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SGA candidates Dan Melega '07, Ola Sadanowicz '08, Meghan Church '07, Rory Murphy '07, Michael Klaus '07, Kelly Benvenuto '07, Miki Starr '07 and Tom Testo '07; not pictured are candidates who are abroad.

SGA candidates debate

By STEVEN WEINBERG
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Students packed the Pugh Center this past Tuesday night as candidates for next year's Student Government Association president and vice president held their one and only debate before the election to be held this Sunday and Monday Mar. 19-20.

The candidates each responded to seven questions posed by SGA Parliamentarian Zach Russem '06 as well as issued brief closing statements. The questions addressed topics about the future of the College, the surrounding community, the campus social scene and the workings of student government. In all, the debate was civil, moving at a brisk pace, and punctuated by only a bit of political theatre during closing statements

when SGA Presidential candidate Dan Melega '07 offered the other candidates a contract to sign that pledged that they, like he and his running mate Ola Sadanowicz '08, would not accept the \$3,000 stipend the two executive positions receive per academic year.

To this, the field of candidates appeared visibly uncomfortable. Melega approached SGA presidential candidate Tom Testo '07 first with the contract. His response, "We'd have to think about it, Dan," set the tone for the rest of the candidates, none of whom decided on the stipend issue at that time.

There are five different tickets competing for SGA president and vice president for the 2006-07 school

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College hosts annual diversity conference

By KATIE HAMM
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Students explored the meaning of diversity in their lives at the College and beyond through this weekend's diversity conference, entitled "MOSAIC: The Power of Speech and Expression."

"I thought it [the conference] went well," said Student Government Association President and an organizer of the conference Donnie O'Callaghan '06. O'Callaghan noted the interesting mix of people on the alumni panel and the faculty panel discussion about race in our own lives and how we understand race. "I think we began the conversation [of the significance of diversity in our lives]," O'Callaghan said.

O'Callaghan and Pugh Community Board Co-Chair Jeffrey Mullins '08 said they did not get the turnout they were hoping for, "but we all got something out of it," O'Callaghan said. "I don't think it reached enough stu-

dents," Mullins said. "It wasn't publicized early enough." Mullins said he will be working on the conference next year, as will others who helped plan it this year; he plans to set a conference schedule weeks in advance for the conference and start planning months ahead of time.

The highlight of the conference came on Saturday night, when Yolanda King, the eldest child of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, gave a performance in Lorimer Chapel. King's background in theater was evident, as her talk was not the standard lecture on the significance of diversity but rather used both theater and lecture techniques to convey her message—"edutain" as she calls it.

With background music, King began the talk with the words "Today is the day we rise," emphasizing that as humans we must place "compassion far above self." King referenced

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Judy Shepard, mother of a hate crime victim, gives talk on the dangers of living in a "S.I.C." society

By KATIE HAMM
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Judy Shepard, mother of hate crime victim Matthew Shepard, spoke to a packed and silent Page Commons Room on Wednesday, Mar. 8.

Shepard's son Matthew died in October 1998 from injuries suffered from torture and beating by two

My opinion is that the root of all this [intolerance] is based in ignorance.

Judy Shepard
Lecturer

men, who attacked Matthew because he was homosexual. The attack took place in Wyoming.

Shepard received a standing ovation upon her entrance onto the stage, and her story and passion towards the issue led the audience to

remain focused throughout the entire program. Despite the gravity of her message, Shepard joked with the audience, particularly regarding her appearance at Bowdoin College the night before (she maintained that more people were in attendance at Colby).

Shepard opened by reading the Victim Impact Statement she read to the court as an answer to explain what she had lost through the death of her son. Shepard reads this at each talk she gives, she said, because "it's been a while and we need to review." In the statement, Shepard described her son as a "loving, vibrant, kind young man." She contrasted this image of Matthew with the "emotionless young man in the hospital room." "Such an act of cruelty is incomprehensi-

ble," she said of Matthew's attack. When the family realized that Matt was not going to survive the attack, there was "relief that Matt was no longer suffering, but the realization that our suffering was just beginning," Shepard said.

According to Shepard, we have

become a "S.I.C." society—silent, indifferent, complacent. "My opinion is that the root of all of this is based in ignorance," she said. Respect for everyone, she said, is the

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Members of the campus community participating in a candlelight vigil for a safe and inclusive campus community that was organized by the Bridge following the lecture.

Alpine skier claims Division I national championship

By ALEXA LINDAUER
SPORTS EDITOR

Alpine skiing Captain Abbi Lathrop '06 went down in school history last Wednesday when she earned Colby's first national championship in skiing. Lathrop captured the giant slalom after having the fastest time in both runs. Not only did she earn the first national championship title in skiing, Lathrop also earned Colby's first Div. I national championship title.

Lathrop completed her first run in 1:07.69, slightly ahead of a Middlebury College's Megan Hughes and Denver University's Florence Roujas. The fourth place skier, however, was far behind the top three. Lathrop posted a 1:09.16 on the second run, just ahead of Roujas' 1:09.17. With a two run total of 2:16.85, Lathrop took first place by a margin of .1 seconds, securing her best finish of the season.

While this was Lathrop's fourth appearance at the NCAA champi-

onship and her fourth All-American title in the giant slalom, she was certainly an underdog in the event. She told Sports Information Director Bill Sodoma, "The hill was a little rough on Monday, but I had two really good training runs on Tuesday and felt pretty confident. I had been skiing pretty well as of late and thought I could ski well. I just didn't know that skiing well would mean first place."

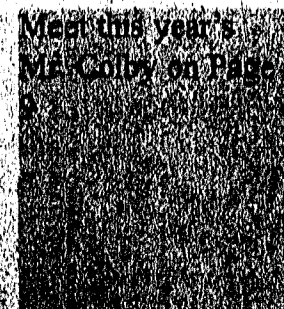
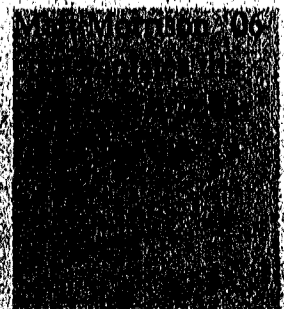
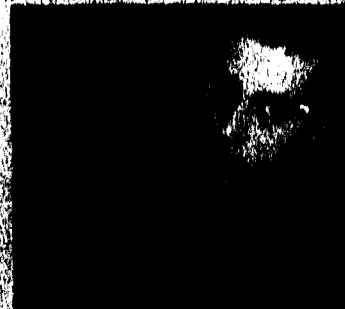
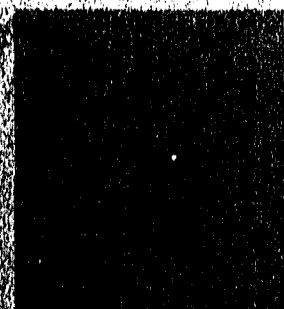
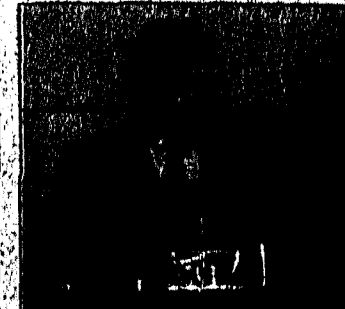
Lathrop has had terrific finishes in the past, but her best finish this

season was a fourth place finish at the University of Vermont carnival. Lathrop finished in second place in the giant slalom at the NCAA championship last year, but her performances this year, while still impressive, have been much lower until last week's victory.

Head Coach Mark Godomsky told Sodoma, "It was a great hill for her because it was steep and there

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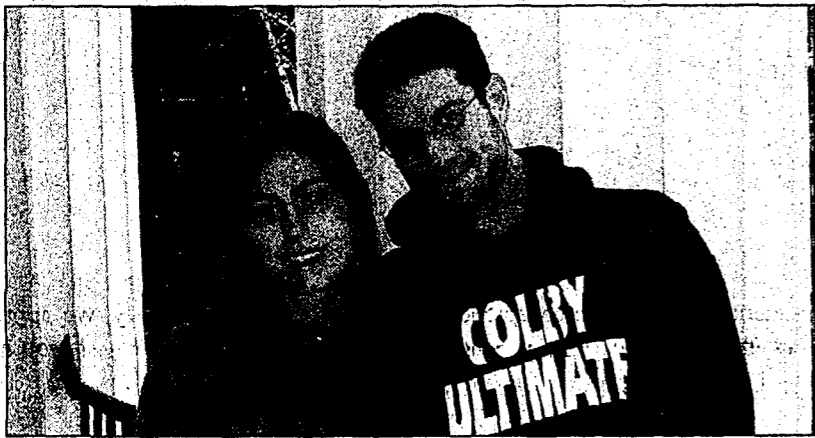
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MICHAEL KLAUS KELLY BENVENUTO



A lot of platforms will tell you what SGA can do. They'll make promises about everything from free beer to ending sexual assault. We're Klaus and Kelly, and we want to make SGA do one thing: its job! We believe that SGA can bring about positive change in your Colby experience.

We propose to make changes in a few key areas.

First, SGA can play an increased role in student life on campus. We propose to help clubs on campus fund all-campus programming. This will ease the burden on SPB in terms of providing events every weekend. We will renew programs such as Beer and Wine night in Dana and the Presidents' Council working groups that investigate specific issues relevant to student life. We will also reintroduce the monthly community discussions about important student issues like the increased police presence on campus, the Digest of Civil Discourse and student respect.

Second, we will make sure that SGA is in touch with the student population. The hall presidents are charged with informing the students of what is happening on Presidents' Council through newsletters. This newsletter cannot simply be a copied and pasted agenda for the meeting. Three years of writing such newsletters has taught us that they must contain explanations of each motion along with fun and engaging material. Either by e-mails or through articles in The Echo, we pledge to keep the student

body informed. Moreover, we will give every student the opportunity to apply for executive board, hall president and committee positions. This will ensure that we have the best people serving the students.

Third, we will make SGA a real representative for the students. We will work directly with the administration on key issues affecting students and assure that SGA representatives on the College Affairs Committee and other standing committees are strong and effective advocates for the student point of view. We will create a standing food committee to work with dining services to provide a better dining experience for all. The committee will also investigate the possibility of using meal credits in the Spa. We will make SGA an influential voice across the campus.

Klaus and Kelly have the experience to deliver. With over six combined semesters on SGA, we have a track record of getting things done. We have been part of major policy changes, including the recent raising of party limits, the creation and editing of the alcohol point system (including the removal of 4-point ER visits) and Presidents' Council oversight over future Dialogue Housing proposals. We were also behind the recent changes to the quota system and the creation of the Colby Dayplanner.

With our previous experience to guide us, we look forward to making SGA a true voice of the students. For our complete platform, visit: www.colby.edu/~mklklaus. Vote Klaus and Kelly!



Hi Colby, we are Tom Testo and Miki Starr and we would like to serve as your SGA president and vice president next year. We are both experienced and dedicated student leaders and are committed to making Colby a safer and more exciting place through a more responsive and approachable SGA. We hope that you share our excitement about issues like a student-supported honor code, a vibrant on-campus social scene and a productive relationship between athletics and academics, and that you'll give us your vote next Sunday.

In addition to our ambition and energy, we feel that our experience will play a great role in our success as president and vice president. Tom's service as a hall president and

unique experience as a member of the SGA executive board (SGA secretary) will allow for us to hit the ground running next year and give students the full year of SGA service they deserve. The SGA executive board has never had the benefit of continuity from previous years, and Tom's knowledge of the SGA at this level will allow us to be extremely efficient. Miki's experience as a Head Resident has given her great insight into the ways residential life might be improved, and her experience as a softball team captain has demonstrated to us how athletics can play an important and positive role in campus life.

We realize that our experience doesn't mean anything without ambitious goals to work toward, and we've got some great ideas for the Colby community. First, we will continue to push for the implementation of a strong and meaningful honor code. We believe that such an honor code will promote a more respectful and safe campus and is an important step toward ensuring a healthier campus climate. We will only support the

honor code, though, if it is an honor code the students can truly get behind. We also understand that an honor code cannot immediately be forced upon a student body that has never been exposed to anything like it, so we will push for a slow and steady integration of the code.

We think that athletics and academics can benefit much more from each other than they currently do. We believe that team captains, club leaders and other student leaders can learn a lot from each other, and we'll encourage idea sharing between all students in positions of leadership. We all know how great it feels when the school rallies around one of our many great athletic teams, and we believe that that does not happen often enough. As visible leaders, we will do everything we can to foster stronger school spirit and get the student body engaged in and passionate about athletics again.

We believe that there is always room for improvement in housing and residential life and will continue efforts to make positive changes in the system. The current system based on double rooms may not be appropriate for the Colby of the future, and we aren't afraid to push for a change in the overall housing

philosophy. Also, since Colby is a residential college, it's important to keep social life vibrant on campus. The SPB and student clubs have done a great job of providing us with fun activities this year, and we'll work with those groups to keep it that way and continue to make improvements.

Most importantly, we want to work with you to make Colby into a place that you really want to be. The SGA is nothing if it isn't quickly responding to student concerns and tackling issues as a unified body. We will look carefully into reforming the SGA so that it better suits your needs. The SGA working groups created this year are a step in the right direction, and if we are elected they will play a greater role in proactively addressing student concerns.

Our experience and ideas, and Tom's familiarity with the executive board, will allow us to attack these goals immediately and effectively. We're responsible and honest leaders, and we promise to give you a full year of hard work, effective leadership, and commitment. We know that our hope for a strong and unified student body can be achieved, but we need your help. Please vote TESTO/STARR next Sunday!

MEGHAN CHURCH CHRISTOPHER APPEL

As Colby students, we have the responsibility and the right to decide how our college functions. Unfortunately, pessimism exists about how SGA functions and what it can do. Unequivocally, our mission is to change this misperception.

We, Meghan Church and Christopher Appel, as your SGA president/vice president, will work to make this a reality. In this regard, we are extremely qualified to make SGA a more potent and strong voice in Colby's affairs.

There are four important issues that we will address: continuing to build a safer community, making the voice of the students unambiguously clear, creating a more inclusive and diverse campus climate and strengthening Colby-academically and socially. Some of our ideas are, but are not limited to, expanding the Colby Card system, updating quiet hours, evaluating the effectiveness of dorm presidents, reviewing the current system for January graduates



and keeping the student body informed of important issues' on campus whether it is concerning undercover cops on campus or whether or not there should be an Honor Code at Colby. We have written extensively on these and other important issues (including athletics) on our website and invite you to visit it.

Our experience in student affairs makes us very qualified. As a ticket, we have been very active in the Colby community. Church has served as an active hall staff member for the past two years and as a member of SPB. Moreover, she was



a member of the Admissions and Financial Aid committee and worked at Colby last summer as a tour guide.

Appel served on SGA his sophomore year as class representative. Additionally, in the Colby Democrats he served as co-president and treasurer. Athletically, he runs on the cross country and track teams.

More importantly, we love Colby. We believe very strongly in the ideal that Colby represents: a liberal arts education united by a strong community. It is our mission to expand on this concept.

Colby students have always had the right to decide through their own viewpoints generally how we live. This right is not to be taken lightly. As candidates we realize the importance of student input in our lives on Mayflower Hill. It is most important for us as students that we can trust our SGA to represent what we want. Too often in the past, the SGA has veered away from controversial issues. That will not happen if we are chosen. The important issues to us as students, such as creating a better social life on campus, will be addressed.

Our SGA will be an energetic and active body. You deserve an SGA that reflects what you believe and one that will make sure your voice is heard. It's your Colby.

If you have any questions about the issues stances/our ticket, please contact us.

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Citation	3/10/06	10:25 p.m.	Cotter Union	Deans Office	Open container.
Citation	3/11/06	2:05 a.m.	AMS Hall	Deans Office	Noise complaint
Medical Response	3/11/06	3:12 a.m.	Leonard Hall	MaineGeneral	Alcohol.
Medical Response	3/11/06	3:55 a.m.	AMS Hall	MaineGeneral	Alcohol.
Citation	3/11/06	10:22 p.m.	Perkins-Wilson Hall	Deans Office	Illegal entry, unregistered party.
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Andrew Cheit '09
Joel Pitt '09
Scott Zeller '09

Coburn:
Ekaterina Gorbunova '08
Rand Hall '08

Dana:
Bob Brady '07

East Quad:
Patrick Boland '09

Foss:
Austin Nicholas '09
Madeline Ragan '08

Grossman:
Alexander Kotsatos '09
Joshua Sadownik '09

Leonard:
Jake Leiby '09

Mary Low:
Tyler Reistmann '09

Perkins-Wilson:
Cary Finnegan '09

Pierce:
Zac Helm '09
Jamie Warner '09

Piper:
Elizabeth Comeau '09
John Roberts '09
Alexander Richards '09

Taylor:
Samuel Hoff '09

West Quad:
Samantha Rose '08
Chelsea Rosenhelmer '09

Woodman:
Sally Drescher '09

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Anthony-Mitchell-Schupf
Drummond
The Heights
Johnson
Marriner
Sturtevant
Treworgy
Williams

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CHRIS HOFFMAN RORY MURPHY

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce both ourselves and the ideas that we would pursue as president and vice president of the Student Government Association. We, Chris Hoffman and Rory Murphy, class of 2007, are excited at the opportunity to run for SGA because we feel that we can make an important impact on the lives of Colby students. We hope that from this article you can get a sense of who we are and what we stand for.

