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## College prepares for reaccreditation

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FEATURES EDITOR

The College is preparing to be re-accredited by a team of experts from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) next fall. By accrediting a school, the Association provides public assurance about the educational quality of an institution.

"If you aren't accredited you are not eligible for federal money and no one wants to go to your school because it means you aren't meeting certain standards," Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary of the Corporation Sally Baker said.

The team of experts will visit over the course of four days next November and "formally review the College on the basis of a self-study being prepared this year and next summer," President William D. Adams said. "The self-study reports on our compliance with certain fixed 'standards' for reaccreditation." For over a year the College has been reviewing the eleven standards laid out by the Association which involves looking into the College's mission and purpose, planning and evaluation, organization and governance, the academic program, faculty, students, libraries and information resources, physical and technological resources, financial resources, public disclosure and integrity.

"The Commission expects affiliated institutions to work toward improving their quality, increasing their effectiveness, and continually striving

toward excellence," the NEASC preamble for standards for accreditation states. The College will present reports to the team, which will provide feedback following their visit.

"Reaccreditation is a routine but important process that every college and university must go through once every ten years. Colby will certainly be reaccredited, but we will attempt to use the process to learn more about ourselves," Adams said.

The administration has chosen to form two special emphasis committees to study "critical transitions"—the transition to Colby and the transition to life after Colby. Three faculty members sit on each committee in addition to several other administrators. Director of Institutional Research Mark Freeman, Associate Dean of Faculty Martha Denney and Baker are involved with both committees.

"The transition to college can be a tremendously exciting and challenging time, and coming to Colby is no exception," said Michael Donihue, Professor of Economics and Chair of the committee looking at the transition into Colby. "The self-study group I'm chairing is looking at four broad areas in this transition as they uniquely apply to Colby: orientation and advis-

ing, the first-year curriculum, intellectual climate and social life, and academic performance in the first year."

The College is in a consortium with six other peer colleges that have received grants from the Teagle Foundation, a group dedicated to philanthropy and improving student learning in a liberal arts education. The foundation will allow interviews to be conducted with 12 first-year students three times over the course of a year to get first-hand accounts. Once all the information is compiled, the College will be able to compare the research

with that of the other schools to determine what they share in common, what is working and what could be changed.

"It's not a scientifically designed study in terms of sampling methods or question design, but it should help to get a deeper understanding of the first-year experience at Colby," Donihue said.

Adams has asked the committee focusing on life after Colby to consider questions such as "How well is the College preparing its students for the productive investigation of educational and professional opportunities and choices beyond college?" and "How well is the College's career services operation serving the future interests and prospects of students, and what

organizational and programmatic changes might be pursued to make these services more effective?"

Data is being reviewed from the HEDS survey taken by seniors in their last month which asks them to look back and evaluate a whole host of areas at the College. Jan Plan, faculty mentoring and advising, internships and independent study are all topics being examined.

Professor of Chemistry and Chair of the life after Colby committee D. Whitney King said that Adams, in a description of the committee's focus, wrote that "market survey research involving prospective students, as well as internal measures of student satisfaction with various parts of the College's operations, suggest that Colby's approach to this critical transition is much less clearly communicated, understood, and effective than it needs to be."

"We are in the data collection phase of our work with a goal of producing a final document early in second semester," King said.

"What seems to be happening in the country is a move toward assessment as the most important thing," Baker said, noting that the hiring of Freeman as director of institutional research has been important in that respect.

"Some version of all these reports will be available to the campus community early next fall, prior to the visit in November, but almost certainly not this year," Adams said.

**Colby will certainly be reaccredited, but we will attempt to use the process to learn more about ourselves.**

William D. Adams  
President

## East Quad reports recent thefts; no leads on the case

By TEAGUE DUGAN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Shortly before Thanksgiving break, East Quad residence hall reported a number of thefts totaling around \$300 in cash. Both major incidents occurred on weekends sometime in the evening. An unknown individual entered several unlocked residence hall rooms, located wallets and stole a substantial amount of cash from each victim.

The incidents appear to be unique to East Quad, although Security is advising all Head Residents to be on the lookout for suspicious activities and signs of theft. At this point, there have been no reports of anything other than cash being stolen.

"Be vigilant, lock doors and pay attention to who's around at all times," said Senior Associate Dean of Students Paul Johnston. "We all live in a safe, trusting state [at Colby]. It's sad to see people taking advantage and breaking that trust."

In response to the theft, there have been security warnings posted around East Quad as well as a dorm meeting held this past Monday night with Johnston and Security encouraging vigilance among residents. Students are asked to report any relevant information to their Head Resident and to file any further incidents of theft with security.

As of this moment the victims have not chosen to file a report with security, although they may choose to do so at any time. If the perpetrator is caught, the severity of punishment is up to the victims and Colby's Judicial Board. "It could just result in a judicial hearing or it could be brought before the police," Pete Chenevert, director of Security, said. "It all depends on whether or not the victims choose to press charges."

One recent episode of theft in Colby residence halls resulted in a student being charged criminally and



East Quad, seen here from West Quad. Students claim to have lost \$300.

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## Students debate political issues on statewide television

By JOHN DeBRUICKER  
NEWS EDITOR

On Thursday nights this fall, while their friends back on campus prepared for senior nights at downtown nightlife hotspots, a handful of politically enthralled students made their way to Portland to film episodes of a Saturday afternoon television show, *Youth in Politics*. The show runs weekly on Fox 23 and stars a rotating cast of Colby students who discuss and at times debate current events in the state and federal government. The show will be filmed on campus in Olin 1 on Thursday, Dec. 7 thanks to a contribution from the Goldfarb Center for

Public Affairs and Civic Engagement.

Dressed in coat and tie and set against a red white and blue backdrop, Chris Appel '07, Henry Beck '09, Brad Curtis '07, Josh Handelman '07 and Ralph Kettell '09 plan and moderate their own analysis and criticism of the current political landscape along with students from Bowdoin College

**We don't have a TV station, but you can do everything at this school if you want to work for it.**

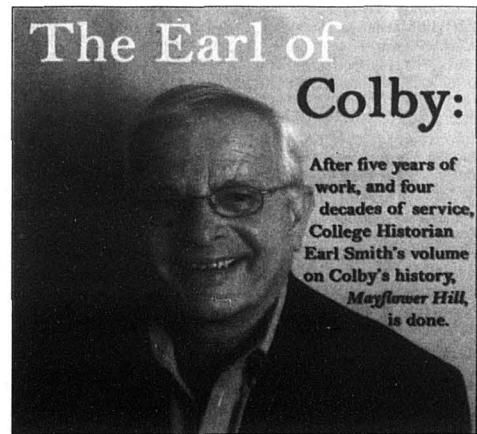
Josh Handelman '07  
Moderator, Youth in Politics

and other Maine universities. The show, presented by the Maine-based production company Youth News and Entertainment Television, runs on Saturdays at noon and reaches 8,000 viewers a week. This year, Colby students have appeared on the panel in eight episodes of the twenty five minute program, according to Appel. Four

episodes of the statewide program are available for free viewing on Google Video, the most popular clip boasting over 500 views.

Recent panel discussion topics include the midterm elections, the War in Iraq, and the Maine Taxpayers' Bill of Rights. Passionate at times but rarely battling for the spotlight, the panelists provide accessible, well researched interpretations of the news and remain as professional as their dress would suggest. Handelman, who has served as a moderator more than once, explained the difficulty in becoming accustomed to the dynamic

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By BEN HERBST  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When College Historian and Dean of the College Emeritus Earl Smith set out to write a history of the College, he did not mean to simply replace Ernest Cummings Marriner's 1963 *History of Colby College*. He had his own book in mind.

"I wanted to write a different kind of a history, as you can tell I did," Smith said in a recent interview. The end product is *Mayflower Hill: A History of Colby College*, a history with a distinct feel and great readability. Smith's version wrapped in the social history of the

College that he has watched from his position as an administrator since taking a job in the public relations department in 1962. Before that he had graduated from Waterville High School, and then attended the University of Maine where he majored in Journalism and worked as the editor of the Maine Daily.

His career at Colby—which spanned over forty years and three presidents—took him to myriad positions throughout the administration, including: Dean of the Men's Division, Dean of Students, Dean of the College, Special Assistant to the President and Secretary of the Corporation among others.

During his involvement with the school, Smith has seen it grow from a local, to regional, to international institution. The book begins by quickly tracing the background of the area and the influence driving Rev. Jeremiah Chaplin when he landed the sloop *Hero* in Waterville and retraces

the College's tumultuous beginnings and shaky first century. But Smith does not spend too much time rehashing Marriner's book, he devotes most of the text to what he knows best, the last half-century.

The book captures the strife on campus caused by major social issues. Smith found the portion of his research that revisited the late sixties during the Vietnam era particularly interesting. In retrospect, he said that the College was pretty in tune with national student issues and ahead of the times compared to the country in general. "For being so far up in the woods, Colby was way ahead on the anti-war stuff. We had the right mix of students and faculty to make that an interesting time," he said. Also, the chapel takeover of 1970, led by none other than current Trustee Charles Terrell '70, was among the more exciting topics to research.

Included in the chapters are some amusing, yet intriguing, stories of Greek life after the 1984 vote to end it, made especially interesting by

Smith's close involvement with the issue as Dean of Students at the time. Naturally, it is a touchy subject for an author to broach, especially given the fondness many alumni still have for their fraternity or sorority. "I hope that chapter explains why that happened," he said, "because the fraternities that were there in 1983-84 were not the fraternities that alumni remembered at all." Instead, fraternities had coalesced around athletic teams and lost their initial meaning. Furthermore, national trends and the lure of coed housing

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## Senior Pledge aims high

By JOHN DeBRUICKER  
NEWS EDITOR

The Class of 2007 opened their mailboxes last Tuesday to find a letter from the Senior Pledge Committee announcing the goal of 75% class participation in the donation campaign. On Thursday, Co-Chairs of the Committee Karli Gasteazoro '07 and Katie Maland '07 attended the last Senior night of the semester at the Marchese Blue Light Pub spreading the word and collecting donations.

This fall at a senior class reception at the Schair-Swanson-Watson Alumni Center, Trustee Dick Schmaltz '62 agreed to pledge \$7,500 if the goal of 75% participation is reached by June 30. President William D. Adams also agreed to personally provide \$2,500 to the Annual Fund if the class exceeds the record of 57% participation set by the Class of 2006.

