

## Endowment valued at \$618 million

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Ask most college-bound high school seniors what the endowment of the college on the top of their list is, and they probably will not have a clue—but if asked where their dream-school sits on the *U.S. News and World Report* liberal arts college ranking list they may have a better idea.

This state of affairs incited significant opposition to the rankings, and in turn a letter was signed last spring by nineteen presidents of some of the most prestigious schools in the country, including Colby. The letter indicated that these schools would boycott the ranking system until a new scheme is developed. Consumer rankings of college programs, such as those put out by *BusinessWeek* and *U.S. News* are criticized for exerting undue influence on educational preferences. As President William D. Adams said, "Endowment size is the most important factor in the *U.S. News* rankings. In effect, the rankings measure institutional wealth."

Despite the accusation that consumer ranking provides prospective students with a narrow perspective, the fact remains that many aspects of our college experience are fundamentally linked to endowment size. A larger endowment gives the College more financial mobility, thereby upgrading every aspect of what the College has to offer, from variety of majors, to new uniforms for athletes, to lower coffee prices in Pulver Pavilion.

Colby's endowment grew nearly 300 percent between 1996 and 2007, from \$203 million to \$599 million, and today stands at approximately \$618 million, according to Director of the Investments Committee Doug Reinhardt. None of the endowment is managed in house, but rather is invested by approximately 500 different fund managers. The endowment portfolio is relatively well-distributed among investment classes, including domes-

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## No. Illinois shooting stuns the nation

Six killed at No. Illinois University, including gunman

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The nation braced itself on Feb. 14 upon reports of yet another university shooting, this time at Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, Ill. According to university president John Peters, Steven Kazmierczak, 27, entered an NIU ocean science class and opened fire, killing five students and injuring sixteen others before killing himself. Among the injured was a graduate student who was teaching the class.

Kazmierczak, dressed in black, came onto the scene from behind a curtain at the front of a large lecture hall called Cole Hall. The shooting started slightly before 3 p.m.; Kazmierczak used three different types of guns, including a shotgun, a Glock handgun and a small-caliber handgun. By 3:03 p.m., NIU police arrived on the scene; at 3:07 p.m., the campus was ordered into a lockdown.

An all-campus alert system was enacted by 3:20 p.m. through the University's website, e-mails, voice-mails,

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On Feb. 14 the nation was shocked by the news that a gunman at Northern Illinois University opened fire in a lecture hall, killing five and himself.



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### College looks at own emergency response in wake of national tragedy

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In the aftermath of the tragic shooting at Northern Illinois University in which 27-year-old Steve Kazmierczak took five lives and then his own in an erratic and inexplicable act of violence, it becomes pertinent for the campus community to take a look inward at its

own emergency response abilities (See article page left for coverage of the shooting). The plan currently in place at the College is a functional system that is reviewed by many layers of the administration on a regular basis. As of the past few months, some technological upgrades have been implemented which hope to improve the response system's effectiveness and efficiency.

As reported in the May 4, 2007 issue

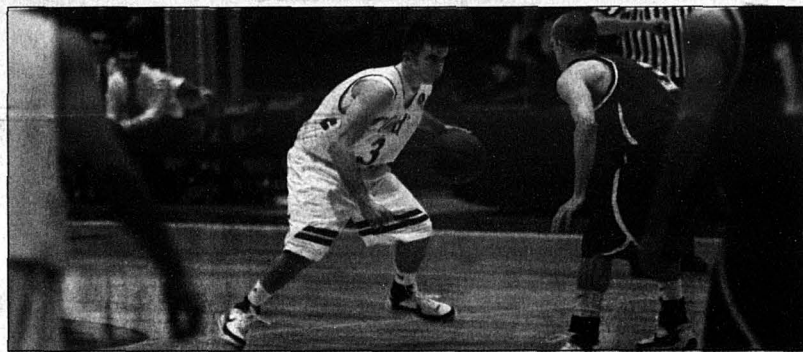
of the *Echo*, Director of Safety Bruce McDougal formalized the emergency response plan of the College in 1998. If an emergency situation were to present itself, a response team is immediately assembled—one comprised of representatives from the Presidents office, Health Center, Communications, Security, Dining Services, Physical Plant and the Dean of Students' office. The group can be convened in Eustis in less than five minutes if the emergency were to occur during the regular business hours of the College.

Furthermore, the College has the

technology to shut off access to buildings on campus—or go into "lock down mode." Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jim Terhune said, "They can push a button in campus security and lock down the outside doors on every building on campus." Waterville Police Department along with Maine State Police and the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department would also be immediately contacted and security officers on campus would defer to their authority in such a situation.

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## BASKETBALL BEATS UP BOBCATS



ROB KIEVIT/THE COLBY ECHO

Senior Captain Mark Gaudet and the Mules beat Bates College in stunning fashion Friday night, for more see page 14.

## Midd student missing

Vermont campus searches for lost first-year student

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Authorities in Middlebury, Vermont are still searching for Nicholas Garza, the 19-year-old first-year student at Middlebury College who was last seen two weeks ago.

Garza, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was last seen leaving a social gathering on campus on the night of Feb. 5, during the College's winter break, on his way back to residence hall, Allen. Media outlets reported that key card activity showed that Garza entered his residence hall and another residence hall late that night.

Garza told friends he planned to stay at Middlebury during the break to catch up on reading and relax; however, he has not been seen or heard from since that night.

The College said that Garza had not



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Nicholas Garza '11

sent any e-mails since that night, and media outlets reported that his family said neither his cell phone nor bank accounts had been used during that time.

According to *The Middlebury Campus*, concerned friends of Garza reported to College officials that they could not locate him the following morning. An investigation into his whereabouts conducted by the Department of Security concluded that he had

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## Roberts Row renovations to commence

Construction to begin after spring recess

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A large-scale renovation of all Roberts Row residence halls is set to begin over Spring Break, with Pierce and Perkins-Wilson (Pe-Wi) undergoing the first series of modifications. The program, initiated in 1996, has made way for changes on a series of campus buildings: most recently, Johnson Residence Hall, Averill Residence Hall and Roberts Union Dining Hall.

These renovations, organized by a planning committee which includes Senior Associate Dean of Students Paul Johnston, Director of Physical Plant Department Patricia Murphy, Associate Director of Physical Plant Gordon Cheesman, as well as students at the College, represents just one step in an extensive residence hall renovation program.

