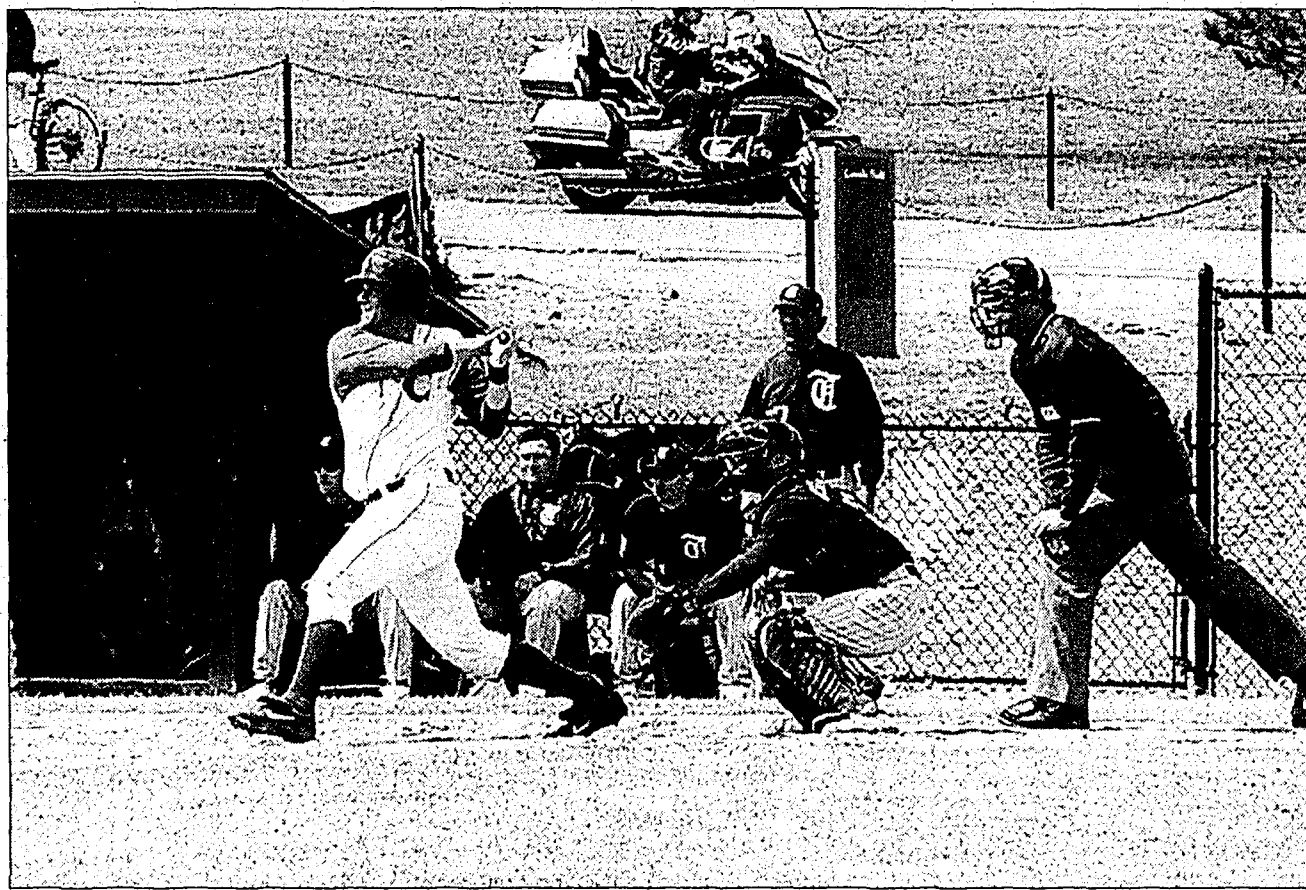
Trinity baseball too tough for Mules last week

By JEREMY LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

Colby baseball's Wednesday games against St. Joseph's College were postponed due to rain giving the team an extended rest before hosting Trinity College. The Mules dropped a hard-fought and often very well played series against the nationally ranked Trinity Bantams. Trinity (22-3, 10-2 New England Small College Athletic Conference) currently sits 12 in the country and first in New England. The Mules drop to a 3-20 overall record and a 0-9 NESCAC record. The Mules will finish their NESCAC schedule this weekend when they travel to Medford, Mass. to take on Tufts University for a three-game set.