Senior Pledge contributions count

as gifts to the Alumni Fund, which comprises 15% of the current capital campaign, "Reaching the World: A Campaign for Colby" that the College hopes will reach \$35 million. The Alumni Fund provides budget relief for scholarships, athletics, clubs, professor salaries, libraries, lectures, the arts and other activities. Publications that rate institutions also evaluate the school's participation in Alumni giving. "It's more than just giving money," Maland said.

"Generally I think our class is more unified than others in the past, and this is one more way we can represent that unity," Gasteazoro said. She also noted the social cohesiveness of the Harold and Bibby Alford Senior Apartment complex this year compared to the past as an example of the Class of 2007's attitude. "Our focus is less on money and more on participation," she said. Both of the chairs are

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## New Director of Communications

**By JAMES BELTRAN**  
 STAFF WRITER

This month the Office of Communications, which is responsible for external relations and publications for the College, welcomed a new director.

Stephen Heacock, a native of Pennsylvania and graduate of Muhlenberg College, began his duties at the College on Nov. 1. He has worked for organizations such as the marketing communications firm Trent-Jones Inc. in Princeton, New Jersey, a monthly general interest magazine, *New Hampshire Profiles* in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Ursinus College. Prior to coming to the College, Heacock held a similar position at Haverford College in Pennsylvania for five and a half years.

When asked why he came to the College, Heacock said that the job came to him. "I wasn't really looking for a job. When I got a phone call for the position, I couldn't turn it down. Those opportunities don't come along very frequently," he said.

Heacock said his first day on the job was busy. "Lots of meetings during the first day and they were all good." The department also gave him a surprise breakfast reception. "Everyone is incredibly nice," he said.

Heacock described the College as being "a very welcoming and friendly place" with a real feel of community. However, he believes the College is beset with the problem of "finding the most compelling way" to make itself better known to the public. Heacock said that the culture of academic excellence here at the College is such that the outside world does not really know the true story, and said that one way to impart the story to others is to bring other people to campus.

Heacock has been impressed by everyone he has met on campus. "Every person is very welcoming, very professional, and very engaged in their professional work," he said. Heacock also said that there is no complacency at the College, as everyone here is driven to succeed. He went on to say that the College always wants to grow rather than be self-satisfied.

When asked to compare the work atmosphere between Haverford and Colby, Heacock made clear that there was an important difference. The community and collegiality in Haverford are superficial, Heacock said, even though Haverford likes to claim that it

is also a friendly place. He said he could not offer an idea as to why Haverford is not as amiable as Colby.

As Director of Communications, Heacock will manage the public webpages related to the College, work with the Admissions Department to develop materials for prospective students, and will also work with communications from alumni and the media. Heacock will also be supporting the fundraising campaign that is currently taking place. He called himself the "spokesperson for the College," in which he would make an official statement regarding anything that involves members of the college community.



Stephen Heacock was eager to heed Colby's call for a new representative.

## EAST QUAD: Rare campus theft shakes dorm

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suspended. "A few years ago a student was caught stealing several thousand dollars worth of items," Chenevert said. "Because the victims chose to press charges we brought in the Waterville Police Department in addition to suspending the student."

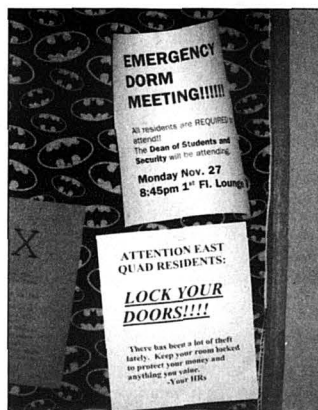
Because theft is so uncommon at Colby, it is difficult for students to detect any behavior that would invoke suspicion. "If you were to walk down the hall in any of our dormitories and try the door handles, I think you would find that most are unlocked," said Johnston. Students tend to take advantage of this openness and move pretty freely from room to room.

"This [theft] is upsetting because of the openness of East Quad and the fact that everyone here seems to know each other," Sam Boss '08, a head resident in East Quad, said.

That East Quad provides an open and friendly atmosphere is a common sentiment among its residents. "The biggest problem in East Quad is that people assume it's safe. In the real world there's crime everywhere," James Beltran '09, a resident who describes his residence hall as "very

social," said.

At this point, very little is known about the identity of the thief. "I can't speculate if the person lives in East Quad or not," Boss said. With little theft in the residence halls in the recent past, there is limited precedent for finding the responsible individual, especially with the prevailing laid-back attitude toward security among the student body. Still, the possibility of getting caught combined with a highly variable punishment may serve to deter further incidents.



Flyers on an East Quad wall warn students.

## PLEDGE: Seniors aim to boost participation

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confident the school can reach the goal of 75% participation, noting that similarly sized institutions that come close to complete involvement of their senior classes.

Seniors have the option of designating their donation to one of four areas: unrestricted support, financial aid, academic program support and library support. The committee has decided not to concentrate efforts as much on campus beautification this year, citing limited student interest in that area in the past. Students can dedicate their gifts in the name of professors, parents or anyone of their choosing. Gifts can be as small as a dollar or students can opt for four-year pledge plans, the first installment due during the senior year. Unlike other capital campaigns, the Senior Pledge does not distinguish donors from one another based on the amount of the gift, taking into account the varying financial situations of Colby seniors. Students can mail their donations in the return envelope enclosed in the letter or make their gifts online at [www.colby.edu/spgift](http://www.colby.edu/spgift).

The Committee has organized itself in a pyramid of making sure everyone is aware of the goal. The Pledge Committee has seven members responsible for encouraging classmates to get involved and give back to the school.

## LSAT changes its format, Colby students should stay confident

**By JOHN DeBRUICKER**  
 NEWS EDITOR

Aspiring lawyers at the College will face a new format of the Law School Admissions Test beginning this June. The Law School Admissions Council will be changing the reading comprehension section of the test so that it includes a comparative reading component.

The current test, which will be offered for the last times in December and February, consists of four sets of questions, each based on a long reading passage. On the new test, one of the four passages will be substituted for two shorter passages and the questions will involve comparing the two. "What students should know is that they have experience on it from the SAT," said Russell Schaffer, Senior Communications Manager of Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions. Still, Schaffer recommends that students take the test before the changes take place, as the six or seven questions affected by the change "can make the difference between getting into a first tier school and a second tier school." The LSAT is unique among graduate admissions tests because it accounts for about 50% of the admissions decisions at most schools, according to Schaffer.

The newer test will also modify the writing sample portion of the test, which, while not scored, is evaluated separately by 35% of law schools

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**Russel Schaffer**  
 Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions

according to the LSAC. In the old test, students knew they would be responding to an argument prompt or a decision prompt. The new test will only have decision prompts.

Though the LSAT has not seen such an overhaul in fifteen years, Schaffer says students should not worry too much about the new format. "While the changes are meaningful, students should take them in stride and know that their scores are not going to be affected dramatically," he said.

Twenty-two Colby students took the test this past September, which is usually the most popular date, according to Associate Director of Career Services Cate Talbot Ashton, who serves as the pre-law advisor at the College. Ashton did not see the changes presenting any serious issues for Colby students. "They're not huge radical changes like the new SAT for example," she said. "Reading comprehension is often a really strong point for Colby students."

Talbot Ashton considers the most momentous change in the world of law school admissions to be the newly added ability for schools to report an applicant's highest LSAT score rather than the average of the scores should the applicant have taken the test more than once. "We're not completely sure how this is going to play out. Schools are deciding how they are going to handle this new possibility," she said. Law schools have always had to report their admitted applicants' scores. Since the LSAC made the change last summer, more applicants will be more enticing candidates for admission.

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## Students attend etiquette dinner



Students learn to conduct themselves with the utmost dignity at dinner earlier this month.

## Students observe World Aids Day

**By JOHN DeBRUICKER**  
 NEWS EDITOR

In lieu of the normally planned end of the semester stress-buster fair, Student Health on Campus has elected to hold an event in honor of World AIDS Day today, Dec. 1, in Cotter Union. The event will promote better awareness of AIDS and benefit Dayspring AIDS Support Services, an organization dedicated to assisting, supporting and enhancing the quality of life for HIV patients and their loved ones in Maine.

World AIDS day was established by the World Health Organization in 1988 and is observed every year to focus global attention on the epidemic. SHOC will sponsor a "Dance Your Pants On" dance tonight in Cotter from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. featuring giveaways and refreshments. Students with the craziest pants can win iTunes gift certificates, massage gift certificates and ski passes. "We're trying to make this really fun but also an awareness event," SHOC Co-President Anne Cutler '07

said. "There's not really been an event for World AIDS day in the time that I've been at Colby." SHOC has posted flyers all week showing the statistics on the impact of AIDS. "The assumption is that AIDS doesn't exist in Maine, and that's really, really untrue unfortunately," Cutler said.

Dayspring provides resources and education to reduce the risk of HIV transmission. They provide anonymous HIV counseling and testing, counseling and referrals to community resources like physicians, housing programs and legal help for those in need.

SHOC has worked with the organization before, but never in this big a capacity. 200 tee shirts paid for by Student Activities will be sold for five dollars each with all of the money going directly to Dayspring. The goal of \$1000 would be the most SHOC has ever contributed to Dayspring. SHOC representatives will sell shirts all across campus, but students may e-mail SHOC at [colby@colby.edu](mailto:colby@colby.edu) to have one delivered to them.



# Staff Profile: Allen LaPan

## Student Post Office Supervisor

By **CHELSEA EAKIN**  
FEATURES EDITOR

Nearly every student on campus knows Allen LaPan in some form—whether they work in the mailroom, sent a letter once or have seen him walking around on Halloween in a costume he wears without fail each year. “Everyone knows that I don’t work that day—I go to the office and give out candy.”

“One year I was a birthday cake, one year a catholic school girl when I wore patent leather and a pleated skirt—that was an interesting year. I’ve been a cow, a hula dancer,” he said. “I have a costume I’ve saved and saved and saved and will require retirement soon after I wear it. It’s not naughty, but it’s not tasteful either. I’m just waiting.”

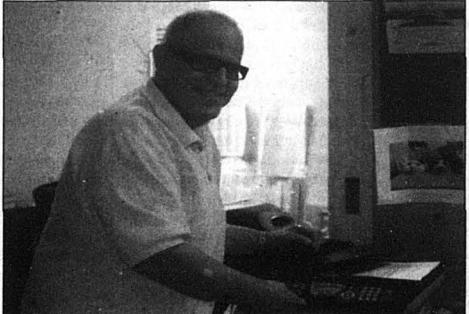
Many students enjoy more than just a “Hi, how are you?” relationship with “Al” and he refers to students he knows well as “my kids.” “They talk to me, they come to me with questions. I’m very much a surrogate parent. It’s not a role that one selects but it’s great—it’s quite an honor to me, quite an honor,” he said. “I always tell people I have 1850 children and I don’t have to support any of them.”

