

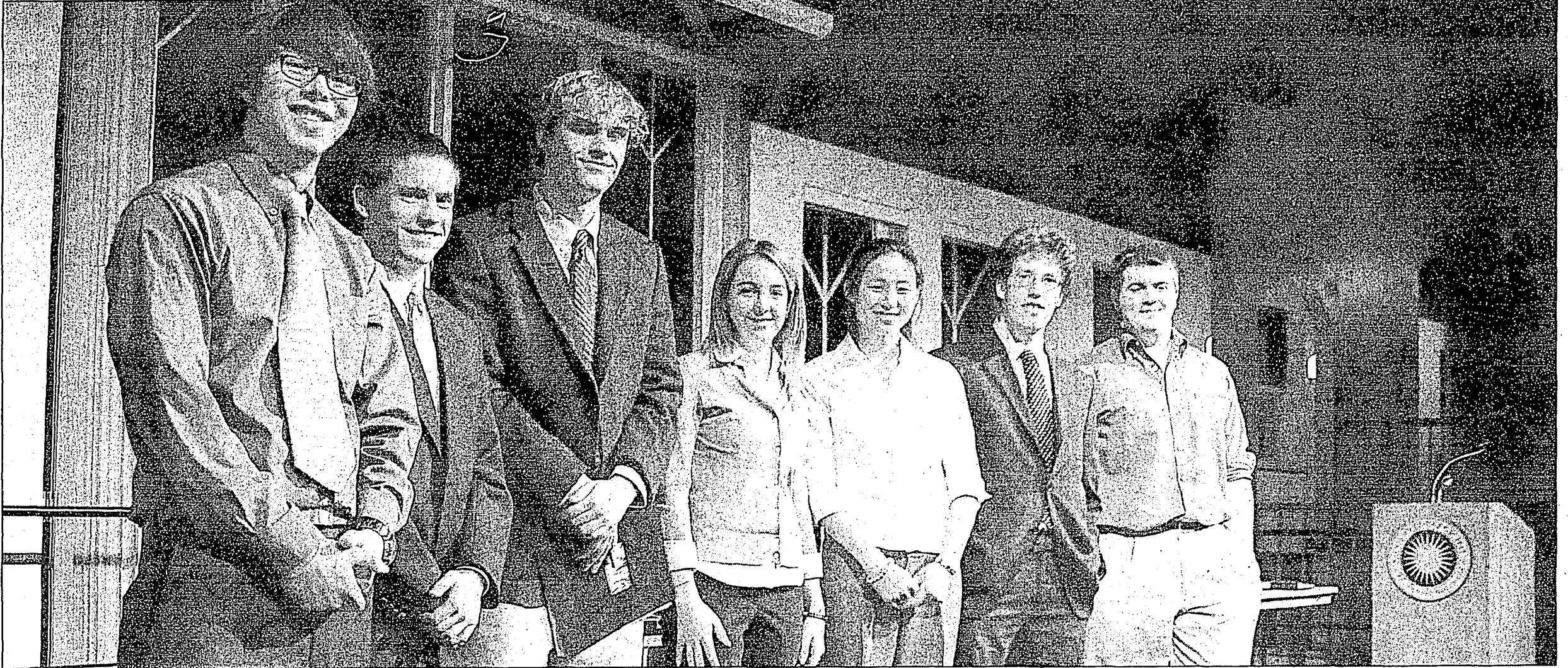
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SGA candidates Romeo Raugai '06, Donnie O'Callaghan '06, Jon Bastian '06, Courtney Kubilis '06, Gabé Adams '06, Zach Russem '06 and John McKee '06; not pictured are candidates who are abroad.

Candidates barred from election reinstated; SGA elections committee members replaced

By STEVE WEINBERG
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With one Election Commission in the dust and another one recently formed to replace it, the four students previously disqualified from the Student Government Association presidential and vice presidential election last week will be allowed back into the race. However, some are calling the Presidents' Council motion used to help reverse the disqualification improper, if not unconstitutional.

Presidents' Council voted to disband the Election Commission they had appointed earlier and replace it with a completely new commission. The new commission then reversed the disqualifications that were imposed by the old commission.

As a result, the tickets of Todd Lohsen '06/John McKee '06 and Antonio Mendez '06/Alanna Balboni

'06 will be able to run now as write-ins, but have lost out on the first two days of campaigning.

The Lohsen/McKee ticket was originally slated to have McKee running for President and Lohsen as Vice President. The two were switched in order to accommodate a presumed election rules loophole that disqualified McKee for President and Lohsen for Vice President ticket, but would allow them to run reversed. A similar swap occurred in the Mendez/Balboni ticket, but because they submitted two sets of elections forms with both possible combinations, either will work in the election.

Additionally, the Lohsen/McKee ticket was not allowed to participate in the presidential debate this past Sunday, something the Mendez/Balboni ticket was allowed to do, albeit in a limited form because both candidates are abroad. Explaining this disparity, Election Committee chair and SGA Vice President Adelin Cai '05 said that Lohsen/McKee's "infractions were even more grave than the other tickets," stressing that while both previously disqualified tickets had

campaigned early, in the Lohsen/McKee case there was more evidence to suggest they knew they should not have been campaigning and did anyway.

The changes in the Election Commission came as a result of a motion put forth by Drummond Hall President Chris Hoffman '07, at the Presidents' Council meeting this past Sunday. In three clauses, the motion rescinded the initial appointment of Election Commission members, confirmed members to replace them and approved changes to the election rules.

The motion passed with 17 members in favor, seven members opposed and four members voting present. The old election commission of Chris Johnson '05, Karin Shankar '05, Katlyn Shagory '05 and Gabriel Reyes '05 was replaced by Nick Von Mertens '05, Kevin Selby '05, Brandy Lipton '05 and Nilanjana Dutt '05. As stipulated by the SGA

constitution, Cai remained as chair.

Doubts to the constitutionality of the amendment were brought up by Anthony-Mitchell-Schupf Hall President Patrick Semmens '05 at the Sunday meeting. He cited clauses of the constitution that set prior dates for the creation of the committee and its rules, making the recreation of the committee and its rules then unconstitutional. Noting this, and stressing that this motion would compromise the impartiality of the commission and set a dangerous precedent of election interference, he said for the Presidents' Council to pass it would be "a corrupt mess. A huge, huge mess and it will be no one's fault but our own."

SGA Parliamentarian Chris Surprenant '05, who as part of his duties is charged with evaluating the constitutionality of motions, was initially "tempted" to agree with Semmens' points, he said at the meeting. However, in a ruling released on Tuesday night, he said the amendment was constitutional except for the third clause pertaining to the rules. The four

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Candidates touch on wide range of issues at SGA presidential and vice presidential debate

By BRAD KASNET
NEWS EDITOR

The candidates in the upcoming election for Student Government Association President and Vice President converged on Page Commons Room to square off in a debate on March 6.

Only four of the seven tickets running answered questions in the debate, due to several reasons. The tickets of Antonio Mendez '06 and Alanna Balboni '06, as well as Todd Rockwood '06 and Monty Hankin '06 were all abroad, so they had proxies read statements at the open and close of the debate, but did not answer questions. The eligibility of the Todd Lohsen '06/John McKee '06 ticket was still being reviewed by the Elections Commission, so they were not allowed to participate.

On stage were Zach Russem '06, whose running mate Matt Sabin-Matsumoto '06 is abroad; Donnie O'Callaghan '06 and Romeo Raugai '06; Gabé Adams '06 and Courtney Kubilis '06; and Jon Bastian '06, whose running mate Charlie Hale '06 is also abroad.

In addition to giving opening and

closing statements, each team of candidates answered questions suggested by students to SGA Vice President Adelin Cai '05 on a variety of topics related to student life. The candidates covered a range of issues in the debate and subsequent interviews with *The Echo*, though most in attendance felt that none of the candidates had particularly distinguished themselves during the debate.

The first question posed asked candidates about policy changes they would seek to implement in light of recent trends that see a shift in social life to off-campus events. O'Callaghan felt that increasing the number of people allowed in a room so that limits were more consistent with the legally allowed capacity would help solve the problem. "Room capacity levels should further reflect safety," he said. Adams felt that Jitney service should be improved. "We would be committed to safe transportation on and off campus," she said. Bastian pointed to the current party host system as the root of the problem. "Students feel a need to go off campus if they choose to drink," he said, suggesting a review of party host regulations to help bring the social

scene back on campus added Russem.

The issue of dialogue housing was also posed to the candidates. All four candidates supported the pilot program approved for next year and expressed varying degrees of enthusiasm about the program's future. Bastian not only endorsed dialogue housing, but also brought up the possibility of once again examining multicultural housing. "Dialogue housing is the first step, it's creating a safe community for people who feel alienated," he said. Adams threw her support behind the proposal as well. "Dialogue housing is one way to bring an intellectual atmosphere back into the residence halls," she said. O'Callaghan and Russem said they each supported the trial run, but felt that it was important for significant student input to be included in determining the future of the program.

The candidates were also asked about their feelings on the events surrounding the cancellation of last year's Doghead party and the ensuing vandalism that caused over \$20,000 worth of campus damage. "Doghead is a tradition that students partake in," Adams said. "I think it's up to the school to provide a safe place that stu-

dents can drink."

Bastian and Russem praised the manner in which former SGA President Derek Taff '04 and Vice President Josh German '04 reacted to the situation, organizing an on-campus party and attempting to calm students' anger. "I agree with the way Josh and Derek handled it," Bastian said. Russem added that he would have pushed for a formal investigation by the SGA Executive Board into what role, if any, the administration played in informing the police about the party.

O'Callaghan noted that it may have been a feeling of powerlessness among the students that contributed to the vandalism. "If there was an administration trying to let us keep our traditions, maybe we wouldn't have seen that vandalism," he said.

Elections will be held on Sunday, March 13 and Monday, March 14, conducted through an online ballot. If no candidate receives at least 50 percent of the vote, which is likely to occur given the large number of candidates, a run-off between the top two vote-getters will be held on Wednesday, March 16.

Multiple students summonsed for alcohol offenses

By ANNIE KEARNEY
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The Waterville Police Department has publicly reaffirmed its commitment to crack down on underage drinking after over a dozen Colby students were recently summonsed for alcohol violations. "We are going to increase enforcement efforts and we are going to patrol more and we are going to be looking for it [drinking violations] more," Deputy Chief Joe Massey said. In particular, "there will be increased awareness that Doghead is planned for this weekend and we will be looking," he said.

Over the weekend, 14 Colby students were summonsed in four separate incidents. Twelve of these students were summonsed while riding in cars that were pulled over for traffic violations; the other two students were summonsed after being treated at

MaineGeneral Medical Center.

The first incident occurred in the early morning of Friday, March 4. A car full of students was pulled over on North Street after it was recorded speeding and failing to stop at a stop sign. David Bethoney '08, Sean Collamore '08, Ryan Collins '08, Alexandra Fulreider '07, Anne Mears '07, Timothy Patch '08, Michael Riggs '08 and Zachary Starr '08 were all charged with possession of alcohol by a minor. Collamore, Fulreider, Patch, Riggs and Michael Finnerty '08 were charged with possession of false identifications.

A similar incident occurred on Saturday night, when a car was pulled over for speeding on First Rangeway. Three passengers in that car, Eric Holstein '08, Adam Salamon '08 and Matthew Warshaw '08, were charged with possession of alcohol by a minor. In both cases, the driver was not intoxicated and was not summonsed.

Early Sunday morning, two students were taken to MaineGeneral by ambulance from separate locations on campus. The two students, Megan Race '06 and David Sternesky '08, were charged with possession of alcohol by a minor.

Students contacted declined to speak with *The Echo*. Some of the students told their arresting officer they had been drinking at Mainely Brews and the police are now "looking into" the bar, according to Massey.

A Morning Sentinel article about the arrests that ran on Tuesday, March 7 reported that in the future "drivers will be charged," implying designated drivers would face criminal action, though it was unclear as to what action would be taken, to the dismay of Colby students, who were quickly spreading rumors and voicing outrage. The Sentinel ran a brief clarification on Wednesday which elucidated the Police Department's

official stance, which is that if a passenger in a car possesses an open container, the driver may be summonsed for furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol, a charge that carries with it a \$500 fine and possible jail time. None of the students arrested this weekend had open containers in the car—police gave the warning after a driver told them she was unsure how many people were, in fact, in her car. "A number of students just simply piled in her vehicle," Massey said, adding that the warning comes because in cases like that a driver had to be very careful that the people they were driving did not possess alcohol.

In an interview with *The Echo* about the incidents, Massey explained why the police are increasing the efforts to crack down on underage drinking. "We certainly do

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ANTONIO MENDEZ ALANNA BALBONI

Hello! Our names are Alanna Balboni and Antonio Mendez and we are running for SGA President and Vice President. Before we give you our platform, we will give you our service background so you can get a better understanding of our dedication to the school.

Antonio is a Posse Scholar and has been very active in the campus social and political scene. He is the former Treasurer and current President of Students Organized Against Racism (S.O.A.R.) and through this club has strived to educate the campus on race and racism. As former president of the Heights, he served on the Cultural Events Committee and helped to greenlight several events including the upcoming Romeo Dallaire lecture. He has also served on the Academic Honesty Taskforce and co-chaired the Academic Requirements Committee. Alanna Balboni has worked as both a former HR and President of Johnson. She has played women's basketball for three years, and co-authored a motion on Presidents' Council with Antonio to set the Presidents' Council allocation to the Health Center for STD testing.

When we got together to discuss the elections this coming year, we tried to discuss what problems we could identify on campus and what would be the most effective and community building ways to solve them. We realize that the biggest problem was Colby relations in general. The campus tends to become polarized very quickly and we saw that even we had helped in polarizing it. We thought that in the position of President and Vice President there was more that we could do to help Colby relations.

As President and Vice President, Alanna and Antonio want to improve Colby relations on all fronts. Here are several initiatives that we have in mind:

We would like to reduce the worry of peer to peer file sharing by having the school invest in a program. Students would then opt to buy into the program and receive the peer to peer file sharing program.