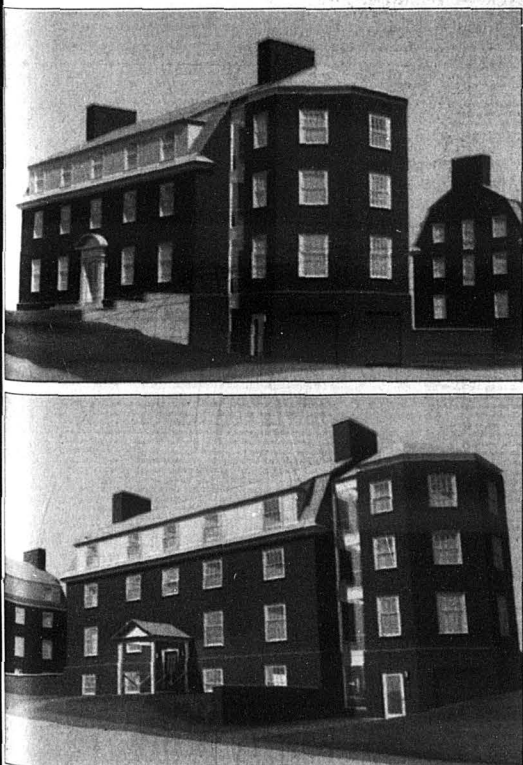
Any student who has ever either lived in or entered a residence hall on Roberts Row knows how unique a living experience it is. The buildings, converted to residence halls when the administration disbanded fraternities in 1984, are all known for their small rooms, slanted ceilings, narrow hallways, balconies, fire escapes and paper thin walls. But it is those characteristics that, as many Row residents will lovingly tell you, create a sense of community unknown to students living in other, less closely-knit residence halls like Anthony-Mitchell-Schupf and the

Heights. The committee, in arranging these renovations, seeks to both improve and preserve this quality of living in Roberts Row residence halls.

Construction, overseen by PPD and carried out by the contractor H.P. Cummings, will begin over spring recess. During that time, when the students are away from campus, most of the initial "noisy work" (like the ripping down of porches and the digging of elevator pits) will take place. Once students have returned from break in April, construction will move outside, with tasks like the laying of concrete taking place. Finally, once students leave campus for the summer, work will begin on the residence halls themselves. One of the most major renovations set to take place in both Pe-Wi and Pierce is the removal of any student rooms from the basement. Though the "Frat Row Basement" has long been considered one of the more desirable on-campus living situations, the planning committee feels confident that the basement space will be better suited for storage, laundry machines and a kitchen area. This concentration of all student support spaces in the basement will clear up more room in the upper floors for bigger and more accommodating student rooms. For instance, the lounge spaces on each first floor will be converted into five-person rooms and bathrooms will be installed on every floor.

Some other major changes involve

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COURTESY OF PHYSICAL PLANT

Renovations of Perkins-Wilson (top) and Pierce (bottom) will begin in March.

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# Racial bias incident resolved

By BEN HERBST  
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Two weeks after a racial bias incident was reported to Security and the Dean of Students Office, the two persons responsible for the act were identified; one student has been suspended for an undisclosed amount of time and is no longer on campus.

On Friday, Feb. 1 students in Mary Low and Coburn residence halls discovered racial slurs written on "virtually every door message board" in the three stories of those connected buildings, according to Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jim Terhune. The incident took place during the first night of JanPlan break when there were few students on campus.

Comments written on the doors included "blackass" and "pedafile." In two instances, the word "nigger" was found. Terhune said that none of the residents of the rooms with comments was African American or of African descent.

Terhune did not know if alcohol was involved in the incident, but did say that the writing appeared to be done very quickly and was "by every indication completely random and indiscriminate." He described it as a "random act" and not a "targeted act."

Information from residents on campus that evening led to the identification of two individuals, one student at the College and a friend of that student from another college visiting that weekend. When confronted, the student admitted guilt.

"The Colby student has accepted responsibility for what happened there," Terhune said, adding that in instances where there is no dispute of facts, disciplinary action is handled by the Dean of Students office and no hearing is necessary. Terhune and Senior Associate Dean of Students Paul Johnston met with the student who has been suspended for a period of time. "The option to return to campus at some point is there [for the student]," Terhune said.

Terhune would not comment on specifics of the punishment or the identity of the student. No information was given on the gender or class year, however, Terhune did say that the student was not a resident of either building.

Without speaking specifically of this case, Terhune said that the College does not require students suspended to seek counseling or attend classes, as that tends to be counterproductive. However, it is common for the College to ask students to do something that speaks directly to the incident in question.

The guest of the student will be prohibited from returning to campus when Terhune issues a trespass notice to Security this week. "I have communicated with the Dean of Students at that person's college," Terhune said, adding that the likelihood of that student returning was further diminished by the fact that he or she attends school "nowhere close by" Waterville.

While disappointed in the conduct of the guilty party, Terhune said that incident was "a testimony to people in Mary Low and Coburn" who came forward with information that led to the identification of the perpetrator.

# Response protocol in place

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In the event of an emergency of a similar magnitude to the tragic events at Northern Illinois, the campus would be made aware of such a danger immediately through the use of a newly installed horn system, located in the water tower on top of the Alford Senior Apartment Complex. The alarm will sound only in the event of an imminent threat to campus security, such as an armed intruder or a medical emergency that justifies an immediate response by the campus community.

As explained by Terhune, "This is the extreme emergency alarm.... It would be used in any circumstance where we want to lock down the entire campus." Terhune also noted that the system has a PA function, and can be used to disseminate brief instructions or information.

Terhune said that the alarm itself came from a town on the coast of Maine that was home to a nuclear power plant, and was originally designed for use in the case of a nuclear spill or other crisis. The horn system is set to be tested at some point later this spring—and will likely include a safety drill such that students can learn to understand the appropriate response its signal.

Another recent addition which is not yet functional but will be in the near future is the College's partnership with Connect-ED—a service provider for schools that provides communication tools in dire situations. Through Connect-ED, the College will have a set of community outreach tools, including emergency communication and notifications through voicemails, text messages and e-mails. This system is currently non-operational but Information Technology Services will be contacting students soon to determine contact information and organize other lists to get the service up and running.

Additionally, ITS has recently finished a web page that can be used to immediately replace the College's homepage in a crisis situation. Thus in the future, if an emergency situation were to present itself, students—upon hearing the alarm sound and taking shelter in a building or dormitory—should consult the College's homepage or their personal e-mail accounts for more detailed information and instructions.

While tragic events like what occurred on Feb. 14 at Northern Illinois University remind us of the importance of emergency response systems for times of crisis, the Terhune and members of Campus Security both reiterated the need for vigilance in student daily life on campus above all else. Students should always walk with a friend, especially after dark, and if necessary, call for a Security escort available on campus 24 hours a day. Students who notice any suspicious persons or behavior should call campus security at ext. 5530 or 5911.

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Jim Terhune  
Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

# Assault suspect caught

Oakes pleads guilty to December assault; now in jail

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Though the event went largely unnoticed by a campus community readying to depart for winter break, the suspect wanted in the Dec. 6, 2007 assault that occurred near the entrance to the Perkins Arboretum was caught by Waterville Police two days later; he has since been incarcerated.

The assault occurred around 8 a.m. when a woman walking her dog was approached by 27-year-old Benjamin F. Oakes—a man she recognized as having passed by before on the same trail. The woman acknowledged his presence, and set to attend to her dogs.



27-year-old Benjamin F. Oakes

When she turned her body away from him and bent over, he grabbed her from behind and pulled her toward him. The woman was able to break free from his grasp and ran away, flagging down a motorist who was passing by on Mayflower Hill Drive.

Oakes has no affiliation or relationship with the College.

The attack was characterized as sexual in nature and was immediately deemed by both the College and local authorities as an unwanted advance. Later in police custody, Oakes told officers that he thought his advances would be welcomed.

