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UNUSUAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS VISIT HEALTH CENTER FOR NOT PARTYING RIGHT

By JOHN DeBRUICKER
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The Garrison Foster Health Center admitted nine students last weekend for alcohol related causes, seven of which were ambulated to the emergency room at Thayer Hospital on North Street. Despite numerous efforts on campus to promote safe and responsible drinking, the inebriated students were brought to the health center by campus Security officers rather than their friends.

Medical Director of the College Dr. Paul Berkner said that this past weekend was "one of the highest we've had in a while" in terms of inebriated students in the Health Center. The policy is that if students record a blood alcohol level of .2 or above (.08 being legally drunk), they are taken to the ER. Since January, three students have now required intubation, a process in which a tube is inserted into the trachea to assist breathing, because they were drunk to the point where they could have experienced respiratory failure. Some students sent to the hospital last weekend registered blood alcohol levels that can be fatal.

"As we're wandering into conver-

sations about champagne steps and about responsible drinking in common spaces in residence halls, I'm anxious to broaden the conversation," Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jim Terhune said. Senior class representatives are currently working to find a way for seniors to monitor themselves and celebrate their last week of classes in a responsible manner to avoid the recent custom of

drinking excessively on the Miller Library steps. "We need to see people taking responsibility for what's going on here and at the very least look after our peers." His concern is not just with excessive drinking but with the fact that students were found by security officers on bathroom floors rather than escorted by a friend to the Health Center. "If we do at least know that people are tak-

ing appropriate steps to get themselves and their peers help, that's a little reassuring. What's disconcerting in these cases is that people aren't getting them help." In one situation this weekend, a security guard spotted a visibly drunk student being taken home by a friend and insisted on taking him to the Health Center rather than back home.

Brett McNeice '08
College Affairs Committee

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Seniors and juniors dress up for Cotillion



Page Commons became a two story dance floor last Saturday night for Cotillion. Dancing lasted until 3 a.m.

"InsideColby": Communications Dept. finds new ways to promote the College

By ELISABETH PONSOT
NEWS STAFF

The modern student is aware that a college education is, at least from an economic perspective, a commodity being sold.

Older tactics for engaging prospective student outreach such as view books, web pages for applicants and promotion videos are thus becoming increasingly outdated as students become more overtly critical of these approaches. Colleges and universities alike are then faced with a question: How can we present the best and most realistic view of our school, without having the disingenuous appearance of an advertisement?

Communications, in conjunction with both current students and other areas of the administration believe to have an answer to this challenging dilemma. "InsideColby," an innovative sector of Communications to be unveiled in about a month, will serve as the College's newest tool of promotion.

As the name suggests, InsideColby is a broad concept designed to give prospective students an idea of what life is like for those who already attend the College. InsideColby will include the already successful Colby Podcast and Student Lens, with some new additions—notably, a student-written magazine entitled "InsideColby," online student blogs and online student profiles. There are also plans to introduce two online web pages, "Ask a Student," and "Ask an Alum," respectively. These web pages

will allow prospective students to inquire about life both at Colby and after obtaining a Colby degree. All of these components will be made available at www.insidecolby.com. This website will be unveiled in tandem with the first issue of the magazine.

Director of Integrating Marketing and Design at Colby Brian Speer has been overseeing this project since its conceptual birth. In his words, the purpose of InsideColby will be to "try to communicate what the nature of the institution is... InsideColby is a way to let the personality of the institution and students speak." InsideColby will cover any stories that involve life as a Colby student. These stories will include everything from daily happenings on campus to insight from abroad. Associate Director of Communications Ruth Jacobs said that "we are especially eager to see students talk about their research"—a component that has been previously neglected.

InsideColby, in the future, may also act as an outlet for current students interested in Communications to gain experience in this field through internships with the department. In lieu of simply taking classes, students will be able to learn through real-life experience, guided by knowledgeable professionals and create work that will be ultimately published.

Current students interested in participating in this new sector of communications can get involved by making suggestions or pitching story ideas to insidecolby@colby.edu.

Admissions efforts gain recognition

The InsideColby podcast launched by the Communications Office in the fall recently reached 51st on the top 100 list of all higher education podcasts. With close to 3,000 competitors, InsideColby stands in the top 2 percent in its category. A new episode comes out every other Thursday and is intended to provide a student perspective on life at the College. Some topics touched upon have been Colby-Waterville connections, Independent JanPlans, Student-Security relations, quiet conservatives on campus, Colby's African community and the WMHB radio station.

Other electronic recruiting efforts such as online collections of student photography, student blogs and the opportunity for prospective students to instant message with current students were recently noted in [The Chronicle of Higher Education]. Director of Admissions Steve Thomas was quoted in the March 16th issue as saying "We're really trying to keep up with what's going on in the commercial world, because that's what the kids are exposed to. It's what they've come to expect in dealing with us."

Diversity Conference replaced

By TEAGUE DUGAN
NEWS STAFF

The Diversity Conference, started around the year 2000 and initially encompassing Colby, Bates College and Bowdoin College, has traditionally consisted of a weekend of events including a keynote speaker, panel discussions and student-led discussions. This year's conference will most likely be cancelled in favor of a number of alternative speakers and events in an effort to engender more prolonged and involved discussion among the student body regarding diversity.

"We want these conversations [about diversity] to carry on," Student Government Association President Tom Testo '07 said. "We don't by any means want to lose the essence of this conference and I'm committed to making our initiatives as meaningful as ever," he said.

The emphasis will be shifted from a weekend-long event to a series of speakers, to be followed by structured discussion and small face to face group interaction. "We want to bring the discussion back to the dorms,"

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Tom Testo '07
President of SGA

Testo said, who hopes to get hall presidents more involved with facilitating debate.

Testo is looking to work with Student Activities, the Student Programming Board and the Office for Multi-Cultural Affairs in pulling together a set of meaningful events to replace the Diversity Conference. In addition, the Pugh Community Board may collaborate with SGA, although this is "still under discussion," according to Sarah Kurien '09, PCB Co-chair.

The Diversity Conference as it was originally conceived was meant as an "Opportunity for SGA to contribute input and meaningful discussion on

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A look at the evolution of the January program

By CHELSEA EAKIN
FEATURES EDITOR

An Echo editorial written in January of 1990 concluded that "JanPlan, it seems, is being allowed to die a slow death. As it was intended, JanPlan is an indispensable part of a Colby education. But, if we can't make JanPlan more worthwhile, we should just extend winter break and stay home."

Seventeen years later, the January program remains, continuing to be advertised as an indispensable part of the Colby education—a month that

man year—there is such a huge range." Director of Student Activities Kelly Wharton said in a recent interview. In 1989, the Student Activities Office started a program called JanPlan Inspirations, in part to provide workshops for students to participate in during their extra time. The program was designed to allow students to walk away from January with more than just the class they took, but also with life-building skills.

While some people spend the month working a challenging nine-to-five internship, others sign up to take music lessons that meet for one or two hours each week. With such an array of possibilities, it seems as though the intention behind the January term is up to personal interpretation.

SOME HISTORY

Since its introduction in 1961, JanPlan has evolved as a program. As it was originally intended, the program was designed to offer students time free from the demands of a normal course load to pursue independent projects outside of the content of

Some students have monumental amounts of work, and some are taking a class they should have taken freshman year.

Kelly Wharton
Director of Student Activities

the regular semester curriculum, Dean of Faculty and overseer of the January program Ed Yeterian said. It allowed students time to explore a topic they may not have normally had time to

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Students attend retreat with neighboring colleges for gay, lesbian, transexual and questioning

By TEAGUE DUGAN
NEWS STAFF

Sixteen Colby students and two faculty members attended a GLBTQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transexual and questioning) retreat this past weekend at Camp Kieve on a Lake near Damariscotta, close to the coast of Maine. The retreat, which was jointly organized by faculty of the five participating colleges (Colby, Bates, Bowdoin, University of Maine Orono

and University of Southern Maine), brought together a collection of gay Maine college students to help them network with each other and discuss important issues, such as coming out, gay marriage and family.

The majority of the retreat's activities were discussion-based in an effort to foster social networking between colleges and to help plan inter-collegiate events. "The primary purpose of the retreat was to allow Colby students to meet other students, network, and

talk about issues and problems on campus; such as coming out," Sammie Robison, associate dean of multicultural affairs and one of the organizers behind the retreat, said.

Robinson and Ryan Carmichael, associate director of annual giving, started organizing the event in January and were both pleased with the outcome. "I thought the retreat was a huge success for an initial gathering of its kind," Carmichael said. "They hope to make this an annual event and

are already planning a similar event next fall," he added.

This year's retreat included around 47 out or recently outed students from the five institutions and looks to expand in future years. "I thought we did well to make the retreat happen in a short period of time," Robinson said, who also serves as faculty advisor to the Bridge, a Colby club dedicated to increased awareness of queer issues

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BOOZE: During talks of loosening drinking rules, students demonstrate irresponsibility

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Student groups have shared Terhune's concern and acted through programming and publicity campaigns. There is a beer and wine night in Dana Dining Hall where students are allowed two drinks with their meal. The Student Government Association's "Party Right" campaign, launched this semester, features posters and education promoting safe and mature drinking habits. "Our goal is to encourage students to understand their actions but also to be on the lookout for each other," SGA Vice President Michelle Starr '07 said. Due to the SGA elections currently underway, the campaign has had to be put on hold due to the lack of space to publicize, she said. "I think this weekend was a troubling sign—not just the fact that people got to the point where they needed help, but the fact that those people were brought by Security."

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Michelle Starr '07
Vice President, SGA

The Party Right campaign will be back in full effect after the election. Last semester, Student Activities put rubber wristbands with the phrase "no friend left behind" written on them in each student's post office box.

On February 18, SGA's Presidents' Council passed a motion to recommend that the College Affairs Committee allow students of age to drink in the halls and common rooms of residence halls between 5 p.m. and 1 a.m. on Friday night and between 12 p.m. and 1 a.m. on Saturday. The CAC discussed the motion at their last meeting on Mar. 5, but will not decide on it until at least their next meeting this coming Monday. "The spirit behind the motion was perceived positively," Brett McNeice '08 who sits on the CAC said. "I would say that students and faculty and the deans liked the spirit of responsibility that the resolution was trying to promote."