Game one on Friday was a thrilling, yet futile effort. The Mules marched back from two large deficits only to fall 15-13 with the tying runs in scoring position. Trinity's Greg Talpy '06 came in the ninth to retire the only two batters he faced to preserve the win. Mules' shortstop and Co-Captain Vince Domestico '04 and second baseman Tommy Salemy '07 each had four hits and scored three runs in the losing effort. Left fielder Brian Liberty '07 had three hits and scored three runs and catcher Eric Roy '04 had three hits. The Mules had a 17-15 edge over the Bantams in hits. Trinity's second baseman, Jeff Natale '05, had two doubles among his three hits and scored three runs.

"I was impressed with how we hit the baseball," Domestico said. "It's the best we swung the bats all year. I was most impressed with the resiliency we showed. We fell down by eight runs and came back against one of the best pitchers in the league. We played well and we hit the baseball." The Mules fell behind early 0-8 and fought back to within one run only to see Trinity drive



Colby baseball hung with twelfth-ranked Trinity in their first game of the series Friday in the 13-15 loss.

the score back up. The Mules rallied again but ultimately came up short.

Game two saw Trinity starter Mark Tremblay '05 moved to 6-0 on the season as he went the distance in the 5-2 Trinity victory. Trinity shortstop Billy Wise '05 homered while Natale and Tony O'Shaughnessy '04 each had two hits providing the winning offense. Roy hit a double among his two hits for the Mules. Colby pitcher Rob Rosenbaum '07 had an impressive showing in the loss providing long relief for injured starter Tyler Hales '06 who left after a strong first inning with pain in his arm.

"Tremblay has one of the lowest ERAs in the nation and we still played a solid game against them," Domestico said. "If a few of those breaks go our way we win that game. Again we played well but took a tough loss."

The Mules hoped to take at least one in game three, but again came up short. The team fell into an early two run hole, but managed to tie the game 2-2 in the bottom of the seventh inning. Trinity responded by belting out six runs in the top of the next frame followed by four more in the top of the ninth to put the game out of reach, eventually winning by a 12-2 margin. Natale again provided some offensive pop for the Bantams collecting four hits in the contest.

"The score doesn't indicate how close that game really was," Domestico said. "We played a solid game, but fell behind 2-0 after the first inning but came back. They had a couple hits and the next thing you know the game isn't close anymore."

Mules' starter Phil Geiger '04 pitched well in the losing effort.

"Trinity is a very good hitting team," he said. "I spotted the ball well all game, but couldn't put it together at the end."

The Mules travel to Tufts on Friday to conclude their NESCAC schedule. While they don't have much to show for their effort, the team has continued to play hard and remain dedicated throughout the season.

"We have got to be the best damn 3-20 team in the world," Domestico said. "The one thing I'm really impressed with is that no matter what our record is, this team sticks together. We keep playing hard and nobody gave up on the season. We played well enough to win this weekend against a team that many consider a top-15 team nationally. Hopefully these last few weeks will be a building block for next year."

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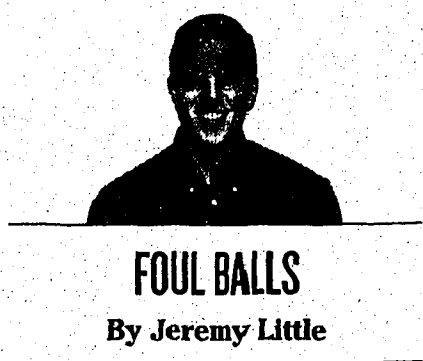
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The highs and Lowes of a Boston sports fan



FOUL BALLS
By Jeremy Little

I'm an addict. I love professional sports. If sports came in pill form, I'd abuse it. Few things in life that are so frivolous can inspire such a range of emotions. With that in mind, I submit my five most favorite moments as a sports fan.

5. Ray Bourque wins the Stanley Cup with the Colorado Avalanche. Boston fans hate it when their sports heroes win championships with other teams. Look no further than Wade Boggs and Roger Clemens. We made an exception for Ray though. He was at the end of his career and wanted one more shot at Lord Stanley's hardware. Yeah, I got emotional when he hoisted the coolest trophy in sports over his head. Then he brought the cup back to Boston so at least we see what it looked like. What a guy.

4. Patriots win Super Bowl XXXVI. II. The idea of a modern day N.F.L.

dynasty was compelling enough. Retribution for a failed playoff bid the year before made it even better. With less than two minutes to go the Pats were losing to the scrappy Panthers. Tom Brady had the ball on his own 40-yard line and Vinatieri was warming on the sidelines. What were the odds that this game would end the way their previous championship win did? Pretty good apparently. Just for the record, Mike Vrabel should have been MVP.