First, let us explain a little bit about ourselves and the diversity of experiences that we have at Colby. Chris is a History/German double major with a minor in teacher certification and comes from Boothbay Harbor, Maine. He served as the hall president of Drummond in his sophomore year, while also working on the off campus study committee. Chris led canoeing COOT2 Belgrade A this past fall and also works as a tutor in the Farnham Writers' Center. He is currently studying for the semester in Regensburg, Germany. Rory is a History major from Brunswick, Maine. A volunteer in both the Waterville and Brunswick school systems, he has shown interest in a career in education. He studied in Salamanca, Spain for the first semester of his first year and is a member of the men's varsity lacrosse team.

The first of our primary concerns is found in the mission statement of SGA, part of which is "to initiate positive and realistic change." It is our goal to instill a greater belief in students that SGA can provide this change, on many different levels. Of course we have several other ideas we would like to pursue as president and vice president, but we recognize that it is the responsibility of all Colby students to bring forth ideas

and aspects of the college that need to be changed. In the moment when you find yourself saying, "I wish Colby had this," or "I wish Colby was like that," you should recognize that SGA can help realize such wishes. By creating a student body that recognizes the capacity of SGA, such "positive and realistic change" will be more possible.

This has been a turbulent year on campus, and we believe we have a few ideas to improve the current situation. One of the most dominating concerns of the past year has been the Waterville police involvement at off-campus parties, as well as on-campus events. We therefore propose the formation of a student legal services committee, where SGA would initiate a relationship with an attorney's office in Waterville. This relationship would benefit students in two ways: first in helping to educate them on their rights in all situations, and second by providing legal support in situations where it is needed.

We recognize that part of the above problem could stem from the relationship between Colby students and the general population of Waterville. Growing up in the Brunswick/Topsham area, we are both familiar with the dynamics of a college town. Colby is in an excellent position to provide great services to the Waterville community, and as SGA executives, we would work to improve this relationship. Simple events, like raking leaves or cleaning up sidewalks and roads can help show the Waterville community that Colby students care about the



town in which they live. Small steps such as these can go a long way in helping to improve the Colby-Waterville relationship.

In addition to the above goals, we have several on-campus concerns that we would like to address. The digest of civil discourse has been a great tool for spurring debate over campus and world issues, but there are two independent problems that result from this e-mail forum. First of all, real discourse seems to falter through the misunderstanding of prose or ideas. We therefore see this digest as a great tool for fueling organized debates on issues, and therefore propose the creation of actual live discussions over such topics. The digest often leads to hurtful remarks, intentional or not, and though we recognize the importance of freedom of expression and encourage all ideas to be said, no Colby student should feel unsafe on campus, and the digest of civil discourse should not be a means to spread such fear.

We hope this article has provided a good introduction to who we are, our concerns and what we pledge to do if elected. We have experience, open-minds, and the will to make Colby a better place. Vote Hoffman/Murphy for SGA president and vice president.

DANIEL G. MELEGA ALEXANDRA "OLA" SADANOWICZ

While Colby remains a premier institution, we feel it must confront a variety of issues to maintain a robust, energized student body. Everyone is aware of the caliber and diversity of the students we have on campus. Our plan builds on these strengths by involving the entire Colby community. To help initiate these changes we have three key issues we feel are neglected, and should be addressed: school spirit, social life and campus climate. For example, by supporting Colby athletics, creating a setting in which Colby students can enjoy themselves responsibly, and providing a safe zone for speech that is welcoming to all, SGA will become responsive to your concerns. Far too often, SGA has acted without consultation with the student body. We say enough is enough; students will be put first. Student government should be a means for you to initiate change, not for Student government to force change on you.

First, lack of school spirit and the loss of Colby traditions have been disconcerting. Athletic competitions remain sparsely attended, which is a shame. As such, we propose to implement a program where SGA sponsors a Colby sports rally on one Saturday during each sports season. This program will include music and food, taking place outdoors. Our program will not affect current fundraising events like the raffles Colby athletic programs use to fund trips. Rather, this event will happen before the games, attempting to not only attract students to games, but to encourage them to stick around.

As president and vice president, we will maintain the current beer and wine night in Dana and look to expand this option to Foss and Bobs. We would also like to see Colby undertake

a program to pay party hosts. It is our belief that through doing this, more opportunities for responsible yet fun social events will occur. College policy reflecting room capacity should change so you can fit as many people into your room safety regulations will allow instead of being decided by arbitrary rules. The alcohol policy needs adjustments, such as not penalizing students for getting medical treatment at the hospital. We pledge to reopen the dialogue and implement change.

We also hope to provide more funding to class councils and other events for the Colby community by refusing to accept our stipends. If elected, no member of our administration will receive a stipend, which has been seen as a reward and incentive for running for office. At present, stipends total \$6,000 for president and vice president alone. We believe one should run on principle and be committed to change. As such, we will use this money towards the betterment of social life.

Campus climate and diversity are difficult issues, and we respect the fact that, as adults, we choose our own friends. However, it is important to maintain an atmosphere of respect where students can exchange their thoughts and ideas. We propose having more events on campus where people from different backgrounds come together in an open and accepting zone available on campus for students to go and talk about anything.

Concerning the recent attempts to pass an honor code, we believe any such code must first be discussed with you, the students. These past few months the honor code has only been discussed between SGA and the College Affairs Committee, but the student body has been conspicuously missing from the debate. Students must be involved in any debate sur-



rounding an honor code, and that code must adequately represent their views. We oppose any honor code with mandatory reporting in regards to social infractions, which may violate student rights. As adults, we should know what is acceptable and respectable. While we would hope that someone would feel compelled to come forward if they witness an atrocious event, we do not feel one should be punished for not reporting. A climate of respect is important, but to do so by fear is wrong.

By helping to implement these changes, we believe we can make Colby a more fun, respectful, and safe environment. As president and vice president, we will not see ourselves simply as head of Colby student government, but as representatives of the Colby student body. This differentiation is crucial; unlike past years, we plan to incorporate what we do for the good of the entire Colby community. We appreciate your support and wish you all the best.

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SGA Treasurer

2006-2007

Michael Kipkosgei Kiprop (Kip) '07

To my fellow students: Jambo (Hello)! I hope the semester is going well for everyone and that you are all surviving the midterm week. Just remember, spring break is only a week away. However, before you head off to wherever you are going, you will have the opportunity to exercise your right to vote in the upcoming SGA elections.

Before you vote for me as your treasurer, I think you deserve to know who the hell this kid with a funny sounding name is. My full name is Michael Kipkosgei Kiprop, but I generally just go by Kip. Some people have made a concerted, albeit unsuccessful, effort to modify that name to Kippy. As far as I know there is only one Kip at Colby, but in my community there are close to 200,000, so there you would have to call me by the full name or else you would have 200,000 people responding to you. Schooled in Kenya, Canada and now the United States, I bring to the position a cultural understanding and appreciation that I believe is essential when dealing with a community like Colby.

I am a junior economics major, and I have also had the privilege of serving as a student supervisor of media services, and as a secretary of the International Club. Those two positions have exposed me to the challenges of resource allocation and management. I have come to appreciate the tremendous effort that clubs at Colby put into planning and executing events, and as a treasurer, I will work to make these processes as smooth as possible.

Following are the four major initiatives that I would like to undertake as treasurer next year:

Merit-based budget allocation;



Currently, the treasurer allocates club budgets by looking at the previous year's allocation, and depending on whether a club fully spent the budget or not determines whether to cut or raise a club's budget. Two problems arise with this kind of allocation system. First, clubs have a tendency to spend their entire budget unwisely. Some clubs lie dormant until just before the end of the financial year when they scramble to spend their entire budget at once. Second, if the club officials spend the money wantonly one year, the allocation system unfairly punishes the following year's officials. To address these two problems, I propose a budget allocation system that not only looks at the previous year's budget, but also at how the financial resources were spent. Clubs that spend money to specifically further their stated goals should be rewarded. Additionally, I propose that the budget allocation should be done on a semester basis, rather than on a yearly basis. This gives new leaders and new clubs the opportunity to get a budget review in the spring semester. It will also create an incentive for

clubs to remain active in both the fall and the spring semester.

Funding for individuals: Very often, individuals who have very interesting initiatives to pursue or conferences to attend are forced to resort to sourcing a dollar or two from several clubs because the current budget allocation system doesn't make it possible for the Treasurer to fund these individuals directly. This process creates transactional inefficiency. Therefore, I propose to create a fund to directly provide for these individuals.

Transparency: As Treasurer, I will be dealing with your hard-earned money, and you deserve to know how it is being allocated.

To promote transparency in the budget allocation process, I will e-mail the approved budget to the entire student body at the beginning of each semester. Additionally, I will e-mail the financial standing of clubs to club leaders on a monthly basis so that they can make well-informed decisions regarding their club's spending.

Prompt service delivery: In order to give prompt and effective service, it is important for the treasurer to be accessible to the student body. Therefore, I propose to add dinner hours when club officials who are not able to meet during the already existing office hours can come to conduct business or discuss ideas.

Interns: This is not intended to be a serious one. The treasurer's office provides a unique opportunity for interns to work in a fast-paced, demanding work environment where they can learn and grow professionally. Responsibilities include making my coffee. To be considered you have to vote Kip as your treasurer.

Vote for me so I can make these changes happen.

Hakuna Matata!

Tim Williams '08

Hi Colby! My name is Tim Williams '08 and I am hoping to serve you as SGA treasurer next year. I have had the privilege of serving as class representative for the Class of 2008 for two years now, and to be honest, it's a job I'm going to miss. I'm running for treasurer because I believe there are improvements to be made that can affect the entire student body. My platform is based on four precepts: accountability, budget access, improved allocations and event planning assistance. In terms of accountability, I plan to ensure that everyone can easily get in touch with me—I will spread out office hours and respond to e-mails on a timely basis. Budget access—online account access has been promised in the past; if elected I will start working on it this year, not wait until next fall. Improved allocations—I have already started to work with our current treasurer, Justin DePre, on creating a more open, public system into creating the budget. The budget should not be prepared hours before it is passed, that's a simple precept I stand behind. Event planning assistance—I also will help clubs with event planning, and work with SPB and PCB to make a smoother event collaboration process. You can read about my platform more in detail on my website, www.colbytreasurer.info.

As mentioned above, I have two years of SGA experience. In that time, I have also served on multiple committees, including the financial priorities committee, which overviews the budget for the entire school, as well as the diversity conference planning committee. I have also helped plan numerous class events, everything from study



breaks in the street to class dinners to a valentine's dance for the whole school. I have gained experience in programming through both my class and many other clubs I belong to. I also have financial experience: this past summer I worked at one of TD Banknorth's busiest commercial branches where on a typical day I alone would handle upwards of \$75,000 in cash, and process over \$1,000,000 in checks. Through this experience I learned first hand the terminology and process of accounts and accounting.

While my platform has some major components, there are some smaller issues that need to be worked on as well. Ever hand a store clerk a purchase order and have them look at you like you were paying with Pesos? To fix this, I will work with area merchants to ensure they are aware of students using Colby purchase orders. I will also work with the Student Activities Office to update and enhance the preferred vendors list, so that everyone knows where purchase orders are and are not accepted. I will also ensure there is a clear and in-depth organization handbook available for everyone

when they get back next fall. Another issue is school spirit. Whatever happened to it? As treasurer I will work to ensure funds are devoted to this cause as well as class councils. Class unity and spirit has been my goal of this year and it is very hard to accomplish on a \$500 or so budget. Class council support along with athletic event promotion and promoting and supporting SPB can bring school spirit back.

I'm ready to make this a 24/7 job—that's my promise to you. Over the past two years I have tried to take my job as class representative seriously. I sent out regular newsletters (not required of class representatives) and posted newsletter information on a readily accessible website—www.the08update.com. I created a network of communication among student governments of NESAC schools. I have worked to increase career preparation through class resume/internship planning workshops. As mentioned above I also served on multiple committees and helped plan numerous class events. If I had to say in one sentence what I will do as treasurer, it would be that I will take the position to heart. I am currently a sophomore, which means if elected I will be serving as treasurer as a junior. While it may seem unusual to have a junior as treasurer, please remember this means I won't be bogged down by job interviews, senior activities and overall senioritis. SGA executive board members have said time and time again the treasurer should be a junior—for both time and accountability reasons. I know SGA, I know Colby, and I care. I want to make the budget an open, understood process. Remember—your money, you should have a say! Thank you!

SGA Class Representatives

candidates for 2006-2007

Class of 2007

Mark Biggar & Annie Mears

In this day and age, promises don't mean very much. It must then seem striking that all the promises made in last year's campaign have been upheld. We don't do this for our résumé; we do this for our class. We are one of you, and so the happier you all are, the happier we are. We have shown you our



motivation, our organizational skills, and most of all our dedication. We have put on class dinners, class study breaks, a Junior/Senior Prom, a class service day, T-shirt sales, and we still have more to come. We have increased the class participation, having nearly 40 people show up to class service day, and having the largest class council in recent memory. Best of all, there's still two months left in the year, and study breaks aren't the only thing you have to look forward to. Junior/Senior Cotillion is coming right up after Spring Break. Once that event is over, our efforts are going to be focused on a Class Activities Day, which would involve Bocce, Horseshoes, pick up football and soccer, badminton, and a barbecue by the pond.

The best part of all is that you can count on us actually delivering on our promises. We are students like you, working until the early hours of the morning on the weekdays, and going out until the early hours of the morning on the weekends. We are approachable, friendly and enthusias-

tic people, constantly seeking advice and opinion from you all. Mark's a midwestern boy majoring in philosophy and economics, and Annie is a New England girl majoring in government and economics. Mark is a varsity squash player and avid fly fisher, and Annie is an enthusiastic rugby player and a heady skier. They remain similar enough to work well together and different enough to challenge each other. Our goals are simple: increase class unity by increasing participation at class events, and ensuring that the consensus of the class is heard at SGA meetings. We promise to increase the sheer quantity and quality of class events next year, with bigger and better plans. Our ability to coordinate these events has been increasing all year, and next year should reap the benefits of this experience (oh and a larger budget as well). We plan on diversifying class council even more, so that all social circles are represented. We did a very good job this year, and we plan on doing an even better job next year. We love you all.

Katie Maland & Karli Gasteazoro



well as a lot of FUN to be had.

This is our last year to join together as the class of 2007, to show our Mule spirit and to set the stage for the underclass, administration and all of Waterville to share what Colby is all about. Many things are changing—the Pub is moving to Bobs, the Student Union is disappearing—but senior year traditions won't budge: Blue Light Pub nights, bar nights in town, dress-up bowling, Prom, Cotillion, "Champagne on the Steps," and Senior Week will all live on. Karli and I have the great

advantage that we have been in the system, know the right people and as a result know how to GET THINGS DONE.

Senior year is also the time to prepare for the "real world." From job interviews, to grad school applications to finding the funds to travel the world, the reality is our Colby career is coming to an end. We've been communicating with Career Services and plan on making this transition as smooth and easy as possible.

"Ni hao" from Karli in Beijing and "Jambo" from Katie in Tanzania. And although we are literally in separate countries on the other side of the world, we are extremely excited for senior year and the possibility of being your senior reps. As scary, exciting and unreal as it may seem, our final year at Colby is quickly approaching. Senior year comes with a plethora of preparations, changes, responsibilities and expectations as

James Silvestro & Jamie Poster

Eight and a half reasons to vote for Jamie Poster and James Silvestro for '08 class reps (in reverse alphabetical order of inconsequential sequence):

1. We believe that class events should appeal to as many students as possible. Class funds should be managed responsibly in order to maximize their benefit to our class. With so many people going abroad, it is especially important that those of us that remain on-campus come together and have a good time.

2. Class T-shirts are unoriginal, unimaginative and most likely of sub-standard quality. Instead wouldn't you rather sport your class spirit with an '08 fanny pack or yo-yo or something of equal gnarliness?

3. We really like the outdoors and would support any initiative that makes Colby a more Earth friendly place. Along these same lines, we refuse to make frivolous campaign flyers that unnecessarily waste paper.

4. We will bring several ninja-like qualities to the SGA (i.e. honor, loyalty, discipline, self-defense, diligence, bad-assness, etc.).

5. There is far too much red tape at Colby. This is not a fascist dictatorship, and as such, processes like study abroad, room-draw and class registration should be reevaluated and redesigned in the best interest of students.

6. Many of you will be going abroad next year and you will be very far away from the everyday affairs of the SGA. Therefore it is extremely important that you elect representatives that you know you can trust to act in your best interest. When you're running around Paris or Melbourne or what have you, you may not be too worried about such things as potential changes to the alcohol policy, but when you return as seniors you will most certainly be affected by the decisions that are made in your absence. Whether you are on-campus or not, we will represent every member of the Junior Class.

7. Both of our names begin with JAM, which is a delicious treat made from fruit that is excellent on toast

Sarah Switchenko & Steve Frechette



Hey Class of 2008!

Are you guys ready for an incredible junior year with two new and energetic class reps? We are! We, Steve Frechette and Sarah Switchenko ("Switch"), cannot wait to lead you all into an amazing junior year.

We feel that communication is at the core of successful leadership and we are dedicated to increasing class awareness. We are very motivated and we hope that you all will share in our enthusiasm. Get ready for class reps

who will truly be open to any suggestions and who will bring your voice to both the Class Council and Presidents' Council. In addition to representing the class as whole, we want to reach out to every one of you and make sure that you all serve as a valuable member of the Colby community.

Our current class reps, Tim and Steph, have worked hard for the class, and we plan on building on their platform while incorporating some of our own fresh ideas. We are going to

sible for all of us.

A little about us: We are both active, crazy, fun-loving, creative, approachable, respectful, aware, enthusiastic, receptive, effective, personable and dedicated individuals at Colby. Katie has been an HR for the past two years, was on class council last semester and is extremely knowledgeable about activities on campus and working with the Dean of Students. Karli was your Junior Class Rep last semester and has spent countless hours figuring out how things work in Stu-A, with SGA and the administration. We have known each other since Karli popped out of the womb, and as a result, we work extremely well together, know our strengths and weaknesses, and GET THINGS DONE.