LaPan was born in Burlington, Vermont and raised for many years in Bristol, Connecticut. He spent time at both Holyoke and Springfield Community Colleges. After working as a New England telephone operator in Springfield, Massachusetts for several years, he moved to Maine and continued work as an operator. His partner brought him to Waterville where he began supervising switchboard communications at the College in 1979. He finally landed at his current role, supervising the mailroom, seventeen years ago.

In his spare time LaPan enjoys reading, visiting Boston to see theater productions and watching movies. “I like comedies—the more

outrageous the better. That’s the sick type of humor that I like.” In a hushed voice he admitted he likes to gamble and that slot machines are his favorite game.

His favorite part of the job is the kids and “the banter, the outrageous banter. It’s [the mailroom] the only place on campus that is not politically correct and fortunately that has been supported and encouraged,” he laughed. He says there are not many



CATHERINE KILLEN/THE COLBY ECHO

negative aspects of the job. “Once in a while we have some attitudes on that side of the counter—but we slap ‘em down verbally.”

The mailroom employs around 20 students. “It’s a pretty sought after job,” he said. “It’s a pretty fun place—we work when we have it, we mess

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Allen LaPan  
Student Post Office Supervisor

around and joke around. It’s certainly not pressure. I couldn’t ask for anything better than that.”

LaPan certainly leaves an impres-

sion on students he knows and keeps in touch with many alumni. He takes pride in the relationships he is able to maintain with students at the College and mentioned a student who graduated 26 years ago and came back to visit him last year. “I will wake people up when they get acceptances at grad school because I get the letter first. I get the first hugs, I’m the first to know before mom and dad and that’s great—I love that,” he said. “I always tell them ‘do remember that when you go to Harvard part of me goes with you.’”

Working in a “degreed” environment without a degree can be difficult, he said. “There are problems on campus because of that—there always have been and always will be.” Yet LaPan has managed to integrate himself more than most non-faculty members of the community. Up until this year LaPan had served as head of the Bridge, a club representing the lesbian, gay, bi- and transsexual members of the College, for fifteen years. “I was the only non-degreed person who did that type of thing. It’s usually given to a faculty member,” he said.

LaPan has also judged for the annual Mr. Colby event for all but one year since its beginning. “They play to me, as macho as these men are they know who to play to for the extra points.” He recalled a year when one contest sang a love song to him. “I stood up and got him off-balance threw him on the table and threw a liplock on him. I really didn’t kiss him but it really did look like it from the audience.”

Laughing, LaPan says he suffers from the Peter-Pan syndrome and that he will never grow up. “I told Bro when he came here ‘You know my reputation? It’s going to stay that way.’”

Traffic has been much slower in the relocated mailroom in Dana. LaPan looks forward to the reopening of “Allen’s Palace” in the renovated Cotter Union next year.

# SMITH: Former dean’s book details recent history

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(which meant renovations) diminished the appeal of fraternity life to the point that only 128 fraternity men lived on campus at abolition.

From the national social revolution of the 1960s, Smith watched the student affairs office and its role blossom on campus. Activism certainly is still around on campus; he drew comparisons in the interview to the student-fueled divestment from South Africa in the 1980s to the recent Board of Trustees motion on Sudan and Burma.

During the research process he was able to draw not only upon his own memories and the carefully kept files of several Colby presidents, he was also able to interview past students and employees and reconnect with the people also involved in the events. “It was a good time to write *Mayflower Hill*, because people were around to talk to,” Smith said.

How do you find the sources to write a book like this? For starters it helps to be a saver—like Smith—but he found help from a few other areas: “I went through all of the college magazines, I went through all of the *Echoes*.” He also used the files of Presidents Julius Seelye Bixler (1942-60), Robert Edward Lee Strider II (1960-80) and William R. Cotter (1980-2000) as a great source for

information. During his research he organized those files into a Microsoft Excel file that will benefit other researchers.

Smith also mentioned—and his book captures—the struggle the College has felt since its meager beginnings on Mayflower Hill to catch up with peer institutions. “Colby spent many years raising money to build, unlike some of the other colleges that already had campuses, while everyone else was buying faculty, Colby was buying bricks,” he said. Not helping the situation, most of the alumni from the 19th century did not work (Colby going coed early hindered its fundraising capabilities) and many graduates were preachers and teachers, who “didn’t make a lot of money, even though they were generous with it.” In closing, *Mayflower Hill* details the tremendous effort of the several successful capital campaigns, all leading to the most ambitious yet—“Reaching the

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Earl Smith  
College Historian and Dean of the College Emeritus

World: A Campaign for Colby”—which began last October. Smith is optimistic that the College will continue its progress, and that this period in the College’s history will be remembered like others for the stunning achievements of students and faculty.

“Once you get on the launch pad you just keep going up, you keep getting better students and faculty,” Smith said.

# WMHB holds annual Holiday Hunger Food Drive

By **CHELSEA EAKIN**  
FEATURES EDITOR

WMHB Radio will be holding its annual Holiday Hunger Food Drive on Saturday Dec. 2. Donations of canned food, soups and non-perishable food items will be collected at the station in the basement of Robert’s Union in exchange for free CDs, tee shirts and bumper stickers between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. All donations will benefit the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter in Waterville.

“In the past the way it worked was that people would bring five cans in exchange for a free CD from the stack.

This year we’re doing it differently—anyone who brings a can or a donation will get as many CDs as they want,” General Manager Lee Emmons ‘07 said. “We hope it’ll be more of an incentive, we also have a lot of CDs to

give away. We have all different genres, a lot of jazz.” Monetary donations will be collected as well this year, as Emmons said that it may be difficult for students to access canned food. CDs will be given away on a first-come-first-served basis.

**WMHB radio station will be giving away free CDs, tee shirts, and bumper stickers in exchange for food and monetary donations this Saturday Dec 2.**

The station has held the drive for at least the past ten years, according to Emmons. “I’ve been on the board for the past three years and it seems to get bigger every year we do it,” he said. Last year the station drove three vans full of food to the shelter and Emmons hopes to at least meet that amount this year.

For the first time the station will also be collecting food off of Mayflower Hill in Waterville at the Blues Club between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m., making the drive more accessible and hoping to increase the number of donations.

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# TV PUNDITS: Students host weekly TV shows, will shoot episodes on campus this Thursday

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of working in the studio. “Being on T.V. is not as easy as it looks,” he said. “You’re not talking to a crowd, it’s just a hole in a box.” The panelists do not seem to mind; the show’s debate portions are all shot in one take.

The program is sponsored by Healthy Maine Partnerships, Prime Hyundai of Saco and recently the Goldfarb Center. Students are not paid for their appearances, working instead “pro bono for American democracy,” as Appel said. He became involved in the show through a personal friend and Bowdoin panelist, Frank Chi whom he met at the Democratic National Convention in Boston. A varsity runner at the College, Appel filmed several episodes in the midst of a grueling cross-country season.

Though the students did not come to be regulars on the show directly through any College organization, Handelman reflected on how abundant opportunities such as this one are

in the Colby environment. “We don’t have a TV station, but you can do everything at this school if you want to work for it,” he said.

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# Opinions

## Being thankful for Gardner Colby



By **SUZANNE MERKELSON**  
OPINIONS EDITOR

So maybe it's a little bit late to share what I'm thankful for, but if Thanksgiving break does anything, it makes me talk more about Colby than I do when actually here. Everyone—friends, family, the random people that know my parents who I run into in Bagel Chateau (the Westfield, NJ hotspot)—wants to ask me about Colby. And, like a proud grandparent, I love talking about it. I almost want to break out the snapshots of Miller Library I keep handy in my wallet.

Everyone first inquires about my major, which of course, is a mouthful: "International Studies, with minors in Environmental Studies and Creative Writing," which naturally follows with an explanation of what all that means. Next comes, "So, are you going to study abroad?" I reply, with the same scripted monologue: "Well, I'm going to India in January, because we have this thing called Jan Plan...blah blah blah...and then I want to go to Africa next fall...blah blah blah." At which point, my co-conversationalist either has already run for the door or is asking if my twelve-year old can spend the weekend as a Pre-pre-fresh.

While here, it's so easy to complain about what sucks at Colby. "There's nothing to do but drink!" "It's so damn cold!" "Why don't they ever have pears in Foss!?" (Well, maybe that's just me). But there's nothing like being away from Colby to make you realize what you really love about it.

So here's what I'm thankful for (not including my parents, for sending me here) about Colby. I know this is a kind of hackneyed subject, but I'm the editor of this page, so I can do whatever I want.

1. The location. Maine is beautiful, chock-full of good places to be outside, laid-back, and slow-paced, enough to be a relief from the frantic. People—actually *strangers*—will wave to you while driving. And not the flipping you off kind of wave. Besides, saying you live in Maine makes you a borderline badass—like a real-live lumberjack or something.

2. The food. Foss is a vegetarian's paradise. If I gained the Freshman Fifteen, it was off of tofu, not pizza and greasy burgers. And weekend brunch gives me a new reason for waking up each morning.

3. The opportunities. My mom was asking me what my friends were doing for Jan Plan. When I listed "Bermuda, Italy, France, Senegal, the Galapagos..." She would encourage me to go to those places. "But, Mom, I'm going to *India*." Where else would any of us have the chance to go to places like that and get credit for it? Not to mention the interesting classes

we get to take, the amazing professors we can actually make face-to-face contact with, and the sweetest orientation program anywhere.

4. The size. At first, I was terrified. Colby is only a little bigger than my high school, and by senior year, my high school was feeling painfully small. But I love being able to walk across campus and know every other person I pass. I love that I had the chance, as a freshman, to get involved in depth with a lot of really cool activities. I love that we can be compared to a camp, because we're actually the same size as one.

5. And lastly, of course, the people (including campus staff—for example, the decorations in Foss almost make me forget about the impending doom of finals). Everyone's friendly. Everyone's interesting. Everyone's relatively noncompetitive. Everyone is kind of awkward and nerdy. People (for the most part) respect each other. We've all heard horror stories about other schools; my personal favorite is the small liberal arts college in Pennsylvania, where girls had to "weigh in" to get into a frat party. That shit just wouldn't go down here.

Perhaps my favorite thing about Colby is the pure happiness that seems to just radiate around campus. Hardly a day passes without the following occurring somewhere on Mayflower Hill, usually during a sunset overlooking Johnson Pond, or some equally cheesy moment:

"...I love Colby."

"Dude, me too."