Colby and Waterville relations are good, but there is more that can be done. We would like to increase community outreach through several different programs. An example of this would be by increasing the AMS Haunted House to the Page Commons Room and having more people get involved. We would also like to ask

that once a week, students donate their used cans and bottles so that we could then recycle them and donate the money to the local homeless shelter, one of three homeless shelters in the state of Maine. We would also like to extend Colby Volunteer Day through CVC to two days instead of one.

Administration/trustee relations can be improved by holding meetings before the trustees meet. This will give students an opportunity to have their voice heard on issues when the trustees don't visit the campus. We will also try to start lunch time talks with the deans the way Bro currently has them set up. This will be more effective because although Bro is very important, more of the day to day affairs are managed by the deans.

We would also like to start a program in which professors would let the College know which books were needed before classes start and having the college put them up on a website. This would make the process of buying books easier for students and give students more options of where to buy their books from.

Thank you for taking the time to read our article and hopefully you will vote for us Sunday, March 13.



GABE ADAMS COURTNEY KUBILIS

Hi, we're Gabe Adams and Courtney Kubilis, and we would like the opportunity to serve as your SGA President and Vice President next year. We thought we'd introduce ourselves and give you a little background on our past leadership experiences.

Gabe is a philosophy and psychology double major from Carmel, Calif. She serves as the student representative to the Board of Trustees, and is currently the co-commissioner of the I-Play program. She has also been the Head Resident of Leonard and Averill and volunteered as a tour guide.

Courtney spent the last semester abroad in London. She is double-majoring in government and history, and served last year as the dorm president of Leonard. She has also spent time as a Head Resident of Averill, volunteered as a tour guide, and served on the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee.

We recognize that we are students first and that this gives us valuable

insight into student life at Colby. We are committed, above all, to facilitating dialogue and communication between SGA, the student body and the administration by any means necessary.

* We want to make sure that everyone feels that their voice is being heard on Presidents' Council. We would accomplish this by holding Hall Presidents accountable to their dorms.

* In addition to the regular open SGA meetings and executive office hours, we would coordinate with Hall Presidents and Hall Staff to meet with the residents in each dorm, as well as with off-campus students, once a semester. We would organize lunches with Dean Kassman that are open to students, in order to provide further opportunities for communication.

* We would form a committee on Dialogue Housing to periodically assess the successes and areas for improvement, that would report at Presidents' Council meetings. We

To the students of Colby, I thank you for all for showing me the support that has allowed me to take part in this presidential election. We are Todd Lohsen and John McKee, and we would like you to write us in for SGA President and Vice President.

First, a little bit about myself and Todd. I come from a working class family from the South Shore of Massachusetts and attended Boston College High School, where I held leadership roles as both a Senior Mentor and as a student representative to the administration. Here at Colby, I sat on the Presidents' Council for my sophomore year as Hall President of Drummond where I won the Kohl Harvey Award for distinguished service on the council. Todd, who is currently studying abroad this semester in Russia, hails from the city of Bradenton, Fla., and was Hall President of Mary Low during his sophomore year. He has served as Vice President of Colby Dinner Theater and as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Mosaic Diversity Conference Task Force.

As you can see, Todd and I come from very different backgrounds but we both have great amounts of experience when it comes to holding leadership positions. We have chosen to run

together for President and Vice President for a few reasons. We work extremely well together and we always seem to find the perfect compromise to solve any problem we face. This ability to compromise is a skill that is absolutely essential to being an effective leader on Presidents' Council. When dealing with a large body of people who effuse many different



ideas and beliefs, there must be leaders who can moderate and compromise with the people to create the best possible solution. Without this talent, Presidents' Council meetings can often turn into endless debates that produce nothing of worth for the student body. Thanks to our positive experience on Presidents' Council already, Todd and I know the system and can exist as effective leaders of the body.

We have been thinking of what our goals are if we are elected to this position and have come up with numerous ideas. Todd and I love this school more than anything else, but I know that we, with the support of the student body, can do more to make Colby a better place for everyone. We feel that the social structure and social policies of Colby are in dire need of being reexamined.

The frequency and attendance of social events here on campus has drastically diminished over the past three years, while the amount of students traveling off campus for social events is increasing. This is a serious problem that we would devote a great attention to, due to the serious nature of the consequences that will arise if social events continue to move off campus.

The room draw system is another routine that we think needs to be reevaluated and streamlined in order to make it more efficient and also more equitable. For those of you who have had to deal with room draw, you know it can be a frustrating experience due to the lack of information you have coming into the process itself. The system that is in place now is an entirely random one, which means that hypothetically one

person could receive the last pick each year they are here. This is unacceptable. The program Todd and I plan to present is one that would guarantee that one of the three times you are given a pick you receive one from the upper echelon.

Other platform topics for us include: the ability for students to use unused meal credits at the Spa (especially since one of the dining halls will be closed this fall), to improve the SGA's communication capabilities with the student body, the expansion of wireless internet into our dorms, the reevaluation of the party host system, the placement of more cash to chip machines and the establishment of an Inter-NESCAC SGA network for increased cohesion. All of these are goals that we would plan to work towards if Todd and I are elected as President and Vice President of Colby College.

We can promise you, the student body, that things will get done with our full and utmost dedication, no matter the cost. We have the proven experience, the desire and the knowledge it takes to be effective student leaders. The final choice is up to you, and the write-in Lohsen/McKee ticket knows you will choose the right people for these positions. If you would like to know more, please visit <http://lohsen-mckee.blogspot.com>.

JON BASTIAN CHARLIE HALE

We are running for SGA because we believe we have the necessary experience, work ethic and enthusiasm to improve our Colby community. The following are some ideas we have for maintaining what we see as successful at Colby, and those areas where we see a need for improvement in academics, community issues and social life.

As two students who went abroad, we believe study abroad is a critical component of the academic experience at Colby. We'd like to work with the faculty and Off-Campus Study Office to ensure that those students who wish to study abroad may do so. We believe that making the CBB program more financially efficient will take time and considerable effort, but it can and should be done. Finally, we'd like to look at how study abroad courses could, if rigorous enough, fulfill all college requirements.

Our other academic issues concern working for a greater number of classes that fulfill area requirements (for both science and humanities majors), pushing for Cotter renovation, advocate for more open buildings with key card passes at night (to increase the space available for studying) and establishing a first-year advisory board to involve new students in the governing process.

Community Issues: One of our

main concerns is ensuring that the important dialogue housing debate is continued beyond the pioneer program this year, and focuses on the real reason for this initiative. Dialogue housing is an important way of improving the quantity and quality of interaction between groups on campus and a means of providing a safe place to all students at Colby. We would push this issue with the trustees and establish a Dialogue Coordinating Committee to help ensure a continuous number of high quality events organized by Dialogue Houses within the Colby community.

With housing, we would stress transparency, something that extends beyond school governance to the housing process. We want to ensure that all students, regardless of the teams or clubs they are members of, are given a fair housing opportunity.

Finally, we believe a vibrant social life is critical in contributing to a sense of pride in our school and our traditions. One of our biggest concerns is what we view as a change in the alcohol policy on campus. In the past, Colby's alcohol policy was mature, accepting that students would drink and taking measures to ensure a safe drinking environment. We do want to make it clear that we do not view drinking as the core of the social scene at Colby. As discussed in our platform, a variety of

social options are paramount to the alcohol-based social life on campus. We simply want to stress that dealing with that issue is a priority for us.

We also want to work towards a politically vibrant campus. We think the efforts made this year to improve dialogue on campus were noble and want to continue those. We believe the Pugh Center and Goldfarb Center should be supported in combating apathy regarding political, social and racial issues.

Fostering a culture of tradition is one of our biggest priorities: both those with and without alcohol. While working to increase diversity of events on campus (by integrating club and SPB events; see platform), we strongly believe past traditions must be maintained for this year's class and future ones.

Finally, the real issue at heart is how to encourage a vibrant social scene at Colby while maintaining a safe environment. We see party hosting as a key obstacle in the social debate. We would work with SPB, the administration and Colby's legal



advisors to explore the role of alcohol on this campus and engage this problem head-on. Party hosts must be given serious incentives for hosting events and be given support by the school for creating a safe and fun environment on Mayflower Hill.

We are eager to confront the issues we discussed above and think we can offer our enthusiasm, hard work, dedication and a willingness to listen, learn and reform. We aren't afraid to make bold changes if needed. We also are willing to take chances in the hopes that new ideas can make this school a better place. We hope you support our thoughts, but mostly we want you to engage our ideas, challenge our beliefs and help us develop policies that will improve our community.

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be at Foss in the fall, due to the Roberts Dining Hall renovations.

* We plan to work out a late-night dining program where meal credits would work in the Spa after 8 p.m. on certain nights of the week. We have met with Varun Avasthi, director of Dining Services, and he found our idea favorable.

* We are committed to continuing the wine and beer served in the dining halls on Friday nights.

* We plan to pilot a student-run "booksale" and rescue at the end of each semester in order to keep students' textbook costs low. We have already discussed the feasibility of this idea with Bruce Barnard from the bookstore.

* We also discussed with Bruce the possibility of putting printers in residence halls, and are planning to look into the initial and on-going costs of such an endeavor.

* We would organize a low-cost shuttle service between Colby and Logan Airport via Portland Jetport

before vacations.

* We have begun dialogue with administration about the possibility of adding televisions to the weight room.

* We would compile and publish a Presidents' Council Progress Report, which would be available online and e-mailed monthly to the campus. This would detail completed projects, current motions and projects, and the future plans of SGA, so that the student body is kept current on what is going on with their student government.

We are committed to representing the voice of the student body and are dedicated to improving student life on campus. If you have any question or comments about our platform, please feel free to e-mail us at gsadams@colby.edu or ckubilis@colby.edu. We would love your input. Please consider Adams/Kubilis when you vote on Sunday or Monday!

& Vice President 2005-2006

MATT SABIN ZACH RUSSEN

Smoothie machines in every dining hall, Jacuzzis in each bathroom and school administrators as personal attendants for the students. Although such Zack Morrisian ideas are fun to play with, there is not an oil field under Johnson Pond, and Bro does a lousy Belding impression. To become a more vibrant community, we need more than hollow high school promises and cheeky references to pop culture, though the latter may make things slightly more entertaining.

We readily recognize there is a great diversity of opinions and lifestyles on campus, and in acknowledgement of such, we want to give voice to each in dealing with the administration, faculty and local community. From personal security to the social scene, it is vital for administrators and trustees to know how students feel. Beyond giving a strong voice to each student, we also have ideas on a host of issues.

First and foremost, we want to

maximize students' safety on campus. Although the school has made important improvements in the past year and has shown a keen willingness to work on the matter, it is vital for the Student Government Association to communicate how students feel on the matter. We will press for further lighting improvements and the addition of more emergency call boxes across campus, particularly in each of the three main parking lots and on the paths leading to the Alford Athletic Center. We also want to give students access to each dorm at all hours of the day, allowing students to get to a safe area should some incident occur. In creating a safe and secure campus, we will work with various student groups, including the Pugh Community Board



and the Bridge, to achieve this end.

Second, although the Student Programming Board is responsible for the planning of campus social events, SGA can help reinvigorate the life on Mayflower Hill. More than stocking up on party hats and piñatas, though we may leave that as Plan B, we want to stimulate innovative ideas

for how to provide a wide, or diverse, selection of activities throughout the year. Working with the SGA Treasurer, we would explore the possibility of altering the manner in which SGA funds are allocated. Rather than constructing a single budget for the entire academic year, we would set separate budgets for each semester, giving both the Treasurer and Presidents' Council greater oversight of how groups use their funds, shifting the process such that the groups with the best ideas will get the most funding.

In general, we want to work with SPB to ensure there is a lively range of possibilities for all students during the week and on the weekend. For all activities, both alcohol related and not, we will be firm in dealing with

the administration, fiercely fighting any attempt to encroach upon the social scene on and off campus. We will rely both on contact with individual students and Presidents' Council to discern the desires of students, and we will push for a constitutional bylaw, mandating the Executive Board to carry out all motions passed by Presidents' Council to the fullest of their abilities.

As part of this aggressive approach, we want to reform several existing processes, which we see as either inadequate or inefficient. Room draw selection, always the source of anxiety and worry for most on campus, direly needs an overhaul. The rather arbitrary quota chosen by the Dean of Housing is far too limiting, forcing upperclassmen to settle for less desirable housing. We, however, do not want to dismiss the benefits of having members of the various classes live close to

one another. Under our plan, we will institute a cap of 50 percent on each hall, meaning that no class could make up more than half of the population in any given dorm. Other changes we want to pursue are reworking the waiting system in the Foss dining hall, making it more efficient and instituting a standardized waiting list system for overcrowded classes, ensuring that those who need to take the course the most, get priority.

In all our reforms, we will seek constant input from the student body. We believe our experience, both in SGA and other groups on campus, will enable us to carry out our various proposals. Bro may never take a day to serve as a bathroom attendant in Dana, but we can still make Colby a more vibrant and enjoyable campus for all.

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DONNIE O'CALLAGHAN ROMEO RAUGE

It's hard to argue with the fact that our lives here at Colby are pretty good. Albeit the occasional move by the administration that leaves us thinking, "Why on Earth did they do that," there are good people, great professors and a glorious winter that enables us to appreciate the difference between 5 and -5 degrees. Here, excellence is demanded from us and we think it's only right that we, in turn, demand excellence from Colby. In order to implement changes we have developed a platform centered around four ideas that we think would improve Colby: increased room capacity, increased communication with trustees; a revitalized Jitney with a safe rides program, and a sexual assault initiative that would have Colby taking a proactive role in creating a safer community.