Through the last meeting happened before the weekend in question, McNeice said that the remaining factors to be sorted out were mostly logistical. Wesleyan College, Williams College and Bates College have similar rules in place which merely follow the ordinances of their towns rather than of the institutions. "The rules that govern our social lives are implemented because of a small group of students who can't act responsibly," he said.

As it turns out, that group of students also tends to be underage. "It's not really the students of age that we have problems with," Director of Security Pete Chenevert said. "Most of the students we took [to the Health Center last weekend] were underage." As for security having to check identification for students drinking in the hallways, Chenevert said "it's just going to become another issue and another bone of contention between students and Security." He was, however, looking forward to the first meeting of the Security Advisory Board, slated to have met yesterday, which features students, administration and Security officers. He hopes that the new committee will open communication and improve this relationship. "If it clears up misunderstanding then it's going to be very helpful. Students are mad at us, even the ones that are underage."

Whatever the outcome of the advisory board, Berkner is skeptical that students will drink more responsibly. Colby sees considerably more alcohol poisoning than our sister schools. "We're in the top of our class," Berkner said. The College typically has 40-50 emergency room submissions per year. Though statistics need to be adjusted for schools without 24-hour health centers, Berkner says "we're an outlier."

Rather than enforcing stricter policy, Terhune prefers a policy in which students take care of one another. "I think it's really about students in this community saying 'the Colby student culture doesn't tolerate this kind of nonsense. We have a good time, we drink sometimes, but there are limits.'"

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A Note to our readers:

Due to Spring Break, next week's issue will only be found online at

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Who's Who

Ali Fulreader '07

By MATT WARSHAW
STAFF WRITER

As a self-described people person, Ali Fulreader '07 has spent her last three and a half years at Colby making sure her fellow classmates enjoy the College as much as she does. If you have lived in Goddard-Hodgkins, Averill or West Quad with Fulreader then you know how much she enjoys being a Head Resident. In addition to her HR duties, she is a member of the 2007 Class Council, helping to plan events for the senior class. When she is not on duty or planning events you might catch her skiing down Widowmaker at Sugarloaf, playing tennis, or fighting for the I-Play soccer championships.

It is no surprise that Fulreader goes out of her way to make sure other students are having a good time. The College community has always been important to her, even before arriving on Mayflower Hill. Having come from a very small private school outside of Rochester, NY, Colby was just the right size. When she visited the college as a pre-fresh she was immediately drawn to the close knit community and friendly atmosphere.

Ali still cherishes her very first activity as a first-year: "Death COOT." While most cooters push themselves a little extra during that last week in August, her mountain biking COOT pushed the limits. Having never been camping, she recalls that, "one freshman broke his arm, another kid ended up pretty black and blue, and the whole third day was cancelled, but it was still a good introduction to Colby." She acknowledged her disappointment that her work as an HR precluded her from being a COOT leader, a job she could have seen her self in.

While some students might think the commitment of being an HR for three years too daunting, Fulreader does not even look at it as a job. She

cites her "always amazing residents" for much of her enjoyment in running dorm life. Fulreader said she "was surprised [to learn] that HRs get paid a decent salary" when she applied for the job, admitting she would have taken the job without pay (maybe aside from the duty nights). Forgoing a senior year living off-campus or in the senior apartments was of little consequence to her. She can always go visit her friends, but she also has a calm, quiet single to come back to, perfect for studying.

Jokingly calling herself a "huge science nerd," you are just as likely to find Fulreader in Olin as you are to find her at Mainley's or hanging out off-campus. A Chemistry major and Mathematics minor she is working hard to prepare herself for dental school.

"Ever since I was a little kid I wanted to be a dentist—the more I learn about the profession, the more excited I get." Fulreader likes the combination of science, art, and the human interaction that goes into being a dentist, also admitting an interesting fascination with teeth.

Ali Fulreader '07

In order to better prepare for the dental profession, she has spent the past two summers in dentists' offices. The summer after her junior year she worked at a general dentistry office in her home town of Pittsford, NY. Last summer she worked in an orthodontist's office, where she hopes to spend a year after graduation, gaining clinical experience before heading off to dental school.

As graduation looms closer, Fulreader is "enjoying senior spring." She is excited for all of the traditional senior events, but says "Colby has been great and I would not change much about it." Before working at the dentist's office, she is hoping to spend some time out west skiing and visiting friends and family.

Staff Profile

Marilyn R. Pukkila

Head of Instructional Services, Colby Libraries

By CHELSEA EAKIN
FEATURES EDITOR

Marilyn R. Pukkila loves her job. "It saddens me to think how few people I know who can say what I say—that I have a job that I absolutely love that pays me well that I feel makes an important contribution to the world. It is such a rich gift to have," she said.

Pukkila has been working at the College for twenty-three years. As Head of Instructional Services for the Colby Libraries, she oversees all of the instruction that goes on in the libraries. "I work with classes to show them library resources and how they operate—how do you know if a website is good, how do you make sure the information you just got is accurate, how do you use information ethically, how do you represent it properly," she said. "It is easy to hop on Google and sometimes that is a good strategy, but the next step is to evaluate what you found and say 'yeah, this is ideal' or 'hmm this is kind of sketchy.'"

Pukkila was born in Woodbury, New Jersey and grew up in Wilton, Connecticut. After receiving her undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan, she moved on to get her Masters of Science in Library Science from Columbia University.

Pukkila's first post-degree job was working at Fairfield University. After several years working at Fairfield she moved to the UK for a year to study for a Masters in Medieval History at the University College of Wales. "I knew that to advance in academic librarianship it was useful to have a subject degree and history was one of my majors," she said. "I went to Wales and came back and by that time had some job experience and a second degree and was more marketable."

She returned to the States and after spending five months working three part-time jobs and living with her parents, Pukkila got job offers from three institutions. "The Colby interview came first and I came here and knew that I didn't really care about the others, and that this is where I wanted to be," she said.

In addition to working in the Library, Pukkila also teaches several JanPlan courses—Contemporary Witchcraft in Religious studies, Tolkien's Sources in the English Department, and Women in Myth and Fairytale in the Women's and Gender Studies Department. "I got here and one thing I was told is that librarians have been known to offer



Marilyn R. Pukkila

classes over January. I wasn't at all sure that teaching was something I wanted to do and in the end it turns out that it's something I love the most about my job," she said.

After six years working at the College, Pukkila took her first sabbatical and traveled to York, England and trained as a Minister Librarian. "At that point I was interested personally in feminist spirituality. During that year I did a lot of reading and realized I wanted to turn it into a class."

As part of her blossoming interest in feminist spirituality, Pukkila began

reading about contemporary witchcraft, which she calls "an amazing, growing, virgining movement." Pukkila is a self-proclaimed Quaker Witch Priestess of Persephone with strong Buddhist leanings. A legally ordained clergy member, Pukkila serves as the unofficial chaplain for pagan students on campus and recently performed a marriage ceremony for two Colby alumni. She is also the faculty advisor for the Circle—a student religious club that is consists of "basically the non-traditional [religions] in terms of Western religions," she said.

Contemporary witchcraft, according to Pukkila, is an earth-based religion based on social activism and feminism. "There are no intermediaries between you and the divine...when you recognize the whole world is sacred you tend to react and interact in different ways than if the world is a commodity to be used or something over which you have domination," she said. "It is really important for us as humans to recognize we are part of nature; nature is not something out there and separate from us—all you have to do is hold your breath and you realize you are dependent on nature and a part of it."

In her free time Pukkila likes to catch up, sleep, and play with her kittens. She has recently become interested in a movement called Voluntary Simplicity, which stresses taking the time "to sit down and really know yourself and know your values and what is important to you—and then to make your choices based upon those." Pukkila's core values include connection, honesty, creativity, kindness, awareness and recognizing that the only permanent thing in life is change. However, she said "Ask me again in five years and the list will have changed."

Colby College Department of Security Incident Report Log

Nature:	Date:	Time:	Location:	Disposition:	Comments:
Citations (2)	3/10/07	12:00a.m.	Trewoy Hall	Deans Office	Furnishing alcohol to minors.
Medical Response	3/10/07	12:35a.m.	Trewoy Hall	Maine General	Alcohol.
Medical Response	3/10/07	12:45a.m.	Outside Alford Apts.	Maine General	Alcohol.
Medical Response	3/10/07	12:54a.m.	The Heights	Maine General	Alcohol.
Medical Response	3/10/07	2:10a.m.	Woodman Hall	Health Center	Alcohol.
Citation, Trespass	3/10/07	4:00a.m.	Averill Hall	Deans Office	Failure to Comply.
Larceny	3/10/07	6:47a.m.	Fieldhouse Lot	WTVL Police	Tires and rims stolen off car.
Medical Response	3/10/07	6:52p.m.	Alford Apartments	Maine General	Alcohol.
Vandalism	3/10/07	10:26p.m.	West Quad	Deans Office	Broken exit sign and mess in Bathroom.
Citation	3/10/07	10:44p.m.	Alford Apartment	Deans Office	Open Container, Failure to Comply.
Citation	3/10/07	9:25p.m.	Outside Chapel	Deans Office	Failure to Comply.
Citations (3)	3/10/07	11:35p.m.	Miller Library	Deans Office	Vandalism, Damages and mess.
Medical Response	3/10/07	12:09a.m.	Student Center	Maine General	Alcohol.
Citation	3/11/07	12:13a.m.	Student Center	Deans Office	Open Container.
Citation	3/11/07	12:46a.m.	Leonard Hall	Deans Office	Open Container, Underage drinking.



Ali Fulreader '07

DIVERSITY: Conference canceled, spirit lives on

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campus," Testo said. "SGA gives access to students who might not be predisposed to be passionate about something like this. This is something SGA is committed to. It's an important tradition at the college and it's important that SGA remains involved," he added.

As part of a move to promote discussion on diversity, the College brought in renowned anti-racist speaker and writer Tim Wise last Thursday. Wise spoke for two hours on issues ranging from immigration to school shootings to terrorism, but resolutely centered on the notion of white privilege, or "The flip-side of discrimination," as Wise said.

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JANPLAN: A look at how the program has changed since it was started in the early 1960s

GLBTQ: Students from several schools convene

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explore, something outside of their major or minor. The program was called the January Program of Independent Study to emphasize this point.

