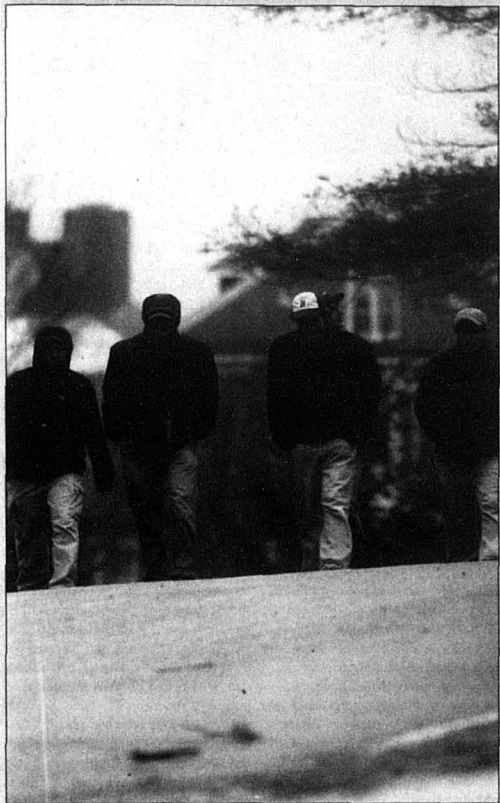




## Students brave weather



Students faced rain and wintry mix over the weekend and into the week.

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## RIAA asks College to identify five students for theft

By JOHN DeBRUICKER  
NEWS EDITOR

Staying true to their word, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) contacted the College on Apr. 11 and asked the Information Technology Services department to pass on pre-litigation letters of settlement to five students for the illegal exchange of copyrighted information. The letters say that litigation is pending and offer the students a chance to pay a fee (\$3,000-\$5,000 in recent cases at the University of Maine and Colgate University) for the data they stole rather than determine the issue in court, which would be much more costly. The College, however, cannot identify the students in question due to the changing nature of our Internet Protocol (IP) addresses.

"What they are asking the College to do is pass on the information that the litigation is pending," said Ray Phillips, Director of ITS. Phillips, however, does not know who to send the letters to because the school's logs of internet activity (which are only viewed in extreme circumstances such as this, according to Phillips) are erased after two weeks, too recently to identify the culprits. The cases RIAA

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The Goldfarb Center and the Diamond Building were dedicated last weekend in multiple events.

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## Goldfarb and Diamond dedicated

By ELISABETH PONSOT  
NEWS STAFF

"We are standing here at a moment of enormous anxiety and great possibility," These words, spoken on Thursday by Dan Harris '93, anchor of ABC's *World News Sunday*, were emblematic of the past weekend here at Colby, in which the Dedication events of the Diamond Building and the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement drew considerable audiences of students, professors, administrators, trustees and distinguished alumni.

The Dedication Weekend began on Thursday with "Colby Engages the Nation," a panel discussion lead by William R. Kenan Jr., Professor of Government and Director of the Goldfarb Center L. Sandy Maisel with panelists Amy Walter '91, Senior Editor of *Cook Political Report*, and Mark Howard '85, Managing Director and Global Head of Credit Research, Barclays Capital and Harris. Peter Hart '64, founder, chairman and CEO of Hart Political Research Associates could not be a part of the panel due to inclement weather, and Maisel filled in for him. "Colby Engages the Nation" touched upon a myriad of topics, markedly, the future of journalism as technology continues to advance, the effects of globalization on the US job market, and the implications of

generic polls. In addition to the provocative words put forth by Harris, Walter kept audiences engaged with her poignant and often humorous remarks on politics. "Since 1993, the Democratic Party has been sort of the

**The Diamond Building has a great, positive impact on the Colby community, members of the local community, the nation and the world.**

Joseph F. Boulos '68  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

"Eeyore party," but that may now be changing," she said.

A slightly more somber note was struck on Friday, with the panel discussion entitled "Colby Engages Local Communities." Moderated by Mark Tappan, Professor and Chair of the Education department, the speakers included alumni Richard Abramson '71, Superintendent of Maranacook Area Schools, and

Elizabeth Ward Saxl '97, Executive Director of the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Panelists discussed how their time at Colby influenced their decision to work for not-for-profit groups. In addition, panelists unanimously agreed that these organizations are often egregiously underfunded and fragmented despite veritable good intentions. The panel discussion was followed in the Atrium of the building by a decidedly more upbeat gathering—the official dedication ceremony for the Diamond Building. Joseph F. Boulos '68, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, spoke with pride about the Diamond Buildings overall purpose, noting that "The Diamond Building has a great, positive impact on the Colby community, members of the local community, the nation, and the world." Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Ed Vetterian, President William D. Adams and Trustee Bob Diamond '73 also spoke. Diamond, who was joined by his wife Jennifer and his children, spoke with immense pride of not only the building, but of the faculty and students that will inhabit it.

The events continued on Saturday with the Dedication and luncheon for the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement. The Goldfarb Center is devoted to fostering a sense

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## Changes in store at Eustis

By JOHN DeBRUICKER  
NEWS EDITOR

As of July 1, 2007, the Dean of Students' office as we know it will undergo several significant changes. Dean Mark Serdjenian's becoming a full-time soccer coach is just one of the differences that students will notice next year.

The first change will be the assignment of every student to one of the five assistant and associate deans so that each student will have an administrative advisor in addition to the academic advisor to which they are already assigned. The academic advisor will still be the student's primary

contact and support. "What we're trying to do is emphasize again the importance of personal relationships with the students," Terhune said, explaining that disciplinary circumstances should not be the only times that students meet with deans.

As far as those disciplinary issues are concerned, students should expect changes there as well. The disciplinary roles that were split between Serdjenian, Associate Dean Paul Johnston and others will soon be concentrated exclusively with Johnston. Next fall, Johnston will take a comprehensive look at the school's policies and procedures and convene a group composed of students and faculty, to think about changes to make to those policies. Terhune hopes that the group will make the policies easier for students to understand and give the judicial decisions more transparency than they have had in the past. "I can't imagine that we'd be talking about getting rid of the Judicial Board, but we may be talking about how all of these components work, because it's not just J-Board cases that we'd be talking about here," Terhune said. "I just think that our handbook, while all the things are covered, is sometimes a little confusing. What we're trying to do is consolidate that and make it a little easier to understand."

Because of Johnston's assumption of a new judicial role, he will no longer oversee residential life and housing. The department of residential life and housing, as well as Student Activities, will dissolve next year and merge into what will be called the Office of Campus Life, headed by current Director of Student Activities Kelly Wharton.

Wharton's position will become

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## PROJECTS FOR PEACE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

By TEAGUE DUGAN  
NEWS STAFF

From 76 participating colleges and Universities and a large number of applicants, Colby obtained two of the hundred individual \$10,000 grants for projects related to the promotion of 21st century peace. The College's winning projects were "Peer-based sexual education in Chengdu, China" by Victoria Yuan '07 and Melyn Heckelman '08, and "Alpacas and Llamas as a Conservation Strategy in the Highlands of Ecuador: Creating Peace through Animals" by Christine Avena '08.

"We received 22 proposals, all of which were good, exciting, well thought-out ideas," said Bets Brown, associate director of Corporate, Foundation, and Government Relations, who served as the organizer to facilitate Colby's participation in Projects for Peace. "It's a wonderful opportunity for the students," she added.

Yuan and Heckelman will travel to Chengdu, a city of over 10 million people located in southwest China, to promote sexual education, understanding, and awareness among a target audience of first year high school students at three schools in the area. "We want to open a line of communication among students," Yuan said.

Because of Chinese cultural taboos surrounding adults addressing children on the topic of sex, Yuan and Heckelman will implement a peer-based program whereby they teach groups of roughly 14 year-old kids about issues such as contraception and

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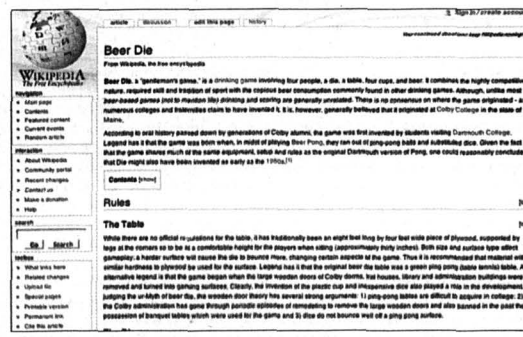
## Professors weigh in on Wiki-debate

By JAMES BELTRAN  
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty here at the College expressed their thoughts on the appropriateness of Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org) as a source in academic work, with the responses showing a consensus that Wikipedia was not completely appropriate to use in papers, tests, exams, and other assignments.

The debate on Wikipedia's suitability in academia came after the History department at Middlebury College unanimously decided earlier this year to forbid its use as a citation in any paper. This resolution came about after a professor of Japanese History at Middlebury noticed inaccurate information on student essays.

There was agreement with faculty and students here at the College that Wikipedia was not completely appropriate for academic work. Some professors said that they never allow Wikipedia as a source in their courses. Andreas Waldkirch, Assistant Professor of Economics, said that he does not permit Wikipedia as a citation. "There have been too many instances of misstating facts or plain untruths. Besides, for the things we do, there are plenty of other, reliable



The use of Wikipedia as an academic source has been much debated.

sources," he remarked. Larissa Taylor, Professor of History, said that she explicitly states on her course syllabi that Wikipedia can never be used as a source. "It's fine for a quick look-up of 'facts', but never as a source for an essay or research paper in history," she said.

Robert Gastaldo, Whipple-Coddington Professor of Geology, acknowledged the difficulty of reading primary literature, saying "that it is a time consuming effort in one's self education." However, Gastaldo said

that his students "must use original references, academic books, and professional resources for their education" and that "there is no academic oversight to Wikipedia with the potential for everchanging edits, updates, and revisions that may or may not be valid." Cheryl Townsend Gikjes, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Professor of Sociology and African-American Studies, said that she is considering a prohibition of Wikipedia as

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## Colby Gardens looks like a long-term reality

 By JOHN DeBRUICKER  
 NEWS EDITOR

Younger students may be disappointed to know that the administration does not foresee an end to students' living in Colby Gardens in the near future. The Gardens, a former convent converted into a residence hall about a mile from campus, was implemented in the fall of 2005 to make room for an unexpectedly high number of students enrolled from the classes of 2008 and 2009.

"We're still dealing with an enrollment bulge," President William D. Adams said in a Presidents' Council meeting earlier this spring. Adams said the on-campus enrollment was around 1,875 students, the target being 1,800. "That's putting a lot of pressure on different parts of the system."

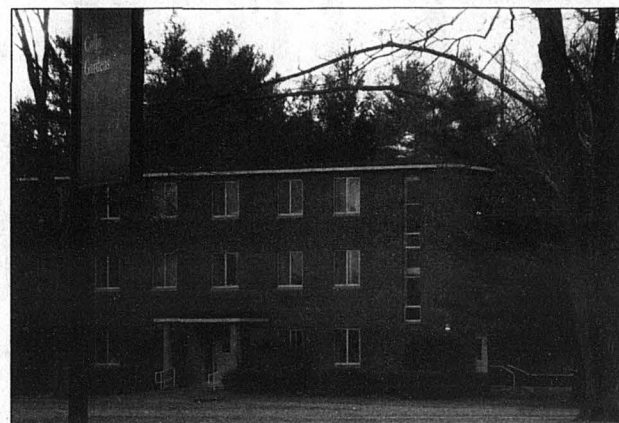
"We're worried, frankly, about the continuation of that bulge because we're seeing a kind of erosion, not rapid, but a little bit goes a long way here, in the number of students selecting to go abroad. They're not big numbers, but just a little bit of falling off in past practices and behavior causes us to deal with that enrollment bulge in a much slower way," Adams said. The school plans to hire temporary faculty slots to relieve some of that pressure on the student to faculty ratio, which magazines to prospective students

boast to be 10:1.

Adams was not sure why fewer students tend to be taking semesters to study abroad. "I don't know if it's world events and world situations, I don't know if it's a shift in the patterns of thinking about this among Colby students."

He pointed to the increase in double majors at the College who might not have the time to budget a semester off-campus. "It may be that the appetite for study abroad is getting satiated by some of these Jan Plan opportunities and people aren't choosing the semester-long options. We have a lot of hunches, but we don't really know for sure." Even five to ten students above the quota in a school as small as Colby can throw the numbers out of whack.

Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jim Terhune noted that the College cannot be sure when Colby Gardens will be discontinued. "There's nothing definitive," he said. "We're where we were in the fall." He added that part of the bulge problem is that fewer students seem



The influx of students on campus in recent years could mean a lot more of the Gardens.

eagerly interested in living in off-campus houses.

At its meeting last Sunday, the Student Government Association's Presidents' Council passed Class of 2009 Representative Byron Meinert's motion to recommend that the Department of Security extend the hours of the Colby Gardens shuttle later into the evening. By lengthening the time that students can ride the

shuttle that ferries students back and forth from the Gardens, the motion aims to make the just-off-campus residence hall "fully integrated into residential life."

"We are a residential campus," Meinert said at the meeting. "We are about living where we study." Sam Hoff '09 also stood behind the motion, calling the Gardens "a necessary burden on this school."

## WIKI-DEBATE: Faculty and students evaluate the legitimacy of the free online encyclopedia

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a source: "While I have not banned Wikipedia outright, I am considering doing so for certain kinds of papers where it is essential that students learn to conduct bona fide scholarship. She said that there is too much misinformation in Wikipedia entries.

"When people are in college, they are expected to go beyond encyclopedias for research purposes, anyway. If one is going to use an encyclopedia entry then it is important that the writers and editors be engaged in honest and trustworthy scholarship and be able to evaluate critically the source materials used in their entries," she added.

Walter Hatch, Assistant Professor of Government, said that Wikipedia was just one part of a larger problem regarding reputability. "The problem is much bigger than Wikipedia. The internet is full of half-baked information, and sometimes wholly raw nonsense—and students aren't always able to sniff that out," he said.

Other professors gave limited approval on the use of Wikipedia as a source. Professor Robert Nelson of the Geology department said that he allowed students to use Wikipedia as part of their research in a Jan Plan class that dealt with volcanoes. However, he said that students were required to consult primary literature to obtain more information about eruptions of recent volcanoes. "I would certainly not expect any serious student in any discipline to consider Wikipedia as a reference for a paper or project in their major field," he said, adding that he "will be continually evaluating whether to allow it as a

resource for anything in the future." Professor Fernando Gouvêa, Carter Professor of Mathematics, also did not have complete misgivings about Wikipedia: "For my assignments, I wouldn't mind if students looked there, but if they only looked at Wikipedia (in fact, if they only looked online) it would raise several red flags

and make me worry about the quality of their research," he said. Gouvêa noted that "in the end, for serious research work one must use the library and actually touch those quaint old books made of actual paper." Rob Weisbrot, Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor of History, said that he has "no problem with students using Wikipedia for basic background information

as a supplement to, but emphatically not as a substitute for, thorough preparation of assigned reading and immersion in sources for research papers....But within prescribed limits and provided that students exercise reasonable caution and skepticism, Wikipedia has value and I am amenable to letting students draw on it," he said.

There were also professors who said that their departments actually had no official policy on whether to forbid the use of Wikipedia. Debra Campbell, Professor of Religious Studies, said that "if students are looking to summarize public opinion, Wikipedia would be fine. We do not have an official department opinion on this, but, as a rule, we would point students toward more specialized (and more reliable) sources." Joseph Reisert, Harriet S. Wiswell and George C. Wiswell Jr. Associate Professor of American Constitutional Law, said that "the department has no

official policy about Wikipedia, and given the nature of my classes and my assignments, I have not encountered any problems with students using or misusing it." Dale Skrien, Professor of Computer Science, said that his department does not require students to write papers. "The Dept [department] has no official policy regarding Wikipedia and leave it up to the individual faculty," Skrien said.