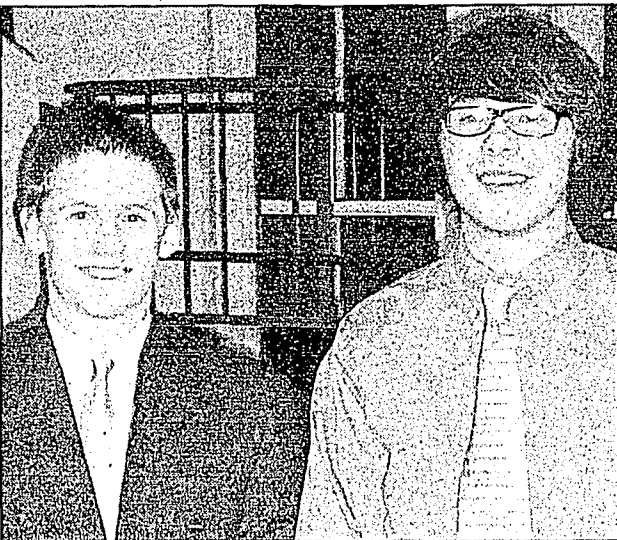
This past year has seen the emergence of a two-tiered system for deciding room capacity limits. Great

work was done to raise the number of people that constitute a party in suites. This increase, while an important first step, does not go far enough. If it's safe to have a certain amount of people in a room, room capacity levels should reflect that. If you live in a quad and want to celebrate a birthday, and you can safely fit 30 people into the room, why is that a problem? College policies should make sense. This policy, as is, does not.

Right now there is little student access to the people who have the most influence on the policies that govern us. The trustees seem like men (and women); behind the curtain. They make changes that influence our lives and we have little say in what happens. The trustees should view students as a resource, and as people with whom they can work to make this college better. We think a session between students and trustees, with no administrators present, would be a

great beginning. We'll ask them questions and, more importantly, let them ask us questions. Let's start talking.

The Jitney system, while a potentially great resource for Colby students, seems disorganized and inefficient. Although Waterville might not be the most exciting place in the world, it does have its gems. From Pad Thai to Railroad Square, there are places that are fun to go and offer a break from campus. For students without cars, getting off campus, even for something as simple as going to the drug store can be a hassle. A revitalized Jitney program that students felt comfortable using would... be... a... welcome... change. Furthermore, with the large number of off-campus events, and the reluctance of the Jitney to provide adequate transportation, a safe rides program makes sense. The program would safely allow students to travel to and from campus at any time.



While we realize that this is a large undertaking, the mere difficulty of the endeavor should not be a hindrance to its beginning.

Finally, while talking to various club leaders about potential campus improvements one of the discussions we had with members from Students

Against Sexual Assault (SASA) led to an exciting idea for taking proactive, student initiated, steps towards making Colby a safer place. At the heart of this initiative is a desire to make matriculation at Colby dependent upon signing a statement pledging not to engage in acts of violence and to help create a safer campus. It's our hope that the pledge will create a clear expectation of safety and that if violated would lead to an increased willingness amongst students to report. The eventual placement of peepholes on the door of every room and the creation of violence related

wellness seminars are part of our plan to make Colby safer as well. The formation of a group, modeled after Project Ally, would seek to train student leaders about Colby policies regarding violence, in hopes of enabling students access to informed resources, who will not be mandated to report. Moreover, this pledge would put Colby at the forefront of policy initiatives designed to foster a community of safety and respect.

Our platform is clearly an ambitious one. However we believe in the importance of ambitious goals, for they are the most powerful initiators of change. If elected, we will unabashedly represent the interests of the student body. Understanding the important role constructive dialogue plays in achieving our desired ends, we pledge to work hard and do all that we can to make Colby a better place.

TODD ROCKWOOD MONTY HANKIN

First of all, we would like to say that we miss Colby: the PadThai, broomball, hanging out in the street, and catching up on the O.C. through the constant student gossip. But summer in New Zealand is not that bad. For those of you who do not know us already, we are Todd Rockwood and Monty Hankin and we hope to represent Colby as SGA President and Vice President. Due to the word limit imposed on this article, we will cut to the chase and tell you about the issues that we are most passionate about.

All of us at Colby, at some point in our college career, have to think about life after college. Whether you plan on working or continue studying, Colby prepares us well for either one. In fact, in every graduating class, "approximately two-thirds of Colby students will go on to earn a graduate degree." This also means that two thirds of the student body will have to prepare itself for graduate school entrance tests such as the GMAT, LSAT, GRE or MCAT. Colby does give us the opportunity to take review classes through the Princeton Review program; however, these review classes do not give Colby credits and can be very costly. Although this program does well to prepare students for the exams, it also favors those students that have the time and money to take a review course. We think that Colby should subsidize students fees for outside programs, in addition to providing their own. Furthermore, Colby's

review classes could count for one or two credits, to encourage student participation. This would give upperclassmen the ability to prepare for achievement tests in a more con-



venient manner. If we are elected, we will not only work to improve the current system of preparing students for graduate entrance exams, but we will also work to help relieve the concern and anxiety many students have about life after Mayflower Hill.

Colby is considered a very safe school. We have an excellent security staff, a well-lit campus, and secure housing. However, whether you realize it or not, sexual assault is a problem at Colby that merits attention and improvement. According to Ashley Hunt '07, head of Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA), last semester alone a couple of students were given date rape drugs at Colby. This is a disturbing fact that is real to student life at Colby. In attempt to battle against sexual assault, we would like to implement a system to keep track of the number of sexual assaults reported at Colby. This system would be completely anonymous. It would open communication between the Deans Office, Counseling Services

and SASA to keep a unified record of reports. Students hear about sexual assault at Colby through word of mouth but rarely from an official source. We feel this system would better inform the student body about sexual assault, ultimately making Colby a safer campus.

Lastly, we are strong proponents of sports here at Colby. Whether varsity, intramural, club, mens', womens' or coed, sports are in integral part of the Colby community. In our experiences we have realized that Colby has many gifted athletes that, for one reason or another, have not participated in varsity sports. The biggest thrill of playing varsity soccer, for both of us, is playing against other schools. We want to give all Colby students the opportunity to play against rival schools. I-Play sports have been extremely successful part of Colby athletics. We have greatly enjoyed our experiences

with I-Play. However, we would like to expand the I-Play system by creating an I-Play tournament amongst CBB schools, Thomas, Unity, Maine Maritime Academy, and possibly other schools in our area. We think all of the current I-Play sports are candidates for this vision. This type of competition creates school pride and fosters relationships outside of the Colby bubble. This means that many more students can wear blue and gray with pride, as they compete for Colby with new teammates and friends.

If elected, we will remain true to what you've just read. We will tackle these issues in a comprehensive manner. We hope you agree with the wisdom of this approach and will support our candidacy on March 13-14.

If you want to learn more about our platform, including issues not mentioned in this article, please visit our web-page: www.colby.edu/personal/mr/hankin

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EDITORIAL

Choosing a strong voice for Colby

Up until now, controversy has defined this election. The mismanagement of this contest by both the Presidents' Council and the Election Commission it created by a unanimous vote months ago, has taken attention away from what is at the heart of the matter: improving Colby in the coming year.

Enter the candidates. This year's crop, significantly larger than last year, has presented a rich array of novel and feasible ideas to make Colby a better school. If nothing else, any candidate winning the election should look back at this issue as a resource filled with platforms with which to create an agenda.

That being said, the editorial board sought a ticket that could do more than present novel ideas. A president must display an ability to advertise and speak in public effectively and they must demonstrate the activities where they have participated as leaders to strengthen the community. Delivering the message is as important as crafting it. This is why we feel that Donnie O'Callaghan and Romeo Rauegi are the best choice for 2005-2006 SGA President and Vice-President.

During their time at Colby, both O'Callaghan and Rauegi have established themselves as approachable and active members of the community. During a presidential debate not remarkable for creative responses, O'Callaghan distinguished himself by speaking with clarity and conviction, while the rest of the field seemed hesitant or unsure.

O'Callaghan and Rauegi have the most practical backgrounds for the job. Serving on Presidents' Council, both are well-acquainted with the mechanics of student government. This experience not only positions them as more able leaders within the SGA, but suggests they are attuned to pertinent issues. We also recognize that the broad range of activities in which they have been involved gives them experience with broad swaths of Colby.

Their platform, which is built on four major proposals, made evident the care with which they have developed their ideas. After a year of watching the PC straddle and table issues at each meeting, it is refreshing to see candidates who wish to focus the power of the council.

Both the room capacity issue and the board of trustees' detachment from student life were discussed this year; O'Callaghan/Rauegi pledge to continue to seek solutions to these issues. Furthermore, an overhaul of the Jitney service is indeed necessary. The final plank of this platform, which stresses the need to further address sexual assault on campus is an admirable and necessary step, however we hope a more creative solution to the problem will be found than signing documents.

O'Callaghan and Rauegi distinguished themselves as the best candidates not only because they had the best vision for Colby's future, but because they seemed most able to realize it. Many of the other candidates offered enthusiasm and insight and their platforms provide ideas that should find a place in next year's SGA agenda, no matter who is elected.

Gabe Adams' platform is a good starting point. It includes many worthwhile and workable undertakings that were well researched, a component often lacking in election platforms. Creating a late-night dining program and a student-run book sale are realistic ideas that would greatly improve students' quality of life. Several candidates spoke of working to improve the room draw process and organizing more opportunities for students to meet with administrators. Jon Bastian's idea to rethink the party host system deserves serious consideration. Todd Lohsen's suggestion on wireless internet connections in dorms are a natural step in Colby's technological upgrades and Matt Sabin's designs on fundamental reform of the president's job deserves attention in constitutional reforms later this spring.

So vote.

Presidents' Council oversight taints election

By KATLYN SHAGORY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As a former member of the elections commission I would like to give my perspective on the recent events. The reasons for the disbandment of the elections commission were misguided and the procedure used to remove it was unethical.

The elections commission is an independent body given a mandate by president's council to run the election. It comprises individuals chosen by president's council who are deemed to be impartial. During the course of the election process, we were presented with the difficult situation of determining whether or not the election guidelines were broken. The two sets of candidates we disqualified were found to be campaigning before the official campaign period had begun. I will not rehash the debate over the disqualifications at this time, but it is important to know that President's council disagreed with the election commission's disqualification. When the elections commission refused to reverse its decision, sga exec took matters into their own hands and

threw out all the rules. President's council took the extreme step of disbanding the elections commission. They do not have the right to simply disband a commission, which they implemented, because they disagree with the decisions of that commission. President's council wanted these candidates back on the ballot at any cost.

President's Council showed extremely poor judgment in disbanding a commission that they approved (with no objections) for enforcing election guidelines they also approved (with overwhelming support). What does this show us about president's council? It illustrates that they do not seriously consider the ramifications of their actions.

By disbanding the elections commission, president's council grossly overstepped its role by imposing its will on an autonomous body. There are clear reasons for an independent elections commission. Only a truly autonomous body can fairly interpret the rules. Members of president's council are not impartial. Many members are currently running for SGA or are close friends with those that are running. It is unethical that president's council was able to disband an inde-

pendent commission because they disagreed with a decision that the elections commission had the power (granted to the elections commission by president's council) to make. Their intervention in the election was a clear conflict of interest.

President's council's intention to enforce its will on the election was made clear when the elections commission was disbanded and a new one was formed. The parliamentarian drafted a letter that the new elections commission members signed before being confirmed stating that they would agree to overturn the disqualifications. Some of the new elections commission members have stated that they did not know the content of the letter they were signing or understand why the original commission was disbanded in the first place. The clear intent of the letter was to send a signal that the new elections commission would be accommodating to president's council's demands. The new elections commission is no longer an autonomous body.

Regardless of whether one agrees with the initial disqualifications, the fact remains that president's council pursued extremely unethical means to

achieve the ends of getting certain candidates back on the ballot. It is disheartening to me that everyone involved chose to go down the path they did. Pettiness seemed to overtake rational thinking. Personal issues became more important than running a fair election for the candidates.

Looking back to when I was selected for this position, I was extremely excited to get an email from Adel Cai in December asking me to be part of the elections commission. Through my years at Colby, I have served as member of SGA and SPB and am very familiar with the structure of these organizations. Last year as a candidate, I felt the elections commission had not treated all campaigning infractions fairly. I knew that my first priority, as a member of election commission would be to run a fair election. I feel, through the course of this process, I maintained a fair and unbiased perspective. I never personally knew the candidates or much about what they did on campus. The disqualification of these candidates came down to the simple fact that they broke the rules.

LETTERS

Cotter Union and the trees: it's not either/or

In response to the letter from Travis Kendall '07 (2/24/05), it's important to remember that the petition to spare the beech trees at Cotter Union, circulated for ten days last December, was signed by 478 students, 126 faculty and 61 staff. It's no surprise this movement is faculty-led. Faculty, like trees, know the long-term history of Colby. We know, in fact, that in 2002 there was opposition to "the clearing of hundreds of trees" which Travis assumes went down without a fight. Initially, a concern about students crossing a busy street to get to the new buildings resulted in a proposal to move the main road and build a new public road through the woods. After protests by faculty, staff, and students, that plan was scrapped.

Cotter Union does not currently satisfy students' needs for social space. Of course it should be expanded. The question is, what parameters do we set for the architect? His job is to work out a way to give us what we, as a collective, want. It's not an either/or proposition, though some may say it is.

Long after you all graduate, the con-

flict between development and preservation will continue here, as it does everywhere else. When you return as alumni, looking for your favorite old tree, chances are its continuing life will be tied up in some way with the effort and attention that your favorite old professors have given to this hilltop place.

Linda Tattelbaum
Professor of English

Responding to the Waterville police

I've just read an article from the Morning Sentinel (3/8/05) titled "5 Colby Students Face Alcohol Charges." What I find to be particularly outrageous in this article are the comments of Deputy Chief Joseph P. Massey. Such quotes as "The police have been forced into a position where we must increase enforcement efforts in the Colby area before somebody gets hurt" are misleading and prejudice, for many reasons, against the college.

If Massey cares so deeply for the underage students of the college why

doesn't he look into preemptive measures that might actually benefit these students, as opposed to revenue generating citations, which obviously hold their own merit. Massey could perhaps donate some of his time to lecturing students on the dangers of drinking before the age of 21. He could tell stories of how he was offered alcohol before he was 21 and righteously said no. And how much better that first drink at the age of 21 tasted, knowing that he had resisted temptation and obeyed the law.

If he is so worried about the safety of these students why is he proposing increased enforcement that includes charging sober drivers? I'm sure that this measure will increase the level as safety throughout all of Waterville, as inebriated students turn to other alternatives, when all of the sober people on campus are unwilling to transport them. (Are cab drivers going to start requesting I.D.s?)