3. Derek Lowe's no-hitter April 26, 2002. This only makes the list because I was at the game. Sure he threw a no-no against the Devil Rays, a team that would have lost to most AAA clubs, but it was a hell of a day. The experience was only enhanced by a Yankee fan my buddies and I decided to torment for fun. Sitting behind me was the national youth girls' championship hockey team. I offered them five bucks if they could hit a man wearing Yankees jacket on his bald spot with a peanut. They spent four innings firing peanuts at the guy. It's the little things in life.

2. Pedro Martinez buries Don Zimmer. C'mon, it was funny. If you saw three-foot-tall geriatric Muppet running at you flailing his arms you'd throw him to the ground too. It's a classic sports moment that could only improve with some

Looney Tunes style sound effects.

1. Patriots win Super Bowl XXXVI. I locked myself into my dorm room freshman year and watched this game alone. No beer, no snacks, no human contact. When Adam Automatic split the uprights I ran screaming down the hall and outside. Then I ran back to my room and preordered the DVD. Yeah, I'm that lame.

Of course as a New England sports fan I've had my share of disappointing and in some cases agonizing moments as a fan. So here are my five least favorite moments.

5. Sitting through Major League 2. It's one of those sequels that should never have been made like The Godfather Part III, Caddyshack 2 or those new Star Wars movies: The Original is a classic. The sequel is so bad it actually makes it harder for me to watch the original.

4. The Hartford Whalers move to Carolina. Why does Carolina need a hockey team? Not only did the Whalers have the best uniforms in the NHL, they were also a great way to see the Bruins for \$10 dollars. Then there's the added entertainment of the inevitable Bruins fan/Whalers fan fight in the stands. Boston v. Hartford, c'mon who are these guys kidding?

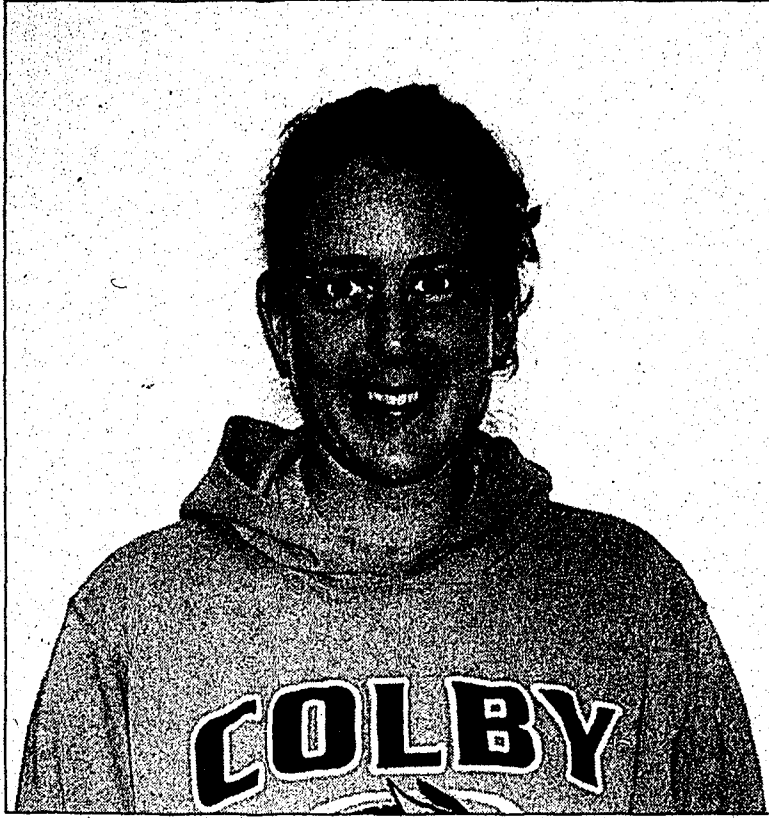
3. Alex Rodriguez is acquired by

New York Yankees. I once compared seeing A-Rod in pinstripes to peering into the very gates of Hell. Pay-Fraud wouldn't play third for the Sox but he is for the Yanks. It makes me so happy that he's batting below .200.

2. Cam Neely retires in 1996. An entire generation of Hub hockey fans hates Ulf Samuelsson for it. A healthy Neely had at least a decade of hockey left. The man invented the power forward position in the N.H.L. He could score, he could pass and he could beat the holy hell out of anyone. Beyond that he's a class act and has since dedicated himself to the Cam Neely House, a charity that provides comfortable housing for the families of cancer patients. He deserved better.

1. Game Seven, 2003 ALCS, eighth inning. This was my initiation into Red Sox Nation. I wasn't alive for Bucky "bleeping" Dent or Enos Slaughter; I was too young for Mookie and Buckner. Granted, I can't say I remember much of that night after the Yankees tied the score in the eighth inning. After stumbling back from the pub, I passed out in the fetal position mumbling incoherently. I figure this will make the Sox finally winning the whole thing all the sweeter. God I hope I live to see it.