But this spirit, unity and FUN can-

not solely be our initiative—all of us as seniors need to join together to make this year our best at Colby. Feel free to email us with any ideas, comments, or concerns (kemaland@colby.edu and karli.gasteazoro@gmail.com). Lastly: Don't be an ass, be a Mule: VOTE for Katie and Karli and GET 'ER DONE. Thank you very much.

VOTE!

8 a.m. Mar. 19 to
8 p.m. Mar. 20

Class of 2008



and Jamie seems to think you can put it on scones, but James isn't so sure. PS—James really likes talking in the third person.

8. So here we are at reason number eight and we've told you seven things that we think are important, but what's really most important to us is what you think. Hopefully you have read the seven previous reasons and realize that we do not support the melodramatic aspect of school politics. We understand that this job is not really about us; it is about you. If elected we will represent you to the

best of our ability and we will be open to all of your ideas and suggestions. We are extremely approachable and will not bite (unless of course you are into that sort of thing, in which case please see Tom Myers).

8 1/2. The eighth and a half reason you should vote for us cannot be expressed in this typeface. Please see us if you would like to uncover the truth behind this mystery.

Thank you for your time, have a good day.

strive for three central goals:

1. Quality over quantity—As a class, we have had numerous events that have not reached their full potential. You may or may not have heard about some of these events, which is why we want to strengthen their quality. Instead of promising more activities, we want to work towards making the ones we already have worthwhile. We believe that these should be memorable experiences that you can share with your classmates throughout your final years at Colby.

2. Greater student involvement—Through enhanced participation, we feel that class events will be significantly more enjoyable. In order to get more people involved, we will focus on promoting events thoroughly and efficiently. We want to make sure every class member is informed about '08 activities, and we will work our hardest to get the word out.

3. Improve the reputation of the class council—For our junior year, we are aiming to appoint the best-qualified members of '08 to effectively

represent and lead our class. We plan on reducing the number of executive board members to increase productivity and efficiency. We want you to know who is behind the decision-making and who you can voice your concerns to.

These points serve only as the basis for our ambitions, and we encourage any input that will better your Colby experience. We will not hesitate to work through various committees, SGA, or even President Bro Adams to ensure your confidence in our class.

We are aware that many students go abroad junior year, and for this reason our events need to be that much more fulfilling. Time is flying here at Colby, and we need to get all that we can out of our final years. We, Steve and Switch, are dedicated to this cause.

Vote this Sunday/Monday for us, two driven and personable individuals who are ready to lead the Class of 2008 into an unforgettable junior year!

Treasurer

Lindsay Kohlhoff '07

Want a say in how YOUR money is allocated? Elect me, LINDSAY KOHLHOFF for SGA Treasurer 2006-2007, and you will get just that! I am currently a Biology and Economics double major, an active member of several clubs on campus, and a two year member of the 2007 Class Council. Participating in these activities has allowed me to be actively involved in the Colby community over my past three years as a student. Last semester I studied abroad at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand and am excited to be back on campus for the remainder of my Colby experience.

I hope to fuel both my experience as well as yours by serving as SGA Treasurer for the upcoming 2006-2007 school year, and I have several ideas of how to do so. First, I would like to increase the transparency of the actions of SGA Treasurer. Currently, little is done to inform students of how their tuition funds are being allocated, and I think through open campus discourse as well as periodic budget reports students will feel more involved in this process. Due to the increased presence of Class Councils over the past few years and their role of providing valuable social events, I think sufficient funding should be allocated to keep these groups from being inhibited due to monetary constraints. Another pressing issue regarding the position of SGA Treasurer regards club accountability for their budgets. I plan to deal with this by setting the annual budget in the fall and then re-adjust the budget before spring semester.

This will help assess the efficiency and quality to which clubs have used their budgets and inefficient funding will be reallocated to those clubs which have done a good job. This use-it or lose-it policy will provide incentive for clubs to provide quality events and hold clubs accountable for budget spending. Other ideas of mine include creating a treasury board to provide input for future treasurers on how and where money should be allocated to ensure a budget which is unbiased and representative of Colby students' interests, along with ensuring sufficient funding for the creation of new clubs on campus.

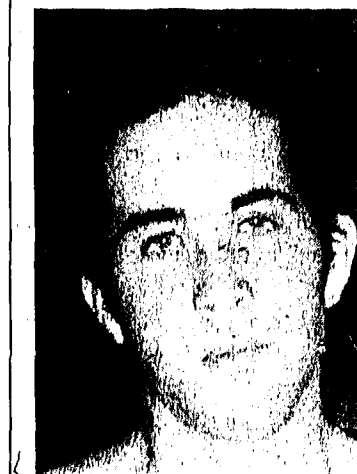
If you want someone to take on this position with professionalism, integrity, and a sincere desire to make your experiences at Colby more fulfilling, VOTE LINDSAY KOHLHOFF for SGA Treasurer on March 19th-20th. A vote for me is an investment in the best!



Class of 2009

Evan McCulloch & Byron Meinerth

To our peers:
In his dialogue with his student Crito, Socrates said, "even [a leader] that is as old as the fjords, and as young as a newborn lamb, is naught without



the behest of his vulgate; Athens would surely have succumbed without its garrisons and populace." In response, Inspector Deck from the Wu-Tang said, "Representing with the skill that's iller."

Nothing could be closer to the truth. While many politicians in our country place themselves in lofty echelons, this stratification renders representation ineffective. We believe that representation begins at a grassroots level, with actions, such as simply talking to people about their concerns. Bringing these concerns and suggestions in the form of motions to SGA meetings, is our goal, first and foremost. No genuine concern of a student is ever too trivial to be grappled with and debated. However, in addition to staying connected with the people of our class, we

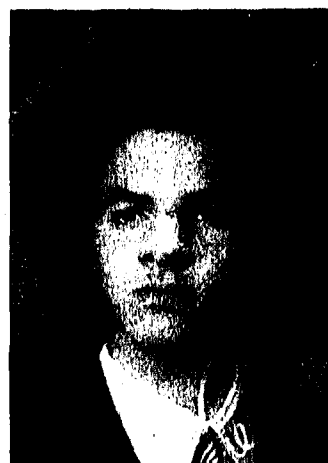
must exhibit outstanding leadership and character, not only in SGA, but in the community, en masse. By emulating these two basics, with style and tact, this dichotomy can be resolved.

By interacting on the same level of the students, but leading from the front, we feel we can make the Class of 2009 kick-ass; basically, it's time to get drunk. Effective representation is not something that one just finds lying on the side of the road, like a deer. Working with more of our peers through Class Council will not only elucidate important issues, but will also allow us to create and plan events that will promote a greater sense of camaraderie in our class. Moreover, we already have a few ideas to roll with next year, and by "roll", we mean 28 inch blades on the Impala (c'mon!!!)

No but really, here are two issues that we feel should be addressed. Out of many highly competitive schools of Colby's caliber throughout the nation, and within our conference, Colby is one of the few that does not have a well-defined honor code. We believe that almost everyone here has a lot of integrity; still, an honor code is something worth looking into. An honor code would give us a great sense of satisfaction and a means to be responsible for our own honesty and conduct. However, the decision ultimately lies with you, the class.

Also, we feel that the school's alcohol policy should be reformed. Allowing students to congregate and drink in dorm common areas will create a better and livelier social environment on campus. Of the same importance, it will draw people from their rooms, and cut down on binge drinking; the emphasis of weekend partying should be placed on socializing with friends - a tasty Beefsteak or brew in hand, rather than pounding that third Colt 45 or snorkel full of tequila in your room, by yourself. These two matters could most definitely be accomplished by allowing drinking, and even registered kegs, in residence hall commons.

We feel these two issues are very relevant to the Class of 2009's current situation, and should be addressed. If elected, we will do our best, and we feel that one's best is all he can give. We will strive for excellence and are fully willing to undertake the work that is involved with being class representatives.



Lecture focuses on remembrances of the Holocaust

By ANNIE KEARNEY
FEATURES EDITOR

The 2006 Lipman Lecture was given on Monday, Mar. 6 by Jerry Fowler, the staff director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Committee on Conscience. Fowler's talk, "Creating a Constituency of Conscience: The Role of the Holocaust Remembrance in Combating Contemporary Genocide," discussed the importance of educating people about the Holocaust to prevent and address current genocides, particularly the current genocide in Darfur.

Fowler is a distinguished human rights activist who served as the legislative counsel for the Lawyers Committee of Human Rights and taught at the law schools of George Mason and George Washington Universities. He has also served as an officer in the United States Army and was Special Litigation Council for the U.S. Department of Justice. In addition

to his work at the Holocaust Museum, he has written essays on human rights and directed a short film on the subject.

Fowler's talk argued that remembrance of the Holocaust and other historical human rights atrocities

Staff Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Committee on Conscience Jerry Fowler was this year's lecturer.

contributes to a public awareness of current atrocities. The Holocaust Museum in D.C. is a testament to that; currently attracting nearly two million visitors a year (88 percent of them not of Jewish descent), the Museum has

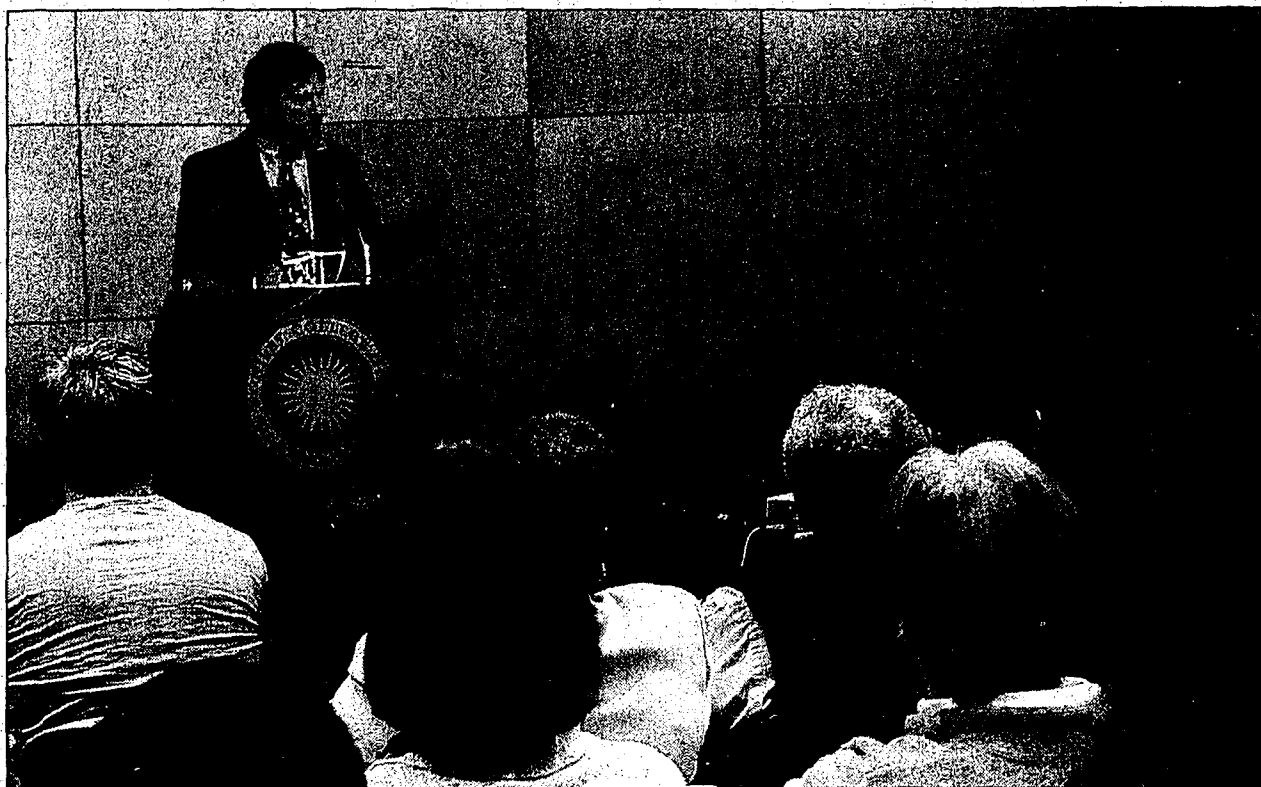
far surpassed original estimates that predicted, at maximum, 500,000 visitors a year.

Fowler emphasized that discussions of the Holocaust rarely account for the largest group of people involved: the bystanders. "The exhibitions are about and for bystanders," he said.

At the end of his lecture, Fowler discussed the events in Darfur, which he has recently visited. The Museum's Committee of Conscience declared the Darfur genocide a "Genocide Emergency," the first time the group has applied such a label in their decade-long history.

Fowler recalled his trip to the region and then went on to say that one of the most important things is the recognition that this is occurring. "People who witness," he said, "help shape society and its actions. Remembering and learning about these events promotes values and new norms."

The Fowler Endowment was given by Bernard Lipman '31 for the advancement of Jewish Studies at on campus.



Jerry Fowler, staff director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Committee on Conscience delivered the 2006 Lipman Lecture, "Creating a Constituency of Conscience: The Role of Remembrance in Combating Contemporary Genocide," delivered the lecture in the Pugh Center on Wednesday, March 6.

Presidents' Council to consider changes to alcohol policy; housing motion passes

By BEN HERBST
NEWS EDITOR

The College Affairs Committee presented changes to the College's alcohol policy to Presidents' Council at their meeting on Sunday, Mar. 12. The policy has been in place since last

I think it is a good set of recommendations...it's a matter of continuing to define [the policy].

Janice Kassman

Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and Secretary of the CAC

summer, and PC and CAC approved it last spring.

PC members will vote at their Mar. 19 meeting whether to approve, reject or decline comment on the new policy.

The major changes of the policy are that it is now on a ten point scale (instead of seven), alcohol related visits to the hospital no longer incur points or fines, and one point is added for each infraction in situations involving multiple infractions.

"I think it is a good set of recommendations...it's a matter of continuing to define [the policy]," Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Janice Kassman said; she is also secretary of the CAC. She also commented that the policy is good because it is clearly defined and limited to one page.

Gabe Adams '06, student co-chair of the CAC and Harold and Bibby Alford Apartment Complex representative to PC, said students will be pun-

ished for actions both on and off campus. "The College cannot unknow what they know," she said at the Mar. 12 meeting.

The letter sent to PC from Adams and Kassman read "No points will be assigned for a visit to the ER; instead, such a visit will be treated as a medical issue."

SGA President Donnie O'Callaghan '06 commented in a Mar. 14 interview that "the changes are steps in the right direction" and that he was pleased that hospital visits will no longer be handled under this policy. As a member of PC in the spring of 2005, O'Callaghan voted against the original policy because it included such a policy. He also commented that it is a positive sign that "administrators [are] listening to student feedback."

Mark Biggar '07, a class representative, and Meghan Church '07, speaking during the community forum section, both voiced their concern that students could quickly accumulate points in cases of multiple offenses.

When asked about concerns raised at PC about how quickly accumulated points could result in a student being asked to leave school after, especially for underage students hosting parties in dormitories, in a Mar. 12 interview Kassman said "an underage person shouldn't be having a party in their room." She also said that the College cannot "allow underage students "to circumvent the law."

The new policy also added a disciplinary point for illegal transportation of alcohol, and two points for furnishing a location for underage consumption, possession of alcohol at a non-alcohol event, possession of alcohol in a substance-free hall and unregistered party with alcohol. Also, five points are now assessed for alcohol-related disrespect to College officials and/or student works. Lying/failure to produce an ID is now two points instead of one.

O'Callaghan predicted that the pol-

icy would cause debate at the Mar. 19 PC meeting, especially because of the new stipulation that a point will be added for each offense in a situation where multiple offenses have occurred, "that will be the issue that students will be talking about."

Housing motion passes

PC also voted on a motion originally written last year by Zach Russem '06 and Michael Klaus '07, president of Dana residence hall, that standardized the process by which dorm presidents get to choose their room once elected or appointed.

Debate focused on how much of a benefit presidents receive and whether or not sophomore presidents could obtain rooms they might not normally receive during the normal room draw process.

Some suggested the policy be adapted for certain residence halls that are considered less than desirable for prospective presidents because of certain circumstances, but the council did not alter the motion.

Klaus explained that in their process, he and Russem looked at the

New housing policy for residence hall presidents standardizes current system.

actual residence halls and not their current status (such as Quiet, Chem-Free or dialogue housing) so if those statuses changed in the future the policy would not need to.

While several members voiced concern about the actual policy, the council voted unanimously to consent with the CAC's motion.

SHEPARD: Mother of fallen son offers advice on an active political life

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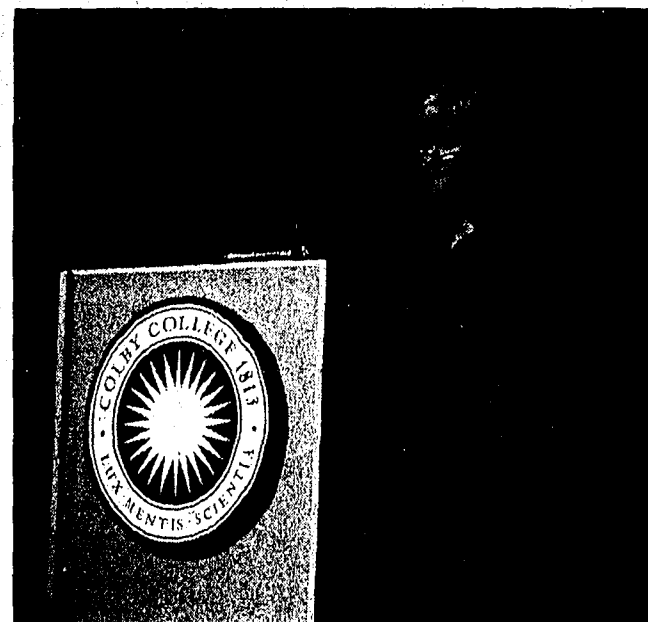
most important thing.