Despite the consensus that Wikipedia is not suitable as a citation in academic work, some people expressed concern that banning its use outright would be counterproductive. Julie de Sherbinin, Associate Professor of Russian and Chair of the German and Russian department, said that it was not possible to "outlaw" the use of Wikipedia, as "students are naturally going to consult Wikipedia as an easy source for quick, initial background information." She continued that "rather than the institution 'outlawing' citation from Wikipedia, it seems to me that individual faculty members should state a policy on the use of the internet—including Wikipedia—if they want to restrict consultation and citation in papers and presentations." Luis Millones, Chair of the Spanish department, said that banning Wikipedia would take away a professor's ability to determine if a student solely relied on it as a source.

"Prohibiting Wikipedia is a mistake. It is a great tool for professors: if a student relies on Wikipedia to write her or his paper you can fail her or him without regret," he said. G. Calvin Mackenzie, Goldfarb Family Distinguished Professor of American Government, said that it is bad policy for faculty to decide what sources are out of bounds and that their job is to equip students to make judgments on

the reliability of sources. However, there was also support for the action taken by Middlebury. Christopher Buros '09 said that "as for the ban of Wikipedia at Middlebury, I see no problem with this course of action. Wikipedia is certainly not the most reliable source of information."

The opinion about Wikipedia among students was more positive, but with caution expressed with regard to its use. Annelise Wiersema '10 expressed support for Wikipedia but noted that it needs to be used with care: "I love Wikipedia, but I think you should take it with a grain of salt." Laurel Duggan '08 said that "most of my professors place a great deal of emphasis on the importance of peer-reviewed articles and those that appear in scholarly, reputable journals. Wikipedia appears to be a far cry from these types of resources, and I feel that students need to exercise caution and discretion when using Wikipedia in academic papers." Alec Oot '10 did not have any criticism for Wikipedia: "Generally, when I do research, I will use Wikipedia to find some general information the subject. I have found the majority of the information on Wikipedia to be fairly accurate...Wikipedia has also done a lot of work to require citations, which has improved its reliability," he continued. James Kelly '09 described what he does with the information on Wikipedia when conducting research. "I use them

as a starting point, particularly when I know next to nothing about the topic. The first thing I do, though, is go to the references section and open up a new tab for the sources, to see if they are credible. I take everything on the wiki with a grain of salt until I find it corroborated elsewhere."

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 Luis Millones  
 Spanish Department Chair

## PEACE: Students bound for China and Ecuador

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STD's, and their students are then in turn encouraged to educate their peers.

China poses a uniquely difficult problem for sexual education because of its standoffish attitude toward sex, its one-child policy (which necessitates some degree of birth control) and its population of 1.3 billion. "There's potential for the country to explode into an epidemic, especially with HIV," Heckelman said. "Educating people is absolutely essential," she added.

The project was initially conceived to deal more exclusively with women's sexual rights. "We went into this wanting to help women and wanting to help them know they have a right to their bodies, but it's just as important to educate men because they play an instrumental role in protecting themselves and protecting women's health," Heckelman said.

Yuan and Heckelman, who will fly to China on June 1, will spend the first week in Beijing talking to educators and refining and adapting their curriculum. They will then spend 3 weeks (one at each of the three schools they chose to work with) going over the basic "nuts and bolts" of sex education, then teaching the kids how to be peer sex educators, and finally helping them develop materials with which to address their peers.

With the help of You-Li Sun '84, a professor at American University, Yuan and Heckelman are turning their project into an internship program for U.S. students to continue into the future. The three schools they are working with will, with the help of American students, eventually branch out to other schools.

Through her work this coming summer in the Central Andean region of Ecuador, Avena, who studied conservation in Ecuador this past fall, hopes to bring sustainability and cultural revival to the indigenous rural poor of that region. She will do this by working with poor farmers to replace cows and sheep with llamas

and alpacas, which are better equipped to live in mountainous Ecuadorian climate, less prone to environmental degradation, and capable of providing fiber, transportation, and, in the case of llamas, meat.

Cows are heavy and because of their hooved feet tend to erode hillside soil, which in turn runs into the river putting a strain on its use as drinking water and hydroelectric power (as it needs to be dredged often). Avena's work to stem this problem is threefold: to bring in llamas and alpacas to replace cows; to work with National Parks in the region; and to educate local farmers. "My goal is to slowly, alpaca by alpaca, replace the cows," Avena said.

In this pursuit, she will use a number of connections she made in her time studying there this past fall, including Jorge Yezpe, a graduate student with a strong project but limited funding, and Stewart White, a professor at the University of New Mexico, to help guide the implementation of her project.

"It's very community based. This is Ecuador—I don't

live there. The strongest connections are made through other indigenous villagers," said Avena, who in addition to educating and aiding rural farmers must mediate disputes between the environmental ambitions of various national parks and the indigenous peoples who claim grazing rights to those lands. She aims not only to implement environmentally sustainable change, but to facilitate discussion both among indigenous farmers and between farmers and the national parks.

The two Colby projects selected for grants demonstrate creative and pragmatic methods to implement sustainable programs for the promotion of peace. The beauty of these projects lies not only in their ability to advance the cause of peace worldwide but in their potential to perpetuate that cause over time through the future involvement of American students as well as the future actions of the many people they will undoubtedly affect.

**My goal is to slowly, alpaca by alpaca, replace the cows.**

 Christine Avena '08  
 Projects for Peace Winner

## Colby College Department of Security Incident Report Log

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Vandalism	4/14/07	1:37 a.m.	Alfond Apartments	Deans Office	Broken Exit Light.
Citation	4/14/07	9:20 p.m.	Foss Hall	Deans Office	Open Container, Underage Drinking.
Vandalism	4/15/07	1:00 a.m.	Alfond Apartments	Deans Office	Holes in wall.
Criminal Mischief	4/15/07	1:00 p.m.	Piper Hall	Deans Office	Computer Damage.
Citation	4/16/07	1:13 a.m.	Sturtevant Hall	Deans Office	Drug violation, Failure to comply.

## EUSTIS: Wharton to assume more responsibility

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Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Campus Life. "The idea is to have fewer barriers between those organizational and residential experiences that students have, but also for us to get the benefit of a more collaborative approach with all the people we have working there so people can

be thinking more broadly about how the things going on in residence halls connect with things that are going on in other places and have a more seamless approach to how we do that," Terhune said. "Because that's really how [the students] experience things. It's not in a box. Your experience is what your experience is."

# DIAMOND & GOLDFARB: Formal dedications held over the weekend

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of civic responsibility on campus—a tangible domain in which Colby faculty and community leaders can join with Colby students to reciprocally explore the challenges facing our communities and the world at large. Adams thanked trustee Bill Goldfarb '68 for his enormous contributions as a board member and donor over the years, and described how Goldfarb advocated a center that encouraged collaboration among faculty and

## Democracy is a reflection of the will of the people...it is organic in nature and evolves to reflect the opinions of society.

Elizabeth Dugan '78  
Vice President for Programs of the International Republican Institute

engaged both students and the community before Adams had taken office. Goldfarb spoke of his special relationship with the College as well as his friendships with both Maisel and Goldfarb Family Distinguished Professor of American Government G. Calvin Mackenzie.

The dedication was followed by the third panel of the weekend, "Colby

Engages the World." The discussion centered on ideas and initiatives such as the possible re-organization of the US government and the necessity for changing ingrained societal institutions as a result of globalization. The discussion, lead by Mary Beth Mills, chairman of the Anthropology Department, involved speakers working for various sectors of the global community. Elizabeth Dugan '78, Vice President for Programs of the International Republican Institute, stuck a cord with the audience when she spoke of democracy, stating that "democracy is a reflection of the will of the people... it is organic in nature and evolves to reflect the opinions of society." She also channeled our current president, noting that "this is the work of generations."

The panel was an assembly of considerable experience, consisting of Ambassador Robert Gelbard '64 (ret), Chairman of Washington Global Partners LLC, Admiral Gregory Johnson P'98 (USN retired) and Sean McCormack '86,



Thursday's "Colby Engages the Nation" panel.

Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs and department spokesman, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Public Affairs.

Editor's Note:  
Saturday's events were not open to Echo photographers



Friday's "Colby Engages the Local Communities."

# Maine Congressman visits campus

By EMILY WARMINGTON  
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, April 11 just over forty-five people, most of them students, gathered to hear Maine Democratic Congressman Tom Allen speak on a range of issues including global climate change, healthcare and the war in Iraq, among others. Allen began by saying that there would be several important issues in the coming congress: interest rates on student loans, prescription drugs for senior citizens, the issue of climate change and the prospect of setting deadlines in the military action in Iraq. This change of direction would be in contrast to the last six years in which "the federal government has failed to deal with the world as it is as opposed to what they wish it would be."

Allen described himself and his wife Diana, who was present, as being children of the 1960's who watched progressive movements such as civil rights, women's rights, and anti-Vietnam efforts on TV while they were growing up. Allen believes that the current college-aged generation may be at the center of the next large progressive movement period having to do with the problems around the Middle East, climate change, healthcare, and the growing need for more education. Allen then concluded his speech—an intentionally short, barely twenty minute one—and then asked to hear questions from the audience. The questions ranged greatly, beginning with the problem of how to deal with climate change. While Allen explained that he could offer no absolute solution to global warming, he did explain

that he believes the easiest part would be switching to alternative fuels. When questioned later about the possibility of building nuclear power as an alternative energy source Allen responded that nuclear power was a separate subject regarding power generation not relevant to transportation, the primary concern of the proposed ethanol solution.

The Iraq war came into question allowing Allen room to comment on the past, present, and future of the war.

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Tom Allen  
Maine Democratic Congressman

He began by explaining his vote against the Iraq war back in 2002: "The idea of 150,000 troops in the middle of the Middle East controlling a country of 25 million didn't make sense to me." He continued by defending Nancy Pelosi's recent trip to Syria in response to a question regarding it saying that "She was there to prove a point...We have to be in constant contact with our adversaries."

He also said the recent decision to extend the length of a tour of duty will be incredibly demoralizing and is the

result of the fact that we are fighting a draft-size war with a volunteer army. As far as getting out of Iraq is concerned Allen says that he believes in drawing out over a period of time.

"We made a terrible mistake going in," Allen explained. "We can make another terrible mistake in how we leave and we have to leave."

When asked about his goals for healthcare in the United States, Allen summarized by saying that there are three areas that he believes require the most immediate attention: coverage for children, coverage for people between ages 55 and 65, and healthcare coverage amongst the small business market. "I believe we are going to win the '08 election," Allen said, "I believe that healthcare will be the primary domestic issue."

Reactions to the talk were greatly varied as several members of both the Colby Republicans and Colby Democrats were present. Josh Handelman '07, the Communications Director for the Maine College Democrats, explained "Tom Allen is an exceptional congressman, he is exceptionally well informed... he dealt directly with the important issues." Another Colby Democrat commented "I was really impressed with his breadth of knowledge and experience... he works really hard."

On the Republican side of things, Nathaniel Betz '08, chairman of the Colby Republicans, referred to Allen as being "a lot of talk, no action." Ralph Kettel '08, Communications Director for the Maine College Republicans said that "Tom Allen has a very liberal voting record that does not fit with Maine."

# RIAA: Five students could face charges for illegally downloading music

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detected each occurred between Feb. 1 and Mar. 18.

Though he does not know their identities, Phillips does know that the five individuals were all using peer-to-peer file-sharing programs: four used Ares and one used Limewire. Also, one used a wired connection and four were wireless. RIAA even identified the specific songs that the students downloaded. The cases ranged from 200 to over a thousand audio files, according to Phillips. Anyone who suspects that they could be one of the students in question should contact an attorney. "These notices state that if they don't hear from the student within 20 days," Phillips said, "then a lawsuit will be filed."

Without the students stepping forward, the College will not be able to

identify them. Every time a computer is connected to Colby's network and turned on, it is given an IP address. "On a wireless network, it is highly probable that every time you connect you will have a different IP address," Phillips said. Even with a hard wire connection to a desktop computer that does not change locations, IP addresses change periodically.

"We anticipate that they will not file suit and subpoena us for information that we don't have, it just stretches out and complicates the matter," Phillips said. "If we receive a subpoena, we can't provide the information. Our logs simply don't have it. What I expect them to do is try to shorten the time between when they notice copyright infringement and when they send us a notice."

At the Information Technologies Committee meeting Apr. 12, the option was considered to implement a

program known as cGrid, which monitors network activity and disconnects any user running a peer-to-peer file-sharing program. Phillips has called cGrid "a very intrusive program" that violates ITS's code of ethics, but if students continue to steal copyrighted information through programs like Limewire, Kazaa, eDonkey, BitTorrent, Ares, Gnutella or Morpheus, they may need this kind of protection. Used mostly on larger campuses, cGrid has not been implemented at the College because peer-to-peer networks can also be used for the legal file transferring.

Meanwhile, Colby's quest for legal file-sharing continues. Phillips says that his main concern is still with the toll that free downloading would put on the College's bandwidth. Phillips says that ITS is working on increasing Colby's bandwidth as early as next fall.

# CORRECTION: Last week's Phi Beta Kappa list was incorrect

In response to last week's error:  
After publication last week, it came to my attention that the list of Phi Beta Kappa inductees was incorrect. While it was unfortunate that the list was missing names, it was particularly disappointing that it contained several extra names of students who were not inducted into the honor society.

Apparently, the list we received from the chapter secretary in early April was not the final version, and this is the reason for both the omissions and the additional names.

For my part in this mistake I sincerely apologize to all the students involved. I appreciate the confusion and embarrassment this error has caused, and in the future we will verify any list we receive from an officer of PBK.  
Thank you for your understanding.

Ben Herbst  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

## THE BETA CHAPTER OF MAINE OF PHI BETA KAPPA AT COLBY

April 15, 2007

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COLBY COMMUNITY:

It is with great pleasure that the officers of the Beta Chapter of Maine of Phi Beta Kappa announce the election of the following students to membership in the Society.

From the Class of 2007:

Carolyn V. Adler  
Michael J. Aquino  
Maro N. Asadoorian  
Kelly M. Bakulski  
Meagan L. Berg  
Megan R. Bovill  
Dhruv Chadha  
Yu-Hwei Chou  
Claudine M. Davidshofer  
Peter H. Davis  
Emily E. Devlin  
Horacio Diaz, Adda  
Merle A. Eisenberg  
Melinda R. Favreau  
Elizabeth J. Finn  
Gjergji Gaqi  
Adrian W. Gilmore  
Kaitlin E. Hanley  
Kyle A. Haskett  
Katherine E. Haswell  
Amanda J. Hilton  
Thomas A. Hulse\*  
Malcolm S. Iiter  
Lent C. Johnson IV  
Jessica E. Kaplan  
Siu Man Ko  
Ninoslav Krgovic  
Anna M. Locke  
Renzo M. Mendoza Castro  
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Tsvetelina I. Natcheva  
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Andrea V. Olea  
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Ivika Petrikova\*  
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Mary-Catherine Sarava  
Whitney M. Simmonds  
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Sarah G. Smiley  
Kristen J. Thatcher  
Arturs Vrublevskis  
Anne H. Wachtel  
Mariah P. Whitney  
Alec N. Worsnop  
Jingling Zhou

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Biology/Environmental Studies  
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Philosophy/French Studies  
Economics  
Biology  
Economics/Mathematics  
History/Government  
English/French Studies  
Government/English  
Music/Psychology  
Classical Civilization/Psychology  
Psychology  
English  
Sociology  
Anthropology/Religious Studies  
Mathematics/Physics  
Biology  
Physics/Mathematical Sciences  
Biology  
Theater and Dance  
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East Asian Studies  
Economics  
Economics  
Computer Science/Mathematics  
Human Development  
Physics/Chemistry  
Spanish/Computer Science  
Economics-Mathematics/Psych  
International Studies/Government  
Classics/Environmental Studies  
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Psychology/Mathematics  
Physics/Mathematics  
Human Development  
French Studies/Art  
Government  
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Edina, MN  
Riga, Latvia  
Oshkosh, WI  
Brownfield, ME  
Lexington, MA  
Suzhou, China

From the Class of 2007:  
Raven S. Adams  
Drew Branden\*  
\*Elected as a junior.