Devastator of the Week



Sara Hughes '05

Hughes was the fourth seed in the A singles at the NESCAC tournament hosted by Amherst College April 17 and 18. Hughes won her quarterfinal match against Tufts and moved on to the semifinal round. After winning her first match 6-2, Hughes was defeated by her Amherst opponent in the second and third matches, 4-6 and 8-10 respectively. She was named on the All-NESCAC Women's Second Tennis Team.

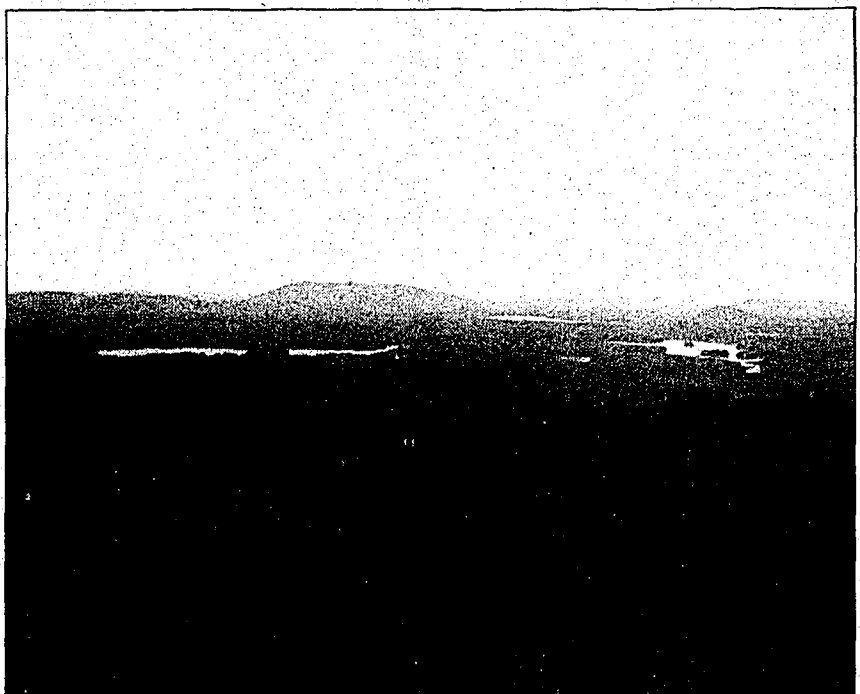
Classic Maine hiking destinations

By ALEXA LINDAUER
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Hikers and nature lovers of all interests and capabilities frequent Maine's trails and forests. Colby has no shortage of students interested in exploring Maine's mountains and nationally renowned Acadia National Park. Colby's outdoor sporting clubs, such as the Colby Outing Club and Colby Mountaineering Club, constantly sponsor groups venturing into the wilderness of Maine.

Outing Club Co-President Jordan Burke '04 selected three destinations that she considers to be classics: Tumbledown Mountain, Saddleback Mountain and Mount Katahdin. Burke explained that these mountains, while challenging, are open to hikers of all levels of experience, "The COC takes hikers with little to no experience [on these trips] in the early fall all the time." Colby Outdoor Orientation Trips also frequent these areas and it is rare to find a Colby student who has not experienced at least one of them.

Tumbledown Mountain is located in Mt. Blue State Park, about an hour from the Colby campus. The Outing Club made their first trip of the year to this site. The five-mile trail varies in levels of difficulty, including fairly flat areas, steep climbs and walls of rock just below the summit. The trail takes between three and three and one half hours to complete. A pond is located between the three peaks at the top, providing the weary but brave hiker with a crisp and refreshing place to swim. Burke describes the hike as having "plenty of awesome views from the top," including the surround-



Majestic view of the White Mountains from Rattlesnake Mountain.

ing White Mountains.

Saddleback Mountain is located outside of Rangeley, Me. and is about an hour and fifteen-minute drive from Colby. Saddleback Mountain is part of the Appalachian Trail and this hike is just over ten miles long. Part of the mountain is a ski area and the mountain affords spectacular views of the Rangeley Lakes.

Mount Katahdin is located in Baxter State Park, about three hours from the Colby campus. Katahdin is the last peak for northbound Appalachian Trail hikers and looms 5,200 feet above sea level and is the tallest peak in Maine.

Burke explained, "There are many different trails up Katahdin; one of the most popular for people in the COC is the Knife's Edge trail." Burke described the trail as "a mile-long narrow rock trail that drops down on each side significantly." Only a certain number of

people are allowed on the mountain at a given time, so hikers frequently camp out the night before their climb to ensure themselves a spot. The Outing Club facilitates a trip to Katahdin each fall and some members also climb the mountain during the winter months. This winter excursion takes four days from start to finish and requires special permission and a great deal of equipment due to the dangerous conditions of the frigid weather, snow and ice.