## Fingernails: What you never (want to) know



### I'M NEVER GOING TO RETIRE

By **C.W. Bassett**

I have been writing this column for some four years now, and I have to keep trying to come up with new stuff, so as to keep my beloved readers saying "Lord, where does he spend his time?" This week I'm going to write about fingernails, a subject that you don't encounter very often in the *Echo*. That's my mission: to educate and amuse the public with junk that other *Echo* feature writers just ignore.

But, eeyew, yuck, why fingernails? Who really cares about fingernails? Only odd, old men like Bassett, who obviously has no life beyond the even more odd print media, and finally oddest, the ends of his fingers. Bassett has been known to write about leaves, a colorfully absurd pestilence that haunts New England every fall, but fingernails? No way do you care.

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Well, YOU would if your fingernails were in some state of degeneration. Maybe you've even had some of these esoteric nail troubles, and I'm not even dealing with the most common of all disorders—nail biting. Biting is dull, a malady that everyone indulges sometime in our nervous but full lives. You see cuticles almost flapping in the breeze among the biters. And you've often noted someone with a blue nail, the result of a misplaced hammer stroke. Even splits or brittleness can result from strong soap.

But have you ever noted Beau's lines, horizontal indentations that result from significant/severe illnesses like pneumonia, heart attacks or even a high fever. Eventually, if you live, Beau's lines will grow out. How about "clubbing"? The nail curves around the fingers, indicating that you suffer from a chronic lack of oxygen, heart disease, slow-growing lung cancers, or chronic lung infections like bronchiectasis (you don't want to know). Check yours out.

You might have Lindsay's nails—white at the base, pink halfway up; your doctor will check your kidney function. And could you be the victim of arsenic poisoning, indicated by white lines across the nails called Mees' lines? Onycholysis (separation of the nail from its bed) points to injury, psoriasis, fungal disease, or an overactive thyroid.

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## EDITORIAL

### Give us a break

Did you show up for class on the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving Break? Did any of your friends? Did your professors? We hope that the administration will soon figure out what the rest of the school has seemed to have already caught on to: the two-day "week" before Thanksgiving is a waste of everyone's time.

Adding those two days onto break allows students who live far away the time they need to make it home for Thanksgiving. Many students from the West Coast and beyond are unable to justify expensive travel costs and extensively long trips for a mere five days at home with family, and are forced to find alternative ways of spending the holiday. A longer break allows all of us (including professors and staff) more time to recuperate from hectic exam weeks prior to break and brace ourselves for finals. It would also eliminate the unnecessary deadweight typical of those two days: cancelled classes and classes with half of the students in attendance where professors are unable to cover anything of particular importance anyway.

Professors all seem to take differing approaches to this week before break. Some simply cancel classes, recognizing the various dilemmas faced by students (especially those who have to travel far), while others expect attendance and are inevitably disappointed. It is necessary to standardize these two days to allow some students to plan travel more effectively, and others to save time by not attending useless classes.

Many other colleges, including nearby Bates, have already adopted this practice into their academic calendars. As our academic calendar stands now, only Monday and Tuesday are part of the pre-Thanksgiving week; therefore, each class would only miss out on one additional session at most. The change would take time to implement, but the College's anomalous schedule could probably afford to make up for the missed time elsewhere. The entire College community could refuel for the last push of the semester with a nine-day break instead of a five-day break crammed with the most hectic travel environment of the year.

Most of us feel the stress of classes and other commitments by this point in the semester. College students represent an overworked and under-slept faction who are not part of the majority of Americans able to take time off for other autumn holidays such as the Jewish High Holidays (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) and Columbus Day. While we are able to enjoy our weekends, they hardly provide respite from stressful weeks. Plus, flooding I-95 South with burned-out Colby students in already heavy traffic just isn't safe.

By Friday before break, most of the school has recognized the start of vacation. Hey, even the *Echo* doesn't print. It's time for the administration to follow this practical and necessary trend.

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By **KRIS MIRANDA**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While narcissistically reading my last *Echo* article, it occurred to me with a jolt of guilt that my "defense" of my major (philosophy, for those just joining me), while (bitterly) sincere, probably didn't reflect well on the department. Or on me. Or philosophy. To make amends for this anger-driven lapse in judgment, allow me to attempt a more intelligent rationale. If I haven't convinced you by article's end, though, then I still stand by my more vulgar answer ("fuck you"), which, for any shortcomings it may have, is still an honest one at this point.

To quote our philosophy homepage, which itself quotes William James: "Philosophy is an attempt to think without arbitrariness or dogmatism about the fundamental issues." Say what you will about the philosophy major, but surely you'll concede that some understanding of these fundamental issues—including but not limited to human nature; the relationship between self and society; and how we interpret, assign value to, and communicate about things in the world—is of significant importance to a meaningful life. Taking a page from Aristotle and Peter Singer, I'll make no further attempts to prove so basic a

premise; if you disagree, I can't help you, and you can stop reading.

Moving on, then, arbitrariness is the absence of any good reason for particular decisions and conclusions, and in anything important (e.g. picking your battles/academic major/President/mate) not having a reason is unacceptable. Dogmatism, that unflinching and blind adherence to Insert-Dogma-Here, is the imprisonment of thought itself. It is the absence of the ability and willingness to adapt, learn, grow. Surely you accept that this too is unacceptable.

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able; dogmatism is reflective of an intellectual complacency that I assume every Colby student lacks. Philosophy (which in the original Greek simply means "love of wisdom") is the discipline that most actively and most courageously combats these evils. Philosophers

## Students on the Street

### What did you steal from East Quad?



"Katherine Paul's heart."

—Liz Pfeffer '09 and Liz Doran '09



"I stole the HR's master keys."

—Jui Shrestha '07



"A six-pack of O'Douhls."

—Trina Narolis '10 and Tory Starr '09



"I stole everything."

—Jessica Williams '10

"I helped."

—Drew Vartanian '10



# Spirituality on the cheap: Criticizing Senator JC Watts' own character

By IRA SADOFF  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Senator Watts' Colby sponsors shouldn't have been surprised by his politicized talk (*Colby Echo*, Nov. 16): Watts is only one of a number of cynical hucksters who use religiosity to win votes, greedily accumulate capital, and often encourage a kind of pseudo-Christian hegemony (whose subtext can inspire a denigration of otherness-guess who's going to hell). Mr. Watts said, "Character is doing the right thing when no one's looking." Well, on Nov. 11, *The New York Times* was looking. Since Mr. Watts left Congress he's made a barely respectable career out of lobbying. The following excerpts show Mr. Watts' "American Values" in action. After the John Deere Company had been sued for failing to offer dealerships to qualified minorities, they hired Watts to find some.

"He found one: A dealership in Marble Falls, Tex., owned by J. C. Watts Jr. [...] As it turns out [...] Mr. Watts' principal partner in his Deere dealerships is not African-American, nor is he even an American. [...] Instead, he is a South Korean businessman who, until recently, was pay-

ing Mr. Watts' firm to help him win construction work at a United States military base in that country. [...] That businessman, Keum Sang-yeon, did not end up with military work. But he agreed last year to join Mr. Watts in buying the Deere outlets in Texas, putting up \$2 million of the \$4 million price, an executive of one of his companies said in an interview.

In early 2005, the company [...] also retained Mr. Watts' firm as a lobbyist to research existing and potential legislative actions that might benefit the company's dealers [...] Last year, the company paid it \$120,000 in fees, lobbying reports show. [...] in May 2005, lobbying records filed by Mr. Watts' firm show that the firm signed an agreement with Mr. Keum to help Keum Bong win new business opportunities, including construction contracts at a United States military base in South Korea. Mr. Watts' firm received a monthly fee of \$10,000, those records show."

Originally, the contract also called for Mr. Watts' firm to get a 2 percent "success fee" on the value of any contracts it won for Keum Bong. But the provision was later dropped, Mr. Sailor (CEO for Watts' Corp.) said, after the firm (not Mr. Watts) realized that such contingency fees

can violate lobbying laws involving foreign entities.

"Meanwhile, Mr. Watts' firm's work with John Deere has moved beyond Texas to Senegal, a country for which the former congressman also lobbied. Last fall, for example, his firm started seeking financial support from United States agencies and others for a proposed, multimillion-dollar farm-related project in that African nation. Mr. Sailor said the plan, which is intended to modernize Senegal's farming and livestock sectors, would help not only farmers and business operators there but also other groups like black agricultural colleges in this country, which would take part in the initiative. [...] should the project go forward as intended, both Mr. Watts' company and John Deere will profit handsomely, public filings suggest. For instance, last September, during a visit to Senegal by Mr. Watts, Senegal officials agreed, at his urging, to designate John Deere as the preferred vendor of some 400 heavy tractors and combines it would buy under the plan. Mr. Watts' firm will get commission payments or a finder's fee on those sales, Mr. Golden of John Deere said."

"Several experts said that it was unusual for lobbyists to have business

relationships with their clients that go beyond lobbying."

While only Watts' request for a "success fee" was technically illegal, there's no question here about Mr. Watts' sleazy "character." Rarely before our current administration has the discourse of spirituality veiled such debased economic and political corruption. I recommend David Kuo's *Tempting Faith: An Inside Story of Political Seduction* (excerpts of which I include from the American Baptists Press website). Kuo, former deputy director of the Bush White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, claims that White House operatives were "secretly dismissive of faith-based leaders they courted, and manipulated the faith-based initiative in the hope of political gain."

"What they didn't get to see was what the White House thought of them. For most of the rest of the White House staff, evangelical leaders were people to be tolerated, not people who were truly welcomed. No group was more eye-rolling about Christians than the political affairs shop. They knew "the nuts" were politically invaluable, but that was the extent of their usefulness."

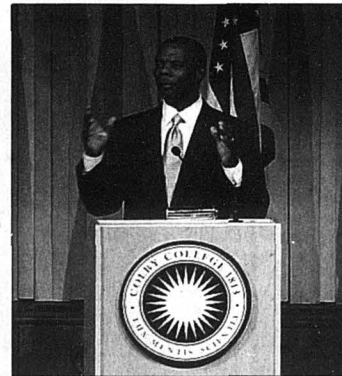
"National Christian leaders received hugs and smiles in person and then were dismissed behind their backs and described as 'ridiculous,' 'out of control,' and just plain 'goofy.' The leaders spent much

time lauding the president, but they were never shrewd enough to do what Billy Graham had done three decades before, to wonder whether they were being used. They were" (pp. 229-230).

Kuo details Karl Rove's cynical evasion of election finance laws setting up in tightly contested congressional races—a "diverse group of faith and community leaders to a 'nonpartisan' event discussing how best to help poor people in their area.