Psychology  
Physics

Corralitos, California  
Morristown, NJ

## SGA reexamines chief of staff position

By JOHN DeBRUICKER  
NEWS EDITOR

The chief of staff position in the Student Government Association's Presidents' Council is a new one this year. According to SGA President Tom Testo '07, he created the position because he thought the hall presidents could use a resource on how to craft motions and direct the recommendations SGA makes to the appropriate branches of the administration. Recently, that role has come into question by the SGA.

At last Sunday's PC meeting, speculation as to the usefulness of this position, now held by Michael Klaus '07, came to a head. In a meeting which one of the four motions was tabled, another withdrawn, and yet another voted down, it became clear that the authors of the motions had bypassed Klaus when submitting their motions to SGA Secretary Nicholas Cade '08. "A lot of people aren't using Klaus as a resource like they should," Testo said. "I don't think the position should be used ever again."

During the meeting, Testo wanted to mandate that if a motion does not go through Klaus, it would not appear in the agenda for the meeting. However, Trevor Hanly '07 of Shupf Hall pointed out that there is no such rule in the SGA Constitution, and that motions may indeed bypass the chief of staff and still appear in the agenda.

At the end of the meeting, during the time when each PC member gets a chance to speak (on the record, as the PC has not yet gone into an executive session in which they ask the rest of the community to leave), Klaus spoke out against the tasks that SGA had chosen to take on in the motions he had not seen before the meeting: "What we're doing right now is inconsequential bullshit," he said. He stressed the importance of his seeing the motions before they go to the agenda and apologized for the money "wasted" on his salary should he continue to be bypassed.

## Board of Trustees meets on campus

By BEN HERBST  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Members of the board of trustees assembled on campus this past weekend to discuss a variety of issues, and dedicate the Diamond Building and the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (See Article, Page 1). The board adopted the 2007-08 budget at the meeting.

The budget of \$120,583,000 includes \$30 million for instruction and research, \$21 million for financial aid and \$12.3 million for student services according to an all school e-mail from President William D. Adams on April 16. Next year's comprehensive fee will be \$46,100.

Also, several large projects were approved, including the purchase of a 64-channel geodesic electroencephalography system, a new nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer and renovations to Lovejoy and Miller classrooms and offices, according to Adams.

Board members met with students informally at two separate receptions on Friday, April 13. The trustees also learned of the Colby-Waterbury Festival proposed by Student Government Association President-elect Nicholas Cade '08 and Vice President-elect Jeffrey Mullins '08. They also heard an update about the SGA's honor statement initiative.

The trustees will next meet during commencement weekend in May. At that time they will complete "annual" tasks such as voting on degrees for graduating seniors, approving honorary degree candidates for 2008 and re-electing their chairman, vice-chairman and secretary, according to Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary of the Corporation Sally Baker. Also, Ann Marie Connolly P'07 will begin her term as trustee (she was elected this past weekend).

# Features

## new section

### LAYOUT CHANGE

Starting this week the News & Features section is split into a News section and a Features section.

## MAINE ORGANIZATION WORKS TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA IN STATE

By **CHELSEA EAKIN**  
FEATURES EDITOR

Last week, retired police captain Peter Christ spoke at the College about what he sees as the failures of existing U.S. drug policy and the potential to regulate drugs through decriminalization. Christ visited the College as part of his 10-day tour through Maine, sponsored by the Maine Marijuana Policy Initiative (MMPI), an organization that works to legalize marijuana in the state of Maine. The talk was part of the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement annual lecture series.

Christ spoke on behalf of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), an organization founded in 2002 comprised of current and retired law enforcement officers who call for an end to drug prohibition by changing current drug policy. "We're not talking about making [drugs] available, we're talking about regulating and controlling their distribution," Christ said in his lecture. "Once we set policy, we forget it; we just move on, we don't rethink."

In his speech, Christ likened LEAP to Vietnam Veterans Against the War, a group of Vietnam veterans who spoke out against the war. "You don't have to agree with our conclusion about drug policy in this country, but don't even suggest that we don't understand the problem," Christ said. "We're the ones that fought in the trenches of this drug war; we kind of understand the problem."

Jonathan Leavitt, executive director of MMPI, said Christ's tour had been a success. "He spoke to numerous civic groups, universities, churches. He spoke on numerous radio shows, we got him on cable in three dozen towns...and a ton of newspaper articles got written up," Leavitt said.

"It was the right discussion to do and hopefully will lead people back to our work."

MMPI is a young organization. "We started work back in April of last year and are here to end marijuana prohibition in Maine. That is our goal and that is what we intend to do," Leavitt said. "We want to make reality out of a system of community regulation, on par with alcohol or something like that."

Currently, medical marijuana is legal in Maine. However, federal law trumps state law, and thus federal law enforcement can still arrest people for using the drug. Recently a bill, LD 1418, which would strengthen the medical marijuana law enacted in Maine in a 1999 referendum, was filed in the Legislature by Sen. Ethan Strimling (D-Portland). Leavitt said the bill, which will be considered on Apr. 23, "would significantly improve the medical marijuana law. It would allow people to set up dispensaries and it would up the amount of plants



Behind the Hill House, students tap trees and boil gallons of sap to make pure maple syrup. Once the process is complete, students plan to hold a campus-wide pancake breakfast.

## Reviving the lost tradition of maple sugaring on Mayflower Hill

By **ROBIN RESPAUT**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The sky is spitting rain, a foreboding of the brewing April snow storm, and the air is thick with the sharp smell of billowing wood smoke. Behind Colby's Hill House, five members of the Colby Outing Club and the Woodsman Team stand around a large metal basin and poke at the crackling logs underneath. Emma Carlson '08 pours three-gallon buckets of clear liquid into the steaming, shallow tub. She ladles the liquid from a black plastic trashcan that I assume is filled with rainwater. But Carlson quickly informs me that this translucent, almost tasteless liquid is tree sap, and today she will be boiling ninety gallons of it to produce authentic Maine maple syrup.

For three weeks now, Carlson has trudged out to the sugarbush behind the Hill House each day to empty the sap from forty tapped maple trees. Standing by the warm fire

where the boiling occurs, one can easily determine linear rows of sugar maples, called a "sugarbush," receding into the woods. This grove is marked by yellow ribbons tied around the bark and colorful buckets that dangle from the trunks. Carlson weaves her way through the rows, drawing attention to the small metal spouts that peak out from the bark, and notes a bucket with an inch of liquid sap in the bottom.

"I emptied all the buckets this morning, but some are already accumulating again. This, however, is nothing like the week of spring break when I would come out here, and the buckets would be spilling over," she says. By her third week of the project, Carlson has collected over 300 gallons of sap and boiled the sugary water either on-site at the sugarbush or in her kitchen. Yet, the fruits of Carlson's labor seem meager: a mere five gallons of syrup. "The sap-syrup ratio is about 40-1, so we have to collect a lot to produce any-

thing," she says, grinning. "It's a lot of work, but it's worth it."

Carlson first realized the project at

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an ES colloquium where she met Colby alum Brandon Kulik '76. Kulik, who now works as an environmental consultant in Winslow, contributed to the Colby tradition

just after sugaring on campus came into fruition in the early 70s. At that time, a group of thirty students worked the sugarbush, delegating responsibilities and dividing the syrup evenly among contributors. At the end of the season, a portion of the syrup would be allocated for a campus-wide breakfast. Kulik believes that students lost interest in tapping the maples during the mid-80s.

Intrigued by the forgotten project, Carlson visited the sugarbush and discovered the original metal evaporator by a nearby shack. She then negotiated a revival of the sugaring tradition with Colby deans, the Physical Plant Department, Security, and the Waterville Fire Department. Upon approval, Carlson joined forces with the Outing Club, who helped sponsor the project. "We received a lot of support from various groups and individuals on campus who helped us with resources and with taking the necessary precautions in checking the age

and the health of the tree before tapping." A maple needs to be at least 30 years old before it can offer sugar-rich sap without detriment to the tree's nutrition, and Carlson points out faded yellow spots on some of the trees where Kulik painted marks on the trees old enough to be tapped.

As for the livelihood of the second-round of Colby sugaring, Carlson is optimistic. "Tapping the sugarbush has a home now with the COC, and already, freshman through seniors are working on the project. March is a quiet time, and sugaring gets people outside. We encourage people to come down here to see what's going on and so many people have asked, 'So what do you have to add to make this sweet?' I just laugh and say, 'Nothing. It's all natural.'"

Carlson will most likely boil for the last time this weekend. She intends to complete the tradition by throwing a campus-wide pancake breakfast, furnished with genuine Colby maple syrup.

## Who's Who Mariah Buckley '07

By **JENNY LAWRENCE**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When Mariah Buckley, a senior from Scarborough, Maine, entered high school, she decided she wanted to leave Maine for the big city as a dance major. Buckley was set in her ways until she met one Spanish teacher that changed the course of her life. This teacher encouraged Buckley to partake in a school trip to Costa Rica, and the experience completely changed her priorities. With a little guidance from her teacher, Buckley chose Colby and quickly immersed herself in a Latin American Studies and Spanish double major. Since her first year, Buckley has dedicated herself toward helping those in need—both abroad

and here in Maine.

During the January term of her sophomore year, Buckley went back to Costa Rica where she worked in an orphanage in Esparza. She helped out where she was needed teaching art classes and caring for the children. She described the experience as one that completely changed her perspective on everything. "These kids have nothing, but they are still amazing," Buckley said. "They all wanted me to adopt them, and I had to tell them that I just couldn't. It really broke my heart when I had to say goodbye."

Her time at the orphanage inspired her to spend a semester abroad in Argentina working for an organization called "Familiares." Between 1976 and 1983, a military dictatorship took hold of Argentina, and during this time any nonconformists were

arrested by the government and vanished without a trace. They call these victims "Desaparecidos," or "The Disappeared." Buckley worked on these cases of the Desaparecidos, recording testimonies from the victims' family members to find out what happened the day of the arrest. "These families' stories were so incredibly terrible. I tried to put myself in their shoes and think about if my mother or father just vanished one day out of the blue. It made me realize just how lucky I am," she said.

Buckley has traveled abroad to help those in need, but she never lost sight of the needs of the local Waterville community. As a first-year, she got involved in the Colby South End Coalition in its days of infancy. Since then, her efforts have shaped the Coalition into the strong program it is today. The Coalition focuses on helping the South End of Waterville, a struggling community that faces a variety of issues ranging from transient housing to teen pregnancy. In Buckley's sophomore year, the Coalition received a grant from the Maine Compass Compact, and the group set out to make a difference for Waterville. She helped organize a week long series of events including panels and ice cream socials to help

the South End and to strengthen the bond between Colby students and the Waterville community.

Most recently, Buckley has been working to start an English as a Second Language Tutoring program here at Colby, to help the many children in Waterville schools that do not speak English. She described her experience working with one fifteen year old boy from Colombia. "When I met him he spoke no English at all,

but now he has a Colby tutor for every class he takes, and it is amazing to see how fast his language skills are improving. It is great to see these extremely intelligent kids finally getting it." Buckley is still looking for language students here at Colby who are interested in working with these kids. Contact her if you are interested.

Being a second semester senior, Buckley is sad to leave her friends and the familiarity of Colby, but she is excited about her future plans. Buckley has been accepted to law school at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and plans to focus her work on child advocacy and women's rights. The Colby community will miss Buckley's amazing ability to pursue action, but it is easy to see that she will go on to do great things in the future.



Mariah Buckley '07

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# Alumnus helps relief effort in Gulf Coast

**By CHELSEA EAKIN**  
FEATURES EDITOR

While Hurricane Katrina may have come and gone for some of us, the disaster and disarray left in the wake of the storm is still a prevalent reality for many residents of the Gulf Coast.

For the past month and a half, Katie Gilroy '06 has been helping with relief work in the Gulf as a member of AmeriCorps\*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps).

AmeriCorps, according to their website, is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects more than 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet our country's critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. AmeriCorps\*NCCC is a branch of the organization, focused on strengthening communities and developing leaders through team-based national and community service. To participate in the 10-month program you must be between the ages of 18 and 24. The work that AmeriCorps\*NCCC does is focused on the environment, education, public health and safety. While work usually takes place in the region in which one of the program's four bases is located, since the hurricanes hit the Gulf Coast in August of 2005, efforts have been largely channeled toward recovery in that region.

If any national disaster were to occur, AmeriCorps\*NCCC would be prepared to respond, Gilroy explained: "We would respond to any sort of disaster—September 11th, hurricanes, floods, ice storms."

"Right now I'm working with Habitat for Humanity building houses. We do a project for six to eight weeks and then switch—after this, we're

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*Katie Gilroy '06*  
Member, AmeriCorps\*NCCC

headed to work with the Red Cross on disaster assessment," Gilroy, who became certified by Red Cross in Disaster Relief as part of her month-long AmeriCorps training, said. Other parts of the training that took place over February included first aid, CPR and power tool safety.

"I've been living in Mississippi and I had no idea how gorgeous coastal Mississippi is—it is really a pretty area," Gilroy, originally from York, Maine, said. "You can be standing on a gorgeous beach, yet you look out at the ocean and what used to be piers are now ruins, bridges still haven't been repaired."

"It is so impressive how many volunteers are down here, especially after spring break—so many spring breakers came down," she said. "A lot of older retired people have little RV camps set up, and they are down here working months on end, which I think is awesome."

Gilroy said she had met innumerable people who were affected by the storm. "People are more than anxious to tell you their story—this obviously wasn't just a hurricane, it was the biggest that has ever hit down here, it has altered their life," she said. "There are some people that don't have anything, and are still trying to piece together some resemblance of the life that they had."

Gilroy will continue to work in the region through the summer, after which she will likely change location back to the AmeriCorps\*NCCC base in Denver, Colorado. "Then after that I don't know, but I'm meeting lots of great people so I'm hoping something will come together as far as another program or job or something."

# Senior to volunteer with Peace Corps

**By TEAGUE DUGAN**  
NEWS STAFF

Chris Andrews '07 is going to Senegal this September to spend 27 months promoting sustainable small-business development in Francophone Africa as a part of the Peace Corps. Andrews, an economics major from Chittenden, Vermont, will spend three months adapting to his new surroundings and polishing up on his French followed by two years of intensive work within Senegal.

"I've always been interested in the Peace Corps; some family friends were volunteers," Andrews said. "I've become interested in international development at Colby and I see the Peace Corps as a good way to get introduced," he added.

Business Development in the Peace Corps involves working with and educating businesses on organization, strategic planning, marketing and integration into their local business and economic environments.

A primary objective is to "help small business owners utilize locally available resources to make money," Andrews said. In addition, "I will serve as a counselor for employees who need

business advice, skills, and concepts. I will also help build capacity in three basic areas: organization, management and other basic business skills; networking; and information and communication technology," he explained.

"Sustainability is a central objective," Andrews said. "The goal is to



Chris Andrews '07

create a small framework for changes to develop," he added. Additionally, Andrews will serve as an intermediary between those with access to information regarding business development and those who need that information—namely, small-business owners and entrepreneurs.

The Peace Corps promises to be a singular experience, but not an easy one. "It's a unique experience being there for two years and living as a Senegalese, but it's also a long time to be away from home and a very different lifestyle to adjust to," Andrews said.

Andrews will be sure to draw on his Colby education during his time with the Peace Corps. His interest in economic development and particularly micro-lending—small loans to poor individuals who lack collateral or are otherwise not credit worthy for traditional lending institutions—will certainly prove helpful in his work. Andrews is also currently enrolled in French 127 in a last minute effort to regain some of the French he learned in high school before he leaves.

The Peace Corps is an independent United States Federal Agency, initiated by John F. Kennedy in 1961 and refined through a series of executive orders. Since its creation, the organization has had more than 187,000 volunteers working in 139 countries and dealing with issues ranging from agriculture to information technology, always with peace and sustainability in mind.