Hikers travel from around the state, country and world to experience the wilderness that the Pine Tree State has to offer. Colby students are fortunate to have close access to the raw landscape as well as to belong to a community that appreciates the natural beauty of Maine.

Who is that Lance Armstrong guy?



EAT THE SPREAD
By Cliff White

The surname of Armstrong has left an indelible mark upon America's history. First there was Louis Armstrong, who blew the trumpet meaner than any cat on the block. Then came Neil Armstrong, whose first steps on the moon, many think, stand as the one of the brightest moments in the history of mankind. And now, Lance Armstrong, after winning five Tour de France races in a row, this summer seeks to become the first man ever to win six.

True, he isn't exactly responsible for the evolution of a new art form or taking steps on the moon, but Armstrong's feat, if he accomplishes it, will have its own significant place in the history books.

Yet, despite all the history surrounding the event, fewer people will watch it in America than late night *Mad About You* reruns.

Maybe that fact has to do with the fact that the race is French, or that races take three to six hours to finish or that cycling doesn't have anything to do with handling a ball.

It's too bad, because all the people who aren't watching this amazing race are missing out big time. Cycling is one of the most physically demanding sports in existence. The three weeks of racing in July is considered to be the most difficult road-bike race in the world. The battles that take place day-in and day-out are intense and relentless. The physical strength and endurance that the bikers have is nothing less than extraordinary.

This year's race is shaping up to be one of the most intense races ever. Armstrong, who started his streak of wins after coming back from cancer, faces another tough challenge from Jan Ullrich of Germany, who has finished second behind Armstrong in the previous five Tours. In last summer's contest, Ullrich lost by only 61 seconds and each of his previous victories had come by over six minutes. The Tour is a draining event that leaves finishers exhausted. If Armstrong wins number six, he will have proved wrong many doubters who say that he has lost a step in the last few years.

Five-time winner, Spaniard Miguel Indurain said, in reference to Armstrong, "Winning five Tours is a rare achievement. Cycling is harder than most sports. I can tell you, it really takes it out of you."

Still, Armstrong has devoted his entire life to winning the Tour. His training, lifestyle and race schedule are all geared completely to winning his sixth championship. In this past

Monday's *New York Times* sports section, there was a half-page article describing all the changes in equipment he has made since last year to make him more aerodynamic and therefore faster. It is important to note, upon seeing the picture that shows Armstrong all decked out in his new gear, that the Tour does not give penalties to riders who look like spacemen.

It seems, also, that Armstrong and his team are looking into new and lesser-tried methods, like Zen, to gain the edge. "We brought all the key suppliers together and made them understand that there has to be a holistic connection between Lance and his equipment. "The body and the bike have to be thought of as one," Bart Knaggs, President of Armstrong's Postal Service racing team said.

In this year's race, mathematics, physics and technology will have just as much to do with winning as heart, guts and soul. Armstrong seems to have the best of both categories. For the past five years Armstrong has proven that he is the strongest rider in the peloton.

The sad part about our society is that, as he looks to confirm himself as the winningest rider in Tour history this July, America would rather be tuning out to the dated jokes of Paul Riser and Helen Hunt. Which isn't to say that I don't like *Mad About You*. It just has its place, but watching it in lieu of Lance Armstrong in the Tour de France isn't it.

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but fortunately the defense continues to play well.

Tufts has a lot of offensive weapons and the defense did well to hold them to ten goals. Tyler felt Jonathan Bodansky '06 was the highlight of the team's defense, "[Jon Bodansky '06] had a great game, he held Brian Griffin '05, the NESCACs top-scorer, to just two assists."

Quinn is not overly critical of the

team's performance, but said, "It is frustrating letting an opportunity pass us by without a better fight. Our guys played hard and competed, but we did not bring our 'A' game."

The loss puts the men's record at 3-3 within the NESCAC and in sixth place. The Mules are already assured a playoff berth, but cannot let their efforts slide.

"If we win, we can earn home field advantage and get a high enough seed to avoid playing one of the top teams, such

as Amherst or Middlebury," Tyler said.

After playing New England College yesterday afternoon, the Mules can now concentrate all their attention on their last three games of the season. Their successes, or failings, against Connecticut College, Bowdoin College and Wesleyan University will dictate the team's road to the NESCAC championship.