I understand that the school has to openly "appreciate" all that the local law enforcement is doing to protect them. I'm sure they love being in the headlines every couple of weeks for

alcohol related issues. The number of applications to the school is probably reaching record highs as the number of Colby headlines in the papers does the same. Parents standing in their driveways waving to their children as they leave for college feel safe sending their children to institutions where they know that the police will be paying extra attention to them, and their out-of-state license plates.

In a society that loves "reality" why don't we have some? What they really need to do is have some closed-door meetings. Negotiations. The Colby Administration and the Waterville Police need to figure out a manageable number of students that get cited/arrested each academic year so that both the college administration and the police are happy. The college appears safe but fun to prospective students, and the town appears to have a certain amount of control over the college, which makes the police and townspeople happy.

Ryan Lochhead '04

News

College to host fifth annual diversity conference through weekend

By CHRISTIAN RESSEGUIE
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association is set to host the fifth annual diversity conference from Thursday, March 10 to Saturday, March 12. Entitled "The Pecking Order: A Conference on Class," this year's event will focus on issues of social class, class identity and the role of socio-economics in discussions of diversity.

Events get underway Thursday at 5:30 p.m. when the Colby Volunteer Center and the Newman Council will host the Oxfam Hunger Banquet. This event will be followed by the conference's keynote address, which will begin at 7 p.m. in Page Commons Room. Alex Kotlowitz, the acclaimed author of "There Are No Children Here" and a former staff writer for the Wall Street Journal, will deliver the

speech, setting the tone for the days to follow.

On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, staff and students will host various workshops designed to promote constructive dialogue focused on diversity issues. These workshops will include many group activities designed to highlight the divisive effects of class difference. One workshop will be centered on the problematic class-based assumptions inherent to the COOT program. For the politically minded, Peyton McElyea '05 and Patrick Semmens '05 will lead a workshop to

"...to capture a few people's feelings will hopefully help to promote dialogue on the issue [of diversity]."

Michael Wolk '07
Documentary Filmmaker

discuss the pyramid system of social security. Students and staff interested in attending these various workshops should sign up in the Pugh Center on the morning of Friday, March 11.

The newest and most ambitious addition to this year's diversity conference comes in the form of a student-filmed documentary. A month ago, SGA contacted two students, Michael Wolk '07 and Ryan Maher '08, and

contracted them to film a documentary focused on diversity at Colby. According to Wolk, he and Maher

decided to center their documentary upon the perceptions of socio-economic class held by students and staff. "I didn't want to talk about race,"

Wolk said. "[I believe] race is a very important issue...but I felt that there were other issues that we could perhaps cover, [like those regarding] social class." To this end, Wolk and Maher interviewed many students and staff, elicited their views on Colby's class diversity and committed their comments to celluloid.

Their documentary will hinge upon the lives and reflections of three specific, currently unnamed, students. The filmmakers followed these students for three weeks, filming their meals, sports practices, club meetings and all other events pertinent to their daily lives. "Our goal was to mix [the lives and interviews] of these central people with the feelings of the other students interviewed," Wolk said.

Mendez/Balboni ticket to the race.

"I don't think you have to look at this from too many angles to notice up the favoritism," Johnson said in a later interview and noted Mendez was one of the first appointments made by the current presidential administration last spring.

Responding to assertions similar to Johnson's and as a member of the presidential administration, Cai said, "There really isn't a hidden agenda. Presidents' Council really had the right to act this way." Though, she added, "I agree it looks bad."

"You can never capture reality, but to capture a few people's feelings will hopefully help to promote dialogue on the issue [of diversity]."

The documentary will be approximately ten minutes long and will be shown on Friday morning during registration at the Pugh Center. It will be shown again on Friday afternoon to be accompanied by a meal and discus-

DRINKING: Massey questions Dana Fridays

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take underage drinking seriously and we think there is a rise in possession and going to the hospital. We made a very strong effort to get together with [Colby] Security and deans and it just doesn't seem to be working." Massey added that the police are concerned such behaviors will end in serious injury or death. "I know there are rumors that security is 'toughening up and forcing us to drink off campus'. And there are all these excuses and no one is saying 'what we need to do is stop drinking.' There's no way we can make concessions like Colby, to play the game, to look the other way."

Massey reiterated the position he took in the Sentinel article against the new initiative to offer students over 21 beer or wine at select dinners. He said he did not believe that the administration should condone drinking and wondered whether college seniors could really appreciate the beverages enhancing their meals. "What sort of wine do you drink with hamburgers and fries?" he asked.

The fifth annual diversity conference will be the second conference held by Colby College alone. From 2001 to 2003, the annual conference was held as a Colby-Bates-Bowdoin event, although Colby has hosted all but one of the conferences. Organizers encourage anyone interested in any part of the proceedings to attend.

Director of Communications Stephen Collins said that he agreed with the police that "whether there has been a rise or not, having two students transported to the ER for intoxication is too many," and that the College is deeply committed to working with the police department and seeing that students' behavior is safe and in compliance with laws. "Colby works very hard to both educate students about alcohol abuse and violations. The binge drinking and drinking among underage students is a national problem and I'm not sure there has been any solution to the problem, and I think the important thing is that Colby is doing everything in its power to make progress," Collins said.

He pointed to initiatives like the party host program and the new social drinking initiative, which, though not without detractors, has enjoyed mostly positive feedback. Collins pointed out that the college and the police shared a common goal. "The last thing that anybody wants is a tragedy and ultimately that is what all this energy is around," he said.

ELECTION COMMISSION: Former commission member disagrees with Presidents' Council

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candidates are still able to run with this clause barred.

Running for three hours, the Presidents' Council meeting was characterized by heavy rhetoric. At the beginning of the meeting, Suprenant set this tone making a speech outlining his disappointment that the Election Committee failed to make a fair judgment on the disqualification issues, singling out Johnson for his unprofessional behavior.

Suprenant also raised a letter affirming the commitment to requalify all the disqualified candidates at a point in his speech that he claimed all the potentially new members of election committee had signed. The self-described dramatic gesture turned out dubious, as few of the members signing the letter had actually read it before signing it shortly before the meeting began.

Cai blames herself for the letter being signed. She says she gave the letter to members shortly before the meeting began, allowing little time for them

to read it. She describes it as a "big misunderstanding," though one which was cleared up only after members of the Presidents' Council went to vote.

Johnson has responded to Suprenant's words, and the motion which stripped of his position on the commission in an interview outside of the Presidents' Council meeting, describing the new commission as consisting of people "willing to play ball," or that would agree with what he found to be the prevailing view among the Executive Committee that he felt favored returning at least the

SGA Treasurer

candidates for 2005-2006

Emilia Tjernstrom '06

My name is Emilia Tjernstrom, I'm currently a junior Economics major, and I think I'll make a grand treasurer for several reasons.

I have a year's worth of SGA experience as class representative, I have been very involved in a number of clubs on campus, and I am presently the president of the International club, one of the biggest Pugh center clubs. My extensive experience organizing events, bringing speakers to campus, dealing with the financial, practical (bureaucratic?) aspects of arranging activities makes me very aware of what a good treasurer should do. I know the ins and outs; I know where to go and who to ask to get things done.

Clubs and campus organizations really make or break this school, and I will do my best to allocate money based both on clubs' past activities as well as their future plans. I will work together with all our dedicated club

leaders to provide an assorted choice of events for the whole student body. I will provide extra support for new club leaders, help them figure out all the administrative procedures—how to bring the events they want on campus, how to best plan for events ahead of time and so on.

I also think that availability is key for the treasurer, both in terms of being easily approachable, and in terms of having extensive office hours. I don't think I am particularly scary, and I really enjoy helping others organize their events, so I think I would be easy to approach. I am also very well organized when it comes to other people's lives and activities—more so than my own life, but you shouldn't hold that against me, I'll keep your things in good order.

In short, I'll make sure the green gets distributed well... that is, after all, what I think economics should be all about.



Steen Sehnert '06

So I'm Steen and I want to be the treasurer next year. After thinking about it for a couple months, I'm pretty sure you want the same thing. Now that we have a common interest, I will tell you a little about myself. I'm a junior, and I returned in January from studying in Copenhagen, Denmark this fall. I'm majoring in philosophy and psychology, and I have tried out a bunch of stuff since I've been at Colby that will help me to do a good job as treasurer. Freshman year I was on SPB and the WMHB executive board, and Sophomore year I was a Hall President on SGA, a COOT leader, and the Program Director for WMHB. I sat on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, the Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid, and I am also a justice on the Judiciary Board and have been since last fall. I think these experiences represent the source of my best asset for the position of treasurer, as I have gotten a good feel for how funding works, who needs what, and why. More importantly, I have developed a sense of the variety of interests students have, and I know I can cater to the student body with fair allocation of the school's money. Every student at this school is equally entitled to access to Colby's great resources regardless of the eclecticism of their interests. Our funds should go to those who need it most and have the best use for it, and it would be a pleasure to help students fulfill their goals in supplying them with the money they need.

I'm not proposing any radical

reform because I don't think too much change is needed regarding this position or its responsibilities. However, increasing funding to clubs old and new could give many students a valuable and necessary social outlet at Colby. I recognize that many Colby students are dissatisfied with their social options, and I think one of the best opportunities the treasurer has is to give these kids another way to get involved in a different aspect of Colby's social scene. Clubs are a great way for students to become focused and involved in something they care about, and without enough money, some clubs can't function as they would like to.

While on SGA, I came to understand effective mechanisms for change, and I plan on utilizing these if I think something needs improvement. I would primarily like to make life a little easier for club leaders—the students who most directly interact with me, in a few ways. Currently they don't have direct access to their account status, and they have to go through the treasurer to see where they're at financially. I would like to change this, enabling them to monitor their own status, so they can make well-informed decisions regarding their club's spending. I would also like to secure the purchases made by those with the authority to do so, by setting up a system where they can use their Colby Cards to enable them to buy things with money from their club accounts. This way, all of their spent money will be electronically account-

ed for, and leaders, as well as the rest of the student body, will not have to worry about their funds being used by someone else who possesses the club account number. We don't need some chump spending club money to buy personal items or somehow obtaining account numbers and running up a tab at the spa or bookstore or whatever, and this is one step towards preventing that. Certain people will be authorized to buy materials on their Colby Cards from the bookstore, the post office, the Spa, etc., for club purposes, which will be recorded directly to their account status electronically, and these records will be far more straightforward, accurate and accessible than they currently are.

Since a lot of work has been done since I have been here to make SPB and SGA two separate bodies, I have no interest in trying and unite them or all of a sudden promise to make them work together. However, I do think it is possible for the treasurer to work with them to solve our current party host problem. Right now, there is absolutely no incentive to be a party host, and if anything happens to a student at a party or afterwards, all of the blame falls on the host. I would like to work to either pay these people for the risk they take, giving them an incen-



tive to responsibly serve alcohol to students of age, or financially help SPB bring in someone from the outside who is qualified to do the job and deal with these risks. It will not take long to deplete our source of party hosts who are willing to take tremendous liability for everyone at the party while not getting reimbursed, especially when more people start getting hurt.

In the anticipation of being SGA treasurer, I look forward to giving all students an equal opportunity to take advantage of the social opportunities Colby can provide. While I will be cautious in giving money to any ass-clown who wants a buck, students who are motivated by a common passion to come together in organizations should not be limited in their pursuit of a social life because of unequal allocation of funds. Word.

Get on board, and Giddy up.
Love, Steen.

Justin DePre '06

Hi everyone, I hope things are going well this semester. I wish I could be on campus to speak with you all in person, but I am currently studying economics in Denmark and have a few midterms to take this week. First off, I would like to urge everyone to vote this weekend. Regardless of whom you vote for, it is you that vindicates the process. Colby SGA would not be possible without the support of the student body.

Over the past three years, I have had the privilege of serving on various student organizations, from being the Junior Class Rep on presidents council, an executive on SPB, a member of the Financial Priorities Committee that evaluates the school budget and a COOT leader. These positions have allowed me to gain insight into the inner workings of the college and have provided me with the experience necessary to best serve you, the students. I strongly believe that I am the most qualified candidate to take a progressive course of action as SGA Treasurer this coming year.

As a member of both SGA and SPB, I experienced the strengths and shortcomings of the financial system currently in place. The following are some initiatives that I would like to implement next year to better serve campus organizations and all students in general:

* An online financial system that would allow campus organizations to get up to date budgeting information.

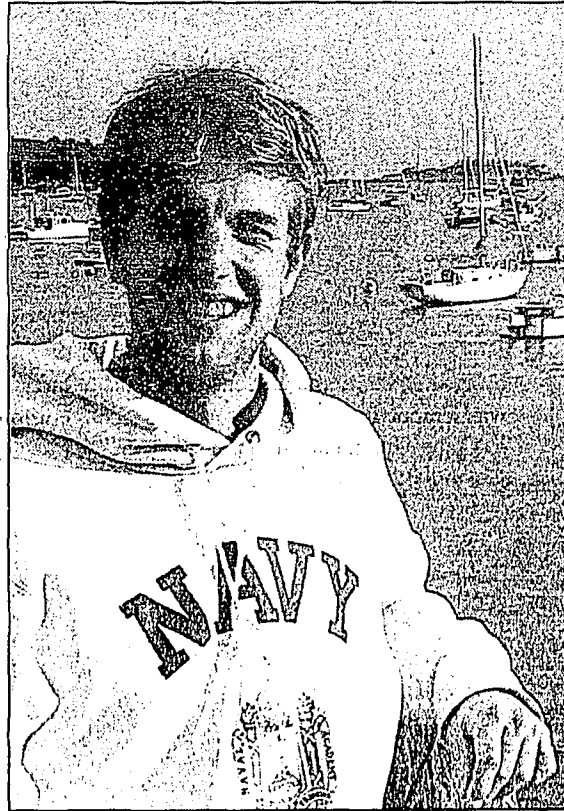
This system will remove numerous uncertainties for organizations, and ultimately lead to a more efficient use of financial resources.