Deputy Police Chief Charles Rumsey told the *Morning Sentinel* that Oakes was apprehended on Dec. 6, 2007 and charged with assault, failure to appear on a Class C felony assault and violations of conditions of release. Oakes was also wanted on an outstanding warrant for an assault in which he attacked his sister, breaking several of her cheekbones and injuring her nose. Once in custody, Oakes confessed and pled guilty to the charges.

Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jim Terhune confirmed Monday that he is currently serving time in Kennebec County Jail for both crimes.

The arrest brings to an end the investigation pending in the third of three assaults that occurred on campus from October through December. Both officials from WVPD and campus security officers have deemed the three incidents to be unrelated. The two other assaults, reported on Oct. 12 and Nov. 10, remain unsolved.

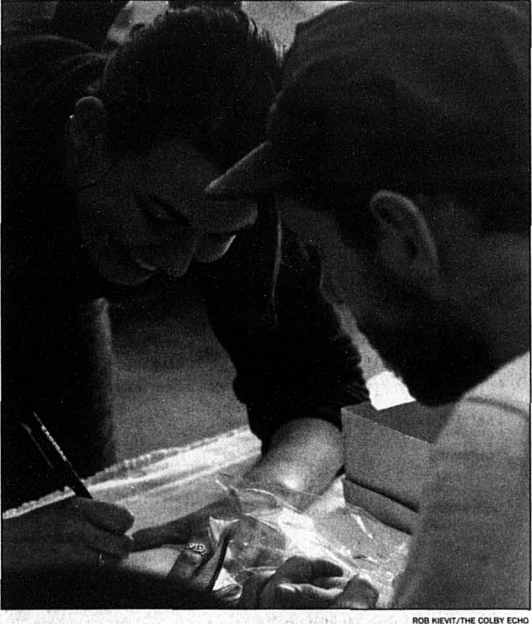
# Senior Pledge ahead of pace

Pledge coordinators content with results thus far

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With over 40 percent of this year's graduating class having already signed on the dotted line, Senior Pledge '08 is headed toward having higher participation in the Colby Fund than any previous pledge has generated. Last Thursday's "Extreme Cap and Gown Measurements" event brought in 100 pledges in just one day.

Senior Pledge student coordinators Patrick Sanders and Palmer McAuliff are delighted by the results to date. "Honestly, we attribute the success of this year's pledge to a combination of this class's personality and their dedication to bringing about positive change," Sanders said.



A Senior at the Graduation Fair pledges her donation to the Colby fund.

# Renovations to preserve row integrity

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In addition to the smaller scale improvements on the simple quality and safety of living on Roberts Row, the renovations come at a time when on-campus housing poses an unprecedented challenge to the administration. Related to the housing crunch, one of the main reasons the planning committee has chosen to begin with Pe-Wi and Pierce (the total cost for renovating the two of them will be approximately \$4,700,000) is that, with each renovation, a Row residence hall will have the capacity to house 35 students. The only two residence halls in which the current living capacity is less than or equal to 35 are Pierce and Pe-Wi, so any renovation on them will actually increase the number of students allowed to live on-campus. Further renovation of Row residence halls will decrease that capacity, but the long-term goal of the Roberts Row renovations involves the ultimate conversion of Roberts itself into a residence hall, a conversion which would provide housing for 80 students. Given the changes standing in between the present housing situation and that conversion, though, it will not happen for at least another four to seven years. First, the four other Row residence halls must also be renovated. Second, the psychology department, currently located in Roberts, will need to move into the new science building (planned by Doug Terp, Vice

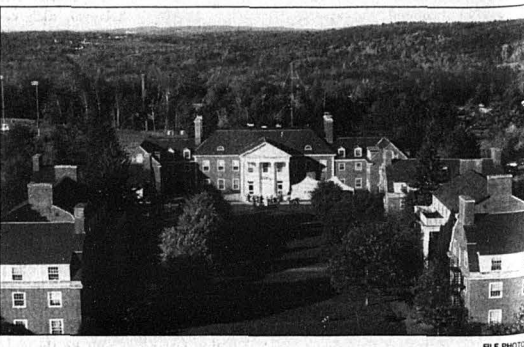
President for Administration and Treasurer, and Edward Yeterian, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty) slated to be built on the green between Olin and the Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center). Finally, Grossman, itself considered a satellite building, will be converted into the new center for Colby Security. Funding for all these building projects comes from money set aside by the College budget into the "Plant Fund." Before the Plant Fund can be tapped, though, the plans for these buildings must be approved by the board, a process which, according to an estimate by Administrative Vice President Doug Terp, might last until fall of 2010.

These renovations, beginning with the renovations on Pe-Wi and Pierce, are designed to improve the quality of Roberts Row living and the overall condition of on-campus housing. They will both preserve the historical importance of the old fraternity buildings (literally adhering to a set of building standards set forth by Maine historians) and will bring them up to par with other, more comfortable dorms like Averill and Johnson. Though these and other changes will not happen overnight, they represent a meticulous plan, carefully thought-out by the administration and PPD, to address current student concerns.

# Colby College Department of Security Incident Report Log

Nature:	Date:	Time:	Location:	Disposition:
Medical Response	2/16/08	12:46 a.m.	The Heights	Health Center
Drug Violation	2/16/08	12:54 a.m.	The Heights	Deans Office
Medical Response	2/16/08	1:26 a.m.	Piper Hall	Health Center
Alcohol Violation	2/16/08	1:37 a.m.	Health Center	Deans Office
Medical Response	2/16/08	3:11 a.m.	Health Center	Maine General
Safety Violation	2/16/08	9:20 p.m.	Alford Apartments	Deans Office
Alcohol Violation	2/16/08	11:29 p.m.	Taylor Hall	Deans Office
Failure to Comply	2/16/08	11:55 p.m.	Blue Light Pub	Deans Office
Alcohol Violation	2/17/08	12:03 a.m.	Blue Light Pub	Deans Office
Medical Response	2/17/08	12:03 a.m.	Williams Hall	Maine General
Vandalism	2/17/08	10:11 a.m.	The Heights	Deans Office

Comments:  
Alcohol.  
Smoking Marijuana.  
Alcohol.  
Drunk and Disorderly.  
Injury.  
Tampering with Life Safety Systems.  
Unregistered Party, Furnishing.  
Failure to Produce ID.  
False ID.  
Alcohol.  
Hole in wall.



Renovations on Roberts Row will continue through the fall of 2010.



# Search continues for missing student

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most likely traveled with a group of friends that was staying at a cabin in New Hampshire in an area that had no cell service.

"A friend had communicated with his Commons Residential Advisor (CRA) his concerns that he hadn't seen Nick over the course of the previous day and that CRA called Public Safety and passed that concern on," Dean of the College Tim Spears said at a press conference on Feb. 12 as reported in the *Campus*. "Public Safety went into Allen and checked his room. At that point, he encountered the friend who had passed the inquiry on, and through a series of exchanges there, the Public Safety officer came to understand that it was very likely that Nick had left campus with other students."

When those students returned, it became apparent that Garza had not been with them.