Beginning in 1981-82, academic departments began offering January courses for academic credit. "Some people think that when we made the move to give academic credit we lost the original purpose of the JanPlan, which was learning for learning's sake," Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs Janice Kassman said. "Some students take advantage of the original spirit of January and pursue independent projects and internships. However, the majority of students currently are opting to take courses for academic credit," Yeterian said. "The January courses are often of a kind not taught in the fall or spring semester—the subject matter is diverse, and the instructors, many of whom are from outside our continuing faculty, bring interesting personal as well as professional perspectives to their teaching. However, a course, no matter how original or different from the semester curriculum, is distinct from an independent project or internship, which is fundamentally student-driven and often student-initiated."

This January Emily Wilbert '08 took Ecological Teaching and Learning, not because she needed credit, but because it looked interesting. "I really thought it was a life-altering experience," she said. The class included four days of winter camping, teaching environmental education at a local high school, and time outside every day.

While the option of taking a course for credit may have weakened the original intention of JanPlan, for some students it has been a major asset, offering a time to take a necessary course they otherwise would have struggled to fit into their schedule.

"In the academic world almost everything evolves," Yeterian said. "[JanPlan] was created in 1962 and it cannot be expected to be the same in 2007. Student interests change, demands change. There is obviously pressure from students to take courses for credit and there are wonderful courses that don't get credit and are more of a challenge to fill."

Yeterian also noted that tuition has risen significantly since 1961 and many students probably figure they should get as much as they can for the investment by taking a course for academic credit. Students who opt to travel abroad need to pay additional amounts of money, as financial aid is not available to students for travel abroad over January.

Abroad courses were first offered through the College in the mid-1980s, according to Professor of French Jon Weiss. He recalled there being from two to four off-campus trips per year. Since their introduction, study abroad courses have increased to the current eight offered, although that number fluctuates slightly from year to year. The initiative for JanPlan abroad courses come from faculty members who propose a program and need to go through an approval process.

Yeterian suggested that perhaps the attitude of the student body has changed since 1962. Forty years ago it may have been enough to simply have had an experience over January, and now students are more eager to have something quantifiable on their record for having had that experience.

are in the mindset that because they have a degree then they will automatically get a job. Unfortunately, this is not always the case," she said.

For the past four years, the Career Services office has offered between sixty and eighty internships over January, and many other students opt to do internships not offered directly through the office. Most January internships are found through networking with Colby alumni, parents of students, and faculty. If receiving credit for the January term, students register their internship through the Career Services and complete an evaluation at the end of the month. This past January around forty of the eighty internships

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Janice Kassman
Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs

offered through the office were taken by students, and over 200 students total registered their internship through the office. There was a twenty percent increase from last year in students that registered, Talka said.

Asked about the feedback seen in completed evaluations, Talka said it was positive. "Some students say it helps them to give their ideas a reality. What does it really look like to do a financial job? What does it really look like to do event planning? We all have

a conceptualization of what something might be, but we don't really know until we do it," she said. While a student may have a negative experience during an internship, the experience is still worthwhile, as now that student can choose to pursue something that better suits them, she said.

This past January Justin Candon '08 interned in the law department at John Hancock Financial Services in Boston and said that the experience was definitely worth it. "I learned a lot—not just on the industry itself, but also on how to conduct myself in a professional atmosphere. I would highly recommend anyone who can get an internship over JanPlan to do it, not only to gain experience, but to find out if that particular trade is something that you would want to do as a career."

Matt Birchby '06 found an internship at PPR (Property & Portfolio Research) last January through Colby's online job search engine. "Often many firms and companies seek winter interns, and with few colleges/universities offering the time away from campus, competition is effectively reduced," he said. "The internship was rewarding...it gave me new insight on possible career choices and helped me realize what I do and do not enjoy."

Birchby is now a full-time employee at PPR, having taken a job at their office after graduating in May. "I enjoy what I'm doing. I feel challenged on a day-to-day basis, and I've been able to develop skills that will be useful to me later in life no matter what I choose to do."

LOOKING FORWARD

Far from "dying a slow death," there is no discussion of ending the January program, according to President William D. Adams. As part of the College's reaccreditation process, a group is looking into the program; "We will be looking into how we can make it even more effective and particularly

how we might use it more effectively to connect students to career opportunities," Adams said. Specifics about what the group has been discussing are confidential until released this spring.

Although the January program has changed over the years, the opportunity to intensively pursue an interest outside of one's regular coursework is still available. If anything, more options have been added to the program since its creation in the Sixties. Nonetheless, if a student wants to use the month to be take a low-key class, be a ski bum and invent new drinking games, the opportunity still exists.

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on campus through providing education and training. "We hope to have more retreats and larger groups in the future," Robinson added.

"Dean Robinson had the idea for getting students together to meet each other, create alliances across campuses, and build a network of support since the schools are all relatively small and separated geographically," Carmichael said. "The event was part socializing and part organizing so that

the GLBTQ groups on each campus could begin to share ideas, coordinate events, and to work together instead of working in isolation," Carmichael added.

"I liked [the retreat] a lot," said Katie-Elyse Turner '09. "The discussions were the best aspect. There were really good topics, particularly regarding campus climate," she said. "Fundamentally, the same choices are made for gay and straight people, we're just more conscious of our choices," she added.

As a sort of chapter of the larger GLBTQ organization, the Bridge has done its own retreat in the past but never worked closely with the gay communities of other Maine colleges.

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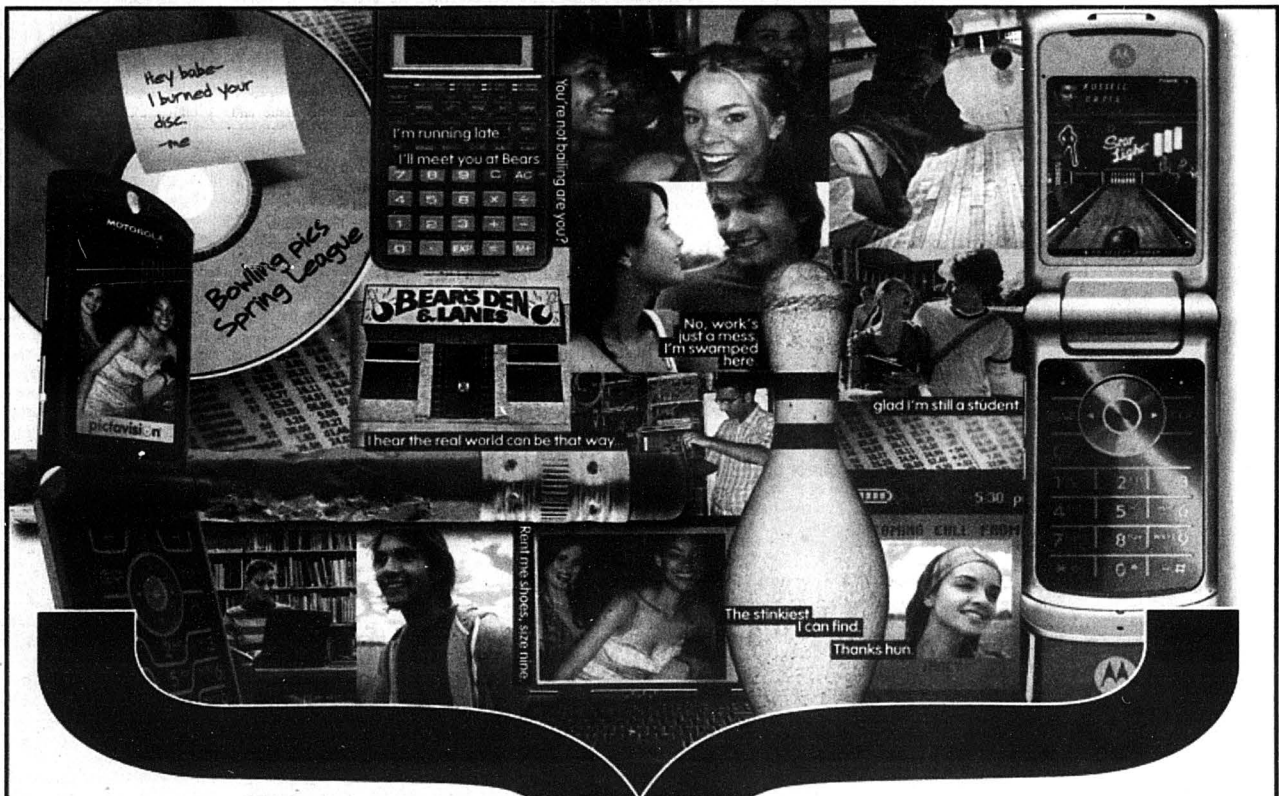
Katie-Elyse Turner '09
GLBTQ retreat attendee

Based on this year's success, it appears likely that future opportunities for retreats and other inter-collegiate collaboration may take shape.

Pride Week is coming up the first week of April and the campus is holding a debate on gay marriage. "Everyone is encouraged to come," Jennifer McAleer '07, a member of the Bridge who participated in this past weekend's retreat, said.

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Opinions

Social responsibility for citizens

EDITORIAL

Ideas for revamping JanPlan

JanPlan was originally started as an opportunity for students to complete independent research and explore topics in greater depth than the regular semester allows. However, the modern incarnation of the short term has created a wide disparity of student activities.

Some travel the world on Colby-sponsored study abroad trips or on their own. Some gain real life experience during internships in interested career paths. Some complete challenging research or take interesting classes. Others ski, drink and count the number of hours of daylight.

As the College applies for reaccreditation and considers possible changes to the program, the *Echo* would like to offer some suggestions.

Many students use the time to get internships in career fields they might pursue. This option should continue to be encouraged and advertised to the student body. Career Services should continue to tap the alumni network to produce valuable internships for students that might not be available otherwise. Since most companies only offer structured programs during the summer or for an entire academic semester, January can often be a difficult time to find an internship. For this reason, the alumni connection often proves crucial in securing a position at a highly sought-after company.

Many students take the month to study abroad. The College has existing programs in several countries and continues to add trips each year. However, financial aid for these trips is limited to scholarships and grants. If more money can be provided for these trips and for students looking to work internships (especially in expensive urban centers) the programs will be available and accessible for more of the student body.

This year saw the most successful January Inspirations program yet. Perhaps if the program is continually expanded it could become a staple of the January experience. Maybe students taking a course for credit should also be required to take a low-key inspirations class that expands their horizons beyond the typical classroom experience.