The Peace Corp's mission is not only to help members of the countries in which it works, but also to

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*Chris Andrews '07*  
Student

promote a better understanding and integration of U.S. citizens throughout the world. As part of his "War on Terrorism," following September 11, President George W. Bush pledged to double the number of Peace Corp volunteers by 2007, and in 2004 Congress passed a budget increase of \$30 million for the organization.

In a country plagued by unemployment and inequality, Andrews hopes that his work will provide the education and framework necessary for business development and sustained growth.

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## — GETTING OFF THE HILL

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**By BEN MORSE**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Well, it's 4/20 and finally looks like spring may soon be here. We've had our share of April blizzards, nor'easters, and snow-thaw-snow cycles, but with any luck we'll be maxin' out on the lawn en masse next week (Get out your frisbees, skirts, slacklines and hookahs!).

But springtime is also a great time to head to North Conway, New Hampshire and the White Mountains to take advantage of what New England offers those itching to get outside. In the spring, the mountains hold a winter's worth of snowpack for those skiers in denial who seek to extend the ski season into May with the annual pilgrimage to Mt. Washington's Tuckerman ravine. With three storms dumping over 12 inches each on Mt. Washington in April alone, Tucks looks to be skiable into June this year!

Kayakers and canoeers can rejoice at the springtime rains and melting mountain snowpack which have the rivers of the Whites—the Saco, the Androscoggin, and the Wild to name a few—running with attitude.

And your uppity cyclists can rejoice at the opportunity to get off their rollers, crawl out of hibernation and hit the roads—freshly washed by the springtime rains. The major roads of the White Mountains are well-paved, and scenic, offering hundreds of miles of world-class riding.

And what if you're a hiker? Well, sorry buddy—springtime is also mud-time in the Whites, so you'll want to count on at least a few dry days before embarking on a hiking trip. That aside, when you combine the prime conditions of spring with warming temps, longer days, and a springtime vibe, there's no better time to hit the Whites.

The town of North Conway is great place to end a day in the Whites. Located in the heart of the White Mountains, it offers small-town charm with an outdoorsy vibe through its restaurants, bars, coffee shops and outdoor shops. The shops and bars are all located on one long strip through town, which makes finding your way around simple and straightforward. A particularly good food joint is Flatbread Pizza, a local

A trip to the Whites is a stiff day trip—you're looking at a 2 1/2 drive each way. While it can be done in a day, you're best off staying for a night and a day, if not the whole weekend. Depending on the location of your objective, you'll either want to approach from the North, via route 2, or from the South, via a hundred different roads (not to discourage you!)

Perhaps the biggest challenge is finding the time to get off the hill with mounting workloads and wanting opportunities to hang out with friends before summer vacation. But keep in mind the rewards for such a trip are also great: not only will you hit up some of the best spring biking, skiing, canoeing and kayaking in New England, but getting away for a weekend also freshens your mind and prevents the Colby "burnout" before the end of school. I personally plan to head out for a weekend or two before the end of the year then wrap it up in the final weekends refreshed and still stoked on the scene on the hill.

North Conway's restaurants, bars, coffee and outdoor shops offer small-town charm.

# New website combines cyber social network with cheap travel

**By CHELSEA EAKIN**  
FEATURES EDITOR

A new website called Island Odyssey aims to make traveling with friends cheap and easy. A mix between Travelocity and theFacebook.com, Island Odyssey is the first combination of a social network and travel portal. One of the site's main selling points is that it will make coordinating vacations easier for students.

"Our aim is to revolutionize e-commerce and the way people travel," Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer Nare Avagyan said. The formal website launch will take place at the end of April with the goal of having one million registered members by the first month of official launch. "Right now, we are in the beta stage of our site and are constantly working with our software developers to perfect the site," Avagyan said.

The entire team involved with running and promoting the site is between the ages of 19 and 29, and Avagyan himself is 22. "Our young ages combined with our diverse backgrounds and experiences put us in a unique position to understand and answer to the demands of our consumers," Avagyan said. The site has regional representatives throughout the country that help promote the site through word of mouth.

Carley Millian '09 first got involved as a marketing intern to help her friend who was involved in conceiving the original idea. "I started out thinking I was just helping a friend, and then said 'wow this is awesome,'" Millian has been promoting Island Odyssey, which both take 15 percent commission, Island Odyssey aims to be the cheapest option with taking 10 percent commission, Millian said.

"Our mission is to become the dominant player in the travel industry by incorporating cutting edge technology and innovative marketing ideas that will allow us to implement the most competitive prices on the internet," Avagyan said. "With Island Odyssey, a registered user can book travel from their profile, network with friends across the globe, see where their friends have traveled to or are planning to travel, get reviews on hotels and destinations, get notifications of special and last minute deals, get group travel packages, and much more."

The site intends to offer five to six trips pre-planned trips between 900 and 1200 dollars all-inclusive. For example, a spring break in Costa Rica, a summer trip to Bermuda, a ski trip in the winter. You can visit Island Odyssey at [www.islandodyssey.com](http://www.islandodyssey.com).

Odyssey at Colby and will be tabling in the street and raffling off gift certificates between 250 and 500 dollars good toward any vacation offered on the site. As opposed to Travelocity

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# Opinions

## EDITORIAL

### Students: push your representatives

This year the Student Government Association experimented with a new position: the chief of staff. The idea behind the structural change was a good one: create a position for a seasoned SGA veteran to lend his expertise so that motions are well revised and directed where they need to be. It was a risk in that it added a step to the process of writing motions, but the only real way to see how it would work was to try it.

Each year, talented and experienced candidates will run for office and lose. The chief of staff position is a great example of a way in which the SGA can keep some senior leadership that would otherwise retire from SGA disillusioned and dejected. Michael Klaus '07 should feel neither of those things. The Presidents' Council needs his help whether they acknowledge it or not. The last meeting clearly showed what happens when Hall Presidents do not do their homework, collaborate and revise: the SGA ends up dealing in trivialities and wasting time weeding through procedural faux pas.

When SGA dabbles in "inconsequential bullshit," it does not just reflect on the job they do. Your representatives only put forth what they think you want. Recently, students and administrators have expressed doubt that the SGA truly represents the student body. The question then becomes: if the SGA does not represent the students, who does? The answer: nobody. Responsibility for that catastrophe would not just fall on the shoulders of the SGA; it would be everyone's fault.

Think about it. If you are a student and you do not think that your hall president represents you, it might simply be because you are not letting him or her know what it is you care about. True, your representatives need to be scouring their constituents for student opinion, but if you feel strongly you need to find them before they find you. The SGA is only as effective as we all make it. The avenues are there for considerable reform, and those changes are more likely to come through the SGA than they are through any one student alone, so push your representatives harder. Make them work for you. Share your ideas with them and hold them accountable. If you say they're not legitimate, what is it that they're not doing? SGA was never intended to act autonomously. If they don't know what you want, they can't get it for you.

A perfect example of this is everyone's favorite topic: the senior steps. The senior class representatives can only do so much when they are the only ones coming up with ideas. The new subcommittees appointed this week (keep an eye out for a related news article next week) are getting more people on task and getting more done than two people ever could. People finally stopped complaining and started doing something about it. You'll be just fine come 4:00 Friday. Broken glass be damned.

### I'm so cool but I'm so hot

By Jared Luther



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## On the Virginia Tech shootings



By SUZANNE MERKELSON  
OPINIONS EDITOR

I had another column laid out on this page on Monday afternoon when I heard about the shooting at Virginia Tech. By the time you read this column, the shooting will be old news, more details will be revealed, more answerless questions will have been asked. But right now, on Monday evening as every news website blares its terrifying headlines at me, I'm having trouble addressing this tragedy.

Something needs to be said, but I simply don't know what to say.

The afternoon after September 11, a good friend and I went for a walk. It was our first week of high school. We had just spent the whole day in school, where our somewhat untactful principal announced over the loudspeaker during homeroom that there had been an attack on the World Trade Center. The entire school was in shock, and it didn't help that we could see the smoke rising from the track where I

had sports practice everyday or that many parents worked in Lower Manhattan.

My friend and I went for a walk, and not knowing what else to do, we laughed. The news stations managed to sensationalize an already sensational event, and all we could do was laugh at the "Attack on America." Laughter soon turned to tears and then

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all I could do was cry because I could not figure out how else to rationally react. How does one react rationally to something so irrational?

Furthermore, why is it that we react so humanly—crying, fright, disillusion—to such inhuman things? This is our way of expressing our emotions,

of conveying sympathy, but perhaps we also need to prove to ourselves that we are human, even if we belong to a species, to a culture that is capable of such horrors, such violence. We try to understand the shooter, try to place blame somewhere.

We say that something like that could never happen here. We try to distance ourselves from the horrors. We're different, of course, right?

I'd really like to believe that Colby is a safe place. I rarely lock my door at night. I have no issue with walking across campus late at night. I'm not afraid of my peers. I never intend to be.

I don't want to be part of a culture of violence, but sometimes I feel like I have no choice. We fight wars; we commit genocide; we rape; we shoot; we hurt. We're all part of that.

All I think I can do, at least right now, is be positive. That's what the world needs—people who can smile at each other and be nice. So that's my reaction to this; I'm going to try to be kind and caring as much as I can. The world needs some sunshine.

I also want to express my deepest condolences to the students and community and family of Virginia Tech. You probably won't read this, but my thoughts are with you. I hope everything will be alright.

## Whose fault?: I'm sorry racism exists, but I'm not sorry for being white



By EMILY WARMINGTON  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Last Saturday morning, I took the initiative to get up, leave my room, and actually get some work done. Anyone who knows me can tell you that I absolutely cannot and will not do work in Miller, so instead I decided to trek the extra distance across campus and settle down in Bixler. On my way from breakfast in Dana, I passed a chalkboard on the pathway which read "Iraqi Film Fest! Sunday @ Railroad Square!" and then another: "600,000 Iraqis are dead. Find out why on April 15th." I've heard things here and there about this Film Festival, a general announcement or two, and seriously considered attending before I realized that my Sunday was already booked solid. A few moments later just before entering Bixler, I looked down to find that I was standing on the words "Iraqis are People, not Pawns!"

At this moment, I ran, horrified, to the nearest bathroom and began examining my face in the mirror. Funny, I don't seem to look like George W. Bush. I think very hard for a moment, but am completely unable to recall any time where I have preached the inferiority of the Iraqi

people. I rack my brain even harder. I have no memory of using the words "Towel Head," or any other racial slur for that matter, to insult someone; I thought I was making progress when I declared my religious studies major in an attempt to rise above the stereotypical ignorance of White America. So where did I go wrong? When did I become the bigot that the sidewalk says I am? When did I start treating Iraqis like pawns?

Suddenly I realize I'm not a bigot, I don't treat Iraqis like pawns and, most importantly I am not George W. Bush and he is not me. Everyday I get up

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and set out to try and become as informed as I can possibly be about everything I can possibly be informed about. At the top of my list: race, religion and politics. So why is it that everyday I feel like it doesn't matter? Why is it that every Friday I can pick up the opinions section of the Echo and feel like the pages are screaming

at me "YOU'RE WHITE AND RACISM IS YOUR FAULT!"?

I am more than just aware that being born a white American has steered me away from dealing with a number of difficulties in life. But I am also aware that I didn't earn that advantage. No one has. I was dealt a racially advantaged hand so it is my obligation to make sure that I do not take it for granted. How do I do that? I vote for candidates looking to work on racial equality, I engage in conversations about race and socioeconomics, I find out what the Sunnis and Shi'as actually are. It is pretty important to me that I do a good job of this because, as I said, it is my obligation not to take my race for granted. It is not, however, my obligation to feel bad about it.

I know I got it easy, but I also know that I'm trying to do my part to make up for it. True there are still some white supremacists out there who think that G-d specifically chose them to be white, but I'm not one of them. Odds are that there really aren't too many hanging around our little liberal arts community. So I'm going to spell out what I'm saying plain and simple: I'm not sorry for being white. I'm sorry that there is racism, I'm sorry that White America as a whole has not done enough to stop it and I'm really sorry for all alternative rock and emo music that we have created over the years. But I'm the doing the best I can and I'm just plain not sorry for being white.

## Shopping is not my forte



**I'M NEVER GOING TO RETIRE**  
By C.W. Bassett

What did you do over Spring Break? I know that's a loaded question, and you don't want to answer it in a place accessible to your loved ones back in, say, Kansas City. But I'll bet you did some shopping in venues not readily available in the Waterville-Augusta area.

You will, of course, claim that you had to buy something in a "fashion" locale because—as a senior—you had to look vaguely like an adult. That means a "suit" (for both men and women) tailored appropriately, with accessories that make the whole outfit right for your interview (underclasspeople sometimes get a head start by ramping up some sort of internship tryout).

But shopping means spending money, an activity that I approach with due caution. I hate spending money, hoping that when I fall off

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the edge of life (dull little metaphor there), I'll die rich. "Well off"? "Comfortable"? Whatever, I will now spend as little of my estate as possible on almost anything. I have a funeral suit and lots of tweedy sports jackets from my teaching days, so I'm not about to patronize Armani for any reason.

But I do have a good friend, David Mills, the speech and debate guy at Colby, who is utterly unafraid of spending money, within reason, of course. During Break, Mills dragged me—not unhappily—all the way to Portland to buy groceries: he is a standout cook, always in need of wonderful replacements for his next creation.

Those victuals are often not available in our immediate area, so we went to a Whole Foods market readily accessible to I-295 drivers. And I followed him around as he tossed things into his cart, foods so uncommon that the price alone would keep me from enjoying them. The weirdest was a bushy cabbage with a bulbous

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## Students on the Street

If you were busted for downloading music, what song would you be embarrassed for having?



"'Rudebox' by Robbie Williams."  
—Kat Brzozowski '09



"My extensive collection of Latin pop."  
—Doug Turnbull '07



"'Suddenly I see.'"  
—Ben Morse '09



"My 12 thousand songs are only of sweetness."  
—Evan Phelps '08

# An UNOFFICIAL defense of Admissions



By KRIS MIRANDA  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Writer's note: *Admissions didn't ask me to write this, didn't even know I was writing it. It's my take on things, not theirs. By extension, any problems with this piece are mine, not theirs.*

I'm an Admissions volunteer. A tour guide. I admit that this makes me a salesman. It's no secret to anyone—prospects and parents included—that we endeavor to place Colby in a rather positive light. Partly because of this, anti-Admissions sentiment—whether bitter, mocking or just dismissive—rears its head from time to time. Tour guides catch a lot of flak whether on-the-job or later from our friends, the latter in the form of parody (much of it admittedly good-natured). Sometimes even faculty and staff think we're full of shit (I assure you that if we ever say inaccurate things, it isn't deliberate). With the recent launch of *insideColby* a friend surprised me with the intensity of his irri-

tation concerning the inclusion of official information in the back of the magazine and his concern that it wouldn't stop there, almost as if Admissions is a cancer.

But being salespeople doesn't prevent us from being honest, and I really don't see us causing any harm, least of all in the form of department lists and financial aid info appended to *iC*.

We aren't blind to Colby's flaws, nor do we pretend to be. Nothing in the Admissions guidebook says we can't talk about the negatives—say, that the 4-1-4 schedule puts us out-of-sync with some other schools' breaks, that all dorms aren't created equal, that town-gown relations could be better. But I expect that most prospective—the ones we want coming, at any rate—are smart enough to figure that even if we talk about this stuff, we wouldn't be with Admissions if we didn't think the positives heavily outweighed the negatives. And of course we focus on

the former, not because we're trying to fool anyone but because *there's more of it*.

If there's concern that we paint an inaccurately rosy picture of an institution with very real shortcomings and a history of some very real disruptions (e.g., last year's Coburn incident),



then answer me this: how better to bring Colby closer to the ideal we allegedly fabricate than to court students who seek such a school and are likely (we hope) to do things here that fit the image? Kind of like Aristotle's

virtue ethics: if you *act* brave, you *become* brave. I honestly believe that our actions determine Colby's reality. So will theirs.