Though the Republican candidate would host the roundtable, it wouldn't be a campaign event." In fact, while the White House was "talking up Faith-based initiatives, they merely shifted existing moneys around, and never really funded most of them. Kuo provides example after example of the hypocritical religious doublespeak of the administration.

Our new generation of snake oil salesmen includes former ordained Minister Mr. Watts and Mr. Rove and Mr. Bush. The Gerrish Fund for Spiritual Enrichment should demand a refund: the only person enriched by Mr. Watts' talk was Mr. Watts.



Former Congressman J.C. Watts appeared November 8 to speak on character.

## Notes:

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## Flavor of my guilty pleasure: Let me hear y'all say "Yeeaaaaah, booooyyeee!"



By RYAN ADAMS  
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We all have guilty pleasures, right? I have a few, some of which I am becoming more and more able to admit. For example, when I'm riding alone in the car, I may or may not sing along to Natasha Bedingfield's "Unwritten" when it starts playing on the radio. I love that song. I feel the rain on my skin, and no one else can feel it for me. But I digress. Currently, I'm having trouble filling the void of one of my guiltiest of pleasures...Flavor Flaanaaaaaaav!

I can't believe that I ignored one and a half seasons of Flav's show *Flavor of Love* when it first aired on VH1. I jumped on the bandwagon halfway through the second season. The premise of the show, for those who missed out, is basically a *Survivor*-style show for women who want a relationship with the one, the only: Flavor Flav, the founding member of Public Enemy who actually wears a clock around his neck. Apparently the first season winner didn't really work out well for Flav, so, lucky for me, he felt the need to

have another season of the show.

Two words: simply irresistible. I loved the show immediately for two reasons. One, Flav kept a ridiculous, running commentary of the show's events, in which he wore a gold Vikings helmet. It's so funny because he is such a small, frail man that the helmet never fits right on his head when he enthusiastically comments on the show. Two, he nicknamed

For instance, Flavor Flav's real name is William Jonathon Drayton, Jr. He is 47 years old. His lifetime goal is to have ten children. He has six children already (number seven is on the way from "a shorty in Vegas"), with names ranging from Karen to Shaniqua to Designa. He even has two grandchildren. He wears a clock around his neck because he wants people to know what time it is. On top of all that, Flav is probably the biggest pimp on Earth.

I mean, come on. The show is really just an excuse for Flav to hook up with women. And at that, the women on his show aren't exactly hot, if you ask me. But they all want to win, and they'll rip each others eyes out before they give up. So show after show, Flav manages to get more ass than a public toilet seat. But for a man his age to be getting laid by twenty-somethings night in and night out, I have to give the man credit. That's some good TV.

But now he's "in love" (at least until *Flavor of Love 3...*). For the time being, I am Flavor-less. I can't waste all of my nights for a full week of watching re-runs of the current season. I don't know how much longer I can wait for Flav to dump Deelishis. So I'm starting the rumor mill. Flav: Deelishis cheated on you with me. Please dump her so that I can watch you rant and rave in a Viking helmet again as you spit mad game at unattractive, psychotic women.

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every woman on the show with a pet name. For example, Chandra Davis (the eventual winner) was known on the show only as "Deelishis," and Darra Boyd was known as "Like Dat." After watching the show more and more, I realized the reasons for watching were bountiful.

## Keeping Miller library open later only hurts students and librarians



By ELYSE APANTAKU  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I must confess that when I first considered the idea of keeping Miller Library open until three in the morning proposed by the Presidents' Council, I thought it was brilliant. "Wow! AWESOME!" was my first thought. My roommate, however, works in the library and she has been dead set against the notion from the beginning. She has managed to win me over to her point of view and now I am trying to do the same for you.

My roommate (reasonably so) does not want to have to stay up until three in the morning, even if she is paid to do so. Furthermore, it would cost Colby money to pay student librarians to continue working until three in the morning. I genuinely believe that this money could be better spent elsewhere, because nobody really needs to use the library at three in the morning.

I cannot imagine that many people want to stay up until three in the

morning studying (if they do they probably live in a single, so they do not have to worry about keeping their roommate up). These late studiers are probably not making use of resources that can only be found in the library for the most part. Thus, the problem is not that people need to use the library;

lab, Mudd, the Pugh Center and lounges all over campus. If it is really hard to find a quiet place to study after one in the morning, then maybe the late-studiers portion of the student body should petition for a "quiet room" or something similar, in an annex off of the street or in Cotter.

I cannot imagine that there would be many people in the library after one in the morning. I have been in the library at one in the morning and hardly anyone was there. It was just a few other people and me scattered about the main floor. Keeping the library open much later would be too much effort for too little benefit.

Finally, the school has to look out for its students. If the library stayed open until three, a lot of people would end up getting even less sleep each night. College students should be responsible enough to make sure that they get enough sleep, but that often is not the case. There are times when I feel like I could stay in the library and study forever. But because the library closes, I have to go back to my room. I can try to study there, but because my bed is next to me, it is much easier to just go to sleep, leaving the work for tomorrow.

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If one is studying, then there are other places to study after one in the morning—the street, the Lovejoy

## North Korean nuclear proliferation: Could this become another Iraq disaster?



By XI CHEN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On October 9, 2006, North Korea joined the United Kingdom, United States, Russia, China, France, South Africa, Israel, Pakistan and India as the only states in the world to possess nuclear weaponry. While North Korea's test of its nuclear weapons shocked the world, it was hardly unexpected as the North Korean government had reactivated a reprocessing plant capable of producing weapons-grade plutonium. So it is without surprise that the U.N. Security Council imposed weapons sanctions five days after the test. However, economic sanctions were also imposed essentially banning "luxury goods." While this idea may seem harmless in theory, the actual implications of this policy will prove to be devastating.

One million people (and counting) have died in Iraq over the span of a decade due partially to U.N. sanctions against a corrupt government. Much like the ones in consideration now, the sanctions imposed on Iraq were aimed at limiting the military of the govern-

ment through restriction of dangerous materials. However, this also resulted in the denial of basic medical supplies and importation of other necessities. Up to 500,000 children died in Iraq as a direct result of U.N. sanctions. Now these same ideas and policies are being implemented in North Korea.

## It is a wonder how there has been so little thought on attention to this issue as there is no planned invasion, no discernable foreign policy, just the same rhetoric with no noticeable progress.

There is already widespread famine and malnourishment throughout this nation as the government relies heavily on international aid to feed the population. South Korea has already suspended food shipments and local

flooding has destroyed much of this year's harvest. Even without the newly imposed sanctions, the outlook for the general population is already bleak, and is quickly headed towards a humanitarian crisis.

North Korea claimed to have developed a nuclear arsenal due to threats and pressures from the United States. There is no denying that the government of North Korea is oppressive and Communist, but their claims are founded on a certain level of truth. Consider that our esteemed president has included them in his "axis of evil." Or maybe it's the fact that one of the other nations in the "axis of evil" has already been invaded with talk of military confrontation with the other one (Iraq and Iran, respectively). So there is no doubt that our government has contributed to the nuclear confrontation taking place on the Korean Peninsula. It is a wonder how there has been so little thought or attention to this issue as there is no planned invasion, no discernable foreign policy, just the same rhetoric with no noticeable progress.

There needs to be more change and acknowledgement of the challenges in North Korea, both social and political. The new actions taken by the UN and the apathetic foreign policy of the United States are harming the innocent people of North Korea and endangering the stability of the Korean Peninsula.

## BASSETT: Fingernail problems you had never imagined before

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But onycholysis could result from acrylic nails, good reason not to apply those vanity excesses.

Most of my readers are too young for yellow nail syndrome, the result of swelling, lung disorder, or chronic bronchitis. Yellow nails have no cuticle (it's hard to bite the yellow nail) and are slow-growers that have to be

clipped only once every several months. Terry's nails are really scary: the first two-thirds are whitish, the tip pink to brown. You could have impaired liver function, heart failure, or even Type 2 diabetes.

Let's end with the worst case: melanoma (cancer), a brown pigmentation under, at the base of, or in the skin adjacent to the nail. Your doctor had better have a look at a nail or nails like this; the discoloration could be a

simple mole or fungus. But the doctor might want to cut your finger for a biopsy unless the nail grows out normally and the brown gunk goes away.

So I hope you never again ignore your fingernails; you do so at your peril. I know I can now recognize Mees' lines, and I'll be on the lookout for arsenic in my beer. I won't stop drinking beer, but I'll drink by myself. Good advice for fingernail fanciers the world over.

## LETTERS

In response to the actions that occurred Saturday, November 12

During the evening of Saturday, November 12, an *Echo* reporter was confronted by several people who interpreted his presence at Mainely Brews as a gesture of disrespect. Prior to the season-ending Football game, A.J. Herrmann submitted an article that many members of the team viewed as an unprovoked personal attack on not just football, but all Colby athletic teams. Though only words, his article genuinely upset many people. His decision to attend the team's traditional season-ending celebration was thus disconcerting, compelling several players to express their anger and tell him he was not welcome. Regardless of the frustrating effect of his article and the potential implica-

tions of his attendance that night, it was wrong to demand he leave. A.J. and everyone else have the right to go where they please without being hassled. We should have addressed any problems we had with his article in a more patient and open-minded way. The confrontation was inappropriate and out of character; and for that, we would like to apologize. We met with A.J. several days later, at which point we explained our side of the story and listened to his side, eventually reconciling the dispute. We left the meeting convinced he did not write the article intending to insult us or any other Colby sports team, and would like to express our appreciation for his willingness to work with us to maturely move past this incident.

-The Colby Football Team

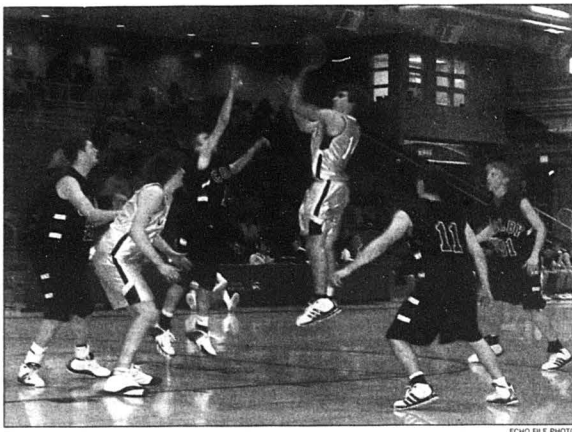


# Men's basketball starts off season 1-2

By AMANDA ROEHN  
STAFF WRITER

The Mules kicked off their season two weekends ago down at Babson College for the Irving Oil Invitational. Their first game was against host Babson, and Colby was able to come away with a victory. Senior Captain Nick Farrell helped lead the team to their season opener victory with 31 points, five steals, five rebounds and four assists. He also managed to go 8-for-16 from the field, 7-of-10 from 3-point range, and came away with a flawless 8-for-8 from the foul line. "Friday night was a nice way to start our season. Babson is a very physical team, but we didn't let it get to us," Farrell commented. "We won the rebounding battle against them, which we knew would be a tough task, and we forced a lot of turnovers defensively." Another key contributor on offense was junior Mark Gaudet, who had 22 points and was 4-for-8 shooting from 3-point range and 4-of-4 from the foul line. His scoring in the second half helped secure Colby's victory over the Beavers. The Mules shot 11-for-20 from 3-point range proving to be more offensively aggressive in comparison to Babson's 3-for-11 attempt.