* Transparent accounting practices, where budgeting information for organizations is more readily available to the general student body. I hope to greatly reduce the amount of controversy that has escalated in recent years, due to the gray area of fund allocation between SGA and student organizations. This initiative is a component of the online budgeting system that will make for transparent and straightforward financial practices. The funds allocated to SGA come from tuition payments, and I firmly believe that each student has the right to know exactly how these funds are being used. Online budgeting, coupled with the increased availability and ease of viewing financial records will give every club and student the information they have the right to know.

* Improved communication between the SGA treasurer, club leaders and students. In order to ensure that people are getting the most out of their resources I would like to set regular meetings to ensure that I am serving people to the fullest capacity. This is not meant to restrict the freedom of any individual, but rather to use knowledge from all ends to create efficiency. We should always be thinking of new ways to get the most out of our budgets, and I think this can

be accomplished largely by making myself available as readily as possible. I will even distribute my cell phone number next year to improve communication and to make things happen as fast as possible. If you have anything on your mind and feel like paying for an international call, feel free to drop me a line at 045-2653-7899, no collect calls please.

* A better system of purchases and reimbursements. The current use of purchase orders and personal reimbursement for campus activities is dated and inefficient. Not enough businesses will accept purchase orders in the Waterville area, and the ones that do look at you like you are trying to pay with pesos. This results in students having to pay out of their own pocket and submit forms for reimbursement, which can be a lengthy procedure. Students should not be expected to use their own money, because it creates an inequality; not everyone has money to spend on three dozen pitatas at Wal-Mart. I will work to overhaul this system by implementing a more efficient system of budget debiting, possibly by using



debit cards with detailed purchasing limits. This will also allow for more online purchasing. A simple alternative to purchase orders and reimbursements must be employed to better serve students in years to come.

I have outlined what I see as the most important and urgent areas in which changes need to be made. I have the knowledge and experience form a variety of aspects that will allow myself to improve SGA and better serve the entire student body. Vote DePre for SGA Treasurer and we will make things happen. Thank you and don't forget to make your opinion heard on Election Day.

Candidates for Residence Hall Presidents

AMS:
Jason Foster '06

Averill:
Gene Kafka '06, Daniel Herrick '08

Coburn:
Ta-Chung Ong '07

Dana:
Michael Klaus '07

Drummond:
Marina Kotchoubey '08

East Quad:
Dan Melega '07

Foss:
No Candidates

Goddard-Hodgkins:
No Candidates

Grossman:
Nicole Turgiss '08

The Heights:
No Candidates

Johnson:
Mark Biggar '07, Hannah Coleman '08

Leonard:
Zachary Haas '07

Marriner:
Christina Feng '08

Mary Low:
Felicia Teach '07, Hillary Smith '08

Perkins-Wilson:
Jeffrey Mullins '08

Pierce:
No Candidates

Piper:
Leanne Powers '08

Sturtevant:
Ivan Balbuzanov '08, Danny Epstein '08

Taylor:
No Candidates

Treworgy:
No Candidates

West Quad:
Samantha Rose '08, Liza Benson '07

Williams:
No Candidates

Woodman:
Marcy Schrader-Lauinger '08

Alan Ozarowski '07

Alan Ozarowski for SGA Treasurer!

Hello everyone, my name is Alan Ozarowski, and I am a member of the Class of 2007 running for SGA Treasurer.

One of the biggest things I have noticed in my two years here at Colby is the animosity between SGA and SPB. This relationship must be repaired. If each Colby student is going to have the best possible quality of life during their time here at Colby, then the two biggest programming organizations on campus must work in harmony. For if they work against one another, the episode of last fall will repeat itself every year. Moreover, if the two organizations are constantly bickering about where they get their money and how much funding each association received, then the quality of the programs put on by each will suffer. The suffering is then passed on to you the students of Colby. We must not let this happen!



Vote for Alan Ozarowski, and I will work with SGA, not against it, to help you live your precious little time here to the fullest extent possible.

My second main issue regards week-

ends here at Colby. As many know the party host system here has suffered ever since the ability to compensate party hosts was taken away. As your SGA Treasurer, I will search for new, innovative ways to compensate party hosts so that there will be a great incentive for 21 year olds to sign up for the program. Here's what you need to know: More party hosts = more parties, ON CAMPUS.

My third issue is in regards to on campus programming. While SPB has done a TREMENDOUS job this year providing wonderful events such as the Sketchy Heights Dance, the Luau and the Mardi Gras dance, as well as bring Ben Folds and a

number of other wonderful bands, students still flee the college on weekend nights. Why would you want to leave this place? Colby is the greatest place in the world! I will do what it takes to make sure that you all have a reason to stay on campus every weekend night.

Finally, I recognize that the money for these wonderful events comes from you and your families' pockets. Therefore, this money must be spent wisely. I promise to support programming that is geared toward all Colby students, not just one segment of the campus.

If you have any questions, please consult my campaign website at <http://alanozfortreasurer.blogspot.com> or email me at apozarow@colby.edu or alanozfortreasurer@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your time and VOTE FOR ALAN OZAROWSKI FOR SGA TREASURER.

SGA Class Representatives 2005-2006

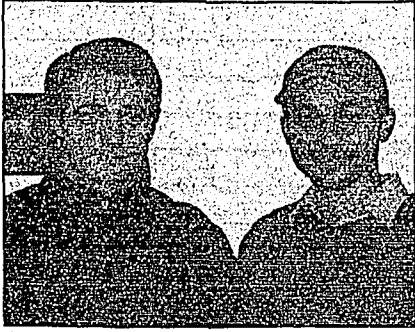
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Class of 2006

Gregory Ortiz & Hugo Caraballo

To the class of 2006, we, Gregory Ortiz and Hugo Caraballo, would appreciate your vote come March 13. You may be wondering, "Who the heck are Gregory Ortiz and Hugo Caraballo?" Well, your query is justifiable. We are very untraditional juniors, Gregory transferred in this fall from Chicago and Hugo missed a year due to medical problems. Let us introduce ourselves, Gregory is a government major from Chicago and Hugo is a Spanish literature and Latin American Studies double-major from the Dominican Republic. You might have concerns if you don't know us but you can rest assure that we are loyal Mules. Our involvement on campus is strong, between us we are involved in: Colby for Humanity, International Club, Alert, Sobhu, Colby Baseball team, Colby Outing Club, WMHB, Best Buddies, HR, LEAP, Colby Badminton and Freethinkers.

Our platform is simple; we are going to work hard so that you can have the best possible senior year. The priorities of the senior representative are Senior Week, class activities, a vote in the Presidents' Council, the yearbook and the commencement speaker. We feel we have great ideas for our class. Here are some examples of how our team will be innovative. We will never have class dinners, what is the point? The food is not better than it is in the dining hall and people are in and out and not really mingling, which is essentially the point. Instead, other possibilities with the budget are giving out free movie tickets to seniors for Flagship or Railroad cinemas. Instead of class dinners we will give gift certificates to Pad Thai or Big G's. We will propose class activities like whitewater rafting for free, five minute dating nights, senior nights at the pub and at Mainely's, more dorm crawls, and wine tasting events. Our Senior Week will be filled with creative events and will be sure to cap off four years of hard work. The goal is to get seniors out and together and having fun doing things they actually want to do. We would like to allocate money for useful things to seniors like discounts for GRE, LSAT and MCAT classes as well as bring employers in for a night of speed interviews. We would also like to allocate funds for groups of seniors going somewhere for spring



break together either for community service, outing trips, even to the beach so people will have great experiences and remember their classmates. We would promote safety by giving senior designated drivers reasonable stipends for driving seniors to off campus locations and during special events like Doghead. We will spend money where it is needed not just go through the motions of spending money for no real purpose which is what has traditionally been done.

The other important function for the senior class representatives is to be a voting member in the Presidents' Council. Our voting record will reflect the needs of the senior class because that is who we represent. One issue we will concentrate on is fair appropriations between clubs. There is no reason the anime club should have a similar budget as Colby for Humanity. The anime club is a popular and worthy club but it can function just as well with a smaller budget. Clubs like Sobhu, SASA and International Club should have large budgets and small clubs should have budgets that reflect their size. Another initiative we will propose is to reinstate the bylaw for an ambassador to Bowdoin and Bates. If we have dialogue with Bates and Bowdoin students and put together our resources and ideas we can bring in big bands and big names to campus or the Augusta Civic Center. Perhaps even have a CBB junior/senior cotillion.

As your representatives, we will work for you. If you have any ideas for us, we will want to hear them. We will always be available to seniors through AIM, facebook, and e-mail. We will promise to always respond to a question, suggestion, concern or objection you might have. We will be here to serve you, in the antithesis of J.F.K., "Ask not what you can do for us, ask what we can do for you." We only ask one thing of you, your vote on March 13.

Jen Coliflores & Kristen Pinkham



Hi we're Jen Coliflores and Kristen Pinkham, and we're running for Senior Class Representatives. Jen

is from Wrentham, Mass., and is currently studying abroad in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Kristen, from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, is studying abroad in Paris this year. We are running for senior class representatives because we know how important our senior year is. Studying abroad has made us realize how awesome and unique our Colby experience has been and how soon it will be over. We only have four years at Colby, and since next year will be our last one, we need to make the

Kaitlin Herlihy & Kendra King

Hello Class of 2006! Our names are Kaitlin Herlihy and Kendra King and we want to be your senior class representatives! Having each spent a semester abroad this year, we can't wait to see our class reunited next fall! Kendra and I have had some amazing experiences at Colby thus far and we have some exciting new ideas to continue the traditions and good times at Colby next year!

While at Colby we have had the opportunity to connect with classmates, professors and administrators through different extracurricular and leadership experiences. Kendra is currently treasurer of the women's rugby team, is an equipment room worker and has had two years of experience on the Student Programming Board's Special Events Committee which included planning events such as Oktoberfest. My experiences include membership on the varsity women's soccer team, Goldfarb Student Advisory Committee, Pequot poetry staff, Athletic Advisory Committee, the Student Government Association, equipment room worker and being a mentor for Colby Cares About Kids. We also have had the privilege of living both on and off campus, which will enable us to respond to student issues in the uniquely different environments of each.

We firmly believe that the diversity of our experiences at Colby has enabled us to be well-rounded and committed individuals to the Colby community, and we want to make our last year at Colby the most amazing ever! Here are some of our ideas:

Have you ever wished you had gone to that environmental lecture or that dance production, but missed out due to the ineffective publicizing of the event? We hope to meet with clubs and organizations on campus throughout the year to brainstorm ways to get the word out about their events. We feel that the digest is not as effective a resource as it could be because students are often too distracted by messages regarding lost keys etc., to pay proper attention to the special activities offered by

most out of every moment. We want our senior year to be as fun and as memorable as possible, and as class reps, promise to do so through our dedication to the class.

During the past three years, we have already shown our enthusiasm for Colby through our participation in many college activities. Jen was one of our class representatives sophomore year. Kristen volunteers with Colby Cares about Kids. We both have had experience planning a variety of campus-wide events through the Student Programming Board, the Filipino Club and as COOT leaders. From this experience we know how to throw down a good event, whether it will be the Junior Senior Cotillion or the infamous Senior Week.

As senior class representatives, our goal is to have more class cohesiveness. We intend to achieve this through a variety of different events. For example, we want to sponsor a

Colby. We will work closely with the SGA and Student Technology Services to propose a message that specifically highlights descriptions of upcoming events.

We also want senior year to be as stress-free as possible! I have heard from current seniors who feel overwhelmed by job hunting, thesis writing and the grad school application process. We hope to work closely with Career Services to provide more effective ways to make seniors aware of the site visits, information sessions, workshops and fairs that they have to offer. We hope to create a "Senior Mentor Series" where professors, administrators, community members, parents and alumni volunteer their time for a lunch or dinner series in the dining halls for roundtable discussions on career options. We want you all to take full advantage of the resources and people who can help make your post-graduation transition easier!

Kendra and I are also very strong proponents of community service. As seniors, we feel we should give some-

thing back to the city of Waterville that has helped to nurture us for four years. We will work closely with the community service organizations on campus in an effort to create "senior service days" where we can creatively volunteer time and raise money for local causes.

Lastly, anyone that knows us also knows that Kendra and I certainly believe in fun and good times! We want to uphold the traditional pub nights, bowling and senior nights and also initiate senior events with outdoor barbecues and live music during the few sunny months in fall and late spring. We have several student bands in our class alone...so why not utilize them more! We encourage responsible drinking most importantly and will bring people in for wine tasting and cultural events.

Kendra and I are both natural leaders. We were captains of athletic teams, as well as social directors, class presidents and community service organizers at our respective high schools. Through these experiences, we've become aware of how the system works and what channels



we need to go through in order to accomplish our tasks. While we share these common experiences, we also have unique strengths. I am more interested in school policy and governance, while Kendra is probably the most natural social director and party planner that you could meet! Our friendship has survived the four years as roommates and will probably last a lifetime. We are two honest, determined, and hard working individuals who will make sure your senior year is unforgettable! On March 13, make sure to vote for Kendra and Kaitlin for senior class representatives!

Matt Birchby & Toini Rivas



To the illustrious members of the class of '06, I, Matt Birchby would like to tell you a little about myself and my running mate Toini Rivas and why we have chosen to run for Senior Class Reps.

I hail from the small town of Ho-Ho-Kus in the 'burbs of New Jersey just outside New York City. According to my Mayor, "Rusty," my hometown's claim to fame is the fact that Ho-Ho-Kus is the only double hyphenated town in all of the United States. However, over the years I've started to question the wisdom of my beloved "Rusty" as much as I ques-

tioned the sanity of my high school guidance counselor who called me Marc throughout high school, despite my numerous corrections. Well, without the help of my guidance counselor (for she was very busy with Marc), I made it to Colby and since have tried to stay active through various clubs and organizations most notably the water polo team and the COOT Committee.

While in stark contrast to the Garden State, Toini Rivas emerged from the beautiful South Beach of Miami. Despite all those sunny days at the beach and wild nights at the clubs, she crawled up I-95 to attend Colby College. There is little doubt that she had no clue where Maine was or that it is cold. But this spicy Cuban hasn't let the weather get to her yet and is a self-described optimist. Toini keeps her rear in gear by working at the Colby Bookstore and is on the Goldfarb Student Advisory Board.