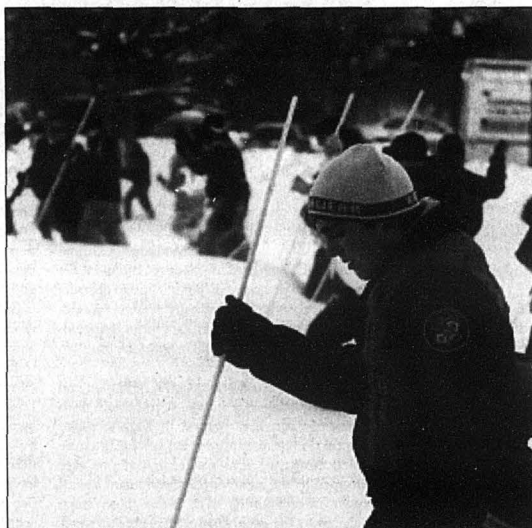
Garza's family became concerned when they did not hear from him for several days, prompting them to file a missing persons report with the Middlebury Police Department Feb. 10.

MPD and members of the Vermont State Police Search and Rescue Team, who are now leading the effort, searched the campus of the College for signs of Garza. According to the *Campus*, the search is no longer being termed as a rescue but as a recovery.

Since he was last seen over two feet of new snow has fallen and severe winter weather delayed the search for several days. Friends who last saw Garza said he was wearing tennis shoes, and investigators found his winter jacket in his room. According to *The Campus*, investigators and students who attended the gathering that Garza was last seen at are not commenting as to whether alcohol was involved. Middlebury Student Government Association President Max Nardini '08 said in an e-mail to the *Echo* that "comments made to the media by certain members of Nick's family indicated that they did not think alcohol was a factor."

Searchers are using poles to probe the deep snow on campus, and as of Monday, Feb. 18 the College was conducting a second search of every building and roof on campus, as well as sifting through snowbanks. Police dogs have also been used.

"The police and Middlebury pub-



COURTESY OF THE MIDDLEBURY CAMPUS

Severe weather has impeded the search for Middlebury first-year Garza.

lic safety are still hard at work trying to locate Nick. Search teams have completed a sweep of the campus and have found nothing. They have been continuing to go back over certain areas but, as of now, this has also yielded nothing. Simultaneously, the police continue to in-

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Max Nardini '08  
Middlebury SGA President

investigate the possibility that Nick is somewhere other than Middlebury," Nardini said.

Officials and family members hoped Garza would appear before classes resumed Feb. 11. When he did not, they alerted the campus

through e-mail of the situation. That day Garza's mother, Natalie, arrived to assist in the search effort.

"Nick was not going anywhere," Natalie Garza said at a press conference on Feb. 12 as reported in the *Campus*. "He knew he was going to spend the break there. He was kind of looking forward to the time of having the room alone and he had a lot of reading to do. So I had no indication that he had plans to leave anywhere and if he would have left, I would have received a text. He just would not have left without alerting us." Media reports also said that Natalie Garza said her son had no history of mental illness.

On campus, students held a vigil Feb. 19, and Nardini said students were helping out in the search by posting wanted posters in Vermont and elsewhere. He also has contacted student governments at other schools "to get Nick's face out there" in hope of having someone recognize him.

"I have to say that our community has really come together during this upsetting time. Whether one knows Nick or not, there is not a student, staff-member, or faculty-member I have come across who is not deeply distressed by his absence and is not praying for his quick return," Nardini said.

## Endowment spending deemed conservative

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tic equity (22 percent), international equity (14 percent), cash and fixed income (six percent), real estate, hard assets, hedge funds, venture capital and so on. "Within the portfolio, we actually have seventy-three different firms, representing eighty-eight products and one-hundred forty-two different vehicles. We are very focused on diversity, and have become pretty highly diversified over the past ten years," Reinhardt said.

According to Reinhardt, there are three ways to make the endowment grow: 1) money that comes in gifts, matured annuities, and transfers, 2) net return and 3) spending. In terms of spending, the College's formula is "fairly conservative," Reinhardt said. When asked how much of the endowment is used annually for college costs, Secretary of the Finance Committee and Administrative Vice President Doug Terp said, "For 2007-08, the endowment

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Investments Committee  
Director

spending formula was set at 4.5 percent of a five year moving average of the endowment value. The resulting contribution to the budget was \$18.9 million for the current year, or roughly 16 percent of the total budgeted revenue." The College has used the same formula since 1981 and has had a balanced budget every year since that time. This formula is classified as "rational" by Reinhardt. "It will not hurt

College's endowment is the "Reaching the World" campaign. Adams said, "Our endowment growth has been impressive. But we remain relatively under-endowed relative to our stiffest competition. Currently, the College has raised \$305 million in commitments toward our goal of \$375 million. So the campaign is going well, but this last piece will be the most challenging."

As Reinhardt pointed out, "the benefit with college endowments is that the timeline is infinite, even small gifts go a long way." Reinhardt commented on his enjoyment of working with alums who are consistently friendly and ready to get involved. Alumni participation in the Colby Fund comes in around 50 percent, which is among the highest rates of alumni participation for liberal arts colleges, not far behind Middlebury College at 59 percent.

"You'd always like to be a little bit bigger," Reinhardt said, "but you have to be realistic and continue to work with what you have while thinking long and hard about decisions for the future."

recommended for tenure and promotion; they approve some shifts in past practices, such as the creation of Dialogue Houses; they select the president of the college; and they advise on major initiatives such as the capital campaign." Although the trustees impact asset allocation, their primary sphere of influence rests with management of college affairs.

Currently, the focal point of every-one involved in the

# SGA looks ahead to spring

## President Cade outlines ideas for next semester

By SUZANNE MERKELSON  
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The Student Government Association (SGA) looks to build upon successes of last semester in planning for the spring, according to President Nicholas Cade '08. While there has only been one meeting thus far, the SGA plans to carry over much work from the previous semester.

Cade cited many accomplishments from the fall. Chief among them was "spark[ing] the connection between Colby and Waterville." Events such as fall's Hill 'n the Ville led to a series of connections between the College and the community, helping students organize many events for the spring, including Burst the Bubble. Students also now serve on an advisory board for Waterville Main Street.

Additionally, SGA helped establish a student escort service following last fall's campus assaults, responding quickly to much student demand. Cade also discussed the improving student relationship with Security. That relationship is "dramatically better" said Cade, due to the Student-Security advisory

group, casual informational sessions with officers and a recording device program. These have all led to drops in disrespectful interactions between students and officers by both sides. "Students' rights are being respected," said Cade.

SGA had to struggle with an inherited budget deficit, meaning that many plans had to be postponed while the

Cade looks to act on many campaign pledges he and Vice President Jeffrey Mullins '08 made last year, including a housing proposal to address the selection and quota systems to make them "as fair as possible." Additionally, SGA plans to address the way the Jitney works, creating a shuttle loop around the Waterville area. SGA also wants to capitalize on improvements in the Pulver Pavilion, including Spa menu logistics and the potential addition of a mule statue to the space, in order to add "more school pride."