Shepard instructed the audience to do five things, as we all have a "tremendous responsibility" because it is an election year. Individuals must register to vote and become educated about the issues. Registering is not enough, Shepard said, as people must actually vote. Following the elected officials in their terms in office, and giving them feedback on their decisions, is another responsibility of the people. Finally, people must talk about their lives and educate others. "Leading a secret life, leading a double life, benefits no one, least of all you," she said. Shepard believes that a society is largely able to recognize a person for who they are, one hundred percent.

Shepard spoke briefly on several topics relating to homosexuals, such as gay marriage, harassment of

homosexuals in schools and gay adoption. She noted that homosexuals "don't take it for granted that they can have a baby just because they can pop one out" and same-sex marriage would not affect the sanctity of marriage, rather it is such societal things like reality television and Britney Spears' Las Vegas wedding that are already threatening the sanctity of the institution.

Following Shepard's talk in Page,



Judy Shepard addresses Page Commons on March 8.

members of the College community held a vigil to rid the campus of fear and bigotry, and remember the Shepard's story.

DEBATE: Candidates debate range of campus and community issues

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year; Meghan Church '07 and Chris Appel '08J, Chris Hoffman '07 and Rory Murphy '07, Michael Klaus '07 and Kelly Benvenuto '07, Testo and Miki Starr '07 and mentioned above Melega and Sadanowicz. Appel and Hoffman are studying abroad this spring and were not able to attend the debate.

Russem's first question concerned whether the candidates favored any changes to the current structure of the student body to improve its efficacy. In response, the candidates all agreed that the first step for more effective student government would be more active Hall Presidents.

Church offered a proposal where

class representatives would grow in number per class, all voting in Presidents' council. She said this would offset the disproportionate allocation of student representation existing today as small and large residence halls all have one hall president. Melega offered up a complete restructuring of the SGA and Student Programming Board where there would be a "student body president" as the executive of the two institutions increasing their ability to coordinate efforts.

The candidates struggled the most with Russem's fourth question, asking candidates to evaluate, "how important diversity is to the academic and social experience at Colby."

Klaus fielded the question noting the word diversity is often overused

as a blanket concept at the school. He suggested having monthly discussions about campus diversity issues, such as the one that followed the Coburn incident last fall, to increase person-to-person dialogue about these issues.

Church said diversity was "very important" to the school and suggested forums similar to Klaus' where people of differing viewpoints and backgrounds can come together to discuss issues.

Testo considered diversity "integral" to the College, while admitting that after working in College admissions, he sees it as a "work in progress."

In closing statements, candidates echoed many of their official platforms.

Candidate platforms for the Student Government Association president/vice president, treasurer and class representative positions are on pages 2-4.

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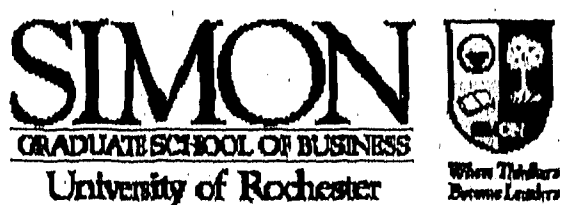
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Filmmakers discuss political picture

By ANNIE KEARNEY
FEATURES EDITOR

The film "Deadline," was screened at the College on Monday as part of the series "Women Making History...Making Change." The film's director, Katy Chevigny, and its producer, Dallas Brennan, a native of Maine, were in attendance to discuss the making of the film and to answer questions about how people can get involved in the documentary film industry.

The critically acclaimed "Deadline," which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2004, takes place in the fall of 2002, as the then-Governor of Illinois, George Ryan (R), debated granting clemency to some or all of the 167 inmates on death row in his state at the time. The "tough-on-crime," historically pro-death penalty Ryan was disturbed when journalism students at

Northwestern University found evidence that a man on death row, Anthony Porter, has been wrongly convicted. A series of articles by the Chicago Tribune on the flaws in the Illinois death penalty system further shook Ryan's beliefs. The film follows Ryan over the course of his last few months in office as he very publicly struggles to reach a decision. Intermixing the stories of inmates, prison guards, victims' and convicts' families, lawyers, political advisors and journalists, the film portrays a flawed institution at the center of a morally ambiguous debate.

Filmmakers Chevigny and Brennan, who early in the day spoke at Professor of English Phyllis Mannochi's "American Dreams" documentary filmmaking class, stressed that neither one of them went to film school; Chevigny majored in East Asian studies at Yale, while Brennan holds a degree in philosophy from Swarthmore. They became involved

in film through internships and other working opportunities, a route they suggested to aspiring filmmakers. "Your mentors become your bosses become your colleagues become your friends," Brennan explained. "It's a nice evolution."

Deciding to make the film, which was shot by an all-female crew, came from interest in historical death penalty cases. During their research into that subject, they realized the events in Illinois played in nicely. "A lot of this industry is being in the right place at the right time," said Chevigny. She stressed that while the filming of the documentary was rewarding, it was also emotionally draining. "You realized that you got to walk out of there and these people [some of whom the women believed were wrongly convicted] could not."

For further information on the film, or on the pair's company, Big Mouth Pictures, can be found at www.deadlinethemovie.com.

PC discusses two political motions

By BEN HERBST
NEWS EDITOR

Two motions asking the Presidents' Council to take an official stance on political issues were discussed at their Mar. 11 meeting; both motions were written by Antonio Mendez '06, president of the Heights.

The first motion asked PC to limit student clubs' ability to spend money at Walmart, and instead instructed them to use Student Government Association funds distributed by the treasurer at local businesses. The motion sparked some of the most spirited debate seen at PC this year.

"I think we should support Waterville and local businesses. We give the funds to clubs so we can tell them where to use them," Mendez said.

Ben Poulos '08, president of Pierce residence hall, suggested that the wording of the motion be changed so that the council "recommend" that clubs favor local business, instead of mandating it. However, other members felt that this

would do very little, and also commented that the SGA currently does encourage patronage of local businesses by providing a list of them to clubs at the start of every year.

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Antonio Mendez '06
President of the Heights

The debate focused around whether or not PC had the right to do this, as well as whether or not it is in their rights to force this inconvenience on them. "I don't think you could find everything in local places," Jason Foster '06, president of Anthony-Mitchell-Schupf residence hall, said. SGA President Donnie O'Callaghan '06 echoed this senti-

ment in a Mar. 14 interview, when he said "at certain times Walmart may be the only option."

Other members of the council expressed doubt that the treasurer could police such a policy. "It's going to be difficult for the SGA treasurer to [monitor this]," SGA Treasurer Justin DePre '06 said. "I don't think it's really feasible in my opinion...it's a little too much to ask," he added.

The issue sparked the interest of several students outside of the council who spoke during the community forum segment of the meeting.

The motion failed by a vote of 10 to 17, much to the disappointment of the small group of students that attended the meeting to voice their support of the motion.

Had the motion passed, it would not have extended to hall staff's funds because they do not receive their money from the SGA.

Motion on Burma passes

After some debate the council also passed a motion recommending that

MOSAIC: Conference features keynote address from Yolanda King

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the work of her father and the difficult time she was currently facing in her life with the recent death of her mother. Still, King finds that we still face the challenges 38 years later that her father was trying to alleviate, the challenges "to acknowledge, to affirm, to embrace our oneness as humanity. We have not learned the simple art of living together as brothers and sisters," King said. "Why can't we understand one another...move a notch higher than simply tolerating one another?"

In 2003, King co-authored "Open My Eyes, Open My Soul," an anthology of stories and poems from a wide range of people about coming to terms with the reality of diversity. On Saturday night, she recited a poem by Maya Angelou that appears in the book, ending with the message, "we are more alike, my friends, than we are unlike."

King took a scientific look at diversity by stating that less than one percent of our DNA divides any one individual from another, which

"proves conclusively that the most important parts of us are the same." Rather than focus on these similarities, however, King finds that humans divide rather than unite and hurt rather than heal. "We must celebrate difference until difference doesn't make a difference in how we treat each other."

Your openness and your willingness is the best material you have to work with.

Yolanda King
Keynote speaker of the MOSAIC conference

That's the goal," she said.

The final part of the program consisted of King performing small parts from the play she wrote, "Achieving the Dream." She played a young

African-American girl waiting of the bus in Montgomery, Alabama; this is the first time she would be able to ride the bus with the equal rights of whites. Later, King played the role of a college student who joined the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in an effort to desegregate Birmingham, Alabama. Finally, she played a woman campaigning in Washington DC in the economic campaign spurred by Martin Luther King, Jr. to give people the right to make a decent salary.

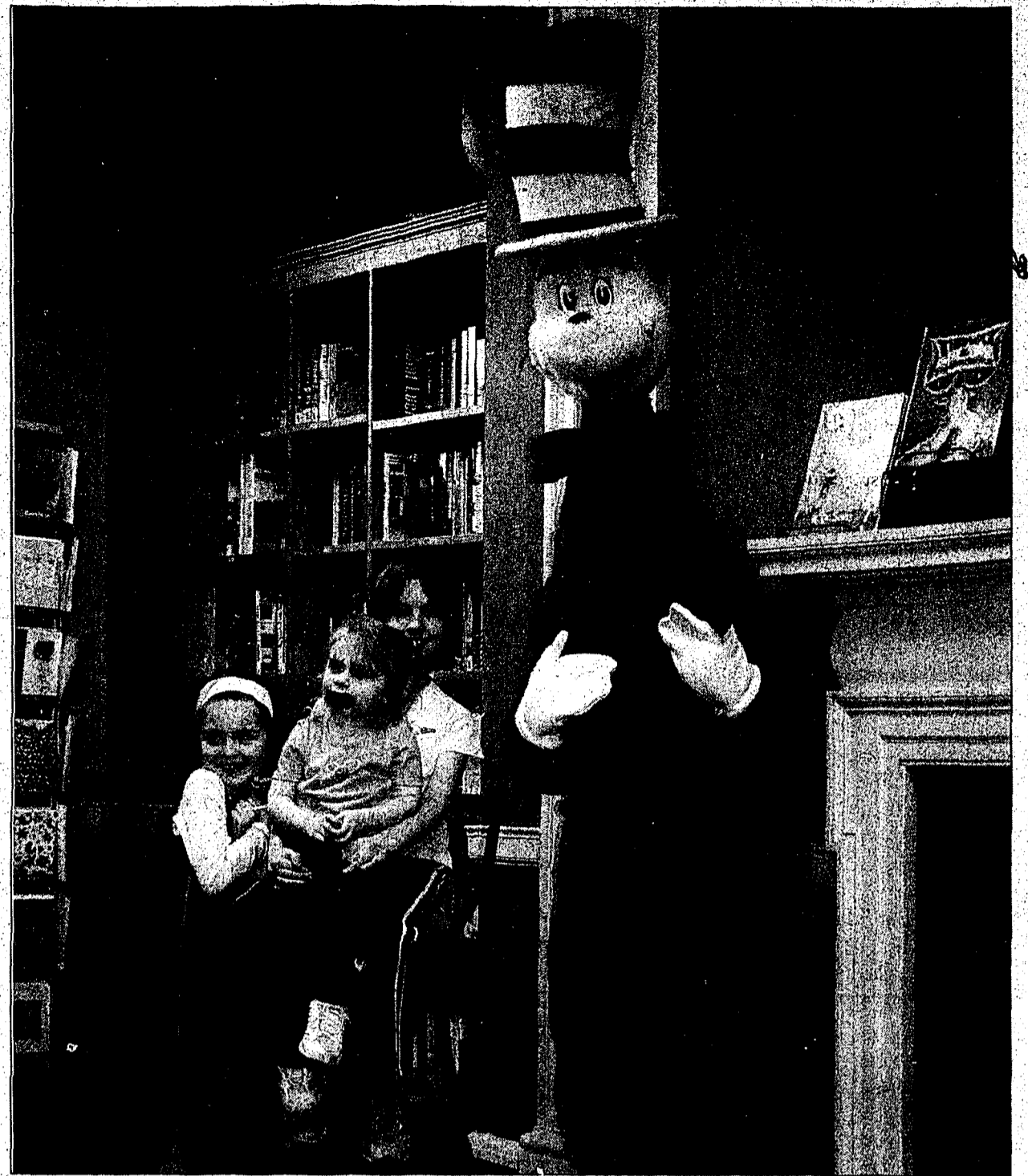
King stressed that each individual must find peace within him/herself in order for humanity to get along better: "If more individuals are empowered with their own joy and peace, it will reverberate in other places. Your openness and your willingness is the best material you have to work with."

I thought her [King's] mix of traditional speech and theatrical expression was especially appropriate with the theme of the power of speech and expression, it combined the two of them and offered an interesting and I think exciting night," O'Callaghan said.



Yolanda King, daughter of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, addressed a crowd in Lorimer Chapel on March 11 during the keynote address of the weekend's MOSAIC conference.

Cat in the Hat celebration held at the bookstore



The bookstore recently held a Cat in the Hat Day for area children, and the event was well attended.

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250 protest apartheid

By DAVID SCANNELL

Approximately 250 people gathered at the foot of the library steps at noon Friday to protest apartheid in South Africa. A series of speakers condemned the policies of the South African government at the rally.

Mlu Kwini, a student from South Africa and the rally's master of ceremonies, told the members of the crowd as he introduced President William Cotter that they stood "in solidarity with the oppressed people of South Africa."

Cotter stated that it was "hard to understand fully" what apartheid means because it affects a country so distant from the United States.

He pointed out that while a rally

protesting apartheid was legal in America, "it is illegal to hold such gatherings" in South Africa.

In his speech, Cotter, who described himself as an "agitator" on South African policy, called for the release of all political prisoners in South Africa, an end to the state of emergency in that country, the removal of a ban placed on certain political organizations, and an end to "influx control."

If these conditions aren't met, Cotter stated, the United States should impose sanctions on the South African government.

Father Paul Cote, the College's Catholic Chaplain, who followed President Cotter to the microphone, urged the crowd to help "our brothers and sisters in South Africa who

need our moral support."

Rabbi Raymond Krinsky, Colby's Jewish Chaplain, urged those gathered to "recognize their responsibility to all inhabitants of the land" who suffer "oppression and desecration of the human condition."

Reverend Ronald Morrell, the Protestant Chaplain, condemned the "prejudice supported by the Dutch Reform Church" in South Africa, saying religious leaders "should not be superlative of this kind of thinking."

Finally, in a question that stirred the crowd, Morrell wondered how the South African government officials can consider themselves their brothers' keepers, a key element in Christian tradition.

Opinions

For Emily: The powerlessness of one



ADVENTURES IN OUTER SPACE

By MATT MORRISON

The year is 1969 and a broken-hearted boy named Jim cruises slowly around suburbia. Jim sits indifferently in his daddy's brand new Cadillac DeVille; the old man let him take it out tonight, hoping somehow that it would put a smile on his face. The kid just graduated from state university—man did he work hard—and he's home for the summer again. He should be happy, he knows, but there's something on his mind. He thinks back upon his recent history, stalking the source of his discontent. He's only 22 years old, but he's seen a lot. Last year, hatred felled his hero on a balcony in Memphis; his faith took a hit from which he thought he would never recover. He wept for his idol and felt more powerless than ever.

Down and out, Jim met his girlfriend in late 1968; they spent their senior year of college hand-in-hand. She picked him up. They did everything together: Emily's face, trips on acid, and even Peter, Paul and Mary concerts. She was his savior. Better still, she might be his wife. He casually hoped for this. Yet, fearing disappointment, he tried to keep the secret of his own enthusiasm from himself.

Jim pulls into the A&P shopping lot down the street and parks. Nobody is around—no reason to cry. He cries. He turns on the stereo. It's Three Dog Night. The melancholic radio drones: "One is the loneliest number that you'll ever do." He cries harder. It felt so much better to be complete, to be with her. Jim finally remembers the

source of his disappointment: "Oh yes, how could I forget," he exclaims. Emily, his Emily, died a month ago—immobilized by a falling pianoforte that crushed her face. The paramedics could not reach her before the neighborhood children devoured her torso. He had dreamed of a lifetime with Emily, and now she was no more. Dead. Eaten.

Jim fantasized of eternity alongside Emily-cakes; nothing could have been better. Then, in a moment, she was crushed by a pianoforte and feasted upon. How could he have been so naive, he thought? Oh, the optimism of youth. He wanted to die. Without her, life was meaningless.

The paramedics could not reach her before the neighborhood children devoured her torso.

Jim made the same mistake that many of us futuristic kids do. He put all his sperms in one basket. He committed to a single individual with the hope that she would redeem him. He made another his savior and buried himself in her image. Like many college students who suffer crippling bouts of sadness, the root of his depression was attachment to a single other person—hope for redemption from a solitary source outside himself. He was addicted to Emily, and her exit from his life left him identity less.

Can we blame Jim for his coupling? From our births, we are expected to marry. Marriage has been naturalized. Growing children have a

hidden sense they will find a soul mate, or at least a willing life-partner, by the time they are 20, 30, or 40. Even now, I am starting to witness the Norman Rockwell's that my friends are painting. It disturbs me. I do not believe that monogamy is natural. To me, its overwhelming shortcomings proclaim this. Yet it remains a largely uninterrogated institution. Marriage is an often unsteady and always contrived union of two individuals—wonderful for few and painful for many. College relationships exist and fail like marriages—with all the jubilation of fresh love cowering to the fears and pressures of commitment. So, why do we keep forcing the issue? We are told. Sexual promiscuity: wrong. Cheating: evil. Polygamy: weird. One-parent households: destructive. The single life: depressing. Queer alternatives: gross.