Up until recent years, the entire class of first-years has been required to either take a class on campus or participate in a Colby sponsored trip. Perhaps we should return to this, as it offers several benefits. For one, the class gains identity because they make up most of the campus population. Furthermore, if both regular first-years and mid-year entrants from abroad programs (Feb Frosh) dominate the campus, Student Activities is has a chance to plan events specifically tailored to that class, such as supper seminars. Ultimately, JanPlan provides an important time for the first-year class, together in its entirety for the first time over January, to mix and become one.

Taking the lead from our peer to the south, Bates College, we could move our short term to the end of the year and finish the second semester in late April. This format offers several benefits, due to the flexibility it adds to a student's summer. Under this approach, students could participate in longer than usual summer programs, or participate in more than one activity during a summer (i.e. a mix of study abroad, work experience or an extended internship).

Ultimately, the *Echo* feels that the administration has no choice but to reconsider JanPlan and reevaluate its purpose in students' educational experiences. However, students have the final say in their individual JanPlans; if and how the college tries to change the program, it is important to maintain a degree of flexibility and choice.



By SUZANNE MERKELSON
OPINIONS EDITOR

I watched the documentary *The Corporation* in my Globalization and Social Justice class last week, and as tends to be usual after watching documentaries (i.e. *The Wal-Mart Movie* or *Fahrenheit 9/11*), I was angry, and sad, and felt kind of guilty. Of course giant corporations don't care about the workers who make their crap, of course they ruin the environment, of course they market to kids and morph them into whining Bratzzz, and of course they're slowly destroying America and turning the rest of the world into a homogenous, materialistic consumption-machine. I've heard all of this before.

And I don't want to play a part of it. But of course I do anyway...I'm essentially a walking mall. My bag is from the Gap, my computer says Dell, I'm listening to music on Apple's iTunes, I buy my gas from CITGO...I'm not sure what percentage of my shit is made in a sweat-shop, but I would be very surprised if it were less than 75 percent.

And that's the thing...I'm not sure. I'm not sure where my stuff comes from. Sure, there are labels, but how specific is "Made in China"? Is everything made in China made in a sweat-shop? What about Taiwan? And if I

don't want to purchase stuff made elsewhere, how do I do that? Sure, I could shop at American Apparel (which is conveniently located not anywhere near Waterville); their stuff is all made sweat-shop free in downtown Los Angeles. But what about everything else? It seems impossible to live without somehow being implicated in the messy system of trade and economics that is reality in our world today.

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Corporate social responsibility has been an interest of mine for awhile; I did some research on it over the summer and for a class last fall. But the more I try to learn, I realize that there is less information available. Sure SweatShop Watch (sweatshopwatch.org) is interesting, but it recommends that I shop

online at the Fair Trade online store...which tries to sell me a "Retro Design Full Ruffle Apron" for \$42. Or I could buy a "Declare Independence from Oil" t-shirt—oddly enough, sponsored by Ford. However, the string of websites I've found doing research barely covers enough ground to make a significant difference in a McDonaldized world.

I just want someone to tell me what to buy so I don't have to feel guilty. Someone to say: "Here, Suz, buy these jeans, making them didn't really hurt anyone. Also, they're within your budget and make your butt look good." Or maybe they could just write one of those *For Dummies* books.

I think corporate social responsibility isn't enough. I can't expect corporations to be responsible; I need to be the responsible one. Maybe the best solution is citizen social responsibility...but how does one be a responsible citizen?

The world responsibility holds a lot of weight—it means more than returning one's take-out mugs to the dining halls, or abstaining from blasting your music at midnight on Wednesdays, or maintaining a decent GPA, or practicing "moderation." While I can't necessarily eliminate corporations from my life, I can at least be aware of them and try to buy differently (or not at all) when possible. Perhaps staying ignorant is the most irresponsible thing we can all do.

I guess watching those documentaries is a good thing. I'll bring the (homemade, organically-grown, sweat-shop free) popcorn.

March madness in Maine



I'M NEVER GOING TO RETIRE

By C.W. Bassett

Every year at this time, my television—particularly ESPN, ESPN2, and ESPNU—begins to go bonkers about college basketball and the upcoming championship tournament that is being sorted out in dozens of games across the country. Formerly, we focused on the men's tournament, but now we are treated to a large number of women's games because ESPN has the telecasting rights to the women's national tournament.

ESPN and its sister channels (plus, sometimes, its major network owner ABC) have to come up with something sports' worthy to occupy our attention 24 hours a day. Sports is clearly a national obsession as well on other channels, say, CBS; the other spinoffs of Fox are also dedicated to keeping us watching their channels at all costs. My favorite on ESPN was "Extreme Golf Carting."

But right now, it's basketball, many games a day (which are also available on DVD if your team pulls off a spectacular upset), starting in the late afternoon—noon on the weekends—and quitting long after I



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have gone to bed. Mostly it's conference tournaments, men and women, the conference champion to get a guaranteed bid to "The Big Dance" or national tournament.

But first, some observations about Maine high school basketball, the state championships televised for the state's edification. We saw both boys and girls (high school players are not yet officially men and women). As the whitest state in the union, Maine's high school games feature very few African American players, though there's just enough to make us aware that we're not seeing games like the ones we'll watch on the national scene.

Men coach lots of girls' teams in Maine, another anomaly compared to big-time college sports. What I did find interesting was that a significant number of high school girls put on mascara (eye shadow?) before the big game (the male coach is going to object?). When the camera pans in on a free throw shooter, we see someone who looks like she should be at the prom. Not everyone to be sure, but enough to detect a trend. "I may be a player, but my eyes are gonna look really good out there."

College women very occasionally

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Empty chairs for open minds: The PC is missing the community forum



By KRIS MIRANDA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When this is published, it will have been almost two weeks since the last meeting of Presidents' Council, which means that you'll be getting an e-mail soon from SGA Secretary Nick Cade '08 encouraging you to attend the next one. These notices go out without fail every two weeks, and if your dorm presidents are doing their jobs you're getting reminders from them too. But inexplicably, as Steve Frechette '08 pointed out during March 6's SGA presidential debate, many students still don't seem aware of the standing invitation. So since I'm banking on the hope that you'll want to read another article by That Guy Who Wrote About A Cappella, I'll say it here:

Any and every member of the Colby community is allowed and encouraged to show up at meetings of the Presidents' Council.

Before they start debate, the Executive Board asks community members if they have anything to say. Questions, comments, concerns: they're all fair game. The ladies and gentlemen of SGA listen respectfully and reflectively, and have on at least one occasion made direct reference to

a community member's concerns while debating a motion.

So why should you give a damn? Because they do. Because I sincerely doubt that you're completely satisfied with everything going on at Colby policy-wise. Because in one moment some complain that SGA is ineffective, and in the next, turn around and disregard them completely. If SGA is ineffective, they don't shoulder all the

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blame. They need to hear from those who have concerns, and they want to. Hopefully you're telling your dorm presidents what you think of the motions they tell you are going to be discussed, but if you aren't and even if you are, it probably isn't a bad idea to bring your thoughts before the entire Council, especially if you've got a lot to say.

Even if you have nothing to say,

you should see SGA in action before passing judgment. The *Echo* and dorm newsletters are useful resources for finding out what's going on there, but they are inevitably colored, weighted, and/or biased, even if subconsciously. They're also constrained by needing to be concise; they can't possibly tell you everything you need to know.

Besides, the meetings are just plain interesting. I swear I'm not being sarcastic. The meeting at which the Security Advisory Board (among other things) was discussed was particularly engrossing. There had been concerns that it would drag on for over three hours—pizza and drinks were provided to stave off fatigue and irritation—but it lasted barely more than half that. Arguments were pointed but polite, and real concern was palpable. Obviously I don't agree with everything that's said at meetings, but I like hearing all of it: thoughts of representatives besides my own, compromises, counterarguments, opinion shifts, amendments, references to list-serv discussions that shape arguments in ways that the rest of us don't see in even the most informative dorm newsletter. So on top of interesting, the meetings are enlightening. Attending them will better equip you to offer your thoughts to your dorm president or class reps.

SGA's been on a roll lately, and all the relevant signs suggest that the ball will only be picking up pace. Don't you want to be there to see it, or even to determine its direction?

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—Sadie Stoddard '08 and Kristina Shiroka '08

The trouble with single-sex colleges today



By CHRIS APPEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I spent part of last weekend visiting my sister at Mt. Holyoke, a women's college in South Hadley, MA. As one of the oldest all-female institutions of higher learning in the United States, Mt. Holyoke's historic mission has been "to educate the future women leaders of America." Yet for Mt. Holyoke and its sister colleges (and the four all-male colleges remaining), single-sex college education's mission has become increasingly incongruous

to American society.

Single-sex colleges perpetuate an unhealthy emphasis on gender to divide. Gender's role in American economic, political and social life has become increasingly less significant, especially in the past thirty years. For example, Condoleezza Rice represents America in her position as Secretary of State. This would have been unthinkable one generation ago. Her gender was not an issue in her confirmation hearings. Aside from few manual labor positions, job qualifications are based on intelligence and competence.

The victories of the women's rights movement have made single-sex education less relevant to social success for women. Until very recently, the most qualified female applicants were barred from attending the Ivies and

other top schools (Williams, Amherst, Bowdoin). Women now attend and graduate in higher numbers from the most selective schools. Therefore, whereas Smith and Wellesley (the two most prestigious all-women's colleges) once competed for the best female applicants, these women now attend the ultra-elite colleges whose discriminatory policies towards women were the impetus for female single-sex education.

Further, the social skills developed living with one gender for four years differ significantly from a co-ed environment. Ultimately, this weakens the ability of many graduates of single-sex colleges to interact socially and professionally in co-ed situations.

Forty years ago the Supreme Court struck down racial segregation, rely-

ing in part on empirical evidence that racially separate schools were inherently unequal. We ought not to embrace a standard of separate but equal schools for males and females without equivalent empirical evidence that they are needed and likely to make progress toward equality.

A hundred and fifty years ago the drive to establish separate but equal schools for men and women was necessitated by the separation of the sexes in social and political life. A hundred and fifty years ago, when women were excluded from men's academics, women's academics did indeed represent affirmative action. Today a return to separate single-sex schools may hasten the revival of separate gender roles. Only as the sexes have become less separate have women become more free.

The true story behind HRs



By KATHLEEN MAYNARD
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It's Friday night and I'm on duty; I wait on the stoop outside my dorm watching the snow fall, waiting for my co-HR. The library clock chimes half-past-ten, and she appears, like clockwork, through the drift, her hood pulled up, her clip-board in hand. Few people

are out tonight, due to the conditions, but that doesn't mean HR duty is called off. We head to the nearest dorm in our zone. "I'll take the third floor, you take the second." After checking the first floor bathrooms to make sure nobody is sick or otherwise afflicted, I head toward the stairs.