Colby carried this aggressive offense into their next game against Washington University. Unfortunately, the Bear's offense came out on top, beating Colby 79 to 71. "Saturday was a good test for us," Farrell said. "Washington University is a great team and I give them credit, but I think we are a better team than we showed against them." Despite not playing to the level Farrell knows is possible, Colby still managed to keep the game close, trailing only 61-59 with seven minutes left after a key lay-up by senior Captain Andrew Cohen. The Bears then proceeded to go on a 9-0 run which helped them pull away and earn the victory. At the close of the game Cohen



Men's basketball picked up a win in their first game of the season against Babson College before falling to Washington University and Davidson College.

managed to come away with 26 points, 14 rebounds and five blocked shots. Farrell finished up the game with 16

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Nick Farrell '07  
Captain

points and three assists, and Gaudet put up 15 points and earned five rebounds. The tight scores of both these games prove the Mules to be ready for their season. Although the captains agree there is work to be done, the Irving tournament helped gauge how strong they currently are and where they are capable of going. In the rest of the tournament, Babson managed to defeat Vassar College 84-72.

Over Thanksgiving break, Colby traveled down to North Carolina to take on the Division I team of Davidson College, who went to Durham to take on number 9 ranked Duke University four days after playing Colby. This trip south proved to be an unbelievable experience for the Mules as they faced competition that is head and shoulders above what they are going to face in their conference. "We played almost an entire half pretty even with a team that lost to Michigan by ten and Missouri by five. The game should give us the confidence we need for the rest of the season," Farrell stated. Although Colby was beaten by this tough team 99 to 69, they came away knowing they can hang with those teams at the top. "The score shows that we got creamed, but in all honesty we really only lost about ten minutes of the game. The rest of the time we were matching them pretty evenly," Farrell explained. This match up for the Mules proved to be an excellent opportunity to show where this team is at and the success they should have against the Division III teams they are about to take on. Wish the men luck as they face Fisher College Saturday at home at 3 p.m.

# Professional sports versus college sports



HATS FOR BATS  
By STEVE SANDAK

When I was 10 years old I played the trombone. I was about three feet tall and could not really play the instrument properly, but I loved it. And while I was a pretty good soccer and baseball player, my future as a football player was not very promising. I used to watch college football games and saw the bands, that was as close as I figured I would get. I liked the bands at college football games. Even though my infatuation with a college band decreased when I was 17 (go to a Division I game, they never shut up), my love of college sports is still strong. There are few things that I love more than watching these athletes, who, yes, have completely different lives than most college students, but for the most part are kind of like my peers except that they compete on a national level. And besides the occasional on-the-side suit or car that a shady agent will try and push on a student athlete, they are playing for their team, their school, and their athletes. When comparing the college sports scene to that of the pro sports scene, there are two arguments to be made...

College Defense: This love for college sports is not just something that I possess, but it seems to be a widespread infatuation that many people all across the country have. But why do people like college sports, which is considered an amateur level, more

than professional sports a lot of the time? For those of you who may not agree with this assertion, I will use the basketball example. The NCAA College Basketball Tournament is definitely one of the most highly anticipated, watched and revered sporting events of the year. People get all fired up for the games even if they have not watched a college athletic event all year. Sure, it is a little bit like the Super Bowl in the way that it becomes a social event to watch the Final Four games, but there is a passion and desperation that the college teams play with that is lacking from the pro sports teams. One argument would be the scheduling format. College football serves as a great example for this argument as there are no playoffs. And

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while this does create the limited ability for teams from smaller conferences to make it to the big games, it puts a huge emphasis on each game. There are no playoffs where you could maybe sneak your way past someone, and there are no wild cards. One bad game can cost you a chance at the National Championship. The intensity in professional sports ain't the same.

Professional Defense: I don't really blame them. Owners treat the game like a business, fans are forced to go

along with the structure of the sport if they want to still be fans of their teams, so why shouldn't the players act like it? What do they owe to their teams? Yea they want to win, but at the risk of injuring themselves? If everyone else is looking out for themselves, shouldn't an athlete look out for himself? If a basketball player gets enough endorsements and a high enough signing bonus based on his image and offensive skills, why should he play defense? For the team that doesn't even sell out half of their games? A criticism might remark that a player like that lacks "character" or "class". People who throw those vague undefined terms around are self-righteous fools that judge other who are in a situation that is foreign to them. People love saying that character is "doing the right thing when nobody else is looking". When you are a professional athlete, people always see you, and while there might be selfish players, who am I to tell an athlete who I don't know what the right thing for him to do is?

I cannot believe I just wrote that last paragraph. Do I like a lot of the things I wrote? Absolutely not. Am I partially disgusted with myself for saying those things and responding to questions I posed to myself? Repulsed. However, despite my bipolar writing style right now, I think there is something to be said for this idealistic view we have on sports. It is a reflection of our culture, good and bad, I know this. But despite all of the cultural influences imposed on sports, I think we all deep down think there is something pure about a game with rules and healthy competition. So maybe there should be another league that has the talent level of professional sports and the energy of college athletics, but without the bands.

## Top five feature ski films



PRACTICE TO PLAYOFFS  
By JEFF ALDEN

The Echo sports pages are often filled with the lazy columnist's copout, the movie list. This columnist sheds all dignity with a list of the top five feature ski films. In order to qualify, the movie must have a hint of a plot, and not just glorified powder shots. I am not talking about your lame Warren Miller film, but the exciting and edgy movies like "Aspen Extreme" or "Ski Patrol". Going top to bottom:

1.) "Aspen Extreme" No ski flick can compare to TJ and Dex's Aspen adventure, truly in a league of its own. The Detroit duo set out for the Colorado slopes to find sex, drugs and lots of skiing. TJ, who is a better skier and more attractive, finds himself in a moral dilemma, choosing between Aspen's registered snow babe, the local disc jockey and Dex. As TJ is lifted to near celebrity status in Aspen, Dex is left behind to consume massive amounts of cocaine in their caboose apartment. As the movie concludes, Dex and TJ are reunited only to be hit with tragedy. This must-see movie has often been touted as the "Top Gun of the ski slopes."

2.) "Ski School" Rising star of the slopes John E. Roland winds up in the infamous section 8, a collection of party animals led by Dave Marshack, who is far more interested in beer and babes, rather than being the saint of the slopes. The section 8 guys set out to claim the mountain and win the annual event when they learn they're being forced out of their accommodation due to their rowdy nature. Throw in some gorgeous females, most notably the stunning Charlie Spradling and you have all the ingredients of a cult classic. "Skiing is partying, partying is skiing."

3.) "Ski Patrol" The unblemished record of the ski patrol is called into

question when an evil land developer tries to take over the mountain. The screw ball ski patrol stays loyal to the resort and to Pops and saves the mountain. The stupid antics and scams will make you roll on the floor.

4.) "Out Cold" The most recent of feature ski films, "Out Cold" does not deviate from its predecessors with a sold mix of snow, beer and women. The employees are forced to resort to crude and hilarious tactics to save their little piece of Alaskan haven from development. This 2001 plot features misfits versus the establishment; it doesn't get more 80's than that.

5.) "Scallskipsresan 2 - Snowroller" Most Americans missed out on this Swedish movie series. The hapless Swede Helmer Ohlsson and his Norwegian friend Ole Bramserud find themselves on a highly structured tour in Verbier, Switzerland. Nearly every Scandinavian has reviled in the duo's corkiness. If you can handle a few subtitles and Swedish women you too may want to look in to this 1985 classic.

Honorable mentions must be given to "Frost Bite" and "Hot Dog...The Movie." Geared slightly more towards races, "Hot Dog...The Movie" is near porn. I don't suggest watching it with your mother. "Frost Bite" is a non-sensical, but hilarious mix of all previous works. Most make the distinction in these honorable mentions as "Frost Bite" - the one with the Penthouse model, and "Hot Dog...The Movie" - the one with the Playboy model. I'll let you be the judge.

I will admit, ski film creativity is lacking and sometimes the acting is sub par, but these movies are too funny to give up. So many of us want to just live the dream, follow in the heroic footsteps of TJ and Dex. I say, if this is your calling, go for it.

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How to take advantage of the snow and freezing temperatures



THE RAMBLIN' MAN  
By AJ HERRMANN

Yeah, it's still 50 degrees outside, but the calendar shows late November and we live in Maine, so eventually Johnson Pond is going to freeze and the snow is going to start to fall. Here are some ideas to keep you active during the eight hours of daylight we do get up here in winter.

Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding: Half of the campus does it anyway, and you should take advantage of the fact that Colby is less than a two hour drive from two of the best ski resorts in the east (Sunday River and Sugarloaf). If you're just learning you could also head for some smaller resorts like Camden Snowbowl: the only place in the East where you can ski on the ocean; or Saddleback: lift tickets are much cheaper than the bigger resorts and you don't need thousands of acres of terrain when you're going to be on the learning hill all day anyway. Other ways of saving money

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include borrowing a friend's equipment or taking out some of the loaners from the Outing Club (if you're a member). Finally, not to condone illegal activity, but it's usually pretty hard for the lift operators at Sugarloaf and Sunday River to figure out that you don't look like the picture on a season pass when it's -20 out and everyone's bundled up for skiing. Three hundred people on this campus have the student season pass for Sunday River and Sugarloaf, at least one of them has to look something like you.

Cross Country Skiing: If you're looking for a slower paced ski experience (and more of a workout) strap on some cross country skis and head outside. Colby has 10 kilometers of its own trails around campus and the Outing Club loans out boots and skis for free to all of its members (and it only costs 15 bucks to join). If you're looking for a little more variety most downhill areas have their own trails (and charge much less for trail access than they do for a downhill lift tickets).