It might be argued that "who seek such a school" applied to pretty much all of us, and that some have become cynics rather than striving for a transcendence Colby. I'd argue back that this says more about those students than about Admissions.

But I've digressed. Much of what Admissions says isn't even sales-pitchy by design: it's factual. We say that Colby's a leader in diversity and environmentalism because it's true. We say that students and professors often have strong relationships because it's true. And much of what we talk about isn't even intrinsically positive or negative, but still handy and memorable (the Johnson Pond Regatta; each dining hall has its loyal following; we have no frats). Tours and info sessions are part sales pitch, yes, but also part documentary. Where's the sin in that?

In any case, we're not almost rabidly pro-Colby because we became Admissions volunteers. It's the other way around. And no one's paying us, remember? Why should we lie?

## LETTERS

### Administration needs to make room for student criticism

To the Editor—

The Colby College administration has repeatedly sought to reduce any criticism of their actions. The recent news article discussing the administration's attempt to end faculty retirement speeches is a significant example. The administration became frustrated with faculty members who voiced legitimate concerns and criticisms of Colby in front of their superiors, the trustees. Thankfully, the faculty refused to accept this brazen authoritarian action.

The administration has, however, successfully pursued a similar policy against seniors. Seniors are granted exit interviews in the spring and, when possible, with trustees. This allows the trustees to understand student concerns. This year 27 students, out of 479 total seniors, applied for trustee exit interviews yet only 5 students received them. The administration informed students that the number was low because few trustees wanted to interview students.

However, multiple students spoke with trustees at this past weekend's Diamond Building and Goldfarb Center dedications and not only do the trustees love doing exit interviews, but they were shocked at how few there were. Instead seniors are given exit interviews with staff members, who are part of the administration and set policy. Seniors cannot expect staff members, who write the policies that they dislike, to change anything.

The administration obviously does not want student or faculty criticism, especially if the trustees hear it. I wonder if Scooter Libby is doing consulting work for the administration.

Merle Eisenberg '07

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## How our peers' drinking habits can influence ours



By MEGAN DEAN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ignorance is an ugly word. I would rather almost any other adjective be used to describe me than ignorant. Most Colby students would take great offense to being judged as such. And rightfully so: we attend a prestigious college where many of us are involved in politics, the environment, and the community. But while we are aware of and responsive to issues outside the campus, there is at least one issue on campus to which we may be ignorant.

In psychology, the term "pluralistic ignorance" refers to the process in which an individual who does not agree with a group norm behaves in accordance with it because he believes that the other group members' opinions are unanimous, when, in reality, they are not. Recent studies involving college students have shown pluralistic ignorance is particularly likely regarding alcohol consumption. The majority of students surveyed assessed their peers as more comfortable with drinking than those peers actually reported. The study then demonstrated that many students' drinking habits were influenced by their inaccurate perceptions

of others' drinking habits.

Because drinking at Colby is much like snow in April this year—frequent and excessive—it seems that our campus is the prime location for pluralistic ignorance regarding alcohol. Or is it?

Perhaps Colby students are legitimately comfortable with the ubiquity of booze on campus. Perhaps they are drinking copious amounts of Absolut and Natty because they personally want to, not because they believe it's what other people are doing and therefore the right thing to do. Perhaps Colby is an anomaly. After

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all, if we were substituting others' values for our own, we would probably look at least mildly uncomfortable in Facebook photos of our partying endeavors. But the only source of anxiety people seem to have at parties, particularly off-campus ragers, is the fear of getting in trouble with the

fuzz—and even then it's a minimal amount.

If one concludes that Colby students' drinking habits are influenced by perceptions of our peers' drinking habits, then one could accuse us of being pluralistically ignorant. If, however, one concludes that Colby students are not influenced by their surroundings at parties, one would likely then question what other motive we have for drinking in the manner we do. But I'm not getting into that.

## Facebook: A growing epidemic of massive proportions



By SAM JONES  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Facebook is slowly but surely taking over everyone's lives. It is becoming the Walmart of the internet, a veritable one-stop surfing haven for friends, faculty, and family. As enjoyable as it may be to learn about others via their interests and "tagged" photos, it is slowly becoming more dangerous.

I'm not going to talk about stalkers or sexual predators, because that is an entirely separate issue than what I

want to discuss. What I'd like to talk about, however, is the way in which Facebook is shaping social interactions at Colby, and nation-wide.

Many people may be Facebook friends with other students who they don't even talk to. More so, some people are Facebook friends with people they've never seen. What's worrisome about this is now those people all have access to whatever information you decide to spread about yourself via this website. That's a little scary, but whatever. What I fear the most is that Facebook is superceding normal social interaction. People are friendly with one another, posting on each others' walls, sending messages, or "poking" each other. While this is all well and good, many of these same people choose this sort of interaction over simple conversation in person. And

let's face it—that's pretty pathetic.

I understand there are people who have social anxieties. I recognize that some people are shy. But rather than confronting or resolving these issues, Facebook is exacerbating the problem.

Have you ever gotten invited to an event by someone on Facebook that you didn't even know? Have you ever gone to that event and not even spoken to the person who invited you? Have you ever gotten a funny wall post by someone who doesn't ever talk to you in person? Have you ever gotten in a legitimate argument with someone via the Facebook?

My qualms with the Facebook extend to the future. This form of communication and secret personality-watching has only come about in the last three years. If these sorts of problems plague our college careers, what

will Colby and other schools be like in another three years? Will students walk to and from class in silence, and then go back to their computers and wall post jokes to each other?

Colby Student wrote at 10:51 am Monday, April 16th, 2007:

OMG, class was so brutal. I saw you yawning right in front of the professor's face. You're hilarious! Well, cya in class tomorrow, k?

Wall-to-Wall - Write on Colby's Wall - Message - Delete

I enjoy a good Facebook-session just like anyone else, believe me. But please, let's stop this mentality before it becomes an epidemic. Continue your wall posts and poking sessions. Continue to tag embarrassing pictures of all your friends. But understand there is no substitute for normal social interaction.

## Ignorance and the new masculinity

By CANAAN MORSE  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The pursuit of a thorough education is no longer considered to be masculine. The drive to enrich the mind and sensitize the perception has been suppressed as its goals have been externalized, as they have been pushed outside the boundaries of America's narrowing definition of desirable masculinity. It used to be a positive thing for a young man to be intellectually ambitious and proud of it; but you will not find many now who are even ready to admit it, let alone stand up for it, in an academic culture like Colby's.

(Before I continue, let me also make one small, parenthetical observation: "masculine" not an exclusive category, and to say that any trait is or should be masculine is not to say that said trait can not also be feminine. But

back to the argument.)

Several weeks ago, one of my professors required that my classmates and I watch a movie during a period he could not attend because of a conference. Almost all the female students, who form the minority in a class of thirty or so, showed up, as opposed to three-quarters of the male majority, which made about eleven or so guys in total. The movie started, and within five minutes two of them had walked out. They were followed by another one five or so minutes later, then another after the same interval; in this way every guy except three—myself, the kid in charge of the movie and one other—skipped out before the period was halfway done. F-k it, their faces said, I'm not gonna bother with this bullshit. Of the girls there, two left, and they seemed a little embarrassed to do it.

And it's the facial expressions that display it most plainly for me. I could see apathy, lighthearted derision and/or utter lack of interest on the faces of all those guys that left. They felt they had absolutely no reason to stay because they could see no benefit in being educated, nor did they even feel any compulsion to stay because class was officially in session. Keep in mind, some of these guys might get themselves up at half past five weekday mornings to run sprints or do plyometrics. It requires incredible sacrifice to be a good athlete, but there are a large number of men even at Colby willing to make it. Similarly, it requires dedication and sacrifice to become an educated man; but these guys, it seems, who will be paying \$46k for next year at Colby, would rather be ignorant.

I hope that you, the reader, will not

misconstrue my example as an indictment of a few particular individuals. What I am trying to do instead is describe the real, tangible face of a trend that has been already been proven several times over. Read the books of Ph.D.'s like Susan Faludi and Christina Hoff Sommers, read the *New York Times*; you will be bombarded by college acceptance statistics, dropout statistics, AP test statistics. If Colby accepted students solely on the basis of academic eligibility, the College population would be eighty percent female—a new kind of affirmative action. Shelves and shelves of quantitative evidence to describe the downfall of the American male. The difference between those numbers and this article is that I am attempting to make a qualitative argument, i.e., numbers aside, it is no longer desirably masculine to be well-educated. We collegiate men are encouraged to play, encouraged to drink, and allowed to let the women excel at anything we don't understand.

## BASSETT: I'm not a very good shopper

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root—kohlrabi. Ever tried it? You can't afford it.

The Portland Whole Foods is huge, with a lunching area and a wine section that would keep the snobbish at table for days at a time. Maybe weeks. Mills paced up and down the aisles, humming with enthusiasm, almost squealing when he found the tea bags that he needs for hours in his office. Did he get some "loose" tea too?

The other patrons of this shop were not your standard proletarians in the

local Maine supermarket. Very heavy on sandals, and lined chinos, and high wool socks. Not the kind who buy canned peas or trans-fats. These were very choosy about their foods and obviously able to pay for their healthy choices. Even the checkout personnel looked to be sanctimonious about computerizing up anything that wasn't kohlrabi.

What did I get on this trip? Well, we stopped in Freeport for lunch, and I got some Jockey underpants. They were having a sale.

### People Skills

By Chris DeRoo



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# Arts & Entertainment

## this week

FRIDAY, APR. 20

• **Aditya Verma**  
Classical Indian Music  
7:30 p.m.  
Lorimer Chapel

SATURDAY, APR. 21

• **Colby Jazz Band**  
7:30 pm  
Bixler/178 Given  
• **Ok Go and Citizen Cope**  
8:00 p.m.  
Wadsworth Gymnasium

SUNDAY, APR. 22

• **Jan Lee and Ann**  
Marchaland Voice Recital  
2:00 p.m.  
Lorimer Chapel  
• **Senior Recital- Jennifer**  
Nguyen  
8:00 p.m.  
Wadsworth Gymnasium

TUESDAY APR. 24

• **Neurd's Bake Sale for**  
Multiple Sclerosis  
7:30 p.m.  
Miller Library

## The Colby Eight back on track: Tie One On set for release

By JENNIFER COX  
A&E EDITOR

If you're ready for an a capella album that is full of gracefully hip melodies and uplifting vocals, you don't have to look any further than the Colby 8's upcoming album, *Tie One On*. After two years of slaving away in the recording studio, the 8 has produced an album that is both joyful and handsomely profound. Though the road has been a steep one, their hard work has finally paid off. The new album most likely features the best performances the Colby 8 has ever produced. Attitude and grace characterize eighteen tracks that make up the record, and each track is carefully constructed and executed. The original vocal arrangements, provided by musical director Bryan Gattis '07 on nine tracks and various other members on the other songs, are silky, clear, and bubbly. Each tune *Tie One On* illustrates a musical ensemble that is at once fun, playful, and deep.

The process itself was painstaking and monotonous. Each track required approximately 20 hours of work, and with 15 studio recordings for a total of at least 300 hours of labor. That's not to say the group did not cherish their time spent with their music. "The best part of the process is hearing our creations come to life," said Colby 8 president, Ian London '07. "When you're live, there are little mistakes. In the studio, though, you can see what you're really made of. Every track is

the best it can possibly be."

The child of many talented men, *Tie One On* is something to be proud of. Since many of the tracks on the Colby 8's last album, *Seven What?*, were left to the members from a previous group of men, it was not as meaningful or personal as the upcoming album. "It sounds eight times better than our other recordings because we are attached to this music. The songs mean a lot to us. If you've been here over the past two years, you've heard all of the tracks," said London.

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The album opens with Aerosmith's "Cryin'." While the track is slower than most, it rolls easily to the ears and introduces the layered and winsome vocal accompaniment. "1979" by the Smashing Pumpkins picks the pace up a bit and is beautiful and bittersweet. The vocals both yearn for and provide

nostalgic emotion. This track deepens the album and provides a more modern sound before introducing the classic "Naturally," by Huey Lewis. A barber-shop song, "Naturally," is both pure and bluesy. Songs like Dispatch's "Whirlwind," "Fountain of Wayne's" "Bright Future in Sales," and the Barenaked Ladies' "Call and Answer," are alternative and engaging.

One of the most gorgeous songs on the album is "America." Originally performed by Simon and Garfunkel, the Colby 8 are able to capture the ethereal beauty found in the original. The slightly eerie American warmth felt through the voices and harmonies is an honest joy. The next song, "All These Things That I've Done," is also one of the most memorable. This Killer's tune is filled with thick percussions, an attractive beat, and a chorus that is impossible to get out of your head. This song could easily be played on repeat, particularly because of the energizing bridge, "I've got soul but I'm not a soldier!"

The album takes a playful turn with Weird Al's version of "Since You've Been Gone," but settles back into its roots with the endearing, strong and heart-felt "Jamaica Say You Will."

The end of the album features songs by modern artists such as Weezer, Semisonic, and Ben Folds. The group brings these tracks to life with an earthy strength that is both metallic and human, a synthesis that somehow manages to make the music both abstract and tangible simultaneously. "All at Sea" sends the album into a



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE COLBY 8  
The Colby 8's upcoming album, *"Tie One On,"* will be released on April 28th. Full of energy, originality, and fun, the album is well worth the two year wait.

more soulful cruise which continues through Ben Kweller's "Falling." These final recorded tracks are intricate, melodic, and emotional.

Despite the perfection of the studio tracks, London's favorite songs are actually the three live performances at the end of the disc. "My Alabama," "Amsterdam," and "The Parting Glass," close the album by reminding listeners that voices belong to the boys-next-door you see dancing like N'Sync in Lorimer Chapel. These harmonies prove that the group is the

real deal. "I like the live the live tracks because they're still so full of energy," London says with a smile. "This is such a great group of guys."

*Tie One On* has a planned release date of April 28th, and the Colby 8 is currently working with SPB to plan a release party. After all their hard work, they deserve it. *Tie One On* is a great addition to Colby's a capella collection and a great step for the group. To catch more of the Tie Colby 8, don't forget about their spring concert on May 10th.

## Wind Ensemble bids seniors farewell

By KRIS MIRANDA  
STAFF WRITER

"I don't know if you can tell but I'm really happy working with students," Director of Band Activities Eric Thomas said between pieces during the first half of the Wind Ensemble's spring concert. "You can force them to do all kinds of things," he added cheerfully. Music itself, it turns out, is just as capable of being manipulated. Not one piece the Wind Ensemble played on April 14 was originally written for such a group—one was originally performed on just keyboard; some were intended for strings—hence the concert name "Arranged for Band." The result was as fun as only a group conducted by Thomas can make it.

Alas, the Wind Ensemble also had to say its goodbyes to seven seniors. "I'm gonna miss all of you. Some of you more than others," Thomas quipped. "You know who you are."

Though all seven have of course been invaluable as trumpets, the twins Jennifer and Rebecca Anderson '07 were best-placed for a dramatic send-off. They did not disappoint. "Of course I fooled them into thinking that they had to play a concerto" for their last show, Thomas gleefully related. Thomas and the Andersons have been close since the twins were first-years "incarcerated" in Williams, where Thomas was then faculty resident. "It's been a tremendous amount of fun to work with them," he said before getting into further details about the preparation for this, their grand finale. "Everything, they disagreed on everything," an amused Thomas recalled, despite his understandable preconception that twins would think exactly alike.

In performance, of course, it was

impossible to tell. Taking the lead in a Double Concerto by Antonio Vivaldi of "Four Seasons" fame, the Andersons demonstrated impressive deftness and speed (one would not think the trumpet designed for trills!) while sacrificing nothing of clarity, precision and volume. Neither half of the melody (baroque music is characterized in part by heavy use of counterpoint, and Vivaldi in particular is known for his skill with harmonic

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contrast) ever drowned out the other; each pierced the air beautifully and with equal vigor.