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The Colby Echo Sports

April 22, 2004

Women's lax takes CBB title for fourth-consecutive year

By RYAN GLENNON
STAFF WRITER

With a fairly constant and heavy rain pouring down onto Crafts Field Wednesday, the Colby College women's lacrosse team managed to score off a Kate Wheeler '04 free position with only one minute and 19 seconds remaining in the game to go ahead 5-4, beating the Bowdoin College Polar Bears and capturing their fourth-straight CBB title.

Not one member of the team on the current roster has ever lost to either Bates College or Bowdoin, maintaining the stature as the instate powerhouse. Earlier this season the Mules took home a victory over Bates on the road with an astounding 20-7 margin.

The game against Bowdoin was a very low scoring defensive showing for both teams. Catharine O'Brien '07 made 13 saves for the Mules, including a free position shot with less than 25 seconds remaining to preserve the victory. This game was O'Brien's record of her season and career-low of four goals against.

The scoring was back-and-forth as they went into the half tied at three. The Mules struck first in the second half off Libba Cox's '07 goal. The score remained at 4-3 in favor of the Mules for most of the half before Bowdoin was able to tie the game at four with only 2:39 remaining. That seemed to swing the momentum until

Wheeler was awarded a free position and stung it past the Bowdoin goalkeeper for the eventual game-winning goal. The Mules' defense played one of their best games to date as they continually forced turnovers and frustrated the 15 ranked Polar Bears.

The Mules next went on the road to take on the Tufts University Jumbos Saturday. The teams met as worthy adversaries and proved their worth as they fought a tough first half with the Mules trailing 3-6 at the half.

The Mules then came out for the second half strong and caught the Jumbos on their heels and scored two quick goals from Colby's leading scorers, Emma Miller '05 and Wheeler, to bring the Mules to within one goal. However, the Jumbos rattled off six unanswered goals to bring the game out of reach. O'Brien tallied another 11 saves in the effort.

After a long trip to Massachusetts, Colby headed for home and a Sunday contest on Crafts Field against the Williams College Ephs. The weather was a warm 65 degrees and sunny as the Mules made a valiant effort against the perennial powerhouse. The team trailed by two at half with a score of 3-5. To begin the second half, the Mules turned the game around scoring five of the eight second-half goals to put the game into overtime. Kelsey Neville '06 scored to bring the Mules to within one of the Ephs before Miller put



Kelsey Neville '06 charges toward the Ephs' net. She brought the Mules within one before Miller scored.

home the tying goal with only one minute and twelve seconds remaining in regulation time to tie it at eight.

However, the momentum would switch one more time as Williams was able to capitalize three times in the two three minute overtime periods to

pull away and clinch a New England Small College Athletic Conference victory over the Mules.

The Mules continue the busy week as they travel to the University of Southern Maine to take on the Huskies Tuesday at 4 p.m., then return

home to take on the Plymouth State Pilgrims on Crafts Field at 4 p.m. Thursday and finally finish up the week and the regular season at home against Wesleyan University at 11 a.m. Saturday.

this week in sports

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

- **Softball**
3:00 p.m.
vs. Bates College (2)
- **Women's Lacrosse**
4:00 p.m.
vs. Plymouth State

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

- **Baseball**
@ Tufts University

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

- **Men's and Women's Track**
NESCAC Championships
@ Trinity College
- **Men's and Women's Crew**
10:00 a.m.
@ Waterville
- **Women's Lacrosse**
11:00 a.m.
vs. Wesleyan University
- **Softball**
@ St. Joseph's Tournament
- **Baseball**
@ Tufts University (2)
- **Men's Lacrosse**
1:00 p.m.
vs. Connecticut College

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

- **Men's Track**
NESCAC Championships
@ Trinity College
- **Softball**
@ St. Joseph's Tournament