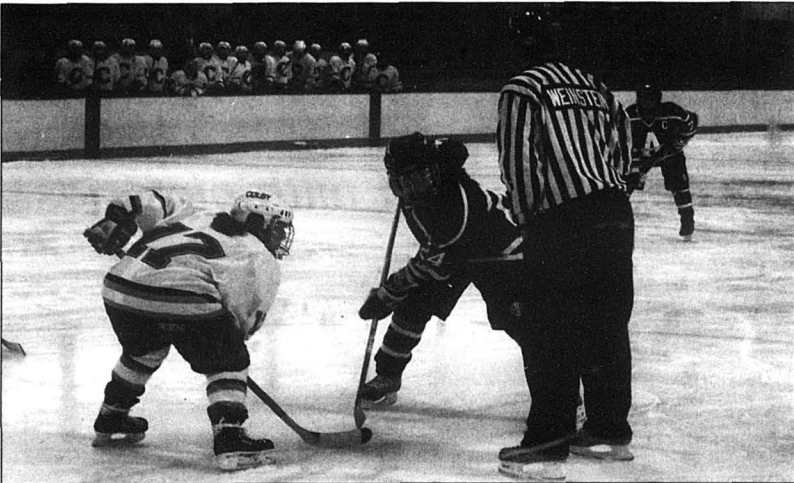
Snowmobiling: Maine has one of the most extensive networks of snowmobiling trails in the country (over 13,000 miles worth) and hopping on a sled provides a way to get out into the woods for those too lazy to walk or ski. Look online for rental options: a ton of places within a few hours drive of Colby rent sleds and offer guided tours if you're interested. A network of cabins and lodges welcoming snowmobilers makes an overnight excursion possible if you have the time (and the money).

Ice Fishing: Another Maine tradition, ice fishing requires three key ingredients: a shelter (erected over a hole in the ice), fishing equipment and alcohol. Check online for places that will rent you the first two, head to one of our numerous friendly local liquor outlets for the third.

Sledding: Just because you're in college doesn't mean you still can't act like a kid. Popular options on campus are the hill next to the Chapel and the slope in front of Bro's house; lesser known locations include the short but steep hill behind the Health Center and the forested slope above the Hillside Parking Lot (trust me, it's doable, but you need a lot of snow and a strong ability to dodge trees).

Don't whine about being stuck inside: get bundled up and get out there and enjoy the winter.

Women's hockey defeats Southern Maine, drops two NESCAC games



The women's hockey team took a 3-2 win over the University of Southern Maine last week but was unable to win against Connecticut College or Amherst College. The Mules will face St. Anselm next week, who they have not played since the 2004-2005 season in which Colby suffered a 2-0 loss.

By DAVID METCALF  
STAFF WRITER

The women's ice hockey team had their first games of the season the weekend before Thanksgiving. They were able to protect their home ice against the University of Southern Maine last Tuesday but were unable to bring any wins home from their two away games against Connecticut College and Amherst College.

Becky Julian '09 and Laura Anning '09 worked together to give Amanda Comeau '09 the one Colby goal of the game at Amherst just four minutes into the game to give Colby the early lead, which they maintained for the first period. However, Amherst fought back in the second and third periods, and even with goalie and Captain Genevieve Trigrane '08's 35 saves the Lord Jeffs were able to get four shots in for a final result of 4-1. They out-shot Colby 39 to 13.

Colby versus Connecticut College was a more crushing story where Julian scored twice with assists from Anning and Colette Finley '09, but the Camels were able to use a third period power play extremely effectively to

score all three of their goals for the 3-2 win. Colby had a 43-27 shot advantage while Lacey Brown '09 stopped 24 shots for Colby.

The following Tuesday at the Alford Ice Arena, one Comeau and two Anning goals, backed up with 30 saves by Trigrane, was enough to hold off the University of Southern Maine, and earn the first of what we hope will be many wins at home.

"Traveling makes a big difference," Captain Lauren Goethals'08 commented. "We had extremely high expectations for ourselves after such a successful season last year...[but] this weekend just goes to show how every team can change in one year." She optimistically added that she believes that "we have tremendous talent again this year and I

think once we get the kinks worked out we will be fine."

Head Coach David Venditti agreed. "We are still finding this year's identity through figuring out the roles of the younger players," he said, but remained optimistic that the team would keep working and keep improving as they get into the competitive heart of the season.

The team has plenty of time to train for the at home rematches against Amherst and Connecticut late this coming January.

The team visited the University of Massachusetts at Boston after press time. Next week they will host St. Anselm College on Tuesday, and travel to Brunswick on Friday to play Bowdoin College, which will be their last game of the semester. Last season's games against Bowdoin resulted in one 3-2 loss and one 2-2 tie. The Polar Bears are currently at the top of the New England Small College Athletic Conference with two wins against Connecticut and Amherst.

David Venditti  
Head Coach

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MEN'S HOCKEY: Now 14th in nation, just behind rival Bowdoin College

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building (including... well... me). Luckily, the rest of the crowd was able to make up for the conspicuous absence of those two tremendous fans.

The success carried into the next day, and Colby's second game, against the University of Massachusetts at Boston. Colby had a 2-0 lead, but UMass Boston came back to tie it 2-2. The Mules then went on to score six unanswered goals. It ended with an 8-2 Colby victory, led by Arthur Fritch '08, who had a hat trick, and Grandjean, who saved 29 of 31 shots. On Saturday, the Mules had a scrimmage against the U.S. under 18 team,

and played admirably, losing 6-3 against a team where everybody will

Colby has moved up in the United States College Hockey Online Division III poll, and is now ranked 14th in the nation.

probably end up getting a scholarship to play Division I hockey within the

next couple of years. And on Sunday, the Mules continued their domination, annihilating Assumption 10-1.

Up next for the Mules are four straight away games. They are at Castleton State on Dec. 1, at Skidmore College Dec. 2 and the University Southern Maine Dec. 5. The fourth in a row is the game at Bowdoin College on Dec. 8. Bowdoin comes to Colby Dec. 9. After the 3-0 start, Colby has moved up in the United States College Hockey Online Division III poll, and is now ranked 14th in the nation. Rival Bowdoin is one spot ahead at number 13, and perennial powerhouse Middlebury College remains at number 1. It's another exciting season of Mule hockey folks, so go show your support for the boys in blue.

CROSS COUNTRY: Three travel to nationals

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all in the mud. I held a pretty constant pace and by the last mile, my legs were exhausted from working double-time in the mud, but my lungs were ready for a sprint. The sprint didn't really work out."

On the bright side, King placed thirty places higher than last year, when she earned 84th place. If King continues to progress at the same rate, she should be in contention for All American status next year.

Middlebury College defeated Amherst College 144 to 145 for the women's national title. No women's race in the history of the NCAA Division III Championship has ever been won by a slimmer margin. Tufts University placed fifth (214 points) and Williams College was eighth (238). Keene State, the team that all but robbed the Colby women of their third, consecutive bid at Nationals

placed 17th (457).

Calvin College of Grand Rapids, MI, won the men's championship easily, as their top five all cracked the top 15. All of the male teams from the northeast hailed from the NESCAC. Williams College finished seventh (278). Wesleyan University (415) and Bowdoin College (470) placed 15th and 17th, respectively, and Trinity College placed 31st out of 32 teams (786).

Vassallo ended his cross country career at Colby with a 111th place finish at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships. He churned through the swampy eight kilometer course in 28 minutes and 38 seconds.

Competing in his first national level championship, Vassallo really didn't read into his performance too much. Reserving his usual caustic analysis, Vassallo recounted his race simply as, "I started in the middle of pack, I raced in the middle of the pack, and I finished in the middle of pack."

SWIMMING: Heads to Camel Invite Saturday

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College. Burton said, "The Camel Invite serves as the barometer for each team member's individual performance levels, and our evaluation of the meet will be individualistic rather than at the team level." Athletes are given the opportunity to compete in events they may not ordinarily race in. Captain Kristi Boman '08 said, "It'll be a good meet to see where people are, and what we have to do to accomplish our goals at NESCAC's and NCAA's at the end of the season." Last season a number of Colby competitors had solid finishes at the Camel Invite and this will undoubtedly occur again this weekend.

Devastator of the Week



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Joe Rothwell '08

Rothwell represents Colby men's hockey not only first in defenseman scoring in the NESCAC, with three goals and six assists for nine total points, but he is also first in overall point scoring, beating out offensive players for the honor. He is fourth in goal scoring and fourth in assists. Rothwell is also first in power play points, with four, and second in power play goals, with three. In Colby's Nov. 17 win over Babson, Rothwell had two power play goals and one assist. On Nov. 18, Colby took a 8-2 win over the University of Massachusetts at Boston, and Rothwell had two assists. Rothwell had two assists and one goal against Assumption College on Nov. 26, where Colby took an easy 10-1 win.

Men's squash picks up victory against MIT

By ALEXA LINDAUER  
SPORTS EDITOR

While the women's squash team will not face their first competitor until this evening, the Colby men's squash team has already competed against four teams to kick off their 2006-2007 season. The men traveled to Dartmouth College where they took on Tufts University, Dartmouth and Connecticut College on Nov. 17 and 18 before returning to Colby for their first home match against the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on Nov. 19.

Tufts was a strong team in 2005 to whom the Mules lost an 8-1 match. The result was the same this time, with Captain Andy Carr '07 taking the lone win at the second spot. Dartmouth took a decisive 9-0 victory over the Mules. Connecticut College, who the Mules beat 5-4 and 7-2 last season, came out on top this time with a 7-2 win. Ryan Maher '08 had a win for Colby in the first position while Jake Leiby '09 had Colby's other win from the third position. Head Coach Sakhi Kahn commented that although Harry Goldstein lost against Conn in the fifth

meeting, Carr echoed Kahn, "I think that we failed to perform our best against Conn College, but we play them again in January and we are pretty confident we'll see different results."

Colby took their first win of the season at home against MIT with every Colby player winning their position for the 9-0 win. Carr was pleased with the result of the match and believes that the confidence the team gained will result in better play in the future. He said, "Overall it was great to see some of the rookies get their first collegiate wins and become more comfortable with college squash." Kahn added, "We played a great match against MIT and won 9-0. The previous three matches at Dartmouth proved good experience to get us back on our toes for our home match and decisive win."

The team has done a considerable amount of shifting this year after losing a substantial amount of players and gaining many new ones. Carr noted that Maher is playing at the number one spot for the first time and doing well there. "It was great to see Ryan Maher pick up two wins over the weekend at the one spot. This is the

...I would have liked to have done better again against Conn. We lost that match 7-2 and it should have been closer.

Sakhi Kahn  
Head Coach

first time he has played at one and he showed that he can handle the competition." A number of other players have also stepped up to more competitive spots this season.