A putrid stench fills my nostrils as I move upward. Looking down I see vomit splattered across several steps, and more in the second floor hall. Meg comes down to meet me and together we look for the sick person before calling to have someone come in and clean it up. After talking to a few residents who'd come out of their rooms to see what was up, we moved on to the next building.

The rest of my Friday-night duty round consisted of fairly peaceful

walking through nine dorms, checking to make sure people were okay, in the sense that they weren't hurt, sick, or disturbed by neighbors. A streaker crossing my path on his race from Frat row to West Quad was the biggest source of excitement.

On that Friday night, one of four duty nights I will have this semester, I only spent about three hours doing rounds. Compared to time invested in other responsibilities, the time an HR spends "on duty" is miniscule. When I reflect on being an HR, memories of duty don't come to mind. Instead, I recall checking in freshmen on move-in day, sledding on Chapel Hill, and

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decorating ginger bread in the lounge before the holidays. Hall staff's primary objective is to foster a strong sense of well-being among residents by helping them form relationships with neighbors and by taking care of their needs.

Three weeks ago there was an editorial piece on the SGA proposal for HRs to wear safety vests while on duty in order to make us more recognizable. The fact is, we don't need to be recognized as some sort of security force while on duty, because as HRs on duty, our goal is to take care of people, not to scare them off.

In discussion of the vest-proposal during a recent HR meeting, we came to the conclusion that maybe people's understanding of an HR's role is misunderstood. We are a resource for students; we are people who want to make Colby a fun, livable campus.

Senior Reps speak out about this year's Senior Steps

By MARK BIGGAR AND ANNIE MEARS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

There are things that need to be cleared up about the celebration at the steps. Firstly, it is important that we all know that the celebration is still happening; it's simply happening on Saturday at noon. The steps will be different. People say that canceling the Senior Steps would be canceling tradition. It must be noted that allowing the Senior Steps to persist in a manner consistent with recent years would only be a degradation of tradition. The new plan is to revert back to the fundamental ideals of the tradition.

Originally, the celebration formed as a symbolic toasting of four rigorous academic years. As most of you have witnessed, the celebration has grown. In recent years, the celebration changed into a drunken melee of bel-ligerents, moving far away from the traditional ideals. It now seems time to revert back, to start again using the

foundations of the origin. We want every single senior to come to the steps and toast these past four important years. This celebration should not be an excuse to do something else (like get beligerently drunk). Rather, the celebration should be something that you go to because it is inherently valuable.

We not only ask for the cooperation of our class, we ask for the support of the entire student body. One of the important fundamental aspects of the steps is that it allows for the entire student body to come together and honor the accomplishments of the graduating class. Non-seniors need to understand that their actions at the Senior Steps will directly affect the future of the tradition. Simply put, do not enter into the

area. Do not show up drunk. Do not drink at the event. Remember why you are there. Not only will this benefit the event this year, but it will benefit the event for years to come.

We understand that people may feel a bit disillusioned at 4:00 p.m. on Friday when there is silence on the steps.

However, this is the reality of the circumstances given to us. Hopefully, you will all support the plan and enter into buses on Friday afternoon. We will head down to Portland for the evening. Let us make this clear. This will be fun. We don't like events that aren't fun. This will be fun. If you are wasted when you try to get on the bus, you will not be let on. Be sensible. Plan for a full night of activities.

In the Portland Coliseum, we will

The least productive thing for our class and this college is resentment. Please stand with us, together as a class.

Let's live up to the good Colby name



By ZACH HAAS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

One reason that we all choose to study at Colby is because people are nice here. I once heard an observation that said that the typical Colby student is "smart and nice." Of course this was way back in the day when tuition was in the 30s (gasp!). However, with the exception of a few new buildings, I just don't think that the Colby is that different today, or that today's students are that much different than Colby students from twenty years ago. Sure we have better haircuts now, but if the entire student body was replaced with our youthful counterparts from the past, I'm not sure anyone would notice. So here's the question I would like to entertain today. Are we living up to the good Colby name?

Let's talk about the Senior Steps,

and about dorm damage, and about campus stereotypes, and above all, and this is huge people, let's talk about pathway etiquette. Are we proud of the way that the administration and the community views Colby and its students? When someone downtown recognizes you as a Colby student, are you embarrassed or proud? Do you have pride in the institution, or do you find yourself day-dreaming about what it would have been like as a Polar Bear down in Brunswick? These are hard questions to ask, especially because it is much easier to let yourself become disillusioned and allow the "saps" in Eustis and in Student Activities to desperately plea for a little campus solidarity. The good news is it's not too late to change things.

Everyone had an ideal coming into Colby, and there is no reason that that ideal has to die just because Dana ran out of food at 7:45 p.m. one time sophomore year. It seems sometimes that we are caught in the dangerous habit of constantly comparing Colby to other places. We don't have a 24-hour library because that really does-

n't make any sense. We don't have dining services at midnight like some schools because we just renovated a dining hall and built two new buildings, not to mention a new student union. I can only see life at Colby improving dramatically in the next five years, whereas some seem to bemoan its inevitable decline.

There's absolutely no reason why we shouldn't be terribly proud of this school and its reputation. This is why it concerns me to observe situations which could be termed "uncolby." What's wrong with inviting someone to eat with you and your friends if that person is seated alone? What's wrong with sharing the walkway, even when you are with your entire entourage? Perhaps we should envision ourselves as freshmen again, with the purpose of re-learning why we are very lucky to be here. Only as a cohesive and cooperative unit, the entire school together, can we really see the Colby ideal manifested. What if we lived every day like it was September 8th of our freshman year? What if we were all "smart and nice"?

University women's teams are mostly coached by women—attractive blond coaches, their manes of ashen locks whipping as they protest a referee's call. A few men still coach women, but not many, a feather in the cap of athletics in the Big Time. And the women are damned good, whoever coaches them.

I wonder who coaches Extreme Golf Carting?

BASSETT: Basketball thoughts from Maine high schools to the Final Four

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make up their eyes, but it's not as big a deal as it is among Maine high school girls. Conversely, Maine high school boys are not as likely as their national collegiate counterparts to be floridly tattooed. Almost every player in college has stuff all over his arms and chest, some on his legs, and

doubtless lots on his back.

A man shouldn't expect to be called a PLAYER—black or white—without wildly out-of-control decorations in all public spaces on his body, an oddity shared with professional basketball players. And that's what many college and university players want to be (I saw a feature on a Pro D League from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a pro city like Fort Worth these days).

LETTER

Help Slates out

Dear Editors,

I was interested in Suzanne Merkelson's philosophical piece on the fire at Slate's restaurant in Hallowell. And I'm sorry too she didn't get her croissant sandwich, but she could have done more than "feel sympathetic and move on." I live in Hallowell, and Slate's is essential to the survival of our town: it draws out-of-staters into the town in summer, and visitors all year round, so all the businesses on Water Street will suffer without it. The restaurant employed nearly 70 people in a town of 2400, and those people, almost all of whom have families and almost none of whom have health care benefits, are now jobless. A

Slate Employee Fund has been established, and numbers of local business and citizens have set up fund-raisers: a couple of doctors have temporarily offered free medical care. That's the kind of town I live in. Perhaps if we're lucky, Slate's will re-open sometime, and those Colby students and faculty members who've enjoyed themselves there can come back for meals. But if you think globally and really want to act locally, contributions to the Slate's Employee Fund can be sent to 98 Water street or PO Box 84 Hallowell, ME 04347. Cary Colwell - Treasurer. You can also email helpslatesemployees@hallowell.org for more information.

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Quotent quotables



THE RAMBLIN' MAN
By AJ HERRMANN

Every group of friends has a series of stupid quotes that are repeated mindlessly in order to get everyone to laugh. Usually arising from movies, these quotes will generally only be funny to your immediate group of friends. However, sometimes quotes are good enough to make them instantly recognizable to almost anybody: everyone who has seen *Anchorman* will probably instantly get the reference if someone says "60% of the time it works, every time" or "I love lamp."

The sports world has its own version of these quotes: truly excellent examples of wordplay that apply to almost any sporting event and even to many situations in everyday life. Here's a look at some of the best and some good situations to bring them out for your personal use:

Allen Iverson: "We're talking about practice. We're not talking about the game, we're talking about practice. How in the hell can I make my teammates better by practicing?"

We're talking about reading. We're not talking about a midterm, we're not talking about a paper, we're talking about reading. No excuses: we're drinking tonight.

Shaquille O'Neal: "My game is like the Pythagorean Theorem. It's impossible to solve."

Best used when someone is either bragging about something they shouldn't be bragging about or making something sound more complicated than it is. A good example: someone trying to tell you they're good at Beirut (or Die or any other drinking game) because of some special skill they've discovered that no one else has. This quote is a nice way of saying "this is drinking time, not physics class, so please shut up."

Joe Buck: "This is a disgusting act...I'm sorry we had to show it to you on TV."

Uttered by announcer Joe Buck after Randy Moss pretended to moon the crowd at Lambeau Field in a game against the Packers. Of all the legitimately disgusting things shown on TV (including, arguably, Joe Buck's announcing skills) a broadcaster calling out a player for fake mooning a group of drunken fans has got to be pretty high on the blowing things way out of proportion meter. Best used when one of your friends is expressing outrage or offense for something they really shouldn't be that worked up about.

Dan Fouts: "Tampa Bay is an excellent, excellent football team. But the Vikings have a great football team too. Al, my prediction is that whoever puts the most points on the scoreboard will probably win tonight's football game."

Not actually a real quote (it's from an SNL skit poking fun at stupid announcers) but it still makes the list. Best utilized when someone says something that sounds insightful at first hearing but actually means next to nothing. Comes in especially handy if you're in a room with a bunch of kids stoned out of their minds.

Hope this gives everyone some rhetorical ammo to use this weekend; enjoy March Madness in all its forms (whether it's basketball on your TV or beer in your hand at four a.m. tomorrow).

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Softball looking forward to training trip

By KENDALL KIRBY
STAFF WRITER

The Colby softball team is looking to their strong leadership this year to help talented first-years blend into the team dynamic and help the team on a whole to step it up for the upcoming 2007 season.