So instead, we look to other people like we look to gods. We idolize whom we love and feel a bitter sense of loss when things don't work out. We secure ourselves a nice relationship when we adore it, and as it starts to fall apart, the explosive pressure of commitment we invested it with detonates in our faces—and rightfully so. Idolizing other people is as destructive as idolizing gods. It is foolish to compromise one's individuality for the attachment and illusory security a relationship affords. Do healthy relationships exist? Certainly. Is it possible to have a healthy relationship when you lose sight of yourself in the process? No. You'll get eaten alive.

If Jim had continued listening to Three Dog Night on the radio, he would have heard, "Two can be as bad as one / It's the loneliest number since the number one." Somebody should have told him sooner. The neighborhood children started to attack before he could shout for help. He was asking for it. They knew.

The stigmatizing of a businessman



By JOHN WHELOCK
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At Colby, there is an extremely strong sense of social responsibility. People have genuine concerns for some of the most pressing issues and problems in our nation and our world. There is an intellectual atmosphere here where students are encouraged to study any subject they find interesting, regardless of how practical it may be to finding employment or gaining financial success. In my opinion, this is one of Colby's unique strengths—its liberal arts core that allows students to become experts in their own field of knowledge. The purpose of gaining this liberal arts education is not necessarily to follow an academic program that is specifically geared towards securing a career, especially in that of the business world. The college and its faculty encourage students to instead

pursue a noble cause, such as Teach For America and the Peace Corps, to join charitable organizations, or to travel the world. Beginning a career with a business or financial firm is impressive, but certainly not as respected, and in some cases is derided as being selfish.

These thoughts have run across my mind for over a year now. I've been contemplating actions such as becoming a teacher in a low income neighborhood, joining the military or the Peace Corps, traveling to far-off locations in hopes of constructing a better society, or traveling around the world writing articles and entering into publishing. These have all seemed very honorable—they are careers where I could give back something to society and those in need.

Despite these idealistic yearnings, I have taken a job with a consulting firm whose objective is to profit from the financial world. Yet I feel embarrassed mentioning this to friends and colleagues at Colby because I am made to feel selfish and small minded. Elements of Colby have made me feel guilty and almost ashamed to take a great opportunity because of its lack of glamour and social mission.

I am not going to feel this way anymore, and nor should any other seniors entering into business. Realistically, I am accruing the wealth to later on make a much greater impact on the world. This is not to attack volunteer work, which is the backbone of social consciousness, but a person with money can make just as much of a difference. With the financial means, I can start my own not-for-profit agency, donate much larger sums of money to charity, provide my community with more business and funds for all kinds of initiatives, and have greater influence in the decision making process. People may attack these statements as unrealistic, but they are genuine.

I want to congratulate and wish good luck to those who are sacrificing personal income to instead work towards a valuable social mission. I just want them to know that I am still dedicated towards creating a better world, and I promise that my future wealth and opportunity will eventually benefit a good cause. I wish the best for all my graduating peers in their quest to accomplish their own dreams and benefit the dreams of others.

EDITORIAL

We endorse a candidate and an agenda

In what should prove to be a close election, most candidates have presented interesting ideas and have the experience necessary to lead the Student Government Association next year. However, one ticket stands out because of their realistic goals and their experience with the elected position. This ticket balances experience working on the SGA executive board with experience on working as hall staff and playing a varsity sport. Tom Teste '07 and Miki Starr '07 will be able to draw upon their varied times on campus to make relevant and effective proposals and changes.

Beyond resumes, though, we endorsed Teste/Starr after their performance Tuesday evening at the candidate debate. Here, their ticket displayed ease and comfort speaking in front of an audience and managing the complicated task of speaking together without talking over one another. Confidence in addressing an audience, whether it is fellow students, administrators or trustees, is a prerequisite for any potential student leader and Tuesday night, Teste and Starr proved they were game for the challenge. Rather than gimmicks or rhetoric, they relied on an understanding of the issues and an ability to articulate their ideas.

But *The Echo* only endorses. You the students vote. Whoever the student body chooses, there are several issues and programs brought up through all the candidate's platforms the SGA executive should make into their agenda for 2006-07.

An executive board newsletter is an easy way to increase the Executive Board's visibility on campus. Like President William D. Adams' "For Student Information F.S.I." e-mail, it is a simple way to bypass intermediaries such as the finicky student newspaper and talk directly to your constituency.

Everyone loves barbeque season at the beginning and end of every year. Why not couple these campus-wide socializing events with important varsity athletic games? Pep rallies don't have to be a contrived affair inside a stuffy gym like in high school. They can be fun, outside, foster school spirit and organized by SGA.

Increasing the amount of clinics offered by athletes for area youths would not only help relations between the College and Waterville, but be a valuable experience for students involved.

If nothing is achieved this year on the matter, next year's SGA must increase room capacity. The current system deciding how many people constitute a party in a dorm room should be organized along the fire code or by square footage, rather than by room type. Also, lounges should be programmable spaces for registered parties. Both of these measures will give incentives to keep Colby's vibrant social scene on campus.

The Echo does not think it is necessary to remove the president and vice president's stipend. There is a good reason for paying the executives: they do a lot of work. The time required for these jobs leaves no time for another job, on or off campus, if one needs to support oneself while here. If a candidate is qualified, but unable to shoulder the financial burden, it would be a shame to see them behind the counter at Quizno's.

Finally, the SGA should try to reinstate campus debates centered around issues that appear on the Digest of Community Discourse. When debates heat up on the digest, move them into public venues where students, professors and staff are able to confront real people with their arguments, and not a computer screen. This would increase the quality of discourse and promote responsible speech.

Someone has to watch the money, too

The treasurer is easily the most powerful and yet most often overlooked job in student government. While the president might be the one cutting the ribbon for the new dining hall, the treasurer is deciding how much funding clubs receive and keeping a watch on how they spend this money. If done properly, it is a job that requires countless hours of work and an understanding of how student government operates.

Of the candidates, Tim Williams '08, is the man for the job. Since showing up on campus in 2004, few members of the class 2008 have committed themselves as thoroughly to student government as he. Williams has organized class events, been an active member of Presidents' Council and, best of all, worked as a bank teller. At TD Banknorth. All of the candidates favor more openness and access pertaining to club budgets, which is essential. Williams' commitment to working directly with clubs should ensure a smooth year monetarily for both the SGA and student organizations.

Don't get old



I'M NEVER GOING TO RETIRE

By C.W. BASSETT

Invertebrate readers of this weekly screed recall that last week I described my stunningly interesting visit to Thayer's Emergency Room, replete with a gorgeously bleeding nose and a confused view of the world. However, just to show you what a starchy old codger I am, I abandoned this finicky computer to type the column on a keyboard in Lovejoy, just so you'd experience with me the joys of falling out of bed.

Still, I admit I was in a bit of a fog early last week, rubbing goo on my nose and cursing my fate. Would you have done any less? Tuesday morning, somewhere around seven, I had the strange feeling that someone was staring at me in my dangerous bed. At its foot was my son, examining me as if I were some sort of odd crustacean recently arrived from Angola. "Well, you gave us all another fright," he said levelly, his tone reminding me of ANOTHER fall/ER visit on Thanksgiving. "Yes, well, I don't do these things on purpose," I answered. "Right, but that's not all that helpful."

Thus began two days of indentured servitude to the global head of loan markets of the Royal Bank of Scotland. I was allowed to shower and eat a bowl of Cheerios before we sped to the office of Helping Hands, an agency that sends medically astute housekeepers to one's home. Mine began last week, retching at the piles of papers and books I've accumulated since 1950. She claims she'll help me rid myself of the stuff.

Then we spent some time with my doctors, who changed the dosage of my many medicines, nodded at the scab on my nose, and went off to help really sick people. Dinner, in bed by ten. Up at seven to see a woman about volunteering in some sort of local facility—to keep me "sharp." We made an appointment with an audiologist (were my ears upsetting my balance?). We tried to set up a meeting with a personal trainer—exercise! In bed by nine.

Next morning a visit to a retirement community in Topsham. A huge hug, and the RBS whiz left for London, leaving me a list:

- Up by 8
- Sleep by 11
- Eat breakfast
- Eat lunch
- Eat dinner
- Exercise
- Get moving
- Go do things
- We love you lots

Can you imagine what my life would be like if he hated me lots? His sister is here now making sure I do all those exciting things. If you persist in growing old, try not to be terrorized into action by a global loans guy with the Royal Bank of Scotland and his sister.

Students on the Street

What are you going to be doing at 5 p.m. on Saturday?



"Start drinking again...if I haven't stopped!"
—Mike Fleming '06



"Eating a high-carb meal to absorb all the alcohol."
—Leah Weisberg '06



"Recovering from Friday night—the real St. Patrick's Day."
—Mike Kling '08



"Hopefully not being arrested."
—Kara Dalton '08, Anna Birnburg '08, Celia Boren '08

The unraveling minds of our geniuses



By JONATHAN BASTIAN
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Jack Kerouac died at age 47 from alcoholism. F. Scott Fitzgerald died at age 44 from a heart attack. He had been drinking heavily since his twenties. Ernest Hemingway shot himself at the age of 61. These three individuals in some way, to many of us, represent the quintessential beauty of living—that unnameable energy of truly being and feeling alive. They have become the Che Guevara for the American man or woman who never had quite the courage to push themselves to the brink—that moment when you forsake all that has been given to you and hit the road running for your life—the pure life you knew was somewhere out there.

But wait, we have a serious issue with this scenario. How is it that the path we dream of resulted in suicide, alcoholism and a premature heart attack for our three heroes? How did the minds of our revolutionaries become so dark and disturbed that they prematurely devalued the prospects of their existence?

Perhaps looking at the current state of our thoughts and mental processes might shed some light on this issue. Karl Marx claimed that the thought or philosophy of a given era was directly correlated to one's relationship to the land and its essential resources. A cursory examination of

the history of art clarifies this idea. When humans were still hunter-gatherers, and living in tribal units, the art that resulted were basic carvings and paintings of the prey they hunted—appropriate, considering they devoted a majority of their thoughts and energy to securing food and shelter for their community, the absolute essentials of staying alive.

Now, flash forward to 2006 and an American overabundance of food and resources. Basic subsistence concerns no longer occupy our thoughts; we no longer wonder whether or not the hunt will be successful. The result is excess leisure time and the production of 'modern art,' which has become elitist, esoteric and disgustingly intellectual to the point of total incoherence—but still representative of our current, and perhaps overindulgent, thought processes.

So, what happens to the human mind when confronted with endless amounts of stale and empty time? Take this question and apply it to your life at Colby. When we have spare time, how do we engage ourselves? Some of us drink ourselves into a drunken stupor, and others sit down, staring endlessly into a TV screen. Both of these activities are means of escaping something, most obviously our lives and our minds. They provide excuses to drift away into some surreal world where our thoughts stagnate. But what exactly are we trying to escape?

It seems that some horribly depressing reality confronts us: Life has become so miserable that our greatest fear has become allowing our minds to sit quietly, unengaged by distractions—it is that fear we feel when we toss and turn at 3am on a sleepless night and our mind creeps into the

darkest corners of the room. Or, to recast this dilemma through the words of T.S. Eliot: "And you see behind every face the mental emptiness deepen / Leaving only the growing terror of nothing to think about."

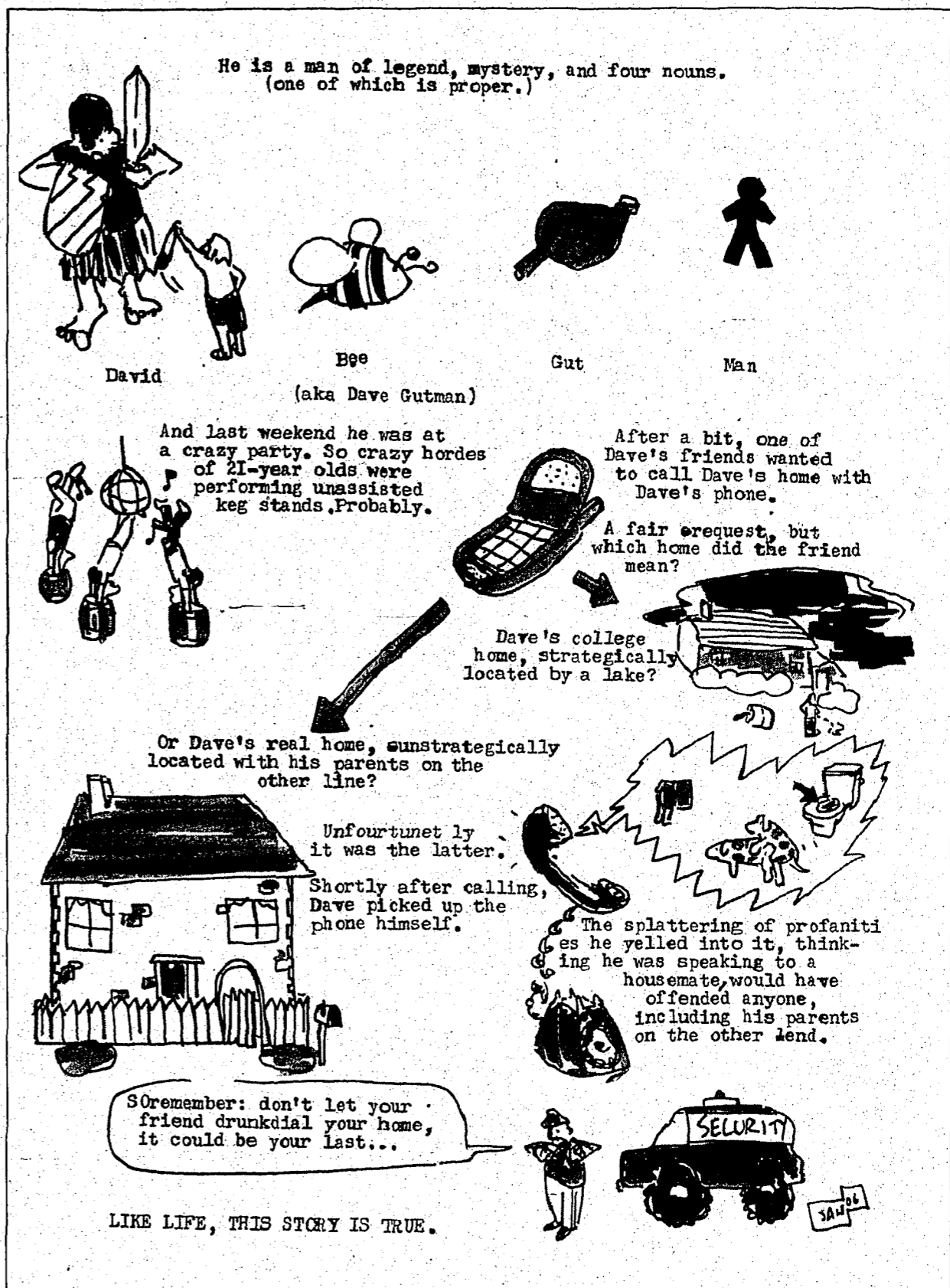
And now we reintroduce our heroes: Kerouac, Fitzgerald, and Hemingway, the men who dedicated their lives to ideas and the workings of the mind. They were given the time and money to pursue their thoughts, but perhaps it was too much time. At some point between their epic life moments, something happened—they lost control and stumbled deeper and deeper into the unknown and frightening layers of their consciousnesses.

Somehow in the midst of this historic cycle that haunts, over and over again, our most engaged minds, there lived a mad Zen poet, Han-Shan, who made his home in the remote mountains of China, only appearing to gather food for his hut. His austere life was dedicated to one beautifully simple idea: peace of mind. The Zen aesthetic of stillness and simplicity was his only way of life. And when he died, the only thing discovered that proved his existence were a few short poems inscribed on pieces of bark and on the inside of hidden caves.

He would have disappeared without trace but decided to leave us a few short, meditative moments for those of us chasing his dharma, "Spring-water in the green creek is clear / Moonlight on Cold Mountain is white / Silent Knowledge-the spirit is enlightened in itself / Contemplate the void: this world exceeds stillness." People in China still claim to see Han-Shan living among the cliffs of Cold Mountain.

True Tales of Terror and Truth from Colby Security and Nouns

by Steven Weinberg



On altruism: Is true generosity possible?



SOY SAUCE
EVERYWHERE

By JULIA GERMAINE

A study puts an eighteen month-old baby in a room with a strange adult. Adult hangs up towels on a clothesline. Adult throws clothespin on the ground. Baby ignores. Adult "accidentally" drops clothespin on ground. Baby stands up, picks up clothespin and returns it to strange adult. No words are exchanged—no positive reinforcement. Review of film footage reveals that the baby, before deciding whether or not to return the clothespin, checks the facial expression of the strange adult first. The baby can discern between purpose and accident. Conclusion? As it turns out, babies are awfully nice people. Babies are big helpers. Babies are altruistic.

I've been mulling over altruism

ever since my molecular ecology professor lectured on the topic. Even in the animal world, behavior which appears altruistic—for instance, a fur seal nursing a pup it didn't mother—can be explained, and an ulterior motive revealed. The motive is often reciprocity, that is, eventually the individual will be paid back for their previous generosity.

True altruism—a completely selfless act—is almost impossible to locate in animal communities that evolve and exist under the pressures of natural selection. Why would evolution favor animals that waste their resources helping others? The point of life is to survive and pass on genetic material, living forever through your progeny, even as the scraps of your DNA get smaller smaller, and forevermore altered by mutation. At any rate, it seems altruism is unnatural.