Other pieces standing out for this reviewer were José Franco's "Agüero a Paso-Doble" and Joseph Hellmesberger's "Danse Diabolique." Paso-Doble ("two-step") is a Spanish dance style "developed on the basis of movements performed by the matadors during bullfights," Thomas explained in the program. Franco's "Agüero" fit Thomas' description as being meant to accompany "one of the most dramatic dances you will ever

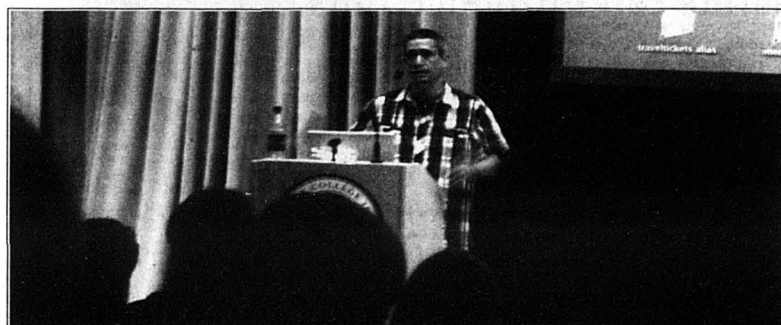
see," evoking the sweep and fiery glamour of bullfighting's romanticized ideal. Hellmesberger's "Diabolique," written in the Phrygian mode once rumored to create something of a sinister atmosphere, alternated between being frolicsome and frenzied, less a theme for evil than for chaos and mischief.

Introducing the last piece of the night, Thomas managed to say it "was composed by Jack Davidson" before friends of Davidson '08 in the audience erupted into cheers. Thomas himself lauded him as "ridiculously multifaceted," great at everything he does—handy for someone who does everything.

In the program notes for his composition, "A Shot in the Dark," Davidson related the four-year process behind it. Begun in his junior year of high school when he had no music theory training, it was originally for ten percussion instruments under the name "Variance in Voice." When Davidson saw a poster on Thomas' office door (a feat in itself, Thomas insisted, considering the apparently-remote location of said office) for a young composers' competition, he jumped at the challenge of composing for a concert band with over two dozen instruments.

The rhythm-driven piece was quite varied in its less than eight minutes, opening "with a slower section that sounds simple and is easy to listen to" (wrote Davidson) before building into something one might not be surprised to hear on an adventure movie soundtrack, and later something reminiscent of carnivals. This led into an ambitiously multi-layered and very dynamic percussion-only section over a minute long in the last third of the piece before the rest of the band came back in for a cheery finish. Davidson more than met his goal to create a piece "light-hearted and fun." While in technical terms it may be simple compared to work by Vivaldi or Bach, as an aural treat it certainly held its own.

Davidson will remain next year, along with four fellow rising seniors and five underclassmen. Completing the Ensemble (and recognized by Thomas near show's end) are local high schoolers, community volunteers, and some professional musicians.



BETH COLE/THE COLBY ECHO  
Andy Bichlbaum speaks of his experience with identity correction, corporate America, and political hoaxes.

## The Yes Men: Masters of identity correction

By JENNIFER COX  
A&E EDITOR

Andy Bichlbaum has a friendly voice and a kind way about him. His black and orange plaid is pleasing to the eye and his smile is sincere. Judging by his calm and demure appearance, one would never guess what a devious and daring mind he possesses. Like Superman, Spiderman, and other great super heroes before him, his day job is only the tip of the iceberg of who he really is and what he really does. Bichlbaum and his partner, Mike Bonanno, are also The Yes Men: a group of activists trying to shake up the world by practicing the art of "identity correction." Their website describes it as "honest people impersonating big-time criminals in order to publicly humiliate them. Targets are leaders and big corporations who put profits ahead of everything else."

On Friday, April 13th, Bichlbaum addressed a crowd full of enthusiastic students in the Given Auditorium. He told stories and showed clips of his adventures as a Yes Man. "Ten years ago, we wanted to make a difference politically," he said with a shrug. What began as a joke website that sarcastically mocked the World Trade Organization launched a phenomenon greater than Bichlbaum or anyone expected. Though they had created the site in response to the Seattle protests of 1999 and it was clear that it was a

joke, the WTO put out a press release calling the mock site "deplorable." In the spirit of the "no press is bad press," notion, The Yes Men took this as an opportunity to get their website out there. "We got our website noticed by Google and other search engines. At the time, there actually were other search engines," Bichlbaum said, causing the audience to laugh heavily.

Strangely enough, the Yes Men's

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website soon opened many doors for them to invent and cultivate identity correction. They began getting invited to conferences and meetings as from WTO. They attended, giving lectures that featured props as ridiculous as a large golden phallace (to control the slaves), and messages as unbelievable as "bringing back slavery will actually help Africa." However comedic their performances were, the funniest fact was that most people did not register that they were frauds. At one conference, they decided to announce,

acting as the WTO, that they were disbanding. The people proceeded to congratulate them, saying they were doing the right thing.

After seeing the WTO website, Greenpeace asked the Yes Men to create a site mocking the Dow chemical company, who failed to compensate for loss of life in Bhopal, India that was caused by a company they purchased. In a truly magnificent display of identity correction, Bichlbaum went live on a BBC channel and made the statement that Dow was officially taking responsibility and would pay the survivors heavily, as well as clean up the area. Though his actions did not change Dow's mind, the results were tremendous. The act generated over 900 articles in the United States Press about Bhopal. After shareholders saw the announcement that Dow was going to do the right thing and fix Bhopal, their stock plummeted 3 billion dollars. After the hoax was revealed, it soared back up, demonstrating the problem with the economic system. It literally forbids companies, from "doing the right thing," unless they have a death wish.

With a gentle eyes and an amused smirk, Bichlbaum presented to Colby students scenes from the documentary of their adventures as identity correctors, which can be viewed on Google video. Their shocking, comedic, and aggressive campaign is creative, controversial, and so naturally, effective.

"Why haven't you been arrested?" one audience member asked, to which Bichlbaum shook his head solemnly. "Each time we wonder," he said and cracked his biggest smile of the night. The Yes Men have no immediate future plans to attack companies or organizations. Unless, of course, you have a suggestion. Their ears and imaginations are always open.



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The wind ensemble shines under the watchful eye of Eric Thomas, director of band activities.

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# Several events held at Iraqi film festival

By JENNIFER COX  
A&E EDITOR

In a weekend of reflection, Colby students and Waterville community members gathered at the Railroad Square Cinema to watch films and discuss the ongoing war in Iraq. Allyson Rudolph '07, a student representative of the national organization Campus Progress, was encouraged to organize and lead a movie showing by the DC-based group. Many campuses hosted showings of Iraq-themed films and documentaries to promote awareness and ignite activism. Rudolph went above and beyond expectations by providing the city with the festival. "I'm terrific at creating more work for myself than is strictly necessary, plus I adore Railroad Square and am always looking for excuses to spend time in town, so it seemed like it would be more fun to try to put the movies up there," said Rudolph. Her hard work was appreciated by the people who attended to see the films and the impressive speakers who were invited to talk. In addition to Philip Haas, director of the film "The Situation Room," Colby also hosted Bowdoin graduate Alex Cornell du Houx '06, who just returned from a year of being stationed in Iraq.

The films showed vivid pictures of the situation in Iraq. *Baghdad ER*, *The Ground Truth*, *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib*, *The War Tapes*, and *The Situation Room* were screened at the Railroad Square cinema. They brought the realities of the war crashing down through the theater, and had many audience members in tears or shaking their heads. Many students sloshed through the rain puddles and piled into the theatres. The mood was solemn, perhaps because of the weather, but more likely because of the profundity and seriousness of the topics at hand.

Cornell du Houx, who traveled to

Iraq with troops from other New England states, described a world of paranoia, frustration and futility. Though he was strong, respectful, and admirable it was evident that his time in Iraq was not nearly as productive as he would have hoped. Cornell du Houx and his troopers were in charge of demolition, ambushes, and controlling the outskirts of a city. Every building was riddled with bullet holes or collapsed into a pile of rubble. "The city went from having everything to nothing," he said. He found that he was lucky because when he and his men arrived they brought new armor, but as he left the forces had created advanced technology. Every improvement made by the United States, the Iraqis would match soon after.

"Our overall mission was to train the Iraqi forces, provide security, and target anti-Iraqi forces," he said, but added that, "our job really was just to protect each other and make sure everyone came home." Everyone seemed to have different reasons for being there, one commander went as far as citing oil as the sole reason for their presence. "While we were securing the oil, we weren't able to secure the military. We just don't have enough troops over there to do that."

In general, Cornell du Houx found their efforts in Iraq to be futile. The situation was stagnant, and it was hard to make any improvements in the conditions that exist. On a more microscopic level, he said they were able to help some individual families with health problems, birth defects, and change the lives of some residents. The greater picture was not as hopeful. If they built an apartment building, it would be blown up shortly after. Anti-American forces would also blow up buildings such as the communication center and then blame it on American troops. "We're losing the hearts and minds battle," Cornell du Houx said, and he expressed the

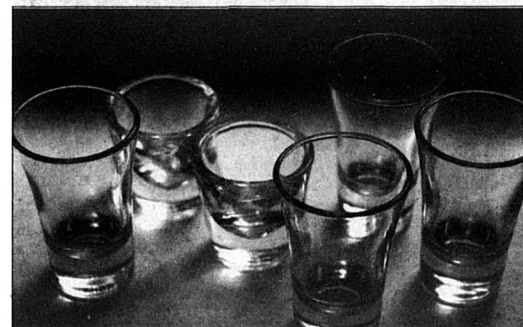
frustration of the Iraqi people.

After learning minimal Arabic, Cornell du Houx could interact with the interesting people he visited in their homes. "It's not that they don't like Americans. It's just that we haven't helped them and they're frustrated," he said. He expressed the tension between the people and the soldiers and the problems they encountered with the population. "It's difficult," he said, "you have to act like you are there to protect the civilians, but you have to look at everyone you see as a potential threat. After a while we couldn't even give candy to the kids anymore because there were children throwing hand grenades."

Probably due in large part to this paranoia and futility, the U.S. troops are losing strength. Cornell du Houx said that out of the 1100 men in his department, only 2 were returning to Iraq. He said also that it was hard for the troops to keep up their enthusiasm when they weren't fighting for something to unite the country. Even if he was not completely proud of what he had accomplished in the nation, Cornell du Houx is a man Bowdoin should be proud of. He spoke with heart and genuineness, and brought a face to the thousands of men fighting in the war today.

This event made the seemingly far off events in Iraq seem more tangible and accessible for discussion and critique. The festival was successful and necessary, and all of the people involved should be proud and praised. Rudolph would like to mention the students and people who made it possible: Shirmila Cooray '09, Jack Drury '07, Justine Ludwig '08, Sarah Kurien '09, Tarini Mancham '09, Ned Warner '09, Felicia Teach '07, Lindsay Tolle '08, Ken Eisner of the Railroad Square Cinema, and Shadow Distribution.

## SHOT REVIEW: The "Tittie Goth" Shot vs. The "Fire-Crotched Cop" Shot vs. The "Rolex Regatta" Shot vs. The "Sheldon 4 Iced Tea" Shot



Using their ready minds and taste buds, senior girls put shots to the test.

By LAURA KEELER, LINDSAY SNYDER & JENNIFER HINSON  
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This week the beer review traveled to the residence of the Official Colby College Shot-Caller herself, Lindsay Snyder, to review the only thing that Sheldon 4 knows how to drink, the Shot. With eight different reviewers and a bottomless bar of booze, it was only appropriate to review the four favorites of the residents: the "Tittie Goth" shot, the "Fire-Crotched Cop" shot, the "Rolex Regatta" shot, and the "Sheldon 4 Iced Tea" shot.

Kristin "Lubies" Luber '07 and Stephanie "Kitty Fan" Finn '07, were the fearless pursuers of the "Tittie Goth" shot, an equal three part combination of Jose Cuervo, Jagermeister and Red Bull. After successful consumption, Lubies commented, "we were hesitant to knock it back, but it's actually not as bad as I thought. It's good." Finn was surprised, "I took the Tittie Goth when I was sober and that doesn't happen very often." Both reviewers were impressed by achieving this seldom completed feat.

The next round, taken out of Annie "Midget" Mears '07's handmade pottery shot glasses: the "Fire-Crotched Cop" shot was reviewed by Mears herself and Jennifer "I Love Men in

Uniform" Hinson '07. The shot was made up of Irish Cream, Peppermint Schnapps and Whipped cream, prepared by the Magic Bullet, care of Brendan O'Keefe '07. "It smells like Officer Boulet. It smells like steel on

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my wrists," commented Hinson preparing to involve herself in what could lead to poor decisions and even illegal activities. "It doesn't taste as good as the Officer McKenna shot, and it would probably taste better from the back of a cop car," she fin-

ished. Mears commented, "The mint adds a nice kick, and the cream reminds me of my red-headed Irish lover, Boulet."

Moving towards a spring break-inspired addition to the shot collection, one enjoyed by a series of Puerto Rican sailors, the "Rolex Regatta"—a classy combination of Andre sparkling wine—and Cruzan pineapple and coconut flavored Rums was tested by guests Alison "The Voice of Reason" McArdle '07 and Sarah "Unprepared for the Morning After" Eilers '07. The only appropriate way to consume this shot is using a plastic hollow shark as the glass and a no-hands approach involving a mouth-to-mouth moment with the vessel. Snyder reassured our hesitant testers that "everything tastes better out of a shark." After violently tying Eilers hands behind her back, she commented, "it's hard to swallow, but it's really good." McArdle agreed, "You could taste the champagne," as she wiped the residual shark juice from her chin.

Finally, the Shot Girl herself, Lindsay "Shots" Snyder '07 and a brave, slightly less-experienced Laura "I Swear I'm 21" Keeler '07 took the plunge into the ocean of booze that is the "Sheldon 4 Iced Tea" shot. Inspired by our senior spring favorite drink, a potent combination of Southern Comfort, Jagermeister, Jose Cuervo, Absolut Peach and Rapsberri, Peppermint Schnapps, Mount Gay and Andre splashed with tonic was given to each girl, and greeted with an invitation to the "blackout train—choo choo!" One sip of this veritable treasure trove and Snyder was unable to open her eyes and Keeler had stopped respiration. Neither were capable to comment, nor remember any of the Saturday events that followed. Rumor has it that Snyder was found several hours later on the door stoop of the house. We would like to take this opportunity to send a missing persons report out for the location of Keeler, any information is vital to future communal shot experiences.

Bottom line: Sheldon 4 loves shots.

# Spotlight on the Arts: Hanna Pickwell '10

By KRIS MIRANDA  
STAFF WRITER

"And I'd risk some broken knuckles just to feel his features crack..." Singing these words with incongruous sweetness at the Sierra Leone benefit concert, Hanna Pickwell '10 officially had my attention (fun fact: she actually carried out said feature-cracking against a disloyal high school boyfriend, and was subsequently suspended for three days). Recognizable from last semester's "Slices of Life" short play festival and Powder & Wig's *The Foreigner*, the tentative anthropology major/Chinese minor from two and a half hours outside of Boston is also a founding member (with Ben Bernstein '10 and Sei Harris '10) of folk band The Headrights, in which she sings lead vocals and plays the banjo.

Pickwell, as talented an actress as a musician, told me in an interview that she does drama "more for the social reasons than for any artistic expression." But of her love for music, she related after some contemplation: "I like the way it can evoke emotions and ideas outside the realm of personal experience. I love that there are so many aspects artists can play with to portray a certain idea, from lyrics to melody to instrumentation to time signature and rhythm. You can do anything with music!"