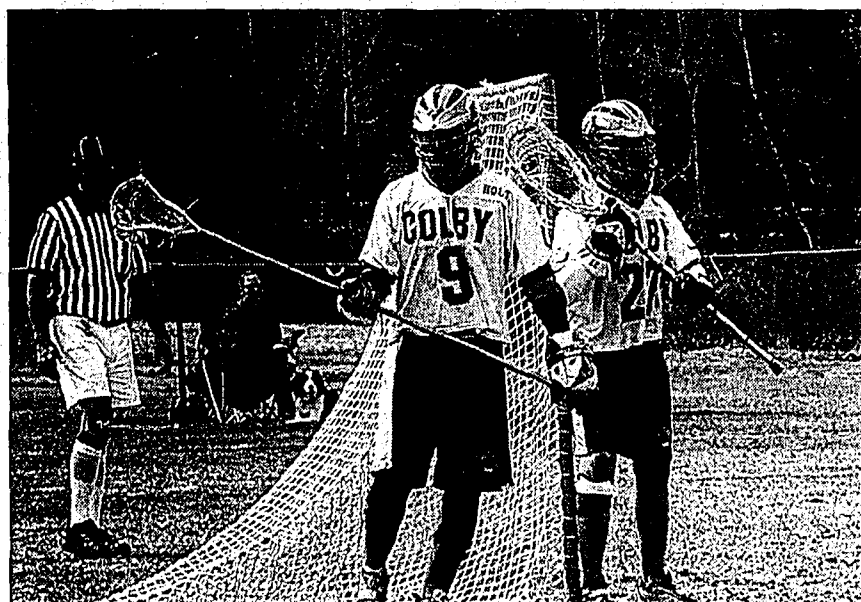
Tufts Jumbos down men's lacrosse 10-4

By JON EVANS
STAFF WRITER

Last week started well for the Colby men's lacrosse team with a convincing 14-1 victory over inter-state opponents the University of Southern Maine. The win improved Colby's win streak to three games. The streak ended this past Saturday against New England Small College Athletic Conference rivals Tufts University.

Traditionally, the University of Southern Maine is a much weaker opponent than the Mules are accustomed to playing. This type of competition grants Coach Rob Quinn the opportunity to experiment. Last Thursday proved no different and Quinn seemed pleased with what he witnessed. "All of the young guy's played and some played very well. Tim Brown '07 and Peter Lagos '06 played well, while Ryan Scott '07 showed some great potential too," Quinn stated.

Attack men Mike Haimes '04, Lagos and Brown all scored three goals for the Mules against the Huskies, while Ryan Glennon '04, Ryan Connolly '07, Matt Roland '05, Rory Murphy '07 and Ryan Scott '07



Nate Werlin '06 and Matt LaPlagia '04 defend the Colby net.

all tallied once during the game.

On Loeb's Field Saturday the Mules lost to a strong Tufts team 4-10. Colby allowed the Jumbos to take a commanding 4-1 lead after the first quarter and never quite recovered. Tri-Captain Ryan Tyler '04 explained, "[Tufts] came out and scored three quick goals and we're not the kind of team that can easily come back from a deficit like that."

Colby's inability to score adequate quantities of goals on the offensive

end is continually proving problematic. Quinn pointed out, "We cannot win games scoring four goals. In our three losses versus Middlebury, Amherst and Tufts we scored five, four and four goals respectively. We're not getting it done."

Tri-Captain Josh Cleaver led the Mules with a goal and assist. Haimes, Glennon, and Jeff Margulies '07 also tallied once.

The offensive woes are troubling,

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Errors plague softball's defense

By ERICA AYOTTE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Colby softball team has learned the hard way that although extra-base hits keep games close, it is defense that brings home victories. The Mules (11-10-1 overall, 1-5 conference) let their chances at the New England Small College Athletic Conference tournament slip away with two losses to both Bowdoin College and Tufts University last week.

"Right now the team is just incredibly frustrated," Co-Captain Meaghan Shea '04 said. "We really aren't playing that badly, we just keep coming up a bit short and whether we are ahead or behind, the games always seem to be determined in either the seventh inning or in extra innings. The worst part is that coming off such great success last year, hosting the NESCAC tournament, with virtually the same team, plus some talented first years, the expectations for us were really high this year. The coaches and players alike all really thought this would be our year. Now we just kind of feel like we let everyone down by not living up to those expectations. It's just really disappointing knowing that we aren't playing up to our full potential as a team."

April 15 Colby lost the first game of their doubleheader against Bowdoin 2-3 in eight innings. In the circle Lauren Olmsted '06 gave up nine hits and only two walks for two earned runs. The Mule defense made two errors in the effort. Toni-Lynn Robbins '05 pitched the second game and allowed seven hits and only two walks for three earned runs in the 3-4 loss. Wendy Bonner '05 had four hits and one RBI in the two games.

The next day the Mules came back to defeat Husson College 3-0 in a non-conference match up. Lindsey Toomey '07 allowed only three hits and walked no batters with six strikeouts.

Saturday Colby took on the Jumbos and lost both games: the first in extra innings by a score of 2-4 and the second



The Mules lay down a bunt against Tufts University Saturday.

game by a score of 0-1. Though not as strong during the past two seasons, the Tufts squad typically has one of the strongest teams in NESCAC. Olmsted pitched all eight innings of the first game and only allowed eight hits against the heavy-hitting Tufts team. However, with six Mule errors, only one of the four Jumbo runs was earned.

Co-Captain Kate Hurd '05 said, "Our pitching is keeping us in every game, but a few untimely errors and lack of consecutive hits have not helped us pull out wins lately. However, the breaks definitely aren't going our way either, and we have to give credit to our opponents for stepping up and getting the timely hits needed to score runs and win ball games."