But aren't people nice to each other all the time? Yes, of course. But we must consider the enormous excess of resources that a lot of societies enjoy (America). Also, we must note that this fabricated modern society allows genetically inferior individuals to breed all the time (this isn't a eugenics piece, don't worry), so natural selec-

tion is almost a non-issue. Plus, we live in a civilization that can correct most of these problems (Liposuction?). Perhaps then, our excess resources and avoidance of natural selection affords us the luxury of altruism—especially by those people who aren't constantly concerned with the source of their next meal. Big evil companies and people like Bill Gates all have so many extra resources that they can afford to give, give, give. But this is hardly altruism. It's obligation. It's showing off. It's a guilty conscience. I'm talking to you, Phillip Morris. You bastard.

I believe that the closest form of human altruism comes from people who have so little to give that they actually, physically suffer as a consequence of their generosity: starving Mamas who pass up food for their babies and dedicated Daddies who trek across brutal terrain to bring back the doctor. Does this mother care if her baby has her languid eyes or her long legs if her child may or may not make it through the night? Maybe this behavior started out as a way to live forever, but the phenomenon of being human has altered it. Maybe altruism is just what we call love.

Beneath the Kevlar: Seeing Iraq through the soldier's eyes



By KRIS MIRANDA
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First off, I'd like to thank B. Emilia Tjemstrom and anyone else involved in Human Rights Week for showing "Occupation: Dreamland" on March 6. It is a documentary on the 2004 Falluja occupation. Dreamland follows soldiers from the 82nd Airborne, a North Carolina-based special warfare unit in which my father served a decade ago. Incidentally, he's in Iraq today, so I found it of particular interest.

I liked Dreamland, but by its end, I feared I was the only viewer without a built-in, anti-military bias. I'm probably—hopefully—exaggerating. Nevertheless, the experience reminded

me that I'm the only person I know who doesn't make war his hobby. I grew up in the military. My dad's old school, a career soldier who calls himself "A R M Y Army," as opposed to less certain guys like those in Dreamland. Yet, I still think I can offer a viewpoint others often overlook or hesitate to

acknowledge: just because a soldier says of the Iraqi people, "I fucking hate them; I wanna kill 'em all," doesn't automatically make him a sack of shit. We rarely see the footman's perspective, and when we do, I fear that outsiders are too quick to dismiss, even condemn, what he has to say. Has it escaped our notice that the ultimate purpose of these people is to sacrifice their lives? When an Iraqi says he hates America, hates the soldiers, wants them out of his country, throws bricks at them, then anti-war sympathizers nod sadly in affirmation and understanding. But when a soldier says he hates Iraq, hates its people, wants to kill them to avenge fallen friends, swears at them, then people scoff and think he's a dumb brute. Why? Yes, the Iraqis have every right to be pissed off. But so do the soldiers. They're getting shot at daily, seeing friends maimed and killed—and yes, taking misguided orders from corrupt politicians who send them into battle under-equipped, under-trained and under-manned.

Just because the Iraqi people ARE "Good Guys" doesn't make American soldiers "Bad Guys." Aren't we liberal arts students supposed to understand this? Life is rarely black and white; easy answers don't exist, especially in an endeavor as complicated and yes, as goddamn ugly, as war. Sure, condemn the politics of this conflict, but you don't have to curse the military, too. Many forget that beneath the Kevlar, behind that state-of-the-art assault rifle, there's just a man. One trained to fight and kill, but still just a man, with flaws. Doubts. Vulnerabilities.

That's why a soldier in the film shouts, "Fuck this guy!" when he's tired of trying to understand arrested locals. Not because he considers their language and their culture worthless, but because he's sick of a thankless job that separates him from loved ones to place him among peo-

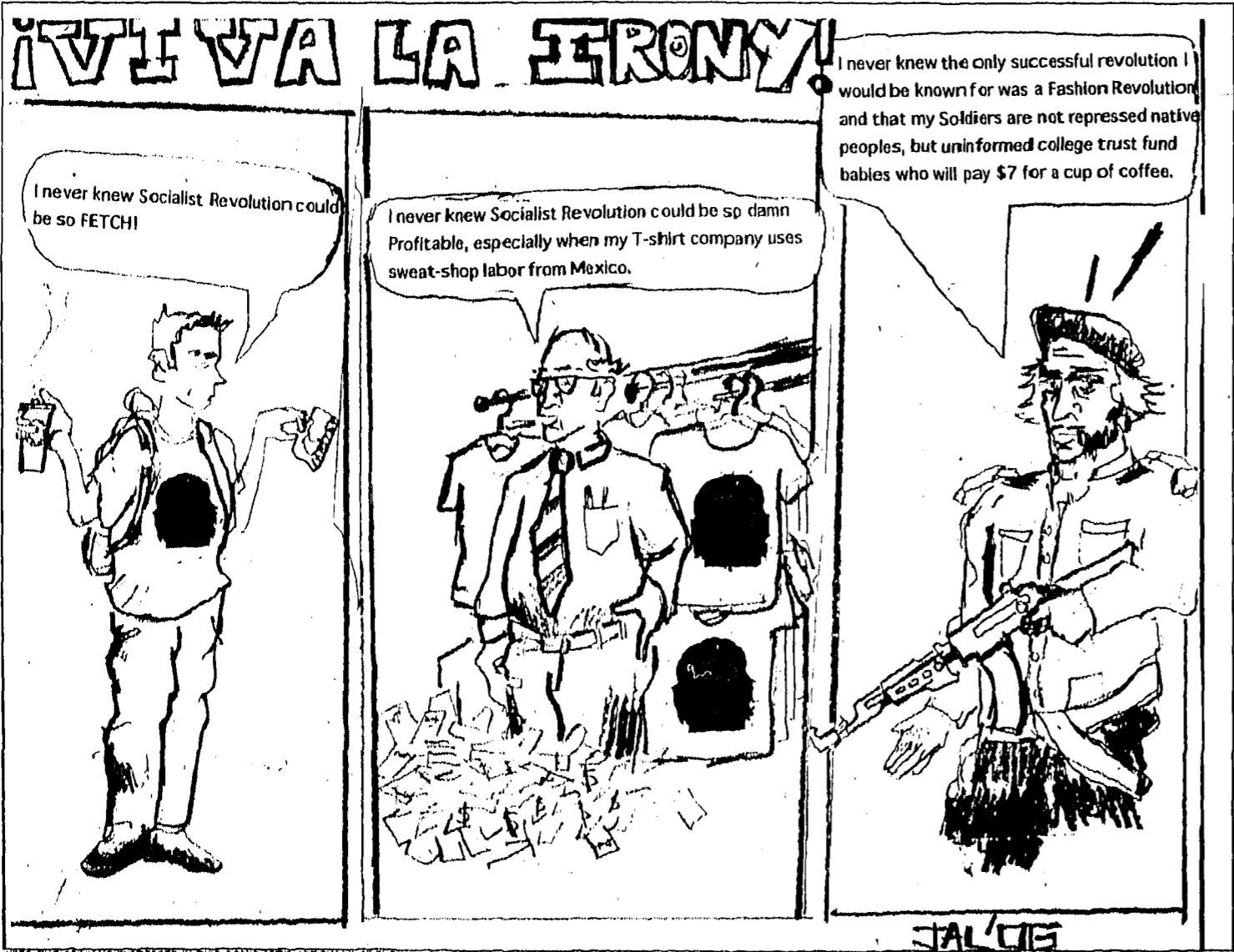
ple who hate and fear him—and further, subjects him to uninformed criticism from those for whom he's supposedly fighting. That's why he's eagerly requesting, "Want me to shoot 'em?" regarding strangers "sneakily" fleeing an explosion—not out of monstrous blood-thirst, but because he feels inexplicably, and understandably, powerless despite being armed to the teeth.

In sum: it's not just soldiers' resentment toward the Administration, and even the Army, with which we should sympathize, but also their bitterness, rage, and yes, hatred toward a population that spits upon them. We should certainly never condone hatred, and I'm not saying that soldiers are above moral reproach—no one is. But I think we can UNDERSTAND hatred, and I AM saying that we should be careful judging men and women who experience, do, and risk things daily that we just can't imagine here, safe atop Mayflower Hill.

When the Reaper walks beside you so, can you still be objective? When such hostility surrounds you, can you still unflinchingly offer only humanitarian love in return? When violence rains upon you from unknown quarters, is your prime concern really avoiding civilian casualties, as opposed to your own death? Answer yes, and I say you're full of shit. Fighting in Iraq, in one second you could be perfectly hale; the next, staring at the charred remains of your own leg.

Support Iraq's people, by all means! But not at the cost of also supporting our troops. We must always recognize this distinction: the Administration's war—the politics, word games, and oil-grabbing—may be unjust, but the soldiers' personal battles—their day-to-day risking of life and limb in a conflict that seems increasingly futile to them—are, to borrow from Nietzsche, beyond good and evil.

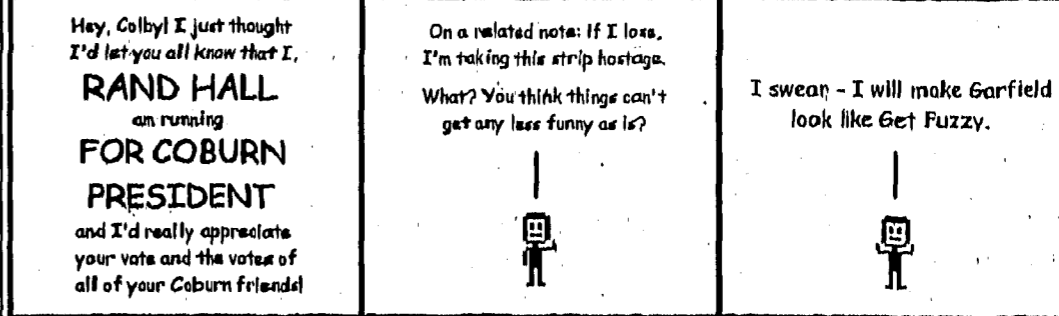
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Arts & Entertainment

Tschanz and Patches encounter Schoenberg

By JULIE WILSON
A&E EDITOR

At the door to Given Auditorium last Saturday, March 11, I was handed two pamphlets; the program for the upcoming concert—An Encounter Concert Featuring 15 Poems from "The Book of Hanging Gardens" by Arnold Schoenberg—and a subsequent handout with the English translation of Stefan George's German lyrics of "The Book of Hanging Gardens." I was instructed to use this second handout for taking notes on the performance. At exactly three minutes past 7:30 p.m., a natural silence fell over the audience in Given Auditorium. As the lights flickered on and off to signal the start of the event, the audience adjusted in their seats and sat back for an evening of listening to and studying Schoenberg's musical talent.

Applied music associate and last week's spotlight artist, Elizabeth Patches and Music Professor and pianist Cheryl Tschanz were welcomed into Given Auditorium with enthusiastic applause. As Tschanz seated herself at the piano, Patches took control of presenting the material for the evening: "It will be helpful for you to jot down ideas that inspire and enlighten you," Patches began, indicating the pencils the audience had been provided at the door. Patches explained that Schoenberg composed the lyrics to George's "The Book of Hanging Gardens" to express the images evoked in the romantic tale.

Arnold Schoenberg is considered one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century. His earliest works, the music to "The Book of Hanging Gardens" included, possess a post-romantic character. This work was completed in 1908 after Schoenberg had moved from Vienna to Los Angeles. From the look of it, listeners were surprised by the fractured relationship between Schoenberg's music, and the George's German lyrics as they only correspond in brief measures throughout "The Book of Hanging Gardens." Written for a soprano voice and pianist, mezzo-soprano Patches and pianist Tschanz took the opportunity to not only present this series of love poems set to song, but also present the history and the methods of Schoenberg's musical genius.

The entire first half of the concert was dedicated to explaining much of what the audience would hear in the second half. By breaking down each of the 15 poems, and explaining how it corresponded—or failed to correspond—with George's lyrics, Patches was able to engage an audience of all ages and musical knowledge.

In addition to breaking down George's poetry and Schoenberg's lyrics, the first half of the concert also introduced a variety of other composers whose music served to aid Patches' elaborate explanation of the classical music. These composers included Johannes Brahms ("Sommerabend Mondenschein"), an anonymous composer ("Die Katzenpfote"), Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart ("Als Luise die Briefe ihres ungetreuen Liebhabers verbrannte"), Franz Schubert ("Rastlose Liebe"), Richard Wagner ("Im Treibhaus"), Alexander Zemlinsky ("Lied der Jungfrau") and Gustav Mahler ("Der Schildwache Nachtlied").

When it came to the second half of the performance, Patches' decision to educate the audience on "The Book of Hanging Gardens" and Schoenberg's musical devices before actually performing the piece in its entirety clearly helped the audience that might find this atonal music off-putting and difficult to understand. Although I am no scholar of the German language, Patches' enthusiasm and engaged performance brought the English translation in the handout to life.

Although this was an extremely atypical event for me to attend on a Saturday night—or any night of the week for that matter—Patches and Tschanz made Schoenberg's music both accessible and enlightening. This concert certainly stands as a testament to the effectiveness of the "encounter concert."



Dan "JoJo" Oliphant '06 triumphing in the talent portion of Colby's annual Mr. Colby Pageant just moments before taking the crown.

Colby crowns its king

By CHRISTINE O'BRIEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This past Friday night, March 10, Page Commons Room was packed full of students eager to see the annual Mr. Colby pageant, hosted by seniors Jane Lee and Steph Atwood. The contestants this year were John "Bucky" Goss '06, Ander Tallet '06, Kyung Ko '06, Dan "JoJo" Oliphant '06, John McKee '06, Travis Augustin '06, Robby Doton '07 and John Walden '07.

The swimsuit portion of the event came first and everyone definitely saw more than they bargained for. Doton donned a splendid bleach blonde mullet wig and fluorescent yellow banana hammock that he shamelessly rocked while pelvic thrusting at his inflatable companion whom he simply introduced as "Veronica." Charlie Wilson '06 made an appearance at the imaginary beach to deck Doton and reclaim his "woman." Good to know that Charlie has such high standards.

Beating out Doton in the quest for nudity were Tallet, who wore an alluring man thong, and JoJo who squeezed into a jockstrap...how this counts as swimwear I'll never know...but the overshare was thrilling indeed. Augustin made all the ladies, and Mr. Colby Judge Al LePan, I'm sure, swoon when he appeared on stage dressed as a life-guard. It looks like we'll know who to call next time someone's drowning in the pond. Bucky had some help from friends Nick Oxenhorn '06 and Madison Gouzie '08 to impress us with his metal detecting skills and McKee got creative with his giant lobster costume.

After swimwear it was time for the guys to strut their stuff in "evening wear," a category that each of them interpreted a little differently. Several of the boys dressed in standard formal attire and looked handsome while the others took some liberties. Oliphant wore an eye-catching nightgown that looked a bit like a pink flannel mummy. Not to be outdone, John McKee enjoyed the security of pink, fuzzy footie pajamas, much like the kind I wore when I was about four years old. Bucky impressed us all yet again with his preppy chic ensemble and a very classy striptease. Doton was also a crowd favorite, enlisting the help of Franklin Davison '09 to act out the

Patrick Swayze/Chris Farley skit from Saturday Night Live. The energy was contagious and the choreography impeccable.

Finally it came time for the boys to display some sort of talent. John Walden reminded some of us why some of us juniors spent first year calling him "Opera John" with an impressive display of his musical prowess. Though he didn't sing, Ko did a great job playing guitar in his Speedo. Colby's resident Hawaiian, Augustin, showed off his hula skills with some moves that were so captivating an audience member yelled for him to take off his grass skirt. Doton acted out a scene from Othello while wearing a fantastic pair of pantaloons. McKee did some decent Ahhhhold impressions before breaking out into song dressed as Elvis and flashing his fans some nipple.

In the spirit of last week's Iron Chef competition, Tallet took his time making some zesty meat sauce for his spaghetti. Unfortunately for Tallet, the three football players he brought out on stage to try his concoction stole the spotlight with their witty commentary, like when first year Jeremy Steed taught the audience how to make Jager Bombs before quickly adding that he is in fact 22 years old. Right Steed.

Arguably the best talent of the night came from Oliphant, who dazzled us with his strength by deep squatting two girls multiple times. Obviously inspired by 2005 Colby graduate, Rich Downing's beer mile last year, JoJo consumed a McDonald's cheeseburger after each deep squat, while Connor Sullivan '06 lovingly wiped ketchup from his face.

After all was said and done, the five finalists chosen to proceed to the Q&A portion were Tallet, Walden, Augustin, Ko, and Oliphant. My favorite part of the Q&A session came when Al called Oliphant a class act and commented on his size...before asking him how many takes would be necessary to get it perfect if they had to reenact the love scene from Brokeback Mountain. No Al, I think you've proved yet again that you're the class act.