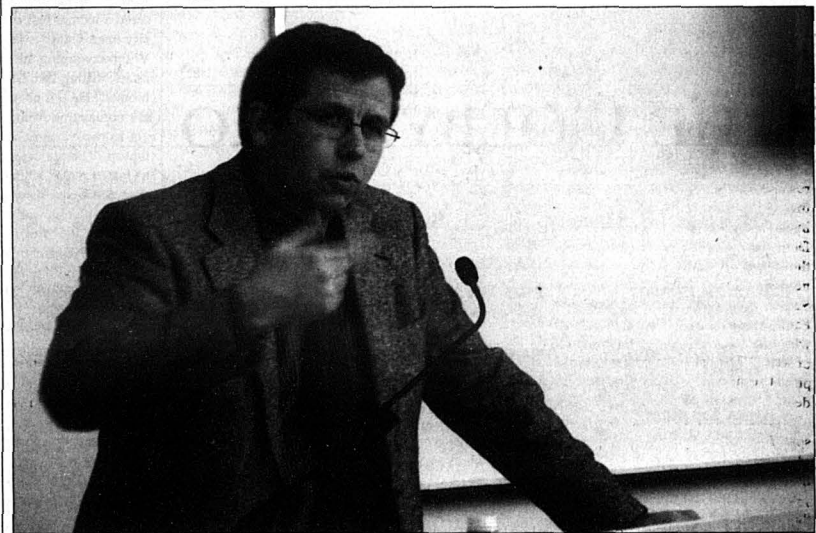
Four working groups have been established this semester to address various issues of campus life. These are Facilities, Fines, Food and SGA Promotion. Cade sees the last group as especially important in achieving the goals he has set forth during his tenure as president. "I want people to understand what SGA does and why it works," he said. "It can be a very powerful body, but will lose power if it is not promoted." He looks to increase the visibility of dorm presidents and plans to reassess their role on campus. "It's not just about writing a newsletter. We're looking to raise standards."

Cade said a number of new ideas were introduced at the last SGA meeting, ranging in scope. However, he plans to focus this semester on "insuring that SGA is more widely understood and utilized."

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Nicholas Cade '08  
SGA President

## KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE: ECONOMY



Professor Donihue spoke on the economy on Tuesday, Dec. 18; for full coverage see ColbyEcho.com.

# NIU shooter takes 5, then kills self

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campus crisis hotline, news media and other alarm systems. By the time authorities had reached the scene, Kazmierczak had already shot himself, still on the lecture hall's stage.

Kazmierczak had been a graduate student in the NIU master's program for sociology in 2007. He had recently transferred to the University of Illinois. According to girlfriend Jessica Baty,

Kazmierczak had planned to study law and had already registered to take the LSATs. She said that he had been regularly seeing a psychiatrist and had recently stopped taking anti-depressants, but showed no signs of potential violent tendencies. Authorities are still not able to determine a motive for the shooting.

Four of the victims were from the United States, while the fifth was a student from Mexico. According to CNN.com, Daniel Parmenter, 20,

worked selling advertisements for the campus newspaper; Catalina Garcia, 20, and Julianna Gehant, 32, both wanted to be teachers. Ryanne Mace, 19, and Gayle Dubowski, 20, were both sophomores, described by friends and family as "sweet."

The University community spent the days following the shooting mourning these losses. The Chicago Blackhawks wore NIU Huskies decals on their helmets during games this week to honor the victims of the shooting.

## SUMMER STUDY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

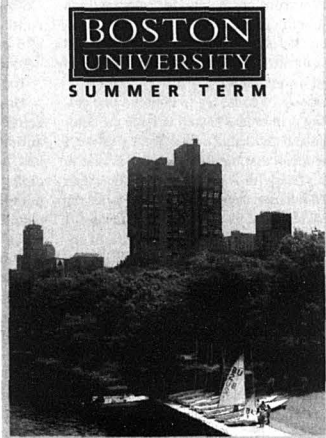
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# OPINIONS

EDITORIAL

## Safety concerns addressed

Over the past year, several events have caused students at colleges and universities across the country, as well as here on Mayflower Hill, to question how safe our surroundings are. Shootings at Virginia Tech last spring and Northern Illinois University more recently have brought unmeasurable tragedy and demonstrated that campuses are not immune to the horrors that plague the world. Right here in Waterville students were shocked this fall when unnamed assailants attacked female students in the heart of our campus in two separate incidents.

This fall, frustrated by what the *Echo* saw as an inadequate system of alerting students to possible danger on campus, we asked in our Nov. 14, 2007 editorial that the College reassess how we respond to threats to the safety of students on campus.

Since then, notably during the trustee meetings in January, the College responded.

Recently a bull-horn alert system was installed on the water tower near the senior apartments, only to be used in cases of emergency. Also, the College has instituted a voicemail and e-mail alert system that can get vital information to students quickly. In our editorial we asked that they use a text message alert system as well, and according to administrators they continue to research the effectiveness of such a system and will pursue it when it becomes a viable option. Finally, a new emergency website will replace the College's homepage with information and alerts during crises.

While some may say that such measures are unnecessary, we strongly believe that appropriate steps must be taken in order to ensure that news gets out in case of an emergency. In the hours following the assaults made on campus this fall, rumors and misconceptions circulated as authorities waited before releasing information. While intentions behind this move were ultimately good as they sought to avoid hysteria by assembling all the facts before distributing information, it is more important to make students aware of possible danger as soon as possible.

We firmly believe that the new measures instituted by the College will help make students aware when safety is at question. However, the College can only do so much to keep campus safe, to protect students.

These alert systems will make the campus more aware when an attack or other threat has taken place, however, students will only be able to make this campus safer by practicing personal safety. Sadly, we live in a society where individuals must be aware and able to protect themselves at all times. In practice this means not walking alone late at night in Waterville or on campus, as well as not running alone on the three-mile loop. We must continue to report suspicious persons or activity on campus. Furthermore, it is important we look out for each other, acting in the best interests for ourselves, classmates and other members of the campus community.

## The prevention of a massacre



JEN COX

As long as there has been life, there has been death: inevitable and stark for everyone, early and unjust for some. It is always impossible to accept the death of our loved ones, and it is hardest when they are taken from us unexpectedly. We are overwhelmed by the idea that the universe expects us to keep living in this world with empty lungs, deadened nerves, and gaping holes in our hearts. We are left breathless, searching for the knot in time that we missed, the one string we could have pulled to unravel the huge, ugly mess. And we are paralyzed by knowing that somewhere, someone could have changed things, but it's too late now. No words can communicate how much the world changes without one person. Maybe, that's the hardest thing of all.

What is heartbreaking is that the top three causes of death for adolescents are preventable. Accidents, homicides, and suicides kill hundreds of thousands of teenagers every single year in this country. While I am not naive enough to believe that eradicating violence from society is a possibility in our lifetime, there are tragedies that can be prevented. Last week, 27-year-old Stephen Kazmierczak entered a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University armed with a shotgun and two handguns. Without warning, he fired into the crowd of students, killing five before he turned the gun on himself. He left no suicide note, had no apparent connection to the victims, and police have yet to recover any clues or a motive from his laptop. The statement that Kazmierczak was trying to make, if any, is unclear. What is evident, however, is that he stopped taking his medication two weeks prior to the shooting. He didn't fit the profile of a school killer, and though he had developed a recent obsession with guns, no one had any other hints that the attack was coming. He was sociable; he had a girlfriend, friends, and did well in school. He had no history of violence or aggression. Though new details may emerge over the next few weeks, it is possible that in a medicated state, Kazmierczak wouldn't have seen the attack coming either.