Shea concurred: "Our pitching has been great and we have been hitting the ball a lot better than we did last year. But consistency and execution at the plate and solid, error-free defense in the field is what's going to determine who comes out on top in these types of games and we just haven't been doing those things well enough."

The Mules were visibly deflated in the second game. Although they played error-less ball, they were unable to produce any offensive momentum with no hits and no runs. Robbins held the Jumbos to five hits and two walks.

Colby finished up their weekend by splitting a doubleheader with St.

Joseph's College. The Mules won the first game 5-0 with 12 hits, no errors and Olmsted in the circle, who held the Monks to three hits. First year Miki Starr smacked three of Colby's hits.

Robbins pitched the second game and allowed 10 hits, but Colby made three errors and collected only five hits in the 4-5 loss.

Hurd said of the rest of the season, "It's hard to rally when you become knocked out of the playoffs, especially by losing very close games. However, we are trying to focus on the fact that we still have many games left this season and that we are a really good softball team. The breaks just haven't gone our way this year, which has been extremely frustrating, but all 15 of us are in this together and we will continue to play as a team and support each other."

The Mules face Bates College in a doubleheader today at 3 p.m. Although neither team will be making a trip to the NESCAC tourney, Shea said, "We're going to be playing for pride."

Hurd said "At this point, I think we're ready to prove to ourselves and everyone else that we are a good team and hopefully this is motivation to come out and play well against Bates this week. We'll be fired up to play our NESCAC rivals and since the pressure is off, we should play at our competitive ability level for both games."

Garcia and Ummah lead track teams

By MICHELE BARMASH
STAFF WRITER

The men and women's track and field teams gave their best efforts this past weekend as they faced teams at Bates and Bowdoin Colleges. Colby's own Xavier Garcia '05 earned four victories and two honors at the State of Maine Men's Track and Field Championships that were held at Bates College and Karima Ummah '04 won the long jump (4.96 meters), triple jump (11.77 meters) and the 100-meter hurdles (15.93) for women at the Aloha Relays held down at Bowdoin College.

Garcia shared the Alan Hillman Memorial Most Valuable Track Athlete Award for winning the 200-meter dash (22.17) and 400-meter dash (48.13). His 48.13 time won the event by more than one second and it was an N.C.A.A. provisional qualifying time. Garcia also shared the Frederick Tottel Memorial Most Valuable Field Athlete Award for winning the long jump with an N.C.A.A. provisional qualifying leap of 22.9 and taking the triple jump in 13.45 meters.

Captain Patrick Harner '05 said, "Xavier was the first ever athlete winning the field MVP and track MVP at the second oldest college track meet in the nation. He also broke the meet record in the 400 meter."

Jason Foster '06 won the discus throw for Colby with a toss of 41.29 meters. Harner explained, "Jason is just plain tenacious. When he steps in that circle he means business whether it's throwing the disc or the hammer and his opponents respect him for that and his teammates look up to him for that."

The Mules received second places from Harner in the 100-meter dash (11.07) and the triple jump (12.68 meters). Andrew Heaney '07 also placed second in the javelin (51.28 meters), Michael Westbrook '06 was runner-up in the high jump (6-0) and Dan Vassallo '07 was second in the 5,000 meters (16:16.07).

The women's team took second place with 185 points at the Aloha Relays at Bowdoin. Captain Caroline Minkoff '04 said, "We had a good weekend. It was close loss to Bowdoin, but we were down a couple of athletes and so we were pleased with all of the performances."

Jess Minty '06 won the 1,500-meter for Colby in 4:42.60. Minkoff said, "She-qualified for nationals winning the 1500 yesterday. She is really starting to look national-caliber this outdoor season."

The Mules also garnered wins from Ivica Petrikova '07 in the 200 meters (26.40), Stephanie Agrimanakis '07 in the 400 meters (1:01.87) and Minkoff in the hammer throw (44.08 meters).

Minkoff also placed second in the discus (37.86 meters). Nora Gouge '05 was second in the 200 meters (27.22), Hillary Easter '06 was runner-up in the 5,000 meters (19:38.72) and Emilie Coulson '06 took second in the high jump (1.52 meters).

Minkoff said, "I'm really proud of the team this year, they are young and learning, but so positive and I look forward to watching them this weekend at NESCACs, I know that hard work is going to pay off." Both the men's and women's teams will be at Trinity College this coming weekend for the NESCAC Championships.

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Devastator

Sara Hughes '05 competes in NESCAC semi-finals for women's tennis.

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Baseball

"The best damn 3-20 team in the world," according to Vince Domestico '04.

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