Her introduction to it was (despite her prophetic, pun-begging surname) the piano, for which lessons were a tumultuous affair: "I would take them and quit them and take them and quit them, because it was easier for me to play by ear instead of reading music," she recalls. "I would always cheat, and have my teacher play the song for me and I would remember it and just practice it that way." This went on until the music got too difficult to learn by ear alone, at which point she gave up on lessons entirely. Pickwell went through this with many instruments as a child, eventually setting music aside.

Years later at thirteen, walking down the street "kind of bummed out, I noticed something flashing in

the corner of my eye," Pickwell wrote in an e-mail. "I walked over to the curb and found a CD, like someone had thrown it out of their car or something." A compilation simply labeled "ROCK," it was almost entirely "really terrible." The one song that jumped out for reasons she "couldn't quite put her finger on" was Radiohead's "Fake Plastic Trees." Inspired by lyrics of "a different breed," Pickwell taught herself guitar, "wrote some awful, angsty songs at the beginning of high school," then stopped writing but stuck with guitar and piano.

This past summer, a friend of hers bought a banjo; Pickwell promptly fell in love. The week before coming to Colby she bought one herself on eBay. Shortly after COOT she met Bernstein and Harris, with whom she'd become acquainted via Facebook. A "really gung-ho" Bernstein suggested starting a band, and the rest is history.

Apart from Radiohead, Pickwell's influences include Sufjan Stevens, Joanna Newsom, Neutral Milk Hotel and Liz Phair's "raunchy and wonderful" *Exile in Guyville*. "I gravitate towards artists that force me to rethink what makes music good and strike me as unique and just, I don't know, *surprising*." She rarely emulates anyone consciously when writing, though. "It just sort of comes naturally. Really, I still have no idea what I'm doing."

Of the process itself, she told me, "Usually I'll sit down and be playing whatever instrument."

Sometimes, when I'm really lucky, I'll stumble upon something



Hanna Pickwell holds her newest instrumental love

that I really like, a melody or chord progression or whatever." What's next may flow "organically"; other times Pickwell experiments at great length. "Once I have a form for the music and some preliminary melody for the vocal part, I write lyrics." Even when she thinks she's got something good, however, she's "often too insecure or lazy to follow through and finish the song." She credits her fellow Headrights with providing "just enough pressure that I get things done."

Despite having quickly established herself as a bona fide Artistic Presence on campus, Pickwell "didn't see Colby as a particularly artsy type of school" before attending. "Sometimes," she added in the interview, "I wish that the arts and music were given more of a priority here. I would love to see more people playing in bands, starting bands. If I can do it, a lot of people can."

She sells herself short, but whether single-handedly or by example, it's clear that Pickwell intends to help Colby's art scene to new heights. Between two plays, four concerts and counting, she's off to a good start.

## CD REVIEW: On Wilco's upcoming album, what you hear is what you get

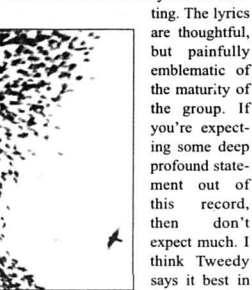
By JACK D'ISIDIRO  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Let's keep a secret. Through the vast elegant intricacies of what is the internet, Wilco's forthcoming album, *Sky Blue Sky*, made it onto my hard drive a good month before its intended release date. Wilco definitely saw this coming. Considering they made

the record available to the public through a stream on their website a few weeks back, it was only a matter of time before some technologically inclined fang-geek ripped it and released into the immeasurable chasm of file-sharing networks. Well then, I'm a thief, one who's got his hands on a pretty damn good album. I could only expect on a first listen to not be able to expect anything: all of Wilco's albums are peculiarly little whelps, no two having a similar sound.

Honestly, this album is going to disappoint you at first. Void of any of the compelling static feedback and antiquated melodies found on 2002's *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot* or aural psychedelics of 2004's *A Ghost Is Born*, this record dares to be humbly devoid of any pretentious indie-blogger intellect bunk. The only thing this album can offer is a good set of tunes with some heavy soul. The warm country-blues guitar derelicts and elegant Hammond tones sweetly under-

score lead singer Jeff Tweedy's guttural crooning wails, affirming the band's newborn consanguinity. The album relies mostly on Tweedy's lyrical domesticity and guitarist's Nels Cline's jazz influenced progressive guitar heroics, sounding like some seventies soft A.M. easy rockers. There are some quieter acoustic moments on the album, but they sound too tender for any real live setting. The lyrics are thoughtful, but painfully emblematic of the maturity of the group. If you're expecting some deep profound statement out of this record, then don't expect much. I think Tweedy says it best in the albums last song, "What Light," "And if the whole world's



Wilco  
Sky Blue Sky  
Nonesuch

singing your songs/And all of your paintings have been hung/Just remember what was yours is everyone's from now on/And that's not wrong or right". People will always take some meaning from whatever

music he's made, giving it some unique importance to that individual. However, Wilco seems to play it safe, conversely staying within the sonic limits they set with previous albums. Even so, people will still look for their truth in the album's statement. The statement being, there's no need for a statement. Take everything away and all you've got is the music.

What Wilco's done is made some plain good tunes. If you need to look

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## Champagne on the Steps



**THE RAMBLIN' MAN**  
By AJ HERRMANN

Just kidding. There's been way too much written about this already. I only put the title on so my articles would get more hits on the Colby Echo website because all the most popular articles are either about the administration cracking down on drinking or academic success. Besides, it's hard to think about spring and the end of classes when it's mid-April and there's still snow on the ground. So here are some random thoughts on the current state of the sports world.

Baseball: Felix Rodriguez: the best player in the history of baseball (but seriously, he looks nasty). A-Rod: back with a vengeance, which is nice considered I sold my soul and actually drafted him to my fantasy team: for the first time this year. Oakland's Marco Scutaro: the new David Ortiz after hitting a three run bomb of Mariano Rivera with 2 outs in the bottom of the ninth and the A's down 4-2. Your current NL home run champ: Jimmy Rollins, a man who never hit more than 14 home runs in a season before last year's whopping total 25. This is why they play 162 games.

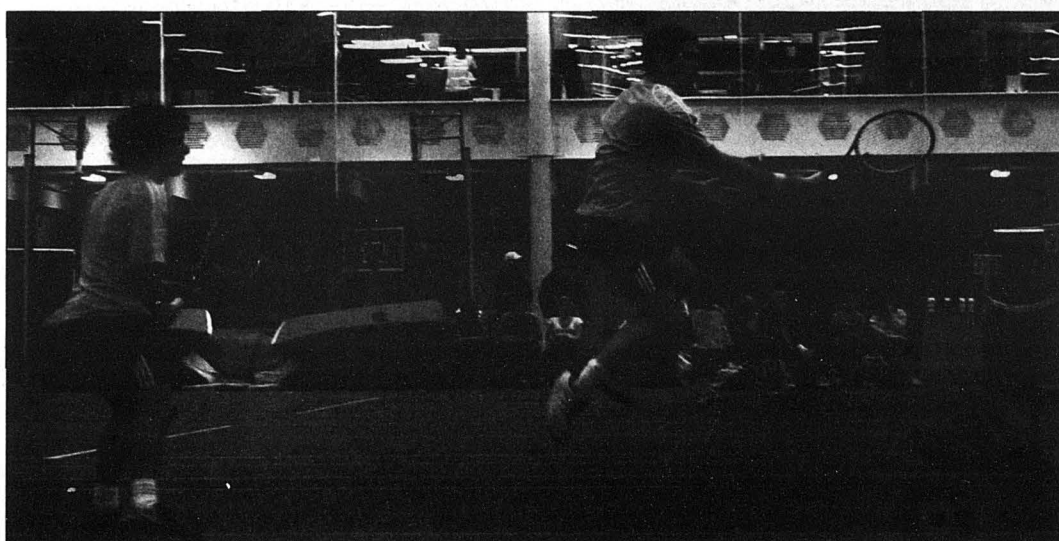
NFL Draft: Half of the players are going to be busts, there'll be a few guys drafted in the later rounds who turn out to be stars (see Marques Colston, seventh round out of Hofstra

last year), and there'll be way too much face time provided to Mel Kiper on SportsCenter until the weekend of April 28/29. Go watch baseball.

NBA: By the time you read this column the Warriors may have made the playoffs, which would mark the first time this team has made the post-season since 1994, the longest such drought in the NBA. Admittedly, an eighth seed is nothing to get too excited about, but if they do make it the Warriors will match up against Dallas: a team Golden State has beaten five straight times dating back to last season. There is precedent for an eight-one upset in the NBA playoffs: in 1994 the Denver Nuggets defeated the Sean Kemp-led Seattle Supersonics.

Champions League: After Manchester United absolutely decimated Roma in a 7-1 laughter (the equivalent of this game in baseball would be a 30-2 blowout) the semifinals are set: Chelsea vs. Liverpool, Manchester vs. AC Milan. Three English teams making the final four will be sure to enrage continental soccer fans calling for reforms to restore competitive balance, but the high level of play should ensure for world class football when matches resume on April 24 and April 25. My picks: Liverpool over Chelsea, Manchester over Milan, Liverpool over Man U in the finals.

NHL: In order for me to actually write about something it needs to be on television, which the NHL playoffs aren't unless you are Canadian, get Versus, or live in the local network of one of the playoff teams (which we in Maine most assuredly do not). Check back in a month when the games have actually progressed and we get a better idea of the contenders.



Captain Tom Gildersleeve '07 and doubles partner Nick Rosen-Wachs '09 beat their Amherst competition, along with both other Mules doubles teams. Despite these efforts Colby was unable to secure the overall match victory against the Lord Jeffs' 15th ranked team.

## Women's tennis still searching for first win

By DYLAN PERRY  
STAFF WRITER

In a tough week of matches last week the Colby tennis team lost thrice: the women twice and the men once. This past Wednesday the women lost 8-1 to Bowdoin College and they also suffered a loss over the weekend against Amherst College, both at home. The men's match against Bowdoin was postponed and was made up after press time this week. They also fell to Amherst, 5-4, in a long, hard fought match that could have easily gone to either team.

The 6-4 (3-2 New England Small

College Athletic Conference) men, currently ranked 27th, beat the 15th ranked Amherst squad in all three of their doubles matches to begin the competition, taking place at Colby last Saturday. Senior Captain Tom Gildersleeve told the *Echo*, "All three

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Henry Sears '08  
Player

doubles matches were really close and they all could have gone either way, and I am really impressed with how our guys stepped it up in the clutch." Co-Captain Zach Schuman '08 also commented, stating, "Going into singles, we knew we were up against a very strong team, strong throughout their line up." This statement proved to be true as Amherst was able to outplay Colby in singles, except at the second singles position. Schuman won the match 7-6 (7); 6-3 to give the Mules four points out of nine total, just one shy of the win they desperately chased this past

weekend. The final match to decide the winner of the contest came down to Colby's Nick Rosen-Wachs '09 and Amherst's Tai Avrahami at sixth singles. Commenting on the match, Gildersleeve said, "There was so much pressure and I honestly wouldn't have

wanted any other player in that situation. Nick is so tough and determined and it was so clear how much he wanted that match." Tai won the first set 6-3, and the second 7-5 to secure the win for Amherst.

Although the match was lost, the Mules look at it as a good show of character and composure in a match against a higher ranked team. "I think this match proves that we are capable of beating many top 20 teams and hopefully by the end of the season, our final ranking will show this," Schuman said following the match. The team will hopefully benefit from

the return of star sophomore player Bryan Brown soon, who has been unable to compete in the past few weeks.

Also last week, the Colby women's tennis team had matches against Amherst and Bowdoin. Wednesday against Bowdoin the women struggled to play their game, falling to the Polar Bears 8-1. Captains Allison Dunn '07 and Tracy Nale '07 won at first doubles. The women will continue their search for a spring win tomorrow when they travel with the men to Hamilton College. They will also play next week at Bates College on Tuesday.

After their match at Hamilton tomorrow, the men will return to Colby to play home against Bates on Wednesday, hopefully on the outdoor courts. The men are confident in the rest of their season with most of the best NESCAC competitors in the rear view mirror. Sophomore Henry Sears told the *Echo* that although their past game against Amherst was "hotly contested...we can still win our remaining matches and move on to NESCAC and regional play."

## Early crew season disappoints

By WALTER CAMPBELL  
STAFF WRITER

In a disappointing weekend, none of the men's or women's boats were able to triumph over Coast Guard's strong crews when they traveled to Lowell, Massachusetts on Apr. 14.

Both teams ended up placing second to the Coast Guard boats. The Colby women's first boat is ranked fifth in the nation behind Coast Guard, which is ranked fourth in the nation. Their closeness in national ranking showed when Coast Guard struggled to win by a margin of just over five seconds. The men came even closer, losing by less than two seconds. The second women's boat lost as well, with a nine second difference. Co-Captain Austin Phillips '07 said Coast Guard has "a fast team this year. But nothing has made us lose faith in the work we have done so far and continue to accomplish; we're a focused and fit team."

This weekend is a big one for Colby crew. On Saturday they drive down to Worcester, Massachusetts to race the College of the Holy Cross, Ithaca College, Tufts University and Connecticut College, and then on Sunday they drive back up to Lewiston, Maine to face Bates College and Bowdoin College in the annual CBB regatta.

## SOFTBALL: Team suffers as injury takes out catcher and changes starting roster

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sixth innings. Junior Alyssa Crowell pitched a little over five innings and Toomey finished the game. The Mules had trouble offensively having only five hits and leaving seven runners on base. Defensively, the team also struggled having four errors, which resulted in five of the nine runs.

The second game played at 12:00 p.m. produced the same outcome with a loss for the Mules 9-0. Junior Randi Arsenault pitched four innings and Toomey again closed. Miki Starr led the team offensively hitting two for two. Defensively the team improved from the last game, making important plays to reduce the number of unearned runs.

**While we struggled offensively to keep up with Trinity, we were strong defensively...**

Miki Starr '07  
Captain

"While we struggled offensively to keep up with Trinity, we were strong defensively, with great plays by Mollie Puskas '08 and Christine Gillespie '10," Miki Starr said.

The Mules picked it up offensively for the 2:00 p.m. game but left the field with a 13-2 defeat. The teams started out strong scoring their two runs in the first inning. The Mules had five hits, which included a pair of doubles from M. Starr and sophomore Carlie Minichino. Junior Amanda Roehn pitched the first and part of the second inning and first year Brittany Tasi closed. The Mules finished the weekend with an overall record of eight

wins and five losses. If weather and field conditions permit, the Mules will take the field at home today at 4:30 p.m. against Bates and will continue the weekend with a double header tomorrow at Bates.

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## Mixed results for women's lacrosse leaves record at 6-4

By MOLLY BIDDISCOMBE  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules women's lacrosse lost to Wesleyan University on Saturday, April 14, for the first time in six years with a score of 12-7. Colby traveled down to Connecticut as the potential underdog as their 19th national ranking loomed six places below the Cardinal's 13th spot. Prior to last weekend's play, Colby boasted a 8-2 overall record against the Cardinals in all New England Small College Athletic Conference round robin play. The Mules opened Saturday's game with a 4-3 lead, but the Cardinals quickly turned the tables and captured the lead, with the game standing at 7-4 at halftime. Despite valiant efforts by the Mules the margin never

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dropped below four goals as Wesleyan held Colby at bay during the second half. Cardinal Sophia Kim '08 scored four goals against Colby, three of which were netted in the span of 4:08 to trigger a six-goal Wesleyan run.

On the Mule side, Lauren Barrett '08 scored three goals for the Mules as her teammate Kate Sheridan '09 added two goals and one assist. Captain Allie Libby '07 and Cary Finnegan '09 both netted one goal each. Colby now stands at a 2-4 record against NESCAC teams.