In the end Augustin took third place as "Mr. Bates," Walden became "Mr. Bowdoin," and as expected, Oliphant was crowned Mr. Colby. Thank you and congratulations to all of the contestants and also to the Blue Lights and Hypnotik for keeping us entertained during the breaks.

this week

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

- **Open Mic Night** 5 p.m.
Foss Dining Hall
- **Hypnotik Dance Showcase** 7:30 p.m.
Cotter Union/Page Commons
- **An Enemy of the People** 7:30 p.m.
Runnals/Strider Theater
- **Colby Improv Show** 8 p.m.
The Spa

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- **International Coffee Hour** 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Mary Low Coffeehouse
- **Pugh Center Movie Night** 7 p.m.
Pugh Center Commons Room
- **An Enemy of the People** 7:30 p.m.
Runnals/Strider Theater

• The Pub Crawlers

10 p.m.
The Spa

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

- **An Enemy of the People** 7:30 p.m.
Runnals/Strider Theater
- **Music at Colby Series: Orchestra** 7:30 p.m.
Lorimer Chapel
- **SPB: Hoe-Down Dance** 10 p.m.
Cotter Union/Page Commons

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

- **Portraits of Colby Women** 4 p.m.
Miller Library/Presidents Room

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

Carl Dimow

By TODD OLMSTEAD
STAFF WRITER

You may be familiar with Carl Dimow if you have been lucky enough to take guitar lessons from him. If you aren't in that exclusive group, then perhaps you saw his eclectic Family Homecoming Weekend performance in the chapel with bassist Jim Lyden. If you did see that performance, you would understand that Dimow plays music in a diverse collection of styles, and is not limited to just the guitar. Last Monday I had the opportunity to sit down with Dimow and talk to him about music, his life and in particular his band, the Casco Bay Tumblers, who just recently released their new album, "Journey."

Interestingly for a guitar teacher, Dimow began his life as a musician when he took up flute in fourth grade. It was not until he was just out of high school that he took up the guitar, when playing flute in a folk-rock trio with two guitar players he began to learn the stringed instrument. When I asked him what originally made him fall in love with music, he told me about a recording by legendary blues singer Bessie Smith that his uncle gave him at age 12; he still has the LP to this day. However, it wasn't until he was in his 20s that he realized that music could be his life. Coming out of high school, he decided he wanted to take a year off before attending college. One year turned into ten and it was during this time that he became truly passionate about playing music. Eventually, having settled in Maine during those ten years, he went back and received his B.A. in music from the University of Southern Maine, in Portland. Now,

he's been teaching at Colby for around 25 years and is involved in various projects, most prominently the Tumblers.

The Casco Bay Tumblers are a folk music band that play in a variety of ethnic styles, but could be pigeon-holed as a klezmer band. The Tumblers, he tells me, had been playing together for six or seven years before he joined "on a lark," and they introduced him to the style. When I asked him to describe the style for those of us who weren't so cultured, he said that the broadest definition was "Eastern European Jewish folk music," and went on to tell me that it fell heavily out of favor in the mid-1900s but has been enjoying a revival since the 1970s. The most diversely modern forms have expanded to include contemporary influences such as jazz and reggae. He told me that the Tumblers fall somewhere between the die-hard traditionalists and the cultural cross-pollinators.

"Journey" doesn't limit itself to klezmer music, but, as the title suggests, visits traditional music from various areas in Europe, such as "Karagouna," from Thessaly, in Greece, and "Sevgilimanovo Oro," described in the CD liner notes as "a lively Balkan line dance."

Dimow lends many of his musical talents to the quintet, including flute, bass flute, guitar, ukulele, and vocals, and also penned two of the tunes on the album, including my favorite, "March for the New Century." The Kurt Weill influenced piece marches steadily in 3 while the clarinet carries the melody, when gradually the drum-



COURTESY OF CARL DIMOW
Applied music associate Carl Dimow.

set begins to play sharp, almost arrhythmic beats that suggest the cacophonous exploding of bombs above a somber scene below. For all the Bush bashing that's gone on in the last few years with respect to the war, this single piece, says more, without ever actually saying anything, than the Green Day's and Kanye West's of the world have.

Dimow has traveled to Italy, Germany, Lithuania and Slovenia with the Tumblers, which to me sounds like a pretty good life, so I asked him, what do you love most about your life as a musician? He replied that he feels very lucky, telling me, "I get to do something that I love as my career, and no matter how far I go, there are always new things to explore." He also loves being a teacher, telling me that "rarely does a musician make a living solely on performance." He just happens to love the teaching aspect that comes on the side.

Currently, he's been working on a guitar and flute duo with music from Brazil, Argentina, and Venezuela, and the recording is in progress. For now, you can find "Journey" in Colby's bookstore and let the music, which has taken Dimow so many places, take you on a journey of your own.

Nina Simone tribute concert: a legacy relived and reborn

By JAIRUS STEED
STAFF WRITER

Lisa Simone walked onto the Waterville Opera House stage last Thursday as a recording of her late mother's voice was heard: "I would like to introduce to you, my daughter..." Simone initially seemed to lack the confidence and stage presence her mother was known for; "I am nervous tonight," she admitted to the audience, "I have to take a few deep breaths." But as she opened the program with "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair," it was clear that a few nerves could not hold her back from delivering a technically proficient and emotionally profound concert.

"Nina 'Simone': A Daughter's Tribute" re-creates the famous 1959 concert and live album, "Nina Simone at Town Hall," and will be performed again in New York City's Town Hall on April 21, the third anniversary of Dr. Nina Simone's death. As press for the concert began to appear many asked, "What is she doing in Waterville?" Simone echoed that many had approached her with the same question. Besides Waterville being the up-and-coming Arts Mecca that it is, Noel James, partner of VP for College Relations Richard Ammons, produced the show and had obviously used her influence to bring Simone to Waterville.

Dr. Nina Simone, "the High Priestess of Soul," trained as a classical pianist at Juilliard during the early 1950s and began playing lounges when money got tight. Recording almost 60 albums during her career, Nina Simone mixed the traditions of spirituals, blues, jazz, folk and classical music with the rich timbre, powerful vibrato and poetic sensibility of a deep alto voice—what she insisted on calling, "Black Classical music." Composing socially-conscious songs like "Mississippi Goddam," she is known for boldly and unapologetically incorporating her political views into her music. Perhaps the most under-appreciated American talent

among my peers, Nina Simone has inspired generations of artists such as Talib Kweli, whose "Beautiful Struggle" LP contains numerous samples of her recordings.

Pulling from her background in musical theater—she received the National Broadway Theater Award for her leading-role performance in Aida—Simone moved through Thursday's program with energy. She got the entire audience clapping with the up-beat jazz tune "I Don't Want Him Anymore," while working the stage with jazz hands and comedic adlibs. Most of Simone's arrangements were set in higher keys, a noticeable departure from her mother's performance of the Town Hall program. This difference was most obvious during slower ballads like Gershwin's, "I Love You Porgy." Nina Simone was best known for her deep voice that seemed to resonate from the ground and conjure the spirits of distant ancestors.

Simone opened the second half with another Gershwin standard, "Summertime," allowing each band member to solo before delivering what was arguably her most engaging performance of the evening. Unlike the other ballads, which often felt pushed and overly-conscious, Simone relaxed into the song with an emotionally sweeping interpretation. She exhibited complete control in her melodic phrasing and register changes. Accompanying Simone was the Gerry Wright Trio (Gerry L. Wright, Piano, Jim Howe, Piano, Tony Shay, Drums) and guitarist Alan Schackman, who Simone adorned with kisses during the night and referred to as "my second father." Mr. Schackman was a close friend and musical collaborator of Nina Simone since they first played together in 1956. Nina Simone wrote of that encounter in her autobiography, "it was as if we were one instrument split in two—I, the piano, Al, the guitar." Having toured with Nina through her career, Mr. Schackman has known Lisa, since birth and the connection was obvious in the tight-

ness of their ensemble.

Simone pointed to the bouquet of white roses on stage, her mother's favorite flower, and reflected on her passing, "She is with us tonight, in this room." Her mother's spirit was definitely with us that evening and I imagine that she was filled with pride to see her daughter on stage. As the concert ended to thunderous applause, it was clear that while many of us had come to honor Dr. Nina Simone, and this we did, we left as admiring fans of Simone.

Recommended downloads:

- "Mississippi Goddam"
- "I Put a Spell on you"
- "Tomorrow is My Turn (L'amour C'est Comme Un Jour)"

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Tennis undefeated in first weekend of play

By JOHN WALLER
STAFF WRITER

The Colby tennis teams got off to a great start last weekend, going undefeated at home. The men defeated Babson College (7-0) and Skidmore College (6-1); the women were victorious over Babson as well with a 7-2 win.

The men's team is extremely young this year with seven first-years on the ten-man squad. Still, Head Coach Michael Morgan doesn't think that means it will be a rebuilding year for the Mules. "Sometimes a big freshman class can mean a lot of inexperience and rebuilding," he said. "However, this is one of the most determined and dedicated groups I've worked with. I think we could see some great things this year."

The team got solid play in their debut from three returning players, Captain Ben Crane '06, Zach Schuman '08 and Brody Saunders '08. Crane and Schuman went 2-0 in singles play and teamed up to go 2-0 in doubles play as well. Saunders won two singles matches as well and teamed up with Bryan Brown '09 to go 2-0 in doubles play. Morgan is confident that lone senior and Captain, Crane, will lead this young team throughout the season.

"Ben Crane is the man," he said. "Ben is a tremendous leader and has really helped to bring this young squad along. Zack Schuman has also been a huge aid in providing some of the best leadership Colby has yet seen."

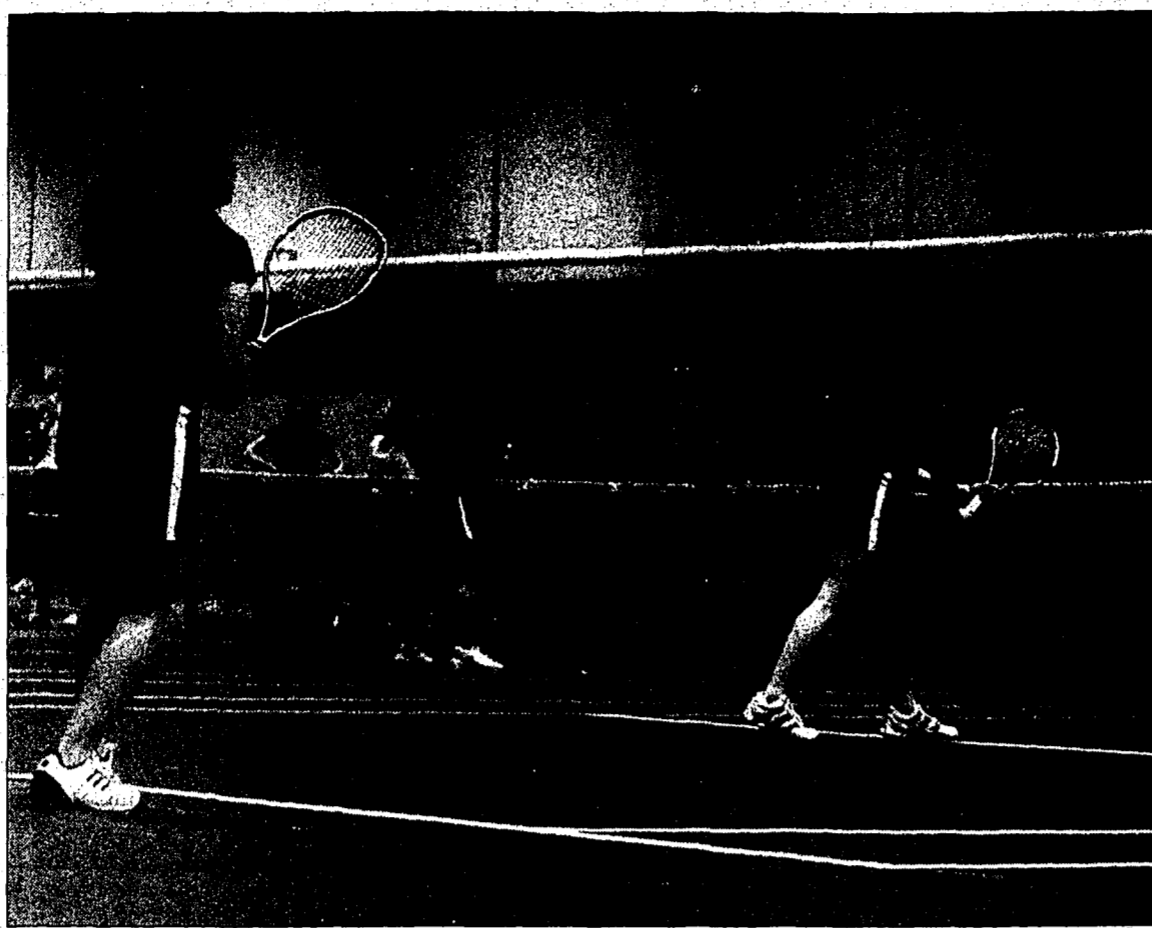
Brown also won a singles match for Colby and fellow first-year Tim Führliman won two.

The women lost an integral part of their team, three-time All-American Sara Hughes '05 to graduation, but will return. Allison Dunn '07 after she missed the fall season to study abroad. Dunn and Hughes were ranked tenth in the nation in doubles play last year.

"Allison is one of the most dangerous players in Div. III when she is feeling confident," Morgan said. "She is getting her game back from being abroad and I think could have a great year."

The women's team has a solid base of veteran leadership with senior tri-captains Anna Erdheim, Ginny Raho and Lauren Uhlmann leading the way for the Mules.

"Lauren, Ginny and Anna are the



Allison Dunn '07 and Tracy Nale '07 earned a victory against Babson at first doubles. The women's team defeated Babson 7-2, while the men's squad defeated Babson 7-0 as well as Skidmore 6-1. Both teams will play MIT this weekend and the women will also take on Salve Regina.

triple threat," Morgan said. "They have shown so much dedication to our program and have brought a lot of new girls together as one of the closest teams we have had. They have been invaluable."

All three women won their first singles match of the year last weekend and earned doubles victories with Raho and Uhlmann teaming up and Erdheim playing with first-year Nicole Veilleux. Veilleux earned a singles win as well, as did Dunn, who teamed up with Tracy Nale '07 for a

victory in first doubles.

Nale had a great fall season, advancing to the second round in both the singles and doubles at the New England Regional Tournament. Raho was her doubles partner in the competition.

The men's team will take on MIT this Saturday at 12 p.m., followed by the women playing MIT at 4 p.m. The women will also play Salve Regina on Sunday at 1 p.m. Both teams will head to Hilton Head, South Carolina, over spring break.

Colby softball adds nine first-years to roster

By KENDALL KIRBY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Despite graduating a large senior class, the Colby softball team is looking to its large first-year class to step it up for the upcoming 2006 season.

The Mules will be led by tri-captains, seniors Kara Fagan and Lauren Olmsted, and junior Mikki Starr. With new leadership the team is predicting a great season with a young but strong team.

"A huge difference in this year's team is that half of the team is new. We have nine first-year players, which are a lot of new faces," Olmsted said. "However, I think that this can be seen as an advantage because we have a great array of new talent on the team."

The team finished last year's season at 11-15 and fifth in New England Small College Athletic Conference East division. The Mules were usually competitive, but lost seven out of ten one run games, which hurt their record. The team points to several reasons for their losing record and for the inability to win close games.

"Last year we struggled offensively. We also had a lower intensity level at times than we needed to have against our competition," Olmsted commented. "I think another big change this year is that our offense has really picked up and that our level of intensity is a lot higher than it was last year."

Last year's offense held the team back despite Starr's impressive .319 batting average and second team NESCAC honors. The team looks to the first-year players to help them out offensively.

"What we've really struggled with in the past is offense, and if we are going to be successful this season we have to start hitting consistently,"

Fagan said. "We definitely have some first-year players with big bats who will add depth and power to the lineup." Among the first-year players expected to have an immediate impact on offense is Carlie Minichino from Stratford, Connecticut.

The Mule's pitching staff was hurt by injuries the past season, but is looking to see improvement in the future. Olmsted, a top pitcher, was out for most of the 2005 season with an injury. In addition to Olmsted, the Mules are going to need the contributions of returning junior Lindsay Toomey and Amanda Roehen '08. Toomey finished the season with a 1.52 ERA, while Roehen ended with an ERA of 2.10. The team is also relying on two first-year pitchers, Randi Arsenault and Alyssa Crowell to round out the pitching staff.

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Lauren Olmsted '06
Captain

The Mules are looking forward to improving during their annual week-long spring break trip to Fort Meyers, Florida. The trip will be an opportunity to grow as a team during the 10 games played in six days.

"Florida is always a good indicator of how the season is going to go," Fagan said. "It is an important time to take risks and try new things, to move players around, change the lineup and see what works."

The Mules take the field for their league opener at Trinity College on April 6. By then, the Mules should begin to know if the talented newcomers will make the expected difference needed for an improved 2006 season.

Outdoor track to adds depth with talented first-years

By PETER KILKELLY
STAFF WRITER

This year's outdoor track team, both men and women, will look to succeed this season with key returning runners, jumpers and throwers, as well as a large and talented first-year group. Both sides expect to have a good year and improve on results from last year.

For the men's side, All-American Jason Foster '06 returns throwing the hammer. As said by Men's Head Coach Todd Coffin, "Jason is looking to break the Colby record in the hammer and has shown the potential to throw over 200 ft." He will undoubtedly be one of Colby's top performers.

Coffin expects the team to improve this year. "The team looks to improve on its sixth place finish in the NESCAC Championships in 2005. We have added depth and have a dedicated close-knit team that is focused on excellence."

Other returning members of the team who will look to have big years are Dan Vassallo '07, defending State Champion in the 5K who is also looking to qualify for nationals in the 10K. Kyung Ko '06 has jumped 6' 02" and is looking to compete for the State of Maine title this year. Also, both Dave Civitello '06 and Bob Glotfelty '08 are looking to improve on their team best marks in their respective events, Civitello in discus with a best throw of 148-09 and Glotfelty with a time of 9:50 in the steeplechase.

The team's top miler, Jeff Alden '07, with a personal best of 4:17, will be looking to improve upon that and is a solid candidate for All New England honors. The sprinters will be led by Madison Gouzie '08, Nick Oxenhorn '08 and Roy Wilson '07 in the 100m, 200m, and 400m.

Two first-years who should have immediate impact on the team are Merya Hinga in the 400m and triple jump as well as Jared Luther in the

javelin. Hinga was the team's top 400m runner and triple jumper in indoor and Luther has a personal best of 170' in the javelin.