But now that you know a little about us, here are some of the following ideas for next year:

- * Senior calendars with upcoming monthly events
 - * More senior dinners, as well as Pub/Spa parties
 - * Weekly senior nights throughout Waterville (bowling, Mainely's, You Know Whose, billiards, movie nights, karaoke, and anything else that comes to mind)
 - * Class field trips (whitewater rafting, OPB, paintball, Bonnie's, Sugarloaf, Boston, Portland Sea Dog games, etc...)
 - * Work with SGA and SPB in order to promote a general cohesion amongst student organizations
 - * Class barbecues with refreshments and live music (weather permitting)
 - * Senior Week—Include a Boston Red Sox game, Last Chance Dance (Top 10 List...Boo-Yeah)
- So if you have any questions, please feel free to come up and ask Toini or me or just contact us at either tsrivas@colby.edu or mbirchby@colby.edu. Make sure you get out to vote on the election day.

senior class trip both semesters to Montreal and New York City. We would not only sponsor the usual senior pub nights in Waterville, but also Saturday night trips to Portland each semester. We want to encourage class unity through senior meals-on-campus dinners and BBQs, breakfasts at Big G's. We'll also throw in the senior night classics like Champs and bowling at Strike Ten.

Studying abroad has not only shown us how great Colby is, but also how important it is to experience life off the Hill. As a senior class, we feel it is important to give back to the community that has been our home for the past three years. As a class we intend on sponsoring a community service project, something that we can give back to the Waterville community. We intend on working with CVC, Colby Cares

About Kids, other volunteer organizations and, most importantly, the senior class, to plan a day with the community of Waterville.

That said, we realize that our ideas are by no means the limit of what the senior class can do. Senior year is up to all of us. One of our goals is to create a senior class forum, either a physical meeting place or an online message board, where desiring members of our class could get together and offer ideas for potential events and give feedback on previous ones. To foster class unity, input has to come from you guys, and we are ready to listen to what you have to say.

We aim to work with the Class Councils, Student Programming Board, SGA and all of Colby's clubs to improve our quality of life here at Colby through speakers and

events. Through our past experience, we have learned how much more effective Colby's organizations can be when they communicate/work together. The class' rep position isn't something you just say that you are; it's a privilege. Before we know it, Senior Week will be upon us. As senior class reps, we are aware of our duty to invite a commencement speaker and take this with full responsibility and dedication. As Class of 2006 Representatives, we hope to make our senior year memorable.

Having gotten to know many of you over the past three years, we would be honored to represent you next year. Class of 2006, this is our year. Vote Jen Coliflores and Kristen Pinkham on March 13 and 14.

Class of 2008

Tim Williams & Stephanie Shaffer

Hey '08! Hope you are having a great first year at Colby! We're Tim Williams & Stephanie (Steph) Shaffer and we're hoping to represent our class as Class Representatives again next year. If elected, we will be keeping our current positions, Tim as SGA Representative, Stephanie as Class Council Chair. We have some great plans for next year, and we would really appreciate your support on Election Day to make it all happen.

Before we explain our plans for next year, we would like to update you on what's been done this year.

Tim: I've been serving as SGA Representative since October. My number one goal as Class Representative from the beginning was to have good communication with all of you. The result, The '08 Update, is unique to any other class and I hope it has kept you informed. I

always enjoy getting feedback from the newsletters—keep it coming!

Over the course of the year I have tried to become as involved as I could with SGA. I helped write the new constitution for SGA, which was important for the creation of Class Councils. I've also helped with the following: planning this weekend's diversity conference, starting a "life skills" workshop series (which will hopefully become for-credit) and increasing the usability of the Alumni Network. I've also served on the Cotter Union Building Committee, which is planning a great new addition to our student union. None of this is required of Class Representatives (including the newsletter), but I felt that working on these initiatives would be beneficial to our class. I've enjoyed being our Class SGA Representative so far and I look forward to another great year!



Steph: I've been serving as your First-Year Class Council (FYCC) Chair since February. So far, I've been responsible for coordinating and setting the agendas of FYCC meetings and reporting the minutes. FYCC has been an incredibly productive group from planning a first-year dinner to initiating sales for our first class t-shirts to thinking of exciting possible spring activities (from afternoons reserved for games

to a comedic "mockumentary" that we plan to produce each year to a fashion show!) FYCC is an extremely energetic group with innumerable great ideas to help unify our class by planning all-inclusive events. I feel very privileged to be working with such enthused goal-oriented individuals and am positive that we will accom-

plish our many goals for this year. I look forward to a class agenda that harbors the same level of creativity beginning at the start of next year! If elected next year, we will continue with the same four precepts that we have been working on this year in the "Plan for '08" (which is posted on The '08 Update). This includes:

Building a Class Identity: More class events! We will be looking forward to your comments on this year's

upcoming events to help plan events for next year. We're currently looking at bringing back class competitions, starting our senior video now and, above all, trying to provide more opportunities for our class to bond and have fun in the process.

Improve Postgraduate Readiness: This means working on more career preparation, including the "life skills" series. We think that there are countless opportunities to expand upon these skills and we'd love to hear your input!

Reform SGA: Student government needs to be a strong, united voice of the Colby Student Body. We hope to ensure its success, and we hope to empower Class councils even more.

Enhance Diversity Initiatives: We will continue to look for ways to increase the level of dialogue on campus. We will support the annual diversity conference. We also hope to empower students to raise aware-

ness about universal issues that transcend Colby's campus.

While we hope to continue pursuing these four precepts, the "Plan for '08" is by no means an exclusive list. There are a number of other issues including meal plan reform, usability of the Jitney, safety on campus, housing concerns, student health coverage, off-campus study procedures and Cotter Union renovations, just to name a few. We are looking forward to working with SGA on these issues and, as always, we welcome your input and suggestions.

We have enjoyed serving our class this year and we look forward to doing so next year. We would appreciate your support on Election Day. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let us know. We would be happy to help.

Thank You!

tive representation on Presidents' Council, regular class events and class-sponsored service projects within the greater Waterville community. We are looking to increase student involvement and awareness within the class and the Student Government Association. As incumbents (Lee has served the entire year), we are also running on our respective record. During the first semester, Lee served on Presidents' Council while Brad was a liaison to the Student Programming Board. The major event of this semester was our recognition of

Veterans Day. We planned and held a remembrance which took place on Miller Lawn. Several speakers provided testament to the extraordinary sacrifices of veterans. Well attended, this event received extensive Echo coverage. Lee also sponsored several other motions on Presidents' Council (PC). One such enacted motion declared that all SGA election results must include the percentages received by each candidate. Furthermore, this motion also made available all previously existing election results. We believe that this is a vital step towards the full accountability and disclosure of the elections process. Lee also attended every

During Jan Plan, we institutionalized a Class Council. Consisting of seven members, this panel was created to sponsor class events. We became the first non-first year class to have such a council. To date, we have held a study break and have planned several other events. Most notably, we have begun to organize a service project within Waterville. On April 23, the Class of 2007 will be working downtown. In conjunction with the city and local businesses, volunteers will be planting trees,

Throughout our term in office, we have developed relationships with members of the administration and college bureaucracy. This has enabled us to put the full resources of

Thanks again for everything,
Lee Emmons/Brad Curtis

We, Jamie Tang and Anna Czechowski, are running for Class Representatives '07 for the Student Government Association. Representing two different backgrounds and future endeavors, we nonetheless feel this is an asset to our ticket and makes us more accessible to you. Jamie Tang is from New York City, is a double history and government major and active in men's rugby and community service. Anna Czechowski is from Spokane, Wash., also plays rugby, is a member of Pottery Club and works at the Physical Plant and is a double major in English and biology.

* Strengthening communication between students and administration through consistent updates for our class, both in dealings with the College deans and our own '07 class committees.

* As junior year is a pivotal time in our college experience, we need to prepare for life after Colby. Career Services, while already available, should have more meetings for pre-professional advising.

* A regular update for students abroad would keep them connected to the Hill while around the world. Updates of important information would help avoid messy situations like the one we have witnessed recently with the SGA presidential election.

* We have noticed a trend of increased off-campus partying. This, we believe, is a result of the school's new stringent policy on on-campus parties, which unfortunately leads to



potentially dangerous situations driving back and forth off campus. We need better incentives to party hosts in order to shift the party scene back onto campus. A higher pay for party hosts is a small price to pay for an increase in the number of on-campus parties and therefore the safety of students who would otherwise party off-campus.

* As junior year marks our halfway point in our time at Colby, we should take stock of how active the student body is in activities around campus. Most people can list on one hand the number of activities

they have participated in while here, and this is a great loss to Colby in general. Promotion of events, be they theatre, sports, art, music or lectures, should not be left to a white board in Cotter and a few table tents in Dana. Active promotion of events through e-mail and personal outreach could go a long way to improve the ambivalent attitude rampant around Colby.

In conclusion, we feel we are the best candidates to represent the Class of 2007. Our goal is to make our experience at Colby realize its full potential, and this extends to making all '07's experiences the best they could possibly be. We believe that entertainment and fun have a pivotal role on campus, and we think that maximum participation leads a better campus atmosphere and academic environment. If you have any questions or suggestions feel free to contact us at jttang@colby.edu and avczecho@colby.edu. Thank you for the nomination and best of luck to our fellow candidates.

Instead of voting for a couple kid-politicians this semester for 2007 Class Representatives, why not try two happy, fun and outgoing students, who hold experience in campus activities and student government, and who won't leave you deprived and lonely once the election is over? Tom Testa and Robin Respaat aren't politicians and they won't make any empty promises about fighting the administration or lowering the drinking age. They simply hope that through honesty, experience, and a full year of dedication they can earn your vote for 2007 Class Reps.

The current sophomore body has lacked a unity over the past two years. There are no organized class activities or gatherings and it is reflected in the pride and identity of our class. Tom Testo and Robin Respaup hope to fill the absence in our class' leadership and identity, and they want to do it in a manner that positively collaborates with the

administration and creates a previously missed class personality that we can all be proud of.

As voting members of SGA—presently and in the future—Testo and Respaud support the cause of student rights on campus, while also favoring the preservation of an amiable relationship with the college administration. One of the biggest problems with SGA this year is that there resides a great deal of passion for change and for improvement, but it is channeled improperly and ineffectively. Instead of focusing on the amount of power and control SGA holds over other school organizations or attempting a lot of do-nothing motions against the methods of our current administration, Testo and Respaud hope to focus more of SGA's attention toward constructive motions that help improve student life and the relationship between the student body and the administration on the Colby campus.

The Testo-Respaud duo presently hold positions on SGA as Averill and Mary Low Hall Presidents. Tom also represents the student body and Presidents' Council on the ITS Committee, while Robin holds a similar position on the Academic Affairs Committee. Both members attempt to represent an encompassing opinion of the student body, not just the passion of a select few. I suppose Bob Brady '07, current President of Grossman says it all in his statement: "This past year, I've worked with both Robin and Tom on Presidents' Council. Aside from being two amazingly good looking people, they both do a great job bringing to the floor the concerns of their constituents. I've always seen them hold their positions in the highest regard, and have no doubt they would work well together and do a great job as our Class Reps."

It is time for the Class of 2007 to come together under a new identity, one that doesn't involve militant political views or absent leaders. Tom and Robin will be present on campus for both the fall and the spring semesters next year to support you while abroad, and they will be committed all year long to finally bringing the unity that the Class 2007 has lacked for so long. Rationality, reliability and unification are the main focuses here, with a whole lot of fun activities thrown in.

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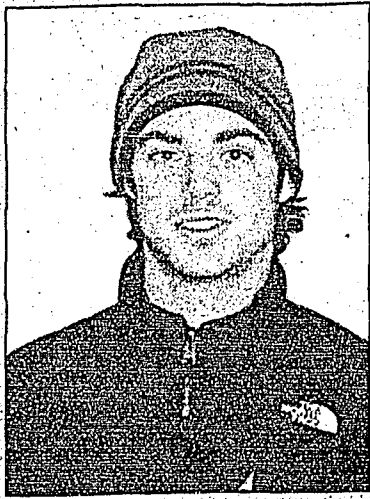
Nick Bayley '05
MEN'S HOCKEY



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Forward Bayley was the leading scorer for the Mules, scoring 61 goals and making 87 assists for a team high of 148 points during his career at Colby. Bayley tallied a goal for Colby at the December 10 5-4 overtime victory against Bowdoin. He was the lone scorer in a 2-0 win against defending national champion Middlebury on January 15 and also had one goal against Trinity on January 28 in a 4-2 loss.

Patrick Walsh '05
MEN'S HOCKEY



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Defenseman Walsh had 33 goals and 88 assists during his career at Colby. On February 26, he had the game winning goal in a 7-0 victory over Williams in the NESCAC quarterfinals, scoring two goals and one assist during the game. Walsh also had one goal and one assist in a 4-2 loss against Tufts on January 21.

Cory Ernst '05
MEN'S HOCKEY



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Ernst has 43 goals and 54 assists for Colby during his career as a forward. He had two goals and one assist in the NESCAC quarterfinals on February 21 against Williams, a game which resulted in a 7-0 Colby victory. He also had a goal in a close 4-3 win over Southern Maine on February 11, as well as an assist in the December 10 overtime win against Bowdoin.

Heather DeVito '05
WOMEN'S HOCKEY



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

DeVito led the Mules in scoring this season, with 16 goals and 7 assists for a total of 57 career goals and 41 career assists. She had one goal and two assists in the February 19 victory over Wesleyan, as well as two goals in a close 5-3 loss to top ranked Middlebury on February 12. DeVito also had the first goal of the game in a 6-2 loss against Bowdoin on February 1.

Meghan Barringer '05
WOMEN'S HOCKEY



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Defender Barringer had an assist in the season opening November 19 game against Williams, lifting Colby to a 2-1 victory. She also had an assist in the January 7 2-0 victory over Connecticut College, as well as another assist in the 2-2 tie to Amherst on January 8.

Pat McGowan '05
MEN'S BASKETBALL



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

McGowan joined the list of all-time leading scorers for Colby by reaching his 1000th career point this season. He averages 16.3 points per game for a team high of 358 points this season. McGowan led the Mules with 28 points in the NESCAC quarterfinal match against Tufts February 21. He also chipped in 12 points and four assists in the 75-71 victory over Bowdoin on January 22.