Despite a disappointing loss, the Mules sang a different tune the very next day at Wheaton College. Rebounding off of Saturday's loss, Colby dominated Wheaton on Sunday by a score of 18-3. Anxious for a victory, the Mules exploded out of the starting gates and score eight consecutive unanswered goals in the first half. Wheaton was only able to squeak one goal by Colby's defense during the first half-the Mules lead 11-1 at halftime. A handful of teammates contributed to this sound win; Courtney Drake '07 netted four goals and added two assists. Libby boasted two goals and five assists, while Sheridan scored three goals and three assists. Captain Libby Cox '07, Becky Julian '09, Lauren Strazzula '09 all added two goals while Lauren Barrett '08, Heather Nickerson '09 and Finnegan had one apiece.

Goaltender Catharine O'Brien '07 played a dominant first half with four saves and one goal against. First-year goalie Keryn Meierdiercks saw some time in the second half, as she went 2 for 4. The game was stopped early due to treacherous weather conditions. The Mules overall record now stands at 6-4.



The Mules dominated Wheaton this weekend but lost to Wesleyan.

## Baseball record drops to 2-13

By JOHN WALLER  
STAFF WRITER

The baseball team knew what they were up against going into the weekend: three road games in two days against a perennial contender for not just the conference championship but the national championship. The Trinity College baseball program has appeared in two of the last five Division III College World Series and at 21-3 this season, they are ranked first in New England.

The Mules were unable to take a game from the Bantams but managed to stay in all three ballgames until the late innings.

"We just couldn't put enough good innings together," first-year outfielder Kenneth Kaufman said. "We played them tough and stuck right with them through the first three to four innings in all three games, but their bats heated up in the late innings and the scores don't really reflect how close the games were."

Colby got on the board first in each game of Saturday's double-header thanks in a large part to Tom Salemy '07, who had five hits on the day.

"Despite the team's struggles, Salemy and Andy Carr have been having strong senior seasons at the plate," Kaufman said. "When it gets around to their place in the order, we know we

We know we have to play better. But we also know the season's not over and we have a lot of NESCAC teams left to play.

Kenneth Kaufman '10  
Outfielder

can expect some runs."

In the first half of the double-header, the Mules put two runs on the board in the second to take a 2-0 lead and were still tied going into the fifth before Trinity knocked in five runs in

the fifth and two more in the sixth for the 9-2 win. John Murphy '09 had two hits in the game for the Mules including a home run in the second.

In the second half, Colby was up 2-0 again in the second before Trinity piled on the runs in the late innings for an 18-5 victory. In addition to Salemy's three hits in the ballgame, Colby got help from first-years John LaMantia and Ryan Conlon at the plate with two hits apiece.

In Friday's game, the Mules found themselves in a two run deficit in the fourth before the Bantams took a 12-1 win. Salemy had two hits in this game as well, putting him up to seven on the weekend, and LaMantia, Conlon and Murphy all had hits as well.

The tough weekend puts Colby at 2-13 overall and 0-5 in New England Small College Athletic Conference play, but the Mules, who have yet to play a home game, still have time to turn things around.

"We know we have to play better," Kaufman said. "But we also know the season's not over and we have a lot of NESCAC teams left to play, it's just a matter of stringing together some of our better innings and coming away with some W's in the coming weeks."

## The biggest loss but not the biggest losers



HATS FOR BATS  
By STEVE SANDAK

As I tried to think of what I should talk about this week, I had a hard time. Should I talk about the hypocrisy of Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson insofar that they assumed guilt on the Duke lacrosse players one year ago and now that they have been exonerated of all charges those two "activists" are nowhere to be found? Or should I discuss the idiotic comments that Don Imus made about the Rutgers women's basketball team? Even though they were offensive and inappropriate, there are a lot of other people who are a part of the racist lens, including some of the American media. Perhaps Imus' bigotry merely shed a small beam of light on this problem. Instead, I'm gonna talk about baseball, and one game in particular.

On April 7, 2007 Bridgewater St. played Newbury College in baseball. Bridgewater is a perennial power in Division III baseball and Newbury was playing in its third-ever varsity baseball competition. The final score was Bridgewater St. 57 and Newbury College 1. I have lost many baseball games in my career. I have lost by a lot of runs. There have been games that teams I have been on have lost by three touchdowns. Those games were long, disheartening, and at some point probably made those players question what they are doing.

Some people have compared this to other instances of one team being absolutely annihilated by another team. Every year there is the debate of how badly the Florida State football team must beat South Central Mississippi Technical A&M University to prove that they are going to be a viable national contender. There was a basketball game last year where a team scored 200 points while the other team barely scored a quarter of those points. While these scores are brutal and the games painful to watch and be a part of, they are nothing com-

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pared to what those players on the Newbury College team felt. Imagine standing in the desert, and all you want is a glass of water to quench your thirst. You are standing there and there is a glass of disgusting sandy and probably bacteria saturated water in a glass with broken edges on the table that won't taste good but it will make your life a lot better than where you are. All you want is that putrid liquid, but you can't even have that.

There is no clock in baseball. Time can't run out, you need to figure it out on your own. Give up or

don't. These guys couldn't even lose, they had to undergo a strugglefest of sorts (yes I did just make up that word because it seemed worse than tortured). I understand baseball is only a game, but these guys must have been humiliated. As much as "it is only a game" (the go-to line for every mother after her child has lost and is taking it badly), sometimes it is hard to accept that. So much time and effort are put into the preparation for a competition that the embarrassment that comes with a loss like that could feel unbearable. And as corny as it may sound, these guys didn't give up and they should be respected for that. I can say this because I have had my own shortcomings as an athlete, but I am sure that these guys suck. They might have some potential but there is little doubt in my mind that they are not good baseball players no matter how stacked Bridgewater St.'s team is this year. However, they got balls. I wish there was a more articulate or genial way of putting it, but that is how I look at them. They have a combination of heart and guts that got them through that game. Keep your head up Newbury, there are worse things in the world than sucking, like giving up or not even trying at all, and you guys did neither of those.

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## Devastator of the Week



Kate Sheridan '09

Women's lacrosse midfielder Sheridan is coming strong out of her rookie season, when she was named NESCAC Rookie of the Year and give Second Team All-American honors. She was named NESCAC Women's Lacrosse Co-Player of the Week for the week ending April 15. Sheridan had nine goals, five assists, 15 draw controls, ten ground balls and nine caused turnovers last week. She leads the Mules in draw controls with 38, and is tied for first on the team in total goals (23) and ground balls (29). With 91 career points so far, it is likely that Sheridan will reach the 100 point mark this season as only a sophomore.

## OSBORNE: Hockey captain receives award

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had in his captaincy."

Osborne was one of 18 semifinalists considered for the award. He was up against the likes of Kyle McCullough of the University of Massachusetts at Boston, who led his team to its second consecutive ECAC Northeast title and helped the team to the top seed in the East for the NCAA tournament. Along with Osborne and McCullough, three other finalists vied for the honor, but the committee ultimately selected Colby's first athlete to earn this honor.

Osborne commented, "Receiving this award is truly an honor. Looking at the guys that have won it in the past and the other players that were nominees for this award, it is an honor simply to be mentioned with them. It is something that I am proud to bring to the Colby hockey family."

Although Osborne does not plan on continuing his hockey career after he graduates this May, he does hope to remain active in the sport

through coaching. He said, "I think that I will always have something to do with hockey throughout the rest of my life."

Tortorella noted that, "For Greg to win that award stands out to the outside world that this is more than just being a hockey player. For Colby to stand before any of the other schools certainly gives Colby a great opportunity to be recognized. Colby's very lucky to have Greg representing the school with the level of class that he does."

Osborne is grateful for the opportunities he has had playing for the Mules. "Looking back on my career here at Colby, I

have nothing but great memories. Being able to be a part of this program has been an amazing experience. I have been fortunate enough to be able to play with some amazing players and people. I just want to thank all my teammates and the rest of the Colby hockey fans for their support throughout my four years."

Greg Osborne '07  
Hockey Captain



Osborne was one of 18 semi-finalists up for the Joe Concannon Award.

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#16 Osborne had 21 goals and 20 assists for 41 total points this season.

## Osborne honored as best NE Division III player

By ALEXA LINDAUER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Men's hockey captain and recipient of the New England Small College Athletic Conference Player of the Year award Greg Osborne '07 was honored again last Wednesday when he received the Joe Concannon Award from the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston. The honor is given to New England's best American-born Division II or III hockey player. Men's hockey Coach Jim Tortorella is confident that Osborne was deserving of this honor. He said, "Greg was one of the best players in New England and one of the best players in the country."

Osborne led his team to a 14-9-2 season which culminated in a third place finish at the NESCAC champi-

onship tournament, where the Mules fell by one goal to eventual title winner Middlebury College. Osborne topped the conference in points, with 21 goals and 20 assists for a total of 41 season points. He was named an All-American and to the 2007 New England Hockey Writers ECAC East/NESCAC All-Star Team for his impressive season. He was also first in scoring and in power play goals. In his career, Osborne had 48 goals and 57 assists for 105 points. However, Tortorella noted that Osborne earned the honor not just because of his impressive season statistics, but because of his leadership and other qualities. He said, "Greg's deserving the award came down to his ability to be one of the best people Colby has

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## Injury slows team as softball falls to Trinity

By KENDALL KIRBY  
STAFF WRITER

The Colby women's softball team struggled this week, first losing a senior catcher to a career-ending injury and then losing three conference games to Trinity College.

Essie Widlanski, a senior captain and starting catcher, sprained her foot last Wednesday. She is currently undergoing physical therapy. It is hoped that she will be able to return before the season is over but there is no certainty at this time. Widlanski has been a big part of the team and the Mules will have to fill the hole that will be left; however, sophomore Tory Starr stepped up this weekend and moved from her usual first-base position to fill in.

"I could not be more proud of Tory stepping up and catching all three games against Trinity," senior Captain Lindsay Toomey said. "Essie has some large shoes to fill, but Tory did an amazing job. It's never easy for

**Our triple-header at Trinity was our first opportunity to get outside and play softball since Florida. It took us some time to get rid of the rust and to get used to playing softball again.**

Miki Starr '07  
Captain

someone to have to switch positions mid-season, but Tory jumped behind the plate without any hesitation and really showed what a true team player she is."

The team lost all three-conference games to Trinity College in Connecticut with scores of 9-0, 9-0, and 13-2. This was the first game the team had played since March 30th due to weather. These games were originally scheduled as home games, but the weather on Thursday and Friday prevented the games to be played in Maine.

"Our triple-header at Trinity was our first opportunity to get outside and play softball since Florida," senior Captain Miki Starr said. "It took us some time to get rid of the rust and to get used to playing softball again."

The triple-header began at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 15th, in Hartford, Connecticut. The Bantams scored runs in the first, fourth, and

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## Men's lacrosse falls to Cardinals

By DAVID METCALF  
STAFF WRITER

Colby men's lacrosse, with two wins and five losses so far this season, suffered a heart-breaking 8-7 loss this past weekend to the visiting Wesleyan University Cardinals, who are 11-1 thus far this season.

This is the second game of the season that Colby has lost by one goal.

The Cardinals dominated play for the entire first quarter, when they scored five of their 12 goals of the game and allowed just one shot into their own net. Before the half was over Colby proved that they were going to be tougher than that to bring down. Scoring four goals to Wesleyan's one, the Mules brought the Cardinals down to a 6-5 lead.

Colby needed to perform exceptionally well if they were going to have a chance of coming from behind to win over the fourth ranked Division III lacrosse team in the nation, and that they did, but it would not be good enough. Colby put two goals past Wesleyan goalie Charlie Congleton in the third period while Alex Farmer '09 and the Colby defense kept all Wesleyan shots out. At the end of the quarter, Colby was ahead 7-6, and would have to match Wesleyan shot-for-shot if they were to get the win they so desperately wanted.

One unanswered goal was followed by another in the fourth period as Wesleyan took back the lead for the win.

"As a team we are playing very

**Three NESCAC games over the course of five days could determine whether or not we find ourselves in the postseason.**

Ryan Connolly '07  
Captain

well right now, but we need to translate that into some wins," Captain

Ryan Connolly '07 said. With less than two weeks left in the regular season, there is no time to waste. "This week is absolutely crucial," he added. "Three NESCAC games over the course of five days could determine whether or not we find ourselves in the postseason." Colby needs to move up one spot to make the top eight in the NESCAC, from which point tournament play will determine how long their season will be.

Colby's game against Bowdoin College last Tuesday was postponed, but they played Bates College after press time in Lewiston on Thursday, April 19. This Saturday the team will travel for the last time in the regular season to play Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut, and will host the University of Southern Maine here at Colby on Tuesday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m. on Alford field.



Colby suffered a close loss to Wesleyan University last Saturday.

## Women's track able to continue undefeated season

By ALEXA LINDAUER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Women's track won their second consecutive meet last weekend, defeating the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bates College and Colby-Sawyer College at MIT. The women finished with 243 points, 14 points ahead of MIT, a decisive 82 points ahead of Bates and 211 points ahead of Colby-Sawyer. Captain Karen Prisyb '07 said, "There were several strong performances and personal bests this weekend."

Meanwhile, Colby's men's squad finished in a respectable third place with 91 points, edging out the University of Southern Maine by six points and Colby-Sawyer by 48 points but falling short of winner MIT's 262 points and Bates' 191.

On the women's side, five Mules took first place finishes to lead Colby to their victory. Prisyb noted that, "Anna King '08 had the race of her life: she ran a PR in the 3k steeplechase (10:48) and won the race. Cassie Knight '10 had a huge PR in the same race, running 11:25 and coming in third. Sharon Fuller '08 also had a huge PR in the same race, running 11:52."

Erin Beasley '09 won the 200 meter dash and placed second in the 100 meter dash, while team Captain Karen Prisyb '07 took first place in the 5,000 meter run. Anna King '08 continued

her domination of the 3,000 steeplechase. In jumps, first-year Bethany Bartley won the high jump while in throws Brianna Kondrat '09 won the discus and placed third in the shot put and hammer throw.

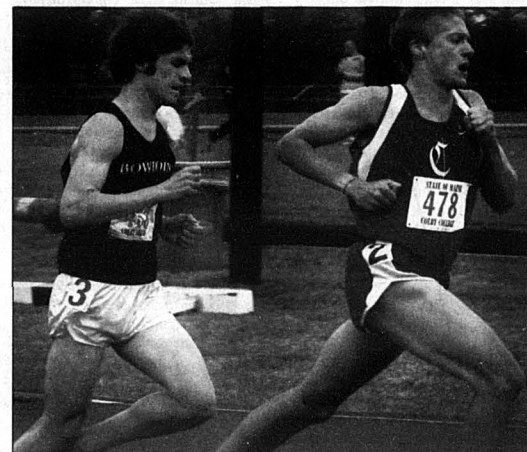
Senior Captains Anna Bruno, Kirsten Davis and Melissa Cianciolo

gave Colby seconds in the 200 dash, high jump and hammer throw, respectively, while Davis and Cianciolo also added thirds in the 400 hurdles and javelin.

On the men's side, Ian London '07 transitioned well from the indoor to the outdoor season with a first place finish in the 1,500. Jeff Alden '07 also brought home gold for the Mules with a first in the 3,000

steeplechase. Camden Bucsko '08 was third in the discus while Madison Gouzie '08 was third in the 400 hurdles and Chris DeRoo '09 was third in the 800 meters.

Next up for the women is Bowdoin College's Aloha Relays on Saturday. In the past, the competitors have been



Men's track had a number of impressive performances and finished third.

Bowdoin, Bates College, University of Southern Maine and Mount Holyoke College. Bowdoin and Colby have traditionally been close competitors, with the Polar Bears edging out the Mules for sixth place at last year's New England Small College Athletic

Conference championship by just half a point.

The men will compete at the Maine State Meet on Saturday, where they have several athletes earning Maine State Titles.

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BASEBALL  
@ Bates (2)  
SOFTBALL  
vs. St. Joseph's (2)  
12 p.m.  
MEN'S TRACK  
@ Maine State Meet  
MEN'S TRACK  
@ MIT and Bates  
MEN'S LACROSSE  
@ Connecticut College  
CREW  
@ Worcester, Mass.

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CREW  
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