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Todd Coffin
Men's Head Coach

The women's team will rely on a combination of returning runners and a talented group of first-years to improve upon last year's successes.

For the women's side, Anna King '08 will hope to improve upon her impressive performance last year, finishing seventh at nationals in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Captain's Emily Coulson '06, Jess Minty '06, Jackie Rolleri '06 and Elizabeth Turner '06 will provide the leadership for the team.

Minty is currently the record holder for Colby in the mile with a time of 4:55.46. She should be able to improve on that this year with a strong season, while she leads the middle distance runners. Coulson will lead the sprinters and jumpers, Rolleri the throwers, and Turner the distance runners.

The women start out with a training trip to Orlando and their first meet will occur on that trip on April 1. They have their first scoring meet at Tufts University on April 8. The men's team will also have their first competition in Florida, followed by a meet at Tufts on April 8.

Crew in good position for spring after early water time

By WALTER CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

With a successful fall season, and plenty of hard training behind them, both Colby men's and women's crew are ready to begin what should be a successful spring season.

This year crew is coached by Stew Stokes and Pat Tynan. Stokes, the head coach, has been with Colby for six years. Crew has doubled in size since he started coaching, and in 2003 he led the women's team to an NCAA Division III title. Prior to Colby, he coached the Trinity College and the University of Massachusetts's crews. Tynan is the assistant coach, and has been with Colby for five seasons, before which he was the assistant coach at the University of Massachusetts.

The men's team captain is Rob Zondervan '07 and the women's captains are Rebecca Reisman '06 and Dana Maglaris '06.

Stokes said that the fall season was "a solid one for both the men and women," and Reisman said that it "proved to be very successful, reaffirming to Bates and Bowdoin that we are a force to be reckoned with."

But of even more importance is that they have been training hard all winter, and that their training has been predictive of a successful spring season. Zondervan said that the men's team encountered a few "hurdles" during the winter, but they have sorted through them, creating a stronger and closer team. Maglaris said that the women had "a lot of long, hard pieces on the rowing machines as well as a new lifting system that Pat and Stew devised for us." Stokes said all the

training has paid off thus far. "The testing results of many of the rowers provided personal best scores on the rowing machines" which is "a good indicator that they are fit and ready to continue improving now that we are on the water," Reisman also believes the training has paid off. "Our hard work is evident by the power and skill displayed by each rower."

They started rowing on Messalonskee Stream on March 7. This is earlier than they usually get on the water; as Stokes said, "any water time we can get before spring break is icing on the cake."

Over spring break they'll travel to Gainesville, Georgia to train, after which they begin racing.

Reisman is optimistic about the spring season. "The squad is strong and excited to jump into the spring season, and show our competition that

we are ready to dominate," she commented. Zondervan is equally confident in the men's team, saying that he is "very excited to attack this spring with a team [that] is on the same page, rowing towards the same goal." Although Stokes refrains from predicting what level of success the team will enjoy, he does predict that "the crews will continue to train hard," as the first-years and sophomores on both squads get "faster and better each day," and as the juniors and seniors "embrace their leadership roles."

Both the men's and women's crews will kick off their racing season on April 8, as they travel to Worcester, Mass., to take on Wesleyan University and Worcester Polytechnic Institute for the men and Wesleyan, WPI and Smith College for the women.

Mules baseball looks to bounce back from 0-27 record during 2005 campaign

By AJ HERRMANN
STAFF WRITER

It would be quite an understatement to say that Colby baseball had a rough season last year. Anytime a sports team plays their entire schedule without winning a game (as the 0-27 Mules did last year) there is not much that can be said about silver linings: the simple truth is that everything went wrong for Colby last season, from injuries to bad luck to the absence of anyone stepping up and making a play when the team was down. Because of the hard lessons

learned last year, however, the Mules are looking ahead to their 2006 campaign: after all, there's nowhere to go but up.

This year's squad will be led by tri-captains Roddy Ames '06, Tyler Hales '06 and Andy Carr '07. First baseman Ames and third baseman Carr will anchor an infield that also includes Craig Cooper '09 at shortstop and Tommy Salemy '07 at second base. The infield has the potential to show

some pop as Carr hit .333 and led the team in extra base hits last season and Salemy and Ames both hit over .300 and finished first and second on the team in RBI's and home runs in 2004 before having down years in 2005.

Hales will split-time in the outfield with Brian Liberty '07, Jon Vacca '06 and 2005 NESCAC Rookie of the Year Nick Spillane '08, who led the team in hitting in with a .418 average

and a .991 OPS in 2005. Hales will also anchor a Mules starting pitching staff that includes Jordan Henry '07, Sam Kennedy Smith '08, Justin Clark '09 and Robert Rosenbaum '07. The bullpen will be led by Jack Peet '07 and Bob Brady '07, with Zack Starr '08 and a number of first-years also competing for playing time.

Pitcher Rosenbaum says the team is looking forward to the upcoming season. "I think there's a sense of cautious optimism. We realize we have the ability to be a solid team, especially with a good freshman class and all of our starters returning," Rosenbaum

also cited new pitching coach Dale Plummer as "a major part of that optimism" and thinks that the Mules' pitching should be much improved this year.

The Mules start the season with their annual spring break trip to Florida, where they will play nine games in six days, including one against two time defending New England Small College Athletic Conference champion Amherst College. After returning from down south the

Mules will jump into their regular season NESCAC East schedule that has them playing three games each against Bowdoin College, Trinity College, Bates College and Tufts University. Colby will also get to host University of Maine at Orono on April 25 this year, as the Mules will get a chance to compete against a Black Bear team that made it to the Division I NCAA tournament last season.

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a doubt benefit from many talented rookies and a shorter list of injured players who will be returning this season. The rookie class will contribute their fair share to the team and can be expected to turn quite a few heads as the season progresses.

The team will also benefit from

some new additions to the coaching staff. In Head Coach Rob Quinn's fifth season he will have four new assistants, giving the team all the flexibility that comes with an expanded coaching staff to direct specialized practices and keep the team's machinery running smoothly—more likely than not, smoother, faster, and more efficient than ever. "The players are really excited about the new coaching staff," Tim Brown '07 said. "This is

the most promising season in a while." Colby ended last year in tenth place in the New England Small College Athletic Conference. The team hopes to improve on their 3-11 record from last season, and with the work ethic they have picked up it should not surprise anyone when they do. The squad will have their home opener against Wheaton College this Sunday at 1 p.m., followed by a home game against Babson College on Thursday,

March 23 at 4 p.m. The team will then train in Colorado Springs, Colorado for their spring break, and should return prepared to improve upon last season's NESCAC record.

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Women's lacrosse falls to Middlebury in season opener

By **CHRISSE GARDNER**
STAFF WRITER

Colby women's lacrosse team has a lot to look forward to this season. With eight of twelve starters returning and a promising group of first-years, the team looks to do well this year and continue with a steady progression towards the New England Small College Athletic Conference championships.

The team finished 11-5 last season and earned the fourth seed in the NESCAC playoffs. In the final national poll, they were ranked 11th, and at one point in the season were eighth in the country in Division III.

Last season also marked Head Coach Heidi Godomsky's 100th career game win at Colby, giving her a 110-74 record in 12 seasons. Defensive player Kim Jones '05 earned All-America honors from the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association. Jones and Emma Miller '05 earned All-America honors from Inside Lacrosse Magazine as well. Midfielder Lauren Barrett '08 earned Co-NESCAC Rookie of the Year and made the conference second team.

This season, the team aims to continue their recognition as one of the top teams in NESCAC, as well as a top-ranked team in the country. Their major goal is to get into the top 10

nationally and into the NESCAC top three. "I do not think we have a single hole, all the way from our goalie to our first home," Co-Captain Elizabeth Ghilardi '06 said. Considering the combination of experience and talent on the roster, this could be the year that the team really succeeds.

In the offensive end of the field, the three top goal scorers from the 2005 season are returning: Barrett, Allie Libby '07 and Ghilardi. Courtney Drake '07 will also be a pivotal component.

The midfield will be led by Kelsey Neville '06. She will be joined by Libba Cox '07, Barrett, Carrie Lovejoy '08 and Kate Sheridan '09. The tremendous speed and endurance of these players will add crucial fast-breaking opportunities to Colby's offensive game.

Co-Captain Leah Weisberg '06 and Liz Morbeck '07 return on defense. Weisburg is expected to take over one of the lead roles in Colby's zone defense. Jamie Enos '08, Ernie Theberge '08, and Mary Clare Snediker '09 will vie for the remaining positions. Catharine O'Brien '08 will return as goaltender, continuing her outstanding performance.

Colby played Middlebury College last Saturday, losing 18-11. It was a highly competitive game. Middlebury, currently tied for first in the NESCAC, is one of the best teams in Division III. Colby, currently in a

eight-way tie for third place, has started the season off on a good foot by proving themselves able to play at this level. "Although we lost, we have a lot to be proud about as a team. The fact that we were able to play with the best team in the NESCAC says a lot about us," Ghilardi said.

The game was close throughout the

first half, with Middlebury pulling away at the end, leaving the half time score at 8-5. During the first ten minutes of the second half, they widened this margin, outscoring Colby five to one. The Mules worked hard to recover, but could not close the gap in time.

Libby was the highest scoring player in the game, with one goal and six

assists. Lovejoy had two goals and one assist, while Sheridan, Barrett and Ghilardi all had two goals. Becky Julian '09 and Lauren Strazzula '09 also had a goal each. O'Brien made 12 saves. Colby will host Williams College next Saturday at twelve, in another of their most challenging games this season.



Colby plays tough defense as Middlebury attempts to get a shot off. Although the women lost 18-11, they had a strong opening to their season in taking on Middlebury, who traditionally has a strong lacrosse program. The women will continue their challenging start to the season this weekend against Williams.

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Norsworthy earns All-American honors

By **JOHN WALLER**
STAFF WRITER

Kelly Norsworthy '08 added three All-America honors to her resume, taking second in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke and seventh in the 200 individual medley at NCAA Division III Championships at the University of Minnesota last weekend. The Colby women finished in 15th place, also earning points in the relays where Norsworthy teamed up with Maddie Given '08, Courtney Chilcote '09 and Kelsey Potdevin '09.

"All four women stepped up and just had an amazing meet," Head Coach Tom Burton said. "It was an extremely enjoyable week for all of us, and I'm so proud of all of them."

Norsworthy, who finished third in the 100 and fifth in the 200 breast last year, now has earned five All-American honors in her first two years at Colby. She swam a personal best in the 100 breast on Friday (1:03.32) breaking her own school record and then finished second in the 200 breast on Saturday in 2:18.18 behind Lindsey Payne '06 of Williams

College, who won all three individual events that Norsworthy was entered in and holds the 100 and 200 breaststroke NCAA records.

"I'm ecstatic for what Kelly has achieved," Burton said. "Her times would have won Nationals in any year besides the past two years, and Kelly is faster than Payne was as a first-year or sophomore."

In the 200 IM, Norsworthy set a school record in the preliminary race with a time of 2:07.84 earning 12 more points for the Mules for a total of 46 of the teams 74 points. The other points were earned in the 400 medley relay, 200 freestyle relay and 200 medley relay; the four women also competed in the 400 freestyle relay.

The Mules top relay finish was in the 200 medley relay where after a slow preliminary heat they won the consolation final to finish in ninth place with a time of 1:47.05, the sixth fastest relay in the nation this year. Burton was happy with this year's results, but can't help but look to what his young relay team will accomplish next year.

"Of the five teams ahead of them, only Amherst College has everyone

coming back," he said. "This team is sitting in a position where they can focus on winning a National title next year."

Burton said that all four women stepped up in the finals with Potdevin in the backstroke, Norsworthy in the breaststroke, Given in the butterfly and Chilcote in the freestyle. Chilcote had the race of her life, Burton said.

Colby finished fourth among New England Small College Athletic Conference teams, two places higher than they did at the conference championships two weeks before. Emory University won the meet in the closest finish in the history of the meet with a 428-418 win over Kenyon College, who has been crowned champion 20 of the 25 years of the meets existence.

Norsworthy, Given, Chilcote and Potdevin, along with Meg Vallaly '07 all earned All-Conference team honors along with Jabez Dewey '07 on the men's team. Dewey will compete at men's NCAA Championships this weekend at the University of Minnesota, where he is hoping to make the top eight.

Men's lacrosse falls 4-14 to Middlebury

By **DAVID METCALF**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Despite a rough first half, Colby men's lacrosse was able to walk away from Saturday's loss to the Middlebury College Panthers with their heads held high.

"It's a rough way to start the season," Andrew "Pie" Piekerski '07 commented, who scored one of the Mules' four goals in the 4-14 losing effort. Middlebury has a history as a nationally dominant team, who trav-

eled to the NCAA tournament last year and lost the championship game by just one goal. First-years Todd Boertzel and Caddy Brooks scored their first collegiate goals in Saturday's match, while Dan Schupack '07 also had a goal and Dana McNally '08 had one assist. The Mules were looking at a 10-1 score-board after the second quarter. "We came out a little slow, and by the end of the first half the deficit was just too big for us to catch up to them," Piekerski said.

However, Colby was able to hold

Middlebury to three goals in the third quarter as opposed to Colby's two, and both teams finished the fourth quarter with one goal apiece. Senior Captain Jeff Miller had 12 saves and seven ground balls for the Mules.

The team remains optimistic for the rest of the season, and expects to cash in on what was a very productive off-season. This team is faster and a stronger team than last year, so we great things can surely be expected from this team. The team will without

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were lots of turns. We also got eight inches of snow this morning and they decided to do both runs on the same course. All those things helped Abbi."

Lathrop went on to place seventh in the slalom, earning second team All-American honors in that event last Friday. She had the tenth fastest time after the first run, but had an amazing second run in which she had the second fastest time, for an overall seventh place finish. With that finish, Lathrop now holds the Colby record in All-American honors, with four giant slalom All-American honors in the past four years. Lathrop is currently competing in Alberta, Canada at the North American Championship event, alongside her twin Jenny, who left Colby during her sophomore year to join the U.S. National 'C' Ski Team.

Jody Centauro '08 and Charlie Reed '06 also traveled to Colorado for the NCAA championships. Centauro tied for 16th place in the slalom in his first NCAA appearance while Reed took 25th place in the slalom in his fourth and final NCAA championship. Reed finished in 27th place in the

giant slalom while Centauro took 33rd place. Colby finished in 16th place out of 24 teams overall at the champi-

onships with a total of 130.5 points, despite having a full team including nordic skiers traveling to the event. The University of Colorado won the championship with 654 points. Middlebury College, Bates College and Williams College all finished ahead of Colby.

Both Lathrop and Reed will be sorely



Abbi Lathrop '06 tears down the course at Steamboat Springs, Colorado at the NCAA Div. I championship. She won the giant slalom and placed seventh in the slalom.

Foster, Minty named All-Americans

By **JEFFREY ALDEN**
STAFF WRITER

Jason Foster '06 and Jess Minty '06 earned All-American Division III Indoor Track honors over the weekend at the Division III national championship in Northfield, Minnesota. Anna King '08, the Mules' third representative, just missed all American honors in the mile. "Nationals was great!" women's Head Coach Deb Aitken exclaimed.

Foster competed on Friday in the 35 pound weight throw. Up against the best field in NCAA DIII history, Foster improved on his personal best and school record by a staggering three feet. Foster's first throw was a personal best, but his next throw of 60' 1/2" vaulted him into the nine-man final. Men's Head Coach Todd Coffin described it as "a toss that took Foster over his life time goal of 60'." He added, "Ranked eighth going into the finals, Jason stayed in the 'zone' tossing his lifetime best on his first throw in the finals; an incredible 61 feet!"

Coffin was quick to praise the work of throws coach Dan Camman.

"The close partnership they have forged has given Jason real edge in the competition circle. Dan is one of the best in the country, and Jason's achievement is a testimony to the hard work of each."

Foster's seventh place finish earned him all American honors. "Foster's 61' throw would have won nationals in many years past, and all eight All Americans threw over 60' for the first time ever," Coffin explained.

Minty, the 2005 runner up in the 800-meter run, went into the race with high ambitions for her senior campaign. The normally reserved preliminary race on Friday was a true test for Minty. After following the field out in 30 seconds over the first 200 meters, Minty hung on for her second fastest time of the season, 2:14.67. "It took her an hour before she could literally walk or jog after the race. I think it just took a lot out of her," Aitken said.

Minty struggled in the final, "She went into the final as determined as always, but after a lap, it was apparent that she just didn't have a lot left. She ran 2:19.90 and finished eighth in the final heat and earned her third All America Honor, but she was definitely disappointed with her time and

position," Aitken said.

Minty is ready to move on to the outdoor season. "As her coach, I'm not sure that she could have done anything differently. We have put it behind us. She is certainly aware of her accomplishments," Aitken concluded.

Sophomore Anna King could be considered the luckiest athlete at Nationals, after just barely qualifying for the two day event, King qualified for the mile final by hurdling another athlete. "She was in great position to make the final round when one of the top seeds in her heat from U. Chicago went down and Anna literally had to hurdle over her going out into the fifth lane of the track," Aitken described. King proved she deserved her spot in the finals, running a season's best of 5:02.53 and finishing ninth.

"She stuck with her game plan which was to just sit on the pack and stay within striking distance, hoping that it wouldn't go out as fast as the trial. And it didn't. Anna moved up to ninth and had a season PR of 5:02.53," Aitken said. "Great finish to Anna King's season."

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Tennis goes undefeated

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Devastator of the Week

Abbi Lathrop '06 earned Devastator after winning the NCAA Div. I giant slalom. **PAGE 11**