COLBY MULE

Drew Cohen '07
MEN'S BASKETBALL



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Cohen was the second highest scorer for the Mules this season with 269 points and 125 rebounds. He also leads the Mules rebounds per game and blocked shots. Cohen led Colby with 23 points, 17 rebounds and four blocked shots in a 76-68 overtime loss to Trinity on January 28. He also had 13 points and six rebounds in the January 8 victory over Bates.

Wendy Bonner '05
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Bonner is now Colby women's basketball's tenth all-time leading scorer, with a total of 1,074 career points. Throughout this season, she has led the team with 314 points, 217 rebounds and 47 steals. She led the Mules with 21 points, 14 rebounds and four assists in the February 12 in a 66-59 loss against Middlebury. She was recently named to the NESCAC second all-conference team.

Katie McCabe '08
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

First-year standout McCabe ended her rookie season as the second highest scorer for the Mules, accumulating 265 points and 158 rebounds. In the January 22 match against Bowdoin, McCabe scored 24 points, was four-for-four from the foul line and added seven rebounds in the 56-48 Colby loss. On the February 12 match against Middlebury, McCabe had 12 points and 14 rebounds.

Jess Minty '06
WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Minty has been the leading scorer for the Mules and was undefeated during the regular season. She won the Division III 800-meter run and is also the state champion in the 400-meter dash and 1,000-meter run. Minty has been breaking school records left and right in her time at Colby and currently holds records in the 800, 1,000 and the mile. She will travel to Nationals this weekend to compete in the 800.

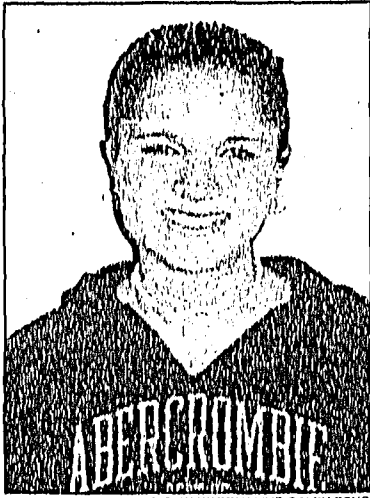
Karina Johnson '05
WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK



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Johnson is the state champion in the 5,000-meter run, as well as All New England Division III and All New England in that event. She took fifth place at All New England Division IIIs and eighth place at All New England. During the season, she dropped 28 seconds off her 5,000-meter time, and she qualified for nationals in that event.

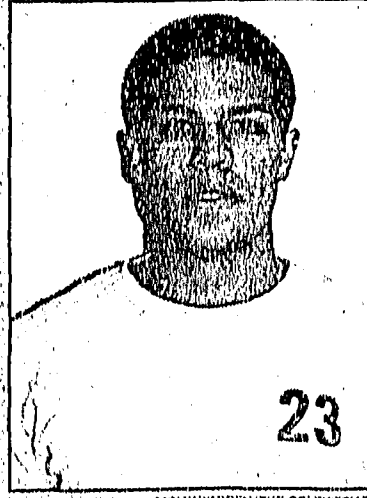
Anna King '08
WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

During the regular season, rookie King went undefeated in the 1,500-meter run and the 3,000-meter run. She was state champion in the 1,500 and qualified for the All New England Division IIIs in that event. She has qualified for nationals in the mile and is also the lead-off leg in the team's impressive distance medley relay team, which also qualified for nationals.

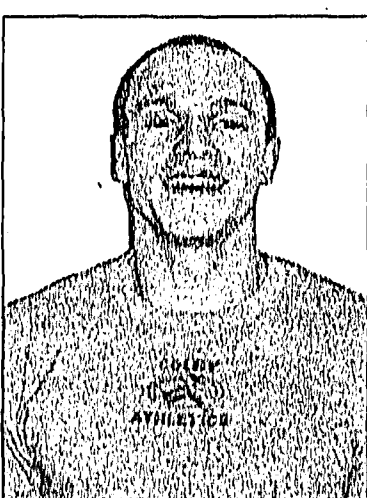
Xavier Garcia '05
MEN'S INDOOR TRACK



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Garcia provisionally qualified for nationals this year in three events, the 400-meter dash, the 55-meter dash and the triple jump. On February 5, at the Maine State Championships, Garcia broke a 27-year-old state record in the 400, winning the event with a time of 48.84. He also won the triple jump at that meet. He is currently ranked seventh in the country in the 400.

Patrick Harner '05
MEN'S INDOOR TRACK



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Harner is the leading scorer for Colby and has had personal records this season in the long jump, with a leap of 22'4.5" and the triple jump, with a leap of 44'10.75". On February 19, Harner scored 15 points at the New England Division III championships. He finished in fourth place in the 55-meter dash, the long jump and the triple jump.

Nate Stone '06
MEN'S SQUASH



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Stone led the Mules with wins this season, winning 14 of his games and earning him the Colby Most Valuable Player award. He also won the College Squash Association Scholar Athlete Award. At the Summers Cup on February 26, Stone went undefeated in all three of his games. He also won two of his three games at the Trinity Squash event, February 4 and 5.

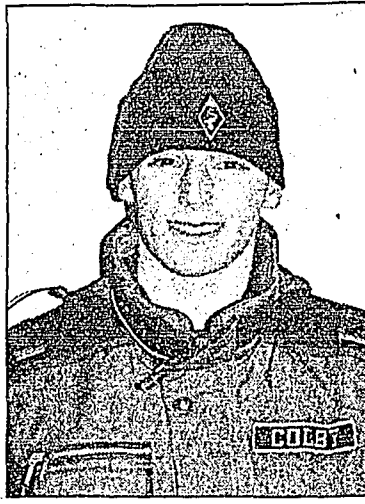
Rachel Luskin '05
WOMEN'S SQUASH



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

With ten wins, Luskin led the women's squash team this season. She had key wins against William Smith and Amherst on February 19, helping the Mules to finish the season ranked twelfth in the country. She also went 5-0 January 29 and 30 at a weekend tournament against Middlebury, Vassar, Amherst, Wellesley and Smith.

Fred Bailey '07
NORDIC SKIING



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Bailey was consistently the top skier for Colby this season, finishing within the top thirty in nearly all of his races and coming close to qualifying for nationals. His season best was an eleventh place finish at the Bates Carnival on January 21 in the 15k. He had a 19th place finish at the Dartmouth Carnival in the 10k, a finish that he matched at the Williams Carnival.

Hilary Easter '06
NORDIC SKIING



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Easter was the strongest member of the women's nordic team this season. At the Williams Carnival, she finished a solid 23rd in the 5k. Easter had a 23rd place finish in the 15k at the Middlebury Carnival. She also had a strong showing at the University of Vermont Carnival, where she finished in 25th place in the 15k.

WINTER PACK

Warner Nickerson '05
ALPINE SKIING



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Nickerson won the Eastern title in the slalom this season, after winning the event at the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association championships on February 25. The following day, he took second place in the giant slalom. He also won the giant slalom at the Dartmouth Carnival and the slalom at the University of Vermont Carnival. Nickerson will head back to the University of Vermont this weekend to compete in nationals.

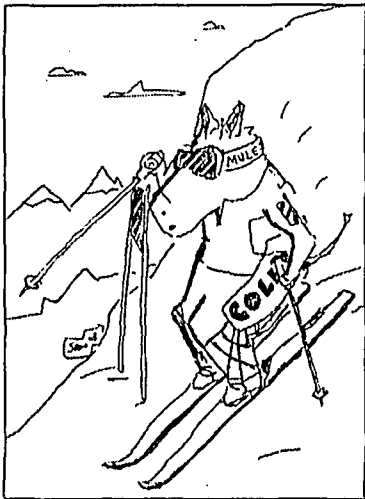
Nicole Wessen '05
ALPINE SKIING



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Wessen has frequently finished in the top 20 skiers this season, performances that will send her to nationals this weekend. She finished in 13th place in the slalom at the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association championships on February 25. Wessen finished in 17th place in the giant slalom at the Williams Carnival and in 11th place at the Dartmouth Carnival. She finished 12th in the slalom and the giant slalom at the University of Vermont Carnival.

Siri Ashton '05
ALPINE SKIING



Ashton has been a huge source of scoring for the Mules this season. She took eighth place in the giant slalom at the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association championships. She also had an eighth place finish in the giant slalom at the Dartmouth Carnival. This weekend, Ashton will travel to the University of Vermont to compete in the NCAA skiing championships.

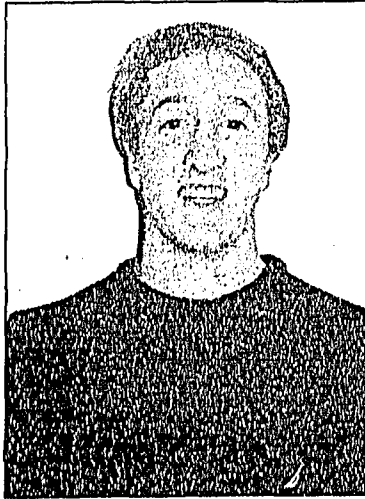
Jabez Dewey '07
MEN'S SWIMMING



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Dewey is currently ranked eleventh in the nation in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 51.57. This season, he has set school records in the 50-yard backstroke and the 100-yard backstroke. He was also named to the All-NESCAC team. He finished in third place in both events at the NESCAC championships on February 25-27.

Tom Ireland '05
MEN'S SWIMMING



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Ireland is currently ranked 21st in the NCAA in the 50-yard freestyle event with a time of 21.11. He is the NESCAC champion in that event and was named to the All-NESCAC team. Ireland won the 50-yard and the 100-yard freestyle against Bowdoin on February 5. He also won both events against Bates on January 22.

Evan Mullin '08
MEN'S SWIMMING



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Mullin is ranked second in the NESCAC in the 200-yard freestyle event and broke the school record in the 500-yard freestyle in his first year swimming for Colby. He was named to the All-NESCAC team. Mullin won the 200 and 500-yard freestyle races against Bowdoin on February 5, as well as against Bates January 22.

Laura Miller '05
WOMEN'S SWIMMING



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Miller is currently ranked 11th in the NCAA in the 100-yard butterfly and 18th in the NCAA in the 50-yard freestyle. She is the NESCAC champion in the 50-yard butterfly and was named to the All-NESCAC team for the fourth straight year. In addition, she is a member of the 200 medley relay, 400 medley relay, 200 free relay and the 400 free relay, all of which have set school records.

Kelly Norsworthy '08
WOMEN'S SWIMMING



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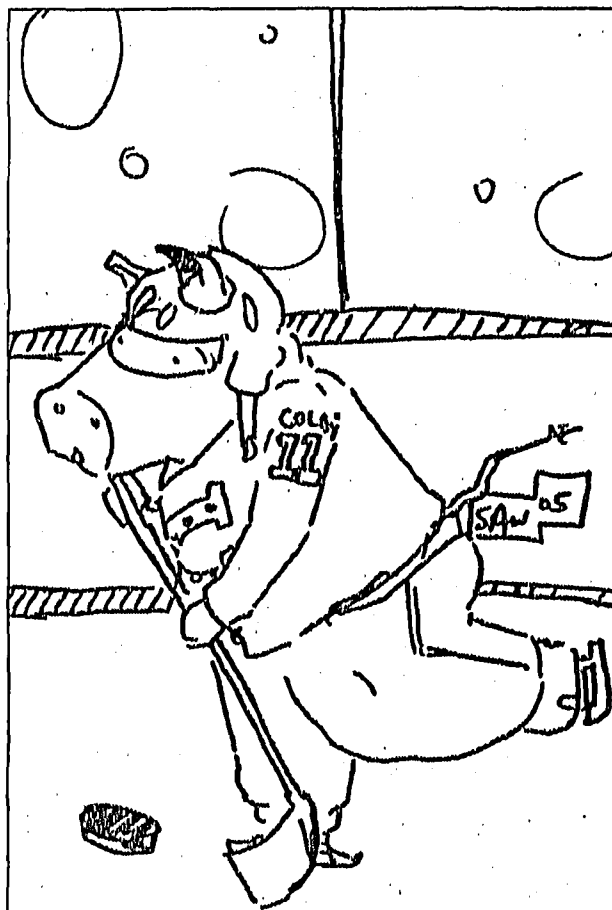
Rookie Norsworthy is ranked second in the NCAA in the 100-yard breaststroke, fifth in the 200-yard breaststroke and 13th in the 200-yard IM. She has set school records in all three of these events and also in the 50-yard breaststroke. Norsworthy is also a member of the 200 and 400 medley relays, which are nationally ranked and have set school records.

Meg Vallaly '07
WOMEN'S SWIMMING



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Vallaly is currently ranked 16th in the nation in the 200-yard freestyle and 34th in both the 100 and 50-yard freestyle races. She was named to the All-NESCAC team this season. In addition, Vallaly is a member of the 400 medley relay, the 200 free relay, and the 400 free relay. The relays are ranked sixth, tenth and ninth in the NCAA, respectively.



The Colby Echo Sports

MARCH 10, 2005

Middlebury defeats men's hockey in NESCAC semifinals

By AJ HERRMANN
STAFF WRITER

After watching Bowdoin College skate to a 3-2 upset win over Trinity College in the first New England Small College Athletic Conference semifinal game, the stage was set for a possible all-Maine grudge match for the NESCAC championship. All Colby had to do was beat number two seed Middlebury College, a feat the Mules had already accomplished earlier this year. Unfortunately for Colby, the Panthers proved too much to handle, as the Mules lost 4-1 and ended their season one game short of the NESCAC championship for the fourth straight year.

Saturday's game against Middlebury began with a scoreless first period, as both teams settled into the unfamiliar settings of Kingswood-Oxford Arena in West Hartford, Connecticut. The championships were hosted by Trinity, since it was the number one seed, at the West Hartford private school where Trinity practices, as it lacks its own facility. Middlebury forward Mickey Gilchrist '08 put the Panthers on the board early in the second by beating Colby goaltender Chris Ries '05 on a wrist shot from the center. After killing off a Colby 5 on 3 power play Middlebury tallied again late in the

period to put the Mules in a 2-0 hole going into the second intermission.