The Mules will be lead by senior Captains Amy Palmer, Miki Starr, Lindsey Toomey and Essie Widlanski. With new leadership the team is predicting a great season with a young but strong team.

"This year's team combines strong leadership with new talent, and we should be the strongest team that Colby softball has seen in recent years," Starr said.

The team finished last year's season at 11-20 and fifth in New England Small College Athletic Conference's East division. The Mules were usually competitive, but lost seven out of ten one-run games, which hurt their record. The team points to several reasons for their losing record and for the inability to win close games.

"We struggled last season to put all of the pieces together," Starr said. "While we had strong pitching and defense, we did not have as much success offensively."

The Mules look forward to becoming stronger offensively after being hurt by injuries last season. Right fielder Starr, a NESCAC all-conference selection her first and sophomore years, and who also led the team in hitting in 2005, suffered a torn ACL early in the season but will return to help the Mules in the 2007 season. In addition to Starr, the Mules are going to need the contributions of returnees Tory Starr '09, who was named rookie



With scrimmages under their belt, women's softball gears up for season.

of year last year by her teammates, Charlie Minichino '09, who led the team in homeruns last season and

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Miki Starr '07
Captain

junior Mollie Puskar who was the team's defensive leader last year. The team is also relying on strong first-years Christine Gillespie at shortstop,

third baseman Emily Pavelle, and left-handed pitcher Brittany Tasi.

The Mules are looking forward to improving during their annual week-long spring break trip in Fort Meyers, Florida. Last year the team struggled and left Florida with a 2-8 record. However, this year the trip will be an opportunity to grow as a team during the ten games played in the six days. The Mules will play Middlebury College and the University of Southern Maine amongst five others.

"We can't wait to get to Florida to see what we can do as a team. We've been working very hard all year and are excited to prove ourselves," said Starr.

The women have already been hard at work with indoor practices and scrimmages against Thomas College and the University of Maine at Farmington.

The Mules will compete in their first home game on April 4 against the University of New England, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Colby will take the field for their league opener at Bowdoin College on April 6th at 4:30 p.m.

Outdoor track hopes to keep momentum from a successful indoor season

By AMANDA ROEHN
STAFF WRITER

With the return of Madison Gouzie '08, winner of a Maine State title in the 400 meters as well as placing third in the 400 hurdles at New England's Division III championship last season, and Jeff Alden '07, fourth place in the 3,000 steeplechase in New England Division III championships as well as placing fifth in the New England Small College Athletic Conference and tenth in the Open New England meet in the steeplechase, the outlook for the 2007 season for men's outdoor track shows a great deal of NESCAC championship potential.

Other key contributors returning to ensure some continued success are senior Captain Dan Vassallo, who placed second in the 10,000 meters at the NESCAC meet as well as took second at the State of Maine meet in the 5,000 meters. Distance runners Bob Giotfely '08 and Alex Gill '08, as well as 800 meter runner Chris DeRoo '09 also return. As for throwing, the Mules will have some big shoes to fill losing All-American Jason Foster '06. Head Coach Jared Beers, however, is not concerned. He believes the momentum

and team dynamic established during the indoor season will carry over the help make for a successful 2007 season. Beers stated that, "The indoor season was fantastic; they acted more like a whole track team than anytime in the past three years. That's what we're looking to continue this spring. Especially as we've added ten more people to the roster."

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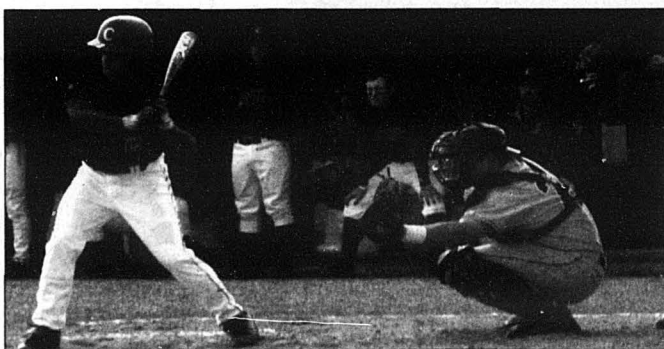
Jared Beers
Head Coach

The return of several top performers bodes well for the women's 2007 outdoor season as well. Last year the team won the Bates College Invitational and placed third at the Aloha Relays held at

Bowdoin College. They were also able to place seventh at the NESCAC Championships and tenth at the New England Division III Championships. The team managed to come away with countless personal-record performances as well as breaking school records in the 1,500-meter run and the 3,200-meter relay. As far as returning key runners, junior mid distance runner Anna King will come back for the Mules to help contribute more record breaking performances. King qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships in the 3,000-meter steeplechase as well as earning all-conference honors at the NESCAC meet last year. Senior Captain Melissa Cianciolo returns for her final season and brings to the team All-NESCAC honors in the javelin throw as well as second place honors at the league meet. Liz Petit '08 in the 1,500 meters, Anna Bruno '07 in the pole vault, and sprinter Erin Beasley '09 also return for the Mules. The return of these top performers combined with the past success shows the outlook for the 2007 season to be more than promising.

Both teams kick off the 2007 season down in Florida for their spring training trip.

BASEBALL: New head coach offers strong leadership for 2007 season



Strong leadership and new talent leaves baseball with high expectations of the 2007 season. Last year they finished 10-21 overall and 2-10 in the NESCAC East league.

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coach Dale Plummer, a former minor league pitcher in the Red Sox organi-

zation who served as Colby's pitching coach last year, with Tom Dexter on sabbatical. Carr said he's excited about what Plummer brings to the team.

"He has been around baseball all

of his life and really knows the game," he said. "He brings the confidence and high expectations necessary to have a successful season."

Carr also said that the team's off-season workouts should pay huge dividends to the team's success. The team had practice throughout the fall on the

field, practiced indoors in the winter and has been hitting the weight room hard in anticipation for their 2007 competition.

A very good reason to pay attention in class



HATS FOR BATS
By STEVE SANDAK

You know those kids you see in your lecture classes that never take notes? These are the same students who will sleep through a 1 o'clock class and when they do show up they usually fall asleep or daze off into a blank wall in your classroom.

I am not judging how these students are using their class time, as I tend to lose focus all the time in class. Rather, it is always this time of year when I will see these same people attentively scribbling during class.

If you take a close look they are probably not taking notes, they are filling out their NCAA basketball tournament bracket trying to figure out the best combination they can muster to win their respective pools with their friends. It's March Madness and it is one of the most anticipated times of the year for any sports fan.

In a couple weeks there will be a college basketball game on at almost all times of the day. Teams like Central Connecticut State and Jackson State University will get their chance to win the national championship as they play their opening round games against powerhouses such as Florida and Ohio State. There are always upsets and you can read a whole bunch of other professional sports columnists articles online and in the papers to get a more in depth perspective on what they think is going to happen. I am merely a casual basketball fan, like most, who watch games throughout the season and, like most of you I assume, have not seen the majority of the teams in the tournament play. But I will fill out a bracket, throw ten bucks into a pool and see what happens. I have traditionally done pretty well, with the exception of last year, while it probably is blind luck that gets my hopes up every year that I will win the pool I enter, here are some of my strategies and thoughts on picking your teams. Feel free to use and give me a small percentage of your winnings.

1. You can pretty much guarantee that not all of the number one seeded teams will make the final four. You would think that the highest ranked teams would all beat everyone below

them, but this tournament is unpredictable every year and I cannot remember a year when all number one seeds made it to the last weekend. (Note: I have heard a lot of sports writers say that the top level teams, Ohio State, Florida, UCLA, Kansas etc., are significantly better than the rest of the field, but I can't see them all making it. My reasoning: gut. Take that for what you will.)

2. Notre Dame will make it to the Elite Eight. I have watched this team more than any other and many people are picking them to get upset in the first round by Winthrop. Winthrop? Come on people, how can you pick a school who has the same name as a little boy with a lisp who sings a song about Gary Indiana in the musical "The Music Man"? Don't ask how I know so much about that production; I have a soft spot for musicals.

3. Don't expect too much out of the young standout players. Kevin Durant and Greg Oden have been getting a ton of hype this year. They are behemoth freshman who will probably go in the first two picks in this year's NBA draft but this is a big stage. Everyone will be gunning for them and they have a lot to lose. Look out for teams with

Even if you haven't been watching basketball all year, take a shot, because at the end of the day, you never know.

everything to gain, there is less pressure and while they would like to go as far as they can, they do not look ahead of their opponents. Which brings us to the Cinderella teams...

4. Don't bank on any team less than a five seed unless you have watched every game they played and think that their bracket matchups might allow them to sneak past the favorites, or they are Notre Dame. Last year George Mason surprised everybody, hit a whole bunch of threes and emerged as the feel good team of the tournament. I am going to pick a couple to make it to the second round, such as Davidson and Oral Roberts, and maybe they will make it to the sweet sixteen. But these generally smaller schools play weaker conferences and will almost always get over-matched as the tourney progresses.

So there are my pointers. You may be telling yourself, he really doesn't know that much, and you are right. But I am like most of you, sitting in class debating whether VCU will oust Duke in the first round and you can over-think your picks all day. So even if you haven't been watching college basketball all year, take a shot, because at the end of the day, you never know.

Crew ready for competition

By WALTER CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

Having lost only two seniors since their ninth place finish at the New England Rowing Championships, and coming off a strong fall season, the men's crew team is hopeful about the upcoming spring season.

Last year ended with what co-Captain Matt Wallach '07 said was a great race at ECACs. Then, at the Textile River Regatta this fall, they won the gold medal. Later in the fall season they finished 18th out of 60 teams at the Head of the Charles Regatta. Wallach says that in addition to the many experienced rowers, "a lot of the younger guys have stepped up and trained hard this winter, which should make for an exciting spring season" and allow them to have "two very fast boats."

They'll first put this speed to the test over spring break in Georgia at the Lanier Sprints. After that, their first season race is in Worcester, MA against Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Wesleyan University on April 7th. Their second race is a week

later in Lowell, MA against the University of Massachusetts at Lowell and the Coast Guard Academy. They will continue to have races each week until the middle of May.

The women's team had an even more successful season last spring,

finishing the season with a 13-3 dual race record, a fifth place finish at the New England Rowing Championships, and a sixth place finish at ECACs.

Their fall season was also quite successful. They finished fourth at the Textile River Regatta, fourth at the New Hampshire Championships, and 15th out of 57 boats at the Head of the Charles Regatta.