The trend of school shootings over the past twenty years is too quickly written off as a product of our gun culture. Anyone would erase the incidents if they could, but most people feel like there is "not much we can do," without seriously infringing on personal liberties or completely changing how violence is viewed and executed in our culture. People tend to think that prevention means instituting campus security, hinder-

### Getting to the heart and mind of young violence

ing the distribution of weapons, or taking threats and signs of violent behavior more seriously. Awareness on campuses and in society is absolutely crucial, and more stringent gun laws are necessary to determine the needs and qualifications of the owner of the weapon. But these are reactionary precautions, put in place to obstruct individuals who have already become violent. We must, as school systems and as an entire culture, reach deeper into the heart of the problem and start prevention sooner.

It would be so much easier to fight pain and rage by filling our hearts with hatred. In a senseless act, it is natural to want to place blame on the man or woman behind the gun. Each time, we try, and each time we are stopped by the innate sense that humans are almost never purely evil. Even those most scarred by the events cannot have the satisfaction of that hatred. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, the Columbine killers; Seung-Hui Cho, the Virginia Tech gunman; and Kazmierczak all loaded their guns with the knowledge that one of those bullets would be used to end their own lives. What sort of torturous pain could

In a study done in 2004 by the Surgeon General, over 90 percent of people ages 13-24 who committed suicide had a mental disorder, usually treatable, such as depression, mood disorders, dysthymia, or bipolar disorder. Though the same study has not been done for homicidal adolescents, I would be willing to bet that significant percentage was affected by similar illnesses. At the very least, they were unhappy, and though I do not wish to attribute all extreme emotions to disorders, it is foolish to deny that very often it could have played a role. I understand that the nature versus nurture debate is complicated, and not all people who act out violently can attribute their behavior to mental disorders. As sentient individuals we have a responsibility to control our actions and our behaviors when we can, even when it seems to be impossible. The fact remains that there is no system in place to monitor the mental health of our youth, and very little awareness about mental health issues.

Mental illnesses do not define people. It is something that happens to someone, not who they are, but most people fail to see it this way. Our culture has associated mental illnesses with a deep shame, and because of this people refuse to identify themselves as sick. More disturbingly, it has become a taboo topic to talk about. People are afraid to tag someone as mentally ill, though the warning signs might be there. As it stands, most people grow up without any attention to their mental well-being. There should be annual screenings and confidential resources in place for people who may be suspected to have a problem, no matter how small.

We are educated about the changes our bodies will go through during puberty, but are hardly talked to about our fragile, powerful brains. I recently talked to my cousin, a Tufts medical student who is focusing her research on mental health education and violence prevention. "This has to be a multi-faceted approach," she said. "There needs to be different groups working together towards the same goal. There has to be awareness, action, and the eradication of this stigma." Teachers, professors, families and parents need to be educated in a crash course designed to raise awareness about symptoms, abnormal behavior, and illnesses. Schools should have policies against the discrimination of students with illnesses, but should have access to psychiatric records and offer confidential extra help to individuals with a history of problems. We must stop tip-toeing around an issue that is wounding our society and our children. The truth, as always, will set us free. Will the system be perfect? Of course it won't. But perhaps, if we hadn't been afraid to listen earlier, some of the victims would still be with us today—those who were shot, and those who were behind the gun.

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lead them to detach from human compassion? What magnitude of unbridled fury could possess them to create that fate?

By any account, the mental patterns and emotions they were feeling were unhealthy and went unnoticed. School shootings get a lot of media coverage because of the number of casualties and the desecration of an institution we like to see as a sanctuary, but according to the U.S. Department of Education and Justice, they only account for one percent of child homicides. These high-profile killers are simply poster children for many faces that will slip under the media radar. Unless a parent or teacher is particularly astute or the person is unable to hide his violent tendencies or psychological deviations, it is likely that he will go unnoticed. If we are required by schools to receive an annual physical to ensure the health of our bodies, why are there no requirements or systems to deal with the health of our most important organ: our brain?

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## Find time to burst your bubble

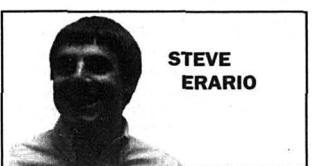
### Why spending time in Waterville is worth it

The annual Burst the Bubble week, currently in its fourth edition, was started back in 2005 by a club now known as the Colby Waterville Alliance. The goal of this group is simple: develop a better relationship between Colby and the greater Waterville area community. We do this through networking, civic engagement, and awareness, with the last being the focus of the current Burst the Bubble week.

As fellow students have become aware of the week and its intentions, I have been challenged a number of times about the value of bursting the proverbial bubble around Colby. The most common reasons people cite for forgoing such bubble bursting initiatives: divided communities keep life at Colby more comfortable and less complicated than it would be after action to engage the community.

In response, I could try to contend that college is the prime time to step outside the comfort zone and challenge ourselves. Likewise, I could propose that anything that adds zest to life in a state with a smaller population than that of Manhattan, an island less than twice the area of Waterville, is a good thing. Instead, I tend to focus on the positive effects of increased awareness and interaction with the Waterville community, which experience tells me works well in addressing the "Don't burst my bubble!" mandate.

It is important first to be aware (in our case of what Waterville offers, of perceptions held by Waterville residents of Colby students, etc.) for many reasons, not the least of which is to ensure you enjoy your time at Colby to the fullest. If you like the outdoors and don't know the local hot spots, you're missing out. If you're afraid



STEVE ERARIO

to engage with people in the community because you think you're afraid to be perceived as rich and snobby, then you're also missing out. The four most common ways Waterville residents view Colby students? Friendly, pleasant, nice, and intelligent.

Colby and Waterville each have distinct offerings. By utilizing the resources of one another through interaction and collaboration, Colby and Waterville can work together will continue to create a more diverse, enjoyable, and prosperous environment for everyone who lives in the area.

Examples abound.

Hundreds upon hundreds of Colby students actively volunteer their time in needy schools, animal shelters, hospitals, after-school centers, and more. In return, students receive precious first-hand experience, an added perspective about life off the Hill, and the chance to interact and have enjoy time with those outside their age group.

Dozens of Colby students are also working or interning for Waterville government, businesses, and other organizations. These forms of interaction allow the fresh energy and ideas of college students to flow to the people at these community-based organizations. In turn, employers and fellow employees are sharing their experiences, stories, and dollars with Colby students.

Waterville has dozens of quality restaurants, several of which feature high quality entertain-

ment on a regular basis. There is the Railroad Square Cinema, which offers films you might be hard pressed to find in larger cities. The Blue Marble Art Gallery displays the work of Colby students and local artisans, with the Colby Museum of Art emphasizing work renowned nationally and internationally. Regional outdoor opportunities are extensive. The list of what Waterville has to offer Colby and vice versa goes on and on.