The men now have over a month to practice before their next match against Yale University on Jan. 6. However, the women will play in their first match tonight against Middlebury College at Wesleyan University. They will also take on George Washington University and Vassar College over the weekend.

They will have another opportunity to play the Camels in January and the return of key player Brett Willis '08 from abroad will hopefully give the Mules a boost in their second

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## Swimming narrowly falls to Amherst in season opener

By ALEXA LINDAUER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules swimming and diving team competed against one of the top teams in the nation two weeks ago when they traveled to Amherst College. Although the dual meet resulted in a loss for both the Colby men's and women's teams, the Mules came much closer to catching the Lord Jeffs than in the 2005-2006 season. The women lost 138-124, a difference of 14 points compared to 2005's 38 point difference, while the men lost by just 12 points as compared to 2005's 84 point discrepancy.

Head Coach Tom Burton is optimistic that the strong performances he saw at the Amherst meet, despite the ultimate loss, are an early indicator that it will be a solid season for the

**We wanted a solid meet at the beginning of the season to use as a stepping stone for what is to come, and we got one.**

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team. He commented, "While it is always disappointing to begin a season with a loss, the depth of both our squads was evident at the meet which is something we have not had in the past couple of years. This in itself provides a positive outlook for the remainder of our season."

The men's side is already seeing improvements from last year's squad. Ian Cross '07 took first place in 1 meter diving with a personal best for six dives. Sam Wampler '09 had a solid race to take the 50-yard freestyle in 21.98. Evan Mullin '08 finished first in the 100 freestyle with a time of 49.91 while Jabez Dewey '07 had wins in the 100 and 200 backstroke. Captain Mitch Bartkiewicz '07 had a first in the 200 IM. Wampler, Mullin, Dewey and Captain Ryan Adams '07 teamed up to win the 200 freestyle relay, which finished two seconds faster than the same team did a year ago. Adams added that the success of the meet was not only measured in the performances but in the attitude of the team. "The best part of the meet was how much fun everyone had. That's the kind of attitude we need to be successful at season's end."

The women's side also saw a number of solid individual performances. Captain Weather Potdevin '07 commented, "We were totally satisfied with the team's performance at Amherst. We wanted a solid meet at the beginning of the season to use as a stepping stone for what is to come, and we got one."

Maria Ramrath '09 proved that she will be a top competitor for the Mules with a first place finish in the 200 breaststroke and a fourth in the 100 breaststroke. First-year Franny Izzo took first in the 200 yard IM while second and third in that event were claimed by Captain Mary Warlaumont '07 and Chelsea Stillman '10. The Mules also went one, two and three in the 100 butterfly with Jamie Warner '09, Warlaumont and Maddie Given '08, respectively. Sam Rose '08 claimed the 500 freestyle, followed by Hadley Chatel '08 and Potdevin. Annie Muir '07 finished second in the 100 breaststroke.

The Mules head to the Camel Invite this weekend at Connecticut

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## Men's hockey opens season with victories

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Colby men's ice hockey season is underway and the team has come flying out of the gates, already showing signs of repeating and maybe improving on last year's successful season. The season kicked off Nov. 17 against Babson College. Colby played poorly during the first period and the beginning of the second, trailing 1-0 and 2-1, the one goal scored by T.J. Kelley '08. But six minutes into the second period, Colby took over. Joe Rothwell '08 scored to tie the game at two, and Colby never looked back. It was a 3-2 lead after Ryan Chrenek '08 scored his first goal of the season, and Colby never relinquished the lead afterwards. Eric Simmons

'10 made it 4-2, then Rothwell and Chrenek each added their second goals of the game, making it 6-2 Colby. Babson scored a meaningless goal with a few seconds left on the clock, bringing the final score to 6-3

Colby. Goaltender Ben Grandjean '07 saved 32 of the 35 shots he faced. "The first period was pretty bad, but the end of the second and the third were great. And the crowd was insane," defender Brett Souza '10 said. Indeed, the

crowd was raucous, cheering, yelling, clapping, stomping and banging on the glass. Alford Arena was shaking from the enormous amounts of school spirit put forth by the fans. And the crowd would have been even louder and cra-



Men's hockey has had three decisive victories so far this season against Babson College, the University of Massachusetts at Boston and Assumption College. This weekend they will be tested by Castleton State and Skidmore College.

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## Prisby earns second All-American title at cross country nationals

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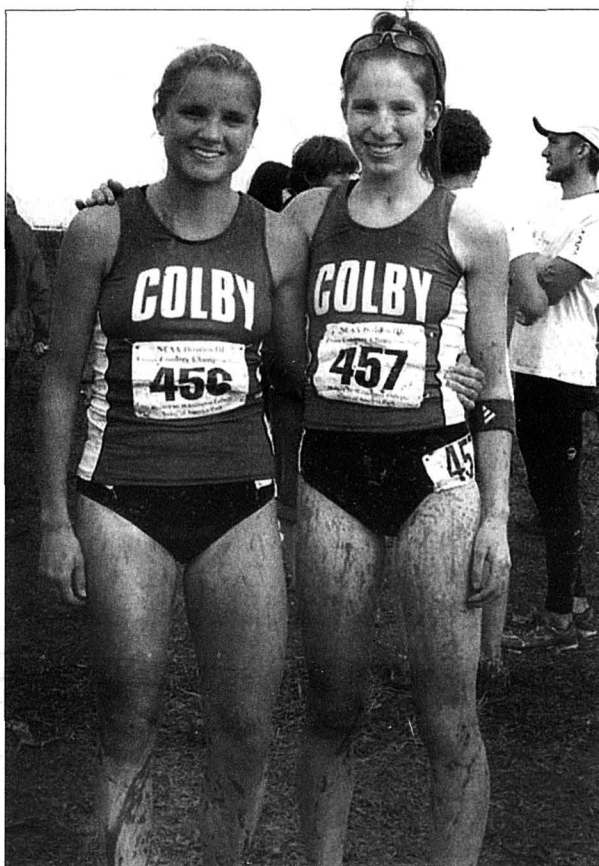
Two weeks ago Karen Prisby '07, Anna King '08 and Dan "DV" Vassallo '07 represented the White Mules at NCAA Division III Cross Country National Championships, held at The Voice of America Park in West Chester, Ohio.

Four dark horses in the forms of Tim "T-Whoo" Worthington '08, Alexander Gill '08, Nikolajs Batarags '10 and Katrina Gravel '10 also represented Colby in Ohio. These super fans "borrowed" Michael Collins '07 beloved 1996 Buick Roadmaster and made a whirlwind trip to Ohio and back in two days to cheer on their teammates.

"The course was knee deep in mud. It was probably the ugliest course I've ever seen," remembered Worthington. "DV didn't take kindly to it at all. Prisby handled it like Prisby. She looked like she had something to prove. The mud didn't seem to faze her."

This is what Prisby had to say about the race: "I don't know about DV and Anna, but I ran even slower on this course than in the hurricane at the New England Small College Athletic Conference Championships. That's how bad it was; calf-deep mud, ponds and not one spot of sure footing. It was pretty much a mud-fest. Sometimes you couldn't see where you were going because mud was flying in your face and your eyes. I even tasted some. But it was certainly a race to remember."

A race to remember indeed, as it was Prisby's last in her collegiate cross country career. The modest Prisby failed to mention that she



Anna King '08 and Karen Prisby '07 pose for a photo after competing at nationals. Prisby finished 12th to earn All-American honors while King was 54th.

earned her second All-American honors in two years. She covered the rain-soaked six kilometer course in 23 minutes and 19 seconds, placing 12th, a seven-place improvement over last year.

King ran 24:18 over the six kilometers for 54th place. The perennially driven King hinted that her race may have been disappointing, in no small part because of the terrible race course conditions.

"I tried to get out of the huge pack in the first mile, but it was difficult because I couldn't really accelerate at

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## Women's basketball on the rebound for a win

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While many Colby students enjoyed a relaxing Thanksgiving break, the women's basketball team traveled to New Jersey for the Montclair State/William Patterson Classic to match up against Montclair State on Saturday, Nov. 25 and William Patterson University on Sunday, Nov. 26. The Mules fell to Montclair 57-39, suffering their third consecutive loss of the season. Senior captain and guard Tracy Nale scored 17 points for Colby, while Lauren Duval '09 contributed six points and Alison Cappelloni '10 flourished defensively with seven rebounds. Overall the team shot 15-52 from the floor and 9-13 from the foul line.

On Sunday at Montclair State, William Patterson defeated Colby 79-66 in Colby's second loss of the weekend. Despite putting up higher numbers, the Mules were unable to secure an advantage over WPU. Duval led the Mules with 12 points, ten rebounds, three steals and two assists. Katie McCabe '08 scored 14 points and rebounded six times while Kathleen Nicholson '08 scored seven points, with six rebounds and three assists. Laura Williamson '07 and Cappelloni chipped in six points each. The previous weekend, Colby suffered two more losses against Babson College (61-54) and Geneseo State (76-60) in the Babson Invitational on Saturday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19, respectively.

As of press time Colby is 0-4, yet their lackluster record hardly describes the potential across the

board on the squad. One significant challenge for the Mules is that they commenced the 2006-2007 season facing four rather strong teams, while they typically begin with a less challenging start to the season. Captain Tanya Rosbash '08 said, "Unfortunately we were not able to come out on the winning end the past two weekends; however, we played very well, and the team has improved a great deal from playing such strong competition." Cappelloni agreed, "We didn't play badly the past two weekends; we have great potential, but we're just not quite there yet."

Considering only partaking in less than a month of practice and a difficult opening schedule, the Mules have a lot of promise for the rest of the season. Although they may have fallen in points the past two weekends, the Mules have not lacked intensity and competitive drive.

"Consistency seems to be a consistent factor for our team-which is great," Rosbash said.

As for the rest of the season, Colby is determined to be a dominant team in the New England Small College Athletic Conference; they will play their first NESCAC competition against Bowdoin College on Saturday, Dec. 9. Rosbash concluded, "Last year one of our goals was to make the NESCAC tournament, which we accomplished, but this season we are determined to make the tournament and win it." Colby will play their first home game this Sunday against Thomas College, a match that the Mules anticipate they will dominate.

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Captain

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The men took a win against MIT but fell to Dartmouth, Tufts and Conn College. PAGE 7

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- Swimming and Diving @ Camel Invite
- Women's Squash vs. Vassar @ Wesleyan
- Men's Basketball vs. Fisher 3 p.m.
- Men's Hockey @ Skidmore

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

- Swimming and Diving @ Camel Invite
- Women's Basketball vs. Thomas 6 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- Men's Hockey @ USM
- Women's Hockey vs. St. Anselm 7 p.m.