Despite being down against the NESCAC's top ranked scoring defense, Colby came out flying in the third period. Middlebury goalie Ross Cherry '08 withstood a flurry of Colby shots but finally let one through five minutes into the period

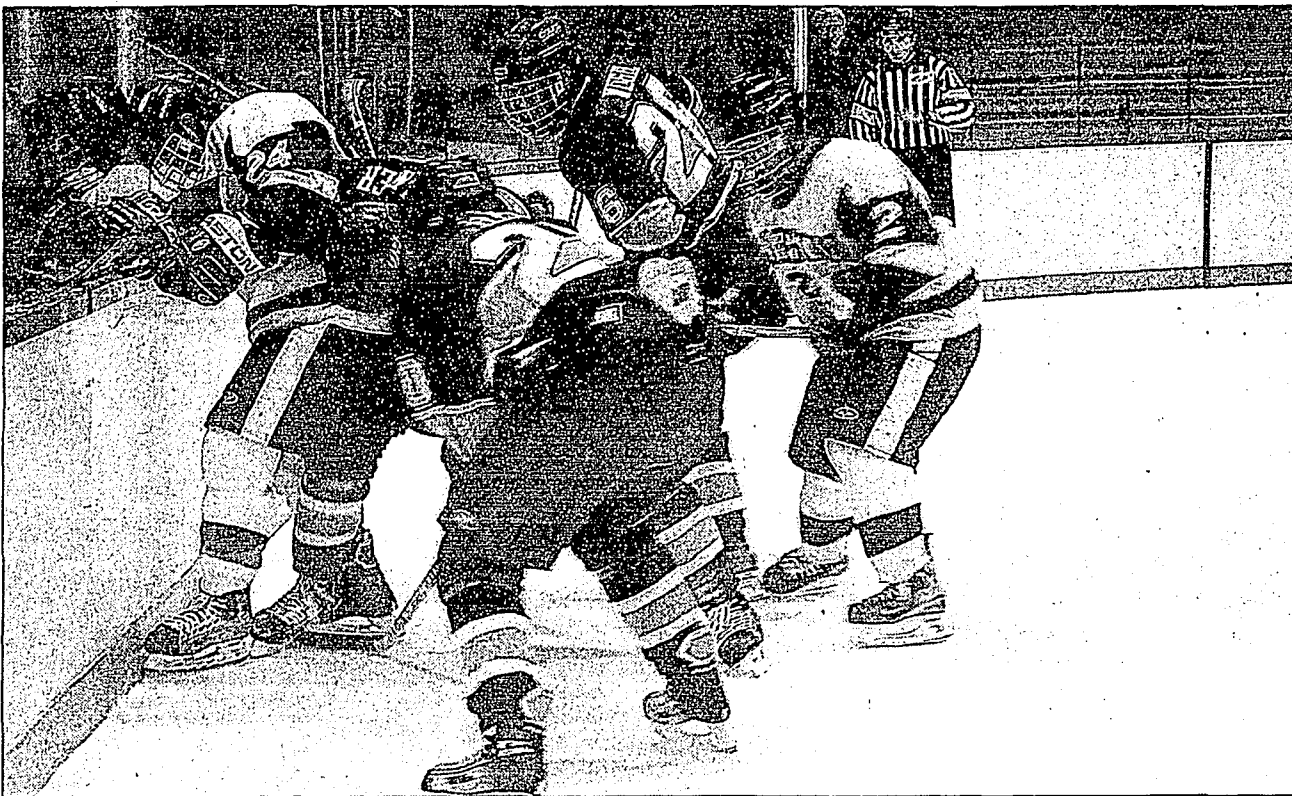
as Mule defenseman Joe Rothwell '08 blasted a slapshot on assists from Arthur Fritch '08 and Josh Reber '08. The defending national champions, however, were determined not to let the Mules back into the game, answering Rothwell's goal thirty seconds later and adding another one for insurance with four minutes left in the

game to make the final 4-1 in Middlebury's favor.

Despite the disappointing loss in the NESCAC playoffs, the Mules had a successful season as a team and in picking up individual awards. Colby finishes the year at 15-8-2 and 12-6-1 in the always competitive NESCAC (one of only two conferences to send

two teams to the NCAA tournament this year). Defenseman and Captain Patrick Walsh '05 was named first team all-NESCAC for the second straight year and led the conference in power play goals with nine. Joining Walsh was forward Captain Nick Bayley '05, who finished fifth in the conference in scoring with 35 points and was named to second team all-NESCAC for the second straight year. Other outstanding individual seasons were put forward by Fritch (who led the nation in scoring for first-year defenseman with 26 points), Rothwell (who was close behind Fritch with 23 points) and forward Captain Cory Ernst '05, who finished second on the team with 28 points.

Next year should be an interesting season for the Mules as they will lose two all-NESCAC seniors (Walsh and Bayley), five of the eight leading goalscorers on the team and Ries, Colby's starting goaltender for the last two years. Despite these key losses, the Mules should remain competitive as this year's first-year class was the highest scoring in the NESCAC. Since every NESCAC team is losing key players to graduation, the Mules should find themselves right near the top of the NESCAC standings next March.



Despite defeating the Panthers earlier this season, the Mules were unable to take a win in the NESCAC tourney.

this week in sports

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

- **Alpine Skiing**
@ NCAA championships
- **Indoor Track**
@ NCAA championships
- **Women's Swimming**
@ NCAA championships

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

- **Men's Tennis**
vs. Babson
9 a.m.
- **Alpine Skiing**
@ NCAA championships
- **Women's Tennis**
@ Colby Invitational
- **Women's Lacrosse**
@ Middlebury
- **Indoor Track**
@ NCAA championships
- **Women's Swimming**
@ NCAA championships
- **Men's Lacrosse**
vs. Middlebury
1 p.m.

Five athletes run, throw, jump and vault to personal bests at Last Chance

By JEFFREY ALDEN
STAFF WRITER

Trinity College hosted the Last Chance Meet on Friday night at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. Five Mules had personal best performances on the new banked track and indoor facility at Yale. The meet gave competitors one last opportunity to break through the national qualifying standards or simply improve personal records.

Despite a serious ankle sprain on Tuesday of last week, Captain Jason Foster '05 rebounded to win the weight throw and set a school record in the process. "He was like a man possessed, throwing better and better with each successive toss," Coach Todd Coffin said. Foster's toss of 57'7" provisionally qualifies him for nationals; final entry lists will be posted on March 10 to determine if Foster will make the trip to Illinois this weekend. Coffin commented, "I hope he makes it to

nationals, [Foster] is capable of throwing with anyone in the country right now."

Karen Prisby '07 ran a tough 5000-meter in 18:03.23, placing

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Patrick Harner '05
Captain

second. The time bettered her personal record by 20 seconds. On the men's side of the 5000-meter run, Dan Vassallo '07 finished seventh in front of rival Michel Bunker of

University of Southern Maine. "Vassallo ran an aggressive 5k bettering his personal record by seven seconds with a fine 15:19," Coach Coffin said. In an attempt to win this weekend's tough guy award, Vassallo stayed behind after the meet to race Irish Feet are Running 5 miler, finishing second.

In the mile Anna King '08 lowered her national qualifying time to 5:00.31, finishing second. King is currently ranked twelfth in the national performance lists, which will qualify her for NCAA's.

Captain Patrick Harner '05 also had a personal best in the triple jump, going 44'11". Harner said, "It is really incredible to be working hard all season and finish out on the last meet the best you have ever done." In the high jump, Maggie Johnson '05 jumped 5'1.75" to take sixth. And Captain Katie Ghelli '05 vaulted a personal best of 9'10.75", finishing third in the pole vault.

"I think the meet was really summed up in Jason Foster's primordial scream when he threw his lifetime best in the weight," Harner concluded. Of the handful of athletes that traveled to Yale, all came to perform and to take advantage of their "Last Chance."

The focus now turns to the upcoming National Indoor Championships to be held at Illinois Wesleyan University at the end of the week. Captain Xavier Garcia '05 and Jess Minty '06 will rejoin the team after taking the Last Chance Meet off to rest and recover prior to nationals. Garcia is currently ranked seventh in the 400-meter dash, which will unfortunately put him in the slower heat in the preliminary rounds.

Minty is currently seeded fourth in the 800-meter run. Five athletes, including Minty, have run 2:13, so it is anyone's race. Minty has also qualified in the mile but will focus on the 800-meter instead. King will race the mile.

Captain Karina Johnson '05 and Foster are on the bubble. Their entry is contingent on what events other athletes decide to compete in. Twelve runners will go in the 5000-meter, Johnson is currently thirteenth and Foster is fifteenth in the weight throw, an event that ten will compete in.

Boozehounds win college league championship, hope to take men's league

By WALTER CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

I hope that you have had as good a week as the Boozehounds, but if you haven't, don't worry about it, because not all of us can win a college league hockey championship.

Their rise to success began with a February 28th game against Maine Maritime Academy. Co-Captain Doug Summa '05 described the game, stating, "Maine [Maritime Academy] came out hard for the first ten or so minutes. It was a very physical game, but that plays to our strength." This "physical game" ended with the satisfying score of eight to zero.

The next day Maine Maritime Academy forfeited to the Hounds in the first round of the college league playoffs.

In round two of the playoffs, the Mules defeated Thomas College 8-0. Summa explained the win as being a result of Thomas's poor playing and the Hounds powerful hitting. "Thomas did not play very well; they were chippy all night. Jon 'Banks' Blanksteen '07 made one [Thomas] kid pay with an amazing hit. 'Banksy' took out a kid who was about four to five inches bigger than him in a completely legal hit. The hit was the biggest hit I've seen in a Boozehound game ever. The kid was about three and a half feet high parallel to the ice. Needless to say the kid was a little shook up."

The series culminated after Thomas beat the University of Maine at Farmington, and went on to challenge the Hounds on March 7 at about 9:10 p.m. The Boozehounds started the game off by scoring within the first two minutes of the game. They com-

pleted the first period by scoring two more goals. The second period was just as successful and ended with the Hounds gaining another three points to bring the score to 6-0.

The third period got off to a slower start, but a little over halfway through the period a fight broke out between one member of Thomas and a Boozehound. The fight soon escalated to the point where almost every player on the ice was involved. Punches were thrown wildly through whatever

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Doug Summa '05
Captain

empty space was available inside the tight huddle of fighting hockey players. A good half minute later, with a lot of effort on the part of the referees, the fight was broken up, and with seven minutes and ten seconds left in the game, a losing and badly bruised Thomas forfeited the game, making the Colby Boozehounds the college league champions.

Summa appropriately stated before the game what he thought was one of the Hounds' greatest

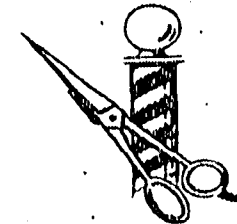
strengths. "Our team loves to hit, and loves to hit hard. I feel our team plays better hockey when we can hit and play hockey the way it is meant to be played."

Since they are not allowed to hit in the men's league, one would think that the men's league would be much more difficult for them. However, they proved recently in a game against the Might Docs that they can do just as well without knocking their opponents around. The game ended with a 4-2 Hounds victory.

The Hounds current record is 25-2-1, but with two more men's league games, they're bound to end the season with a 27-2-1 record.

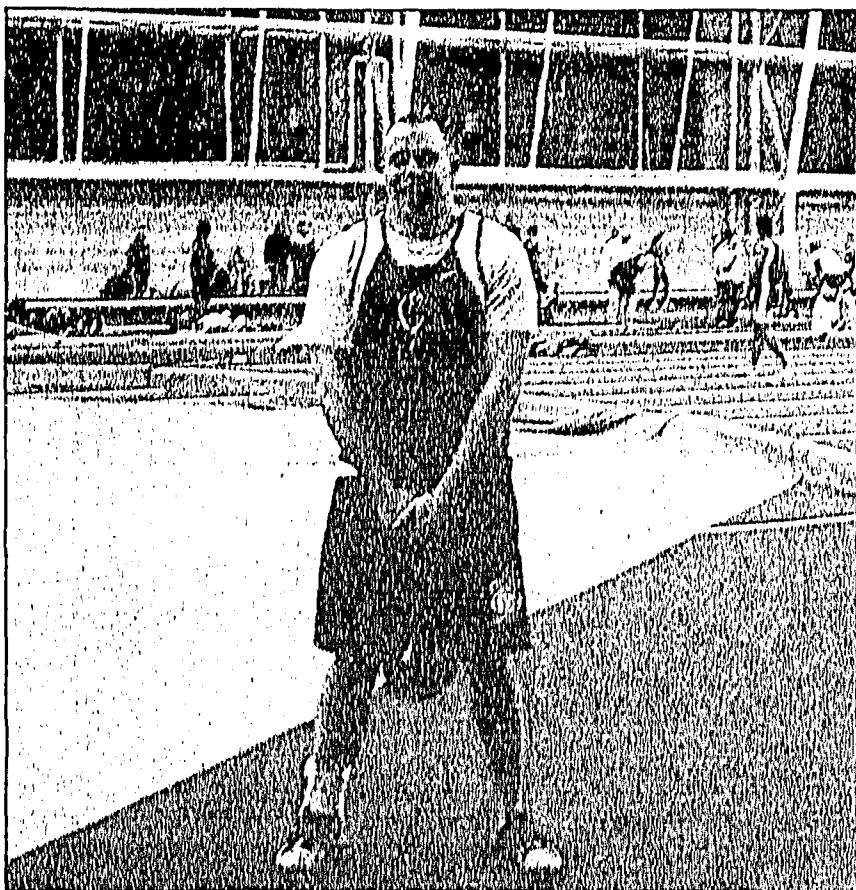
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Captain Jason Foster '05 was victorious in the weight throw, with a toss of 57'7", winning the event and defeating his personal record. He set a school record and provisionally qualified for nationals. Four other Mules also had personal bests in the Last Chance Meet at Yale University.

INSIDE SPORTS

Winter Mule Pack

A collection of the 2004-2005 winter season's finest athletes, as nominated by their coaches and selected by the Echo editorial staff.