Increasingly, people from "both" communities are realizing that sharing or pooling resources can make possible some exciting opportunities. A board of students from Colby, Kennebec Valley Community College, Thomas, and Unity was recently convened by Waterville Main Street, the downtown revitalization organization, and is in the initial stages of developing potential projects.

A related initiative begun by Colby students involves the creation of a downtown co-op; a consultant is currently working with students from area colleges and the Waterville Main Street group to perform initial studies and to develop a business plan for the co-op which will sell local-produced and sourced food, crafts, and housewares.

The Hill 'n the 'Ville festival last fall instilled a real sense of community in those who attended, and would not have been possible without intense collaboration between Colby and community groups.

The previous examples hardly skim the surface of the need to increase awareness and interactions in the Colby and Waterville area community. But the results are clear: the effects are overwhelmingly positive. To those who insist, "Don't burst my bubble!" I strongly suggest you reconsider.

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# I want to hear you S.H.O.U.T!

## A look at an upcoming community celebration

KATE  
VASCONI



February 28—March 1 will mark a very special occasion on Colby's campus. It will be the first annual S.H.O.U.T! (Speaking. Hearing. Opening. Up. Together) Weekend. The goal of the weekend is to discuss and celebrate our differences in a safe space. Now, I'm sure that you're asking yourself a few questions. Why is this important? Why does this apply to you? Why should you participate?

In my view, this weekend is a real chance for the campus to come together and act on the idealism that we convey to the outside world. Unity is a word that gets tossed around a lot. S.H.O.U.T! is a tangible opportunity to take a closer look at whether or not we are actually united, and come up with ways to further or create that bond. This weekend is not the brainchild of one organization. While spearheaded by the Pugh Community Board, this weekend is supported by such organizations as Campus Life, the International Club, Students Organized for Black and Hispanic Unity, the Asian Cultural Society, Women's Group, SOAR, and SGA, among others. So,

as a community we have a chance to make even the meekest voice heard and create an action plan to achieve our goals to better the campus environment for everyone.

The theme of this year's weekend is "The American Experience," which was chosen for its inclusive nature. No matter where we were born or what feelings we may have toward this

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country, we are all students in America, and everyone's experience here is different. As we take a closer look at ourselves as students, the campus will have a VERY special guest to discuss the American public school system. Jonathan Kozol, author of over 14 books, including the highly praised *Savage Inequalities* will be coming to Colby on Thursday Feb. 28th

(7 p.m., Page) to kick off the weekend and get off really thinking about our education system, our country, and ourselves. If you haven't heard of him, turn on C-SPAN and you'll see an intelligent, passionate man who has his finger on the pulse of the nation's schools.

So why should you come? Well, it's going to be fun! Not only are we having the amazing Jonathan Kozol, but Colby students are going to be running workshops on everything from meringue and salsa to slam poetry and sushi making. There will be more serious workshops too; teaching us about micro-aggressions, feminism and religion. All workshops will be run and attended by students. This weekend is for our benefit. We are the ones who live here. We have to set the tone for the kind of community that we want to live in.

So, get involved. Apathy is a modern day plague. Only through working together can we make change. Posters, brochures, and the Digest will be giving more information on how you can sign up for workshops and the other great events that will be happening. Theodore Roosevelt once said, "This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in." This holds true for Colby as well. So, let's come together for this one weekend and tell everyone that they are welcome in the Colby community.

# Cupid's love corner

## Finding the fun facts and falsehoods of Saint Valentine's Day

BRIDGET  
ELY



Have you ever wondered why we celebrate Valentine's Day? According to History.com, legends say that it is either to celebrate the death of St. Valentine (of which there are three, all of whom died on the same day), or it was yet another way for the Christian Church to take over a pagan festival (in this case the Lupercalia Festival). St. Valentine was apparently a priest who continued to marry people after Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men. For this, he was arrested and martyred, but there is also a charming story about how he fell in love with his jailor's daughter and sent her the very first valentine signed "From your Valentine" (so now you know why cards are signed with that particular endearment).

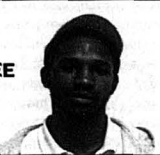
The Lupercalia Festival involved sacrificing a goat and slapping the women and fields with the hide in hopes that it would make them more fertile. After the slapping, there was a lottery where the men of the city would draw names out of an urn, and whatever name they picked, they were paired with that woman. Considering this sacrifice, it is odd Pope Gelasius I declared in 496 that February 14 was St. Valentine's Day. Interestingly enough, this feast day wouldn't be associated with love or courtship until the fourteenth century. There is also a legend that in the

Middle Ages, February 14 was believed to be the beginning of the mating season for birds. It is infinitely strange that we continue to honor this lovely holiday after its various evolutionary stages. At its birth, Valentine's Day came from death, a lottery or the reproductive patterns of birds—how romantic!

Fast-forward to the present day. According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year in America, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year after Christmas. With the cards, the candy, the stuffed animals and the jewelry, Valentine's Day has become a worldwide commercial enterprise. This holiday transcends national boundaries. Everyone knows what it is, or at least what it is supposed to represent. Our world is obsessed, not only with Valentine's Day but the ideas that it invokes. We are a love-crazy race, in every sense of the word. This holiday is made for everyone, whether you be single, married or "it's complicated". So for those who had someone for this strange holiday, Happy Valentine's Day; for those who didn't, Happy Valentine's Day.

# Clintonian socialism

JACOB  
ROUNDTREE



## The economics and ethics of the current healthcare situation

In our present political discourse, misinformation concerning the supposed healthcare crisis abounds. All this ceaseless bloviation by political elites is part of a concerted effort to prolong the socio-fascist regime that this country has been suffering under since the days of DR's tyrannical reign. Nothing else can explain the deliberate evasion of the obvious and bountiful evidence which suggests that the "healthcare crisis" in this country is the direct result of government policies.

Nearly everyone agrees that the major problem with our healthcare system is that costs, particularly health insurance premiums, are too high for millions of people, who as a result choose to forgo coverage.

However, most of the so-called "experts" have failed to demonstrate why costs are as high as they are, so I will make an attempt.

Our health care system can be classified as one that is funded by third parties. These third parties consist of employers—who provide health insurance for their employees—and the federal and state governments who provide health insurance for millions by way of programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and S-CHIP. Such a system disconnects consumers of healthcare services from much of the actual cost of these services and, therefore, they consume more than they would if they had to foot the entire bill. This over-consumption of healthcare services increases the cost of healthcare, and as a result there is a commensurate increase in health insurance premiums. Additionally, Medicare and Medicaid are notorious for under compensating healthcare providers for services rendered; and healthcare administrators offset this deficit by pushing these costs onto consumers.

Another major source for high health insurance premiums is onerous government regulations. A study by Christopher J. Conover, of Duke University, demonstrates that such regulations impose a hidden tax of \$169 billion on the health insurance industry which is passed on to

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consumers in the form of higher premiums. Health insurance costs are high because of actions taken by the government; however, the solutions peddled by the political elites on both sides of the aisle ignore this fundamental reality. The worst example of this disregard is Senator Hillary Clinton's health insurance plan. Her plan would impose many new and onerous regulations on health insurance firms, which would further increase the cost of health insurance. For example, firms would be disallowed from discriminating against people who have previous conditions which would reduce the cost of health insurance for people who are unhealthy but this would increase the cost for everyone else.