They too will get to test themselves for the first time since the fall in the Lanier Sprints in Georgia. Their first race is also in Worcester on the 7th and is against WPI, Wesleyan, and Smith College, followed by race in Lowell on the 14th against the UMass-Lowell and Coast Guard. Their races continue until the end of May.

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Matt Wallach '07
Captain

Men's lax falls to Williams in season opener

By DAVID METCALF
STAFF WRITER

Last Saturday's 12-4 season opener loss to Williams College will not bring down the spirits of this year's men's lacrosse team as they look ahead at what has the potential to be one of their best seasons in recent history. Last season saw much improvement

The offense and defense both had difficulty finding rhythm [in last Saturday's game against Williams].

Ryan Connolly '07
Captain

from the Mules, who finished with a 6-8 overall record, although their New England Small College Athletic Conference record left something to be desired at 2-7.

On defense, Captains Ryan Connolly '07 and Kyle Haskett '07 will bring the young defense their leadership and experience, while in the net, goalies Alex Farmer '09 and Tim Patch '08 will work together to replace Jeff Miller '06.

The list of returning players reads

like a list of last year's top scorers. At midfield, Drew Piekarski '07, Dan Schupack '07 and Todd Boertzel '09 will be asked to step up on offense, playing critical roles in the production of critical goals.

Captain Ryan Scott '07 will be leading an experienced offense,

almost all of whom are returning players from last year. Scott was third in the NESCAC last season in goals, with 35. Among the returners are Rory Murphy '07, who tallied 23 goals and 12 assists last season, and Caddy Brooks '09, who won last year's NESCAC Rookie of the Year award with 24 goals and 14 assists on the season.

Connolly described the Williams game as "disappointing," but added that the team is still "confident, and hopes to find itself in postseason play." If this hope becomes reality, it would



The Ephs soundly beat the Mules 12-4 this past weekend at Williams College. With a single loss against them, Colby looks ahead to tomorrow's match-up against Keene State.

be the first post-season action Colby men's lacrosse has seen since 2002.

Without skipping a beat, the team went "back to the drawing board" after Saturday's loss. "The offense and defense both had difficulty finding rhythm," Connolly commented, adding that Piekarski played well, as was demonstrated by his having a hand in all four of Colby's goals, with three goals and one assist to Brooks. The team was hopeful that they could "rebound" to get their first win of the season when they played Babson College at Babson Park,

MA this past Wednesday, where they hoped to find their rhythm and fire on all cylinders. That competition occurred after press time.

Connolly noted that "expectations are high" this year, and that in addition to those already mentioned, if the team is to achieve their potential, players like first-year Whit McCarthy and sophomore Geoff Parr will need to play well.

This weekend the Mules will travel to Portland to play Keene State on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Devastator of the Week



MOLLY WARREN/THE COLBY ECHO

Kelly Norsworthy '08

Norsworthy earned her seventh and eight All-American honors last weekend at the NCAA Division III Women's Swimming Championship, held at the University of Houston. She earned All-American honors in the 100 yard breaststroke, in which she finished in fourth place, as well as in the 200 yard medley relay, in which the Colby team of Norsworthy, Kelsey Potdevin '09, Maddie Given '08 and Courtney Chilcote '09 finished in sixth place. Norsworthy also competed in the 200 individual medley, in which she finished in ninth place, and the 200 breaststroke, in which she finished in tenth place. Norsworthy joined forces with Potdevin, Captain Mary Warlaumont '07 and Danielle Carlson '10 to finish 11th in the 400 medley relay, while she paired up with Carlson, Chilcote and Potdevin to finish 17th in the 200 free relay.

Earlier in the season, Norsworthy earned three NESCAC titles in the 50 breast, 100 breast and 200 breast. She also set a pool record in the 50 breast. She was named National Division III Swimmer of the Week on Jan. 28 by collegeswimming.com, and Collegiate Female Swimmer of the Week by Swimming World Magazine on Feb. 2.

SWIMMING: Improves national standing to 13th

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finish, with a time of 1:47.94.

There was not much rest for Norsworthy before she competed in the 100 breaststroke, but this did not affect her performance. She touched in with a time of 1:04.56 to give her a fourth place finish and All-American honors. Last season, she finished with a time of 1:03.32 to finish in second place; this year's champion, Tracy Menzel '09 of Kenyon College, had a slower race than Norsworthy did last season with a time of 1:03.69.

Potdevin was also back in the water soon. She competed in the 100 backstroke, and finished in 19th place. Her time of 59.18 set a new Colby record; she now holds all three Colby backstroke records.

The Mules wrapped up Friday with the 800 free relay. Carlson, Given, Chilcote and Warlaumont finished in 17th place with a time of 8:06.11.

In the final day of competition, Norsworthy swam for Colby in the 200 breaststroke; she finished in tenth place with a time of 2:21.42. Colby's 400 free relay of Carlson, Potdevin, Chilcote and Given closed out the competition with a 16th place finish and a time of 3:42.14.

With 71 points, the women came in 13th place at the competition. Kenyon won the championship by a decisive 218 point margin; Amherst College was second, while Williams College and Middlebury College also finished in the top ten. This weekend, Jabez Dewey '07 will compete at the NCAA Division III Championship for the men's team.

W. LACROSSE: To play W & L this weekend

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made a lot of stupid errors and didn't play together as a team. Fortunately, we believe that the majority of our mistakes are easily fixable and hopefully won't hurt us as much in future games," Cox said.

Colby commences the 2007 season following and looking to improve on an excellent 2006 season—with a 14-4 record, it was a program best. They finished third in the NESCAC with a 7-2 record, and for the very first time earned a bid in the NCAA Division III tournament. To top off their numerous 2006 accomplishments, the Mules won 11 consecutive games in a row, setting a women's lacrosse record at Colby. Despite an early season loss, the Mules are looking to follow-up last year's most successful season in the 28-year history

Our team was definitely upset about the loss on Saturday, but we are trying to only learn from it.

Libba Cox '07
Captain

With a loss of only three seniors, Colby returns its top goals scorers to the 2007 season. Libby finished last season leading the Mules in points and assists. She broke the school record of points, earning herself 88 points last year. Last month, on Feb. 12, 2007, Colby athletics announced that Lacrosse Magazine, a national

publication, named Libby Preseason National Player of the Year.

Libby, Kate Sheridan '09 and Catharine O'Brien '07 were all named to the IWLC/US Lacrosse All-American teams at the conclusion of last season. Returning senior goalie O'Brien was top ranked in NESCAC for save percentage with a .53 percentage.

Other expected strong contributors for this season will include Becky Julian '09 and Lauren Barrett '08, Drake and Strazulla on offense, Cox, Carrie Lovejoy '08, Heather Nickerson '09 and Finnegan in midfield and tri-Captain Liz Morbeck '07 and Mary Clare Snediker '09 rounding out the defense.

Colby's starting line-up boasts both experience and exceptional skill, which if translated on the playing field will undoubtedly result in a successful season. "Our team was definitely upset about the loss on Saturday [verses Trinity], but we are

trying to only learn from it. We still have a lot of growing to do as a team and hopefully we will move on from this loss and come out more prepared on Sunday when we play Washington and Lee," Cox commented. The Mules travel on the road this weekend to Drew University in Madison, New Jersey to face off against Washington and Lee University. As of press time the Generals' record is 4-1.

Athletes: do the crime, do the time



RAMBLIN' BOY
By TODD HERRMANN

New York Islanders forward Chris Simon was suspended for the rest of the season for a cheap shot against New York Rangers forward Ryan Hollweg during the third period of a game between the two teams on Thursday, March 8th. Hollweg had just checked Simon into the boards with a hit that, although hard, was well within the rules of the National Hockey League. Simon retaliated by using his stick and taking a vicious two handed slash at Hollweg's face that cut his chin open, ultimately requiring stitches.

I report this not because I am a fan of professional hockey; I basically do not care about the NHL. But this incident illustrates a disturbing trend in top tier sports. The best athletes are held legally unaccountable for their actions during games; actions that would be considered against the law if an ordinary person were to perform.

Not even a week before this, on Sunday, March 4th, Duke basketball player Gerald Henderson broke the nose of University of North Carolina basketball player Tyler Hansbrough, one of the best college basketball players in the country, on a meaningless flagrant foul in a game that had all but been decided. He was suspended for one game.

In 2005, a benchmarker for the Temple basketball team, Nehemiah Ingram, was sent into a game against

St. Joseph's solely for the purpose of delivering hard fouls. He fouled out in four minutes, the last foul breaking the arm of St. Joseph's player John Bryant, ending his season and his college career. The blame could be placed on Ingram. It could also be placed on Temple coach John Chaney, who sent in Ingram for the hard foul. Chaney was suspended by the school, and has since resigned as head coach. Ingram faced no disciplinary punishment from the school for his actions. Legal charges were not pressed against either

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of them.

Why this double standard? Why is it that these figures at the height of the

sports pantheon can get away with this? I know that when you play a sport, you are assuming the risk of injury. As a rugby player, I have experienced this personally. But when people are getting away with something that is blatantly intentional, something is wrong. It does not matter if it is in the name of competition—intentionally breaking another person's nose or arm is illegal. If I am walking down the street, and I bash someone in the face with a five-foot tall wooden stick, I will get arrested. Why should it be any different in a hockey game?

The United States Senate feels the need to get involved in the steroid controversy in Major League Baseball; apparently taking performing enhancing drugs that affect only yourself requires legal ramifications. But when you intentionally injure another person, the legal system does not get involved.

Many of you remember the brawl between the Detroit Pistons and the Indiana Pacers that occurred in 2004. Many players were suspended and otherwise punished by the league. However, the only charges pressed were against the players who jumped into the stands—the players who fought with each other got off. We need to stop with the double standard. Illegal is illegal, and it is time to start holding these athletes to the same standard as everybody else.

INDOOR TRACK: Prisby 6th in 5,000

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mile [with a time of 4:49.38] and the 800 [clocking in at 2:10.14]. This girl was a BEAST, definitely more jacked than most guys I know."

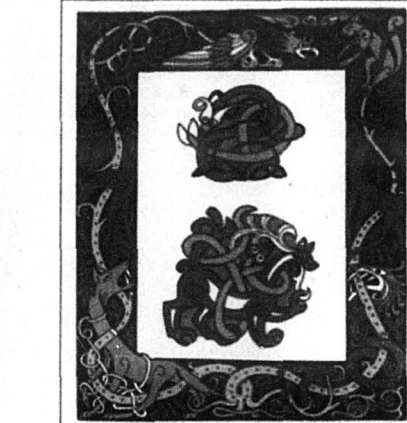
"Then finally comes the 5,000 at 3:45. They really make you look like a big deal at these National meets, honoring each individual by escorting them out onto the track and announcing each person's name and where they're from. I was pretty nervous, but confident that I would do well."

"The race started out fairly slow, then after two or three laps the pace increased considerably. I stayed with the lead pack for about 13 laps, then ended up finishing 6th about 8 seconds behind that pack in 17:05. It was about a 10 second PR for me. I wish I had broken 17:00, but I was hurting pretty badly during the race, so I was thankful that I finished as an All-American."

According to Colby track and field pundit Bob Giotflety '08, "Prisby's achievements are monumental and you should definitely congratulate her when you see her."



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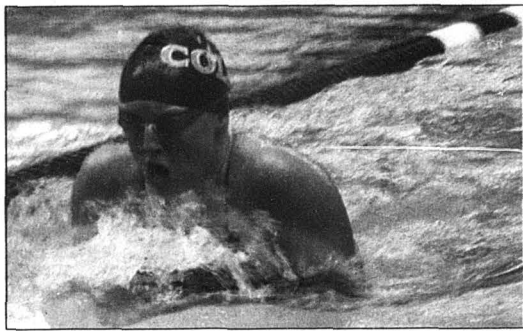
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Kelly Norsworthy '08, along with five teammates, earned a 13th national finish.

Women's swimming sends six to NCAA Championship

By ALEXA LINDAUER
SPORTS EDITOR

With just six competitors in nine different events, the Colby women's swim team finished in 13th place in the nation at the NCAA Division III National Championships last weekend, up two spots from last season's 15th place finish. Each of the women returned from the competition at the University of Houston with All-American honors or honorable mentions. First-year standout Danielle Carlson commented, "Overall, everyone had a great meet. I think everyone was very pleased to end the season on such a positive note." The atmosphere at Nationals is undoubtedly unlike any other. Carlson said of the experience, "It was very fun and exciting! I loved swimming, watching everyone swim, spending time with the other five Colby girls and being in the warm weather."

The team kicked off the weekend on Thursday by competing in the first event of the championship, the 200

yard freestyle relay. With a time of 1:39.40, the Colby team of Carlson, Courtney Chilcote '09, Kelsey Potdevin '09 and Kelly Norsworthy '08 just missed the consolation final to place 17th in the event.

Norsworthy next competed in the 200 individual medley, in which she finished seventh in the nation in 2006. She won the consolation final this season to place ninth with a time of 2:07.93.

In the final event on Thursday, the 400 medley relay, the Mules placed 11th in the finals after taking a ninth place finish in the preliminaries. Potdevin started off the race for the Mules in the backstroke, followed by Norsworthy in the breaststroke. Senior Captain Mary Warlaumont swam the butterfly leg, while Carlson anchored the team in freestyle. The women had a final

time of 3:58.97.

The women came out ready to go on Friday, with a sixth place finish in the first event of the day: the 200 medley relay. Potdevin, Norsworthy, Maddie Given '08 and Chilcote earned All-American honors for their

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Prisby earns third All-American title at NCAAs

By PATRICK BAGLEY
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend senior indoor track Captain Karen Prisby added a third All-American certificate to her collection by finishing sixth place in the 5,000 meter run at NCAA Division III Championships held at Terre Haute, IN. Her time of 17:05 was personal record and a school indoor track record. The Echo caught up with Prisby when she returned to Mayflower Hill. The following is a rare first hand account of one All-American athlete's experience racing at The Big One.

"An early arrival in Terre Haute on Thursday morning left me three days to think about my race, which was the last event on Saturday afternoon. [Coach] Deb [Aiken] and I attended the banquet, during which all the fast, attractive people like Will Leer from Pomona Pitzer get their awards. That night ended well. I went to Walmart and then back to my hotel room."

"Watching the mile and 800 meter trials on Friday night definitely psyched me up, as well as when the Tufts women ran a sick distance medley

They really make you look like a big deal at these National meets, honoring each individual by escorting them out onto the track.

Karen Prisby '07
All-American

sive performance, as expected, sitting and unleashing a potent kick in the last lap. [Leer was crowned the national champion in the mile, with a time of 4:08.19.] My friend Mike Flint from Coast Guard ran a gutsy race, taking the lead in laps 4-7, and finishing third [Flint ran a time of 4:11.99].

"The women's mile was no surprise: Marcia Taddy from University of Wisconsin at Platteville won the

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Trinity defeats women's lacrosse

By MOLLY BIDDISCOMBE
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Women's lacrosse fell 10-7 to the Trinity College Bantams at their season opener on Saturday, March 10th at Bill Alford Field. Entering the match ranked seventh nationally for the preseason, the Mules shot out of the gate with two quick goals in the first 1:50 of this New England Small College Athletic Conference game. Lauren Strazzula '09 and Courtney Drake '07 netted the first two goals of the 2007 season. But momentum suddenly swung to the other spectrum, as the Bantams went on a seven unanswered goals scoring streak. Colby managed to score

one more before the half time buzzer, leaving the Mules behind 7-3.

The second half showed more even play as the Mules set off to narrow their four-point deficit. Cary Finnegan '09 netted her eight-meter shot within the first few minutes of the second half. Unfortunately the Bantams managed to score two more goals until the



Colby, previously ranked seventh nationally during preseason, suffered a 10-7 loss to the Trinity Bantams on Saturday, March 10th.

Mules had a chance to strike back. Trinity led Colby 10-4 until the Mules eventually began their comeback with three consecutive goals. The Bantams stifled their attempts as they prevented the Mules from scoring in the remaining 8:23 of the second half. Strazzula concluded the match with three goals, Drake with two and tri-Captain Libba

Cox '07 and Finnegan with one a piece. Tri-Captain Allie Libby '07 had three assists.

Although their current record stands at 0-1, last Saturday's loss does not suppress the Mules' high hopes for the season. "In our game verse Trinity we

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First position doubles team Bryan Brown '09 and Brody Saunders '08 won their match 8-6 against Tufts University on Saturday, March 10. Overall Colby dominated the Jumbos 6-3 in their first win of the season.

Tufts and MIT no match for men's tennis

By DYLAN PERRY
STAFF WRITER

The Colby tennis team has a new coach this season after last season's coach Mike Morgan left to take the Middlebury College's women's head coach position. Colby's new interim coach is Netherlander Hans Romer. Colby Athletic Director Marcella Zalot told Bill Sodoma, the Sports Information Director, "Hans has lots of tennis experience both on and off the court. He has a wealth of knowledge as well as great enthusiasm and passion for the game. We're confident he will make a significant impact with our men's and women's tennis players here at Colby." Romer will coach this year's men's and women's teams. Thus far only the men have played. This past weekend the team had two matches, against Tufts University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The men's team was ranked 30th after last year's season and lost only one senior to graduation, Ben Crane, who won 76 matches over his Colby career.

This past Saturday the Mules faced off against Tufts, winning overall 6-3. Both Captain Zach Schuman '08 and Tim Fuhrman '09 won their singles matches in three sets. Bryan Brown '09 also won his match in the second position. The Colby men swept all three of their doubles matches. First position Brody Saunders '08 and Brown won 8-6, Fuhrman and Alex Chin '09 won by a close 9-8 margin, and finally the two captains Schuman and Tom Gildersleeve '07 won in the

third position. This was Romer's first victory as Colby head coach.

On the following day, the Colby men's tennis squad defeated 22nd ranked MIT. In the singles matchups, Brown, Schulman, Fuhrman, Chin,

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Marcella Zalot
Colby Athletic Director

and Gildersleeve all won their respective matches. In the doubles matches the Saunders and Brown combo defeated MIT's first doubles pair, and the co-captains Gildersleeve and Schuman defeated their competitors 8-4.

Starting their spring season at 2-0 is

a huge advantage for Colby as they look to improve on last year's 30th place finish nationally. Their next matches takes place during their trip to California where they will play the California Institute of Technology (3/26), Azusa Pacific University (3/27), and Redland College (3/28). The women play their first match of the spring season at MIT tomorrow followed by similar matchups to the men in California. The young women's team, who graduated a number of seniors last year, will look to seniors Allison Dunn, Tracy Nale, and Ginny Raho as leadership as they begin this year's season. Dunn traveled to the NCAA Division III Tournament last spring in singles, but she had previously competed and earned All-American honors in doubles. Nale led the team last season with 21 wins. Sophomore Nicole Veilleux had 10 wins last year and will also be looked to for continued contributions. Hopefully the combination of experience and young talent will translate to a successful season for the Mules, who finished the 2005-2006 season with a 7-10 record in dual matches.

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GOOD LUCK TO TEAMS
TRAVELING THIS BREAK

Baseball has high hopes for 2007 season

By JOHN WALLER
STAFF WRITER

The Colby College baseball team should have a solid season ahead of them with strong players in every class. The team will be led by returning Captain Andy Carr '07, who has high expectations for the 2007 season. "Our goal is the same as any other team in the NCAA," he said, "to win a national championship. Anything short of a NESCAC championship will definitely be disappointing."

Carr led the team in nearly every offensive category, batting .406 in the 2006 campaign and knocking in 37 runs. But Carr, who earned New England Small College Athletic Conference first team all-conference honors, believes the team's depth is what will push them past the ten win mark from last season.

"With the return of a core group of players, we have more experience than in the past," he said. "We also have some freshmen that will be able to contribute to the pitching staff and in the lineup."

The core group Carr refers to includes .300 hitters Tom Salemy '07 and Colin Riggs '08. Craig Cooper '09 and Nick Spillane '08 also return to the Mules lineup and hovered just below the .300 mark last season.

On the mound, Justin Clark '09, Zachary Helm '09 and Sam Kennedy-Smith '08 will return as the team's top hurlers.

Clark posted an ERA under four last year while Helm and Kennedy-Smith ate up innings for the Mules.

The first-years will be led by two standouts from Lexington High School in Massachusetts, Nick Ruocco on the rubber and Kenneth Kaufman on the outfield grass.

The team will be led by first-year

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Men's lacrosse falls to Williams

The Mules were unable to win their season opener and fell to the Ephs, 12-4.

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Softball gearing up for break trip

The women will travel to Florida to compete in ten games over six days.

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