Senator Clinton's plan would also expand the third party payer system in three ways: by extending Medicare to the nearly elderly, by forcing firms to either pay a fine or provide their employees with health insurance and by establishing a public insurance pool that would operate as Medicare does but would cover those who do not want to buy private insurance.

Much of Senator Clinton's plan would drive up health insurance costs throughout the economy. How ironic that the solution to the high price of health insurance is to adopt "reforms" that drive up the price of health insurance.

It appears to me that a grand scam is being visited upon the public for a very particular reason. Senator Clinton's vision of the proper role of the state in society was forged in the misty furnaces of the radical sixties and the result is that Senator Clinton, like many of her hippy brethren, sees the state as both the progenitor and the protector of all that is good in the world.

Therefore, Senator Clinton probably anticipates that her proposal, if enacted, will greatly increase the cost of health insurance and as a result a massive number of people will flee the quasi-free healthcare market and seek refuge in her "public plan".

Hillary grandiose plan to save us from the coming healthcare crisis will lead to this country becoming ensnared in the crushing tentacles of Clintonian socialism.

## I'M NEVER GOING TO RETIRE Back in the lime light with bite

C.W.  
BASSETT



Last week, the enlightened staff of the *Echo* decided to run my column on the whoo-hah page of the *Echo's* computerized edition, thereby cheating all of you who don't read the digital *Echo* of my marvelous diatribe against Britney Spears. Britney had been lionized (so to speak) by an opinions column the week before, and I set out to demonstrate that Hollywood's Weird One should get a life.

But it was politics week in the opinions section, and the writers weighed in on everything from the Waterville caucuses to the politics of another Weird One, Rep. Ron Paul. Had I decided to write about Maine's caucuses, I might not have been relegated to the whoo-hah computer-page. Still, politics as usual, I did go to Waterville's Ward 4 Democratic caucus, but the only really weird thing that happened there was a fiery speech for Obama by a kid dressed in elf clothes (including red shoes with curly tips). So what can I do this week to escape relegation to the computerized whoo-hah page? I realize that the *Echo* is a student-intensive newspaper, and as the world's oldest *Echo* columnist, I can expect to give opinion page space to various and sundry undergraduates, especially those who are attending their first caucus or seeking reasons to vote for a man (Rep. Paul) who makes Herbert Hoover look like a communist.

My *Echo* role has, it seems to me, been to seek out something weird in the record of the week to comment on, my jocular remarks about Weird Britney seemingly typical for a Bassett column. But I will admit that Britney does not attract the serious attention of people writing about the various candidates for the presidency in terms of praise, blame, or wonder. Had Britney been a super-delegate in California, I might have struck off some laughs, but not so, worse luck.

So how about this: the obituary for Eddie "Bozo" Miller, dead at 89, icon in competitive eating. Born in 1918 in San Francisco, Miller realized at a young age that his stomach capacity left his friends in awe—literally eating dozens of hot dogs and beers. Bozo starred in vaudeville, attracting the enthusiasm of the *New York Times* sports columnist Robert Lipsyte as a "sportsman of the year" in 1988. He once downed (hard to say "ate") 27 chickens at a sitting, which got him into the *Guinness Book of Records*.

Bozo once guzzled two quarts of whiskey in an hour (like some of the crowd at last week's Girl Talk concert), married a former princess of the Pasadena Rose Bowl, had three daughters, and stopped competitive eating in the 1970s. After quitting, Bozo's weight—in the 300s at his "prime"—plummeted to 170 pounds (only ten pounds more than your columnist). And he lived to be 89—so much for the diet faddists.

I would never claim that Bozo is in the same league as Britney, though she may have tried to keep up with his capacity for whiskey at a sitting. But I'll bet he'd never attract 1000 people to Page Commons to watch him eat dirty.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR Too hard on Girl Talk

While I appreciate Moxie's and Emily's passionate social awareness, I find it amusing that they chose a Loudness concert as a target for their frustration with the "objectification of women," the "promotion of sexual double-standards" and those damn college kids "flinging themselves around with abandon to increasingly provocative and mildly offensive songbytes." I recognize that at least the first two issues are completely relevant and sometimes maddening flaws in our society, but I really feel it is a waste of intellectual energy to get so worked up over a DJ's comments to a room full of drunk kids (and to clarify, I also don't think there is anything wrong with that drunken atmosphere—it's a college concert!). I admit I was overwhelmed with the intense atmosphere of the concert, but after a few minutes of worrying about being slightly bruised by the crowd, I decided to just take it for what it was, and I really enjoyed myself. And while

I understand that Girl Talk's comments were offensive, I would much rather direct my time and energy to correcting such biases and flawed thought processes in more relevant cultural and political institutions. I love to rant, but I find it difficult to become enraged by some sketchy guy in hoodie's dumb comments when there are much more important issues to consider. He's a DJ, his job is not to set a moral example for college students (who are hopefully not impressionable enough to take his opinions seriously anyways), his job is to perform (yes, his mashups are performances!) and create a fun and energetic atmosphere. And no the crowd wasn't cheering for "the denigration of the intellectually disabled," they were cheering because they were drunk college kids having a great time, and I find it hard to be seriously offended by that.

Emma Hall '10

# When it's your door

## A reflection on a racist incident in Coburn and Mary Low

TERRI  
BELLO



I was shocked, disgusted, and most of all, disappointed when I received the e-mail that there was an incident of racism in Coburn and Mary Low over JanPlan break. I learned that someone had carelessly run through the hallways scribbling derogatory terms such as the N-word across white boards on several floors of the dorms. Though I was upset and hurt by the e-mail, my thoughts on the matter closed along with the browser window, and I shut down my computer and went on with my day. What could I do about it now? The event was over; it had been taken care of. The person responsible was unknown and most likely wouldn't be caught.

It was not until a week later that I was forced to revisit the issue. One of my friends in the dorm approached me, still visibly upset by what had happened. She confided in me how the incident had affected her and continued to affect her in small ways. Though it was an isolated incident, a break in the trust of a community is as hard to repair as a damaged friendship. She could no longer enjoy the sanctuary of her room and found herself not wanting to return to her bed in fear of what would be written to greet her. My initial anger returned, as I realized I had done nothing to help the situation.

Many of us take for granted the level of comfort we have here at Colby. I have always felt comfortable expressing the things that make me different, and I have never felt personally threatened or devalued. The words on the white boards were not targeting me or any certain individual, but it was on a level of blatant disrespect and disregard to individuals who may take the words to heart and to the community as a whole.

It is easy to want to direct the anger and hurt toward the person who wrote the slander. He or she was at fault, and hopefully didn't realize the damage that could have been caused. The

more I thought about the incident, however, the more I realized that there will always be ignorance and intolerance in the world. It is important not to focus my attention on the person and feel like a victim, but rather to focus my attention on our community response and how we refuse to support or call out the wrongness of these actions. I do not think that people didn't care about this incident, but from the response, that is the impression that was given off. People who felt individually hurt had no indication that anyone cared or felt insulted on their behalf.

It doesn't matter if this was a "joke" that was meant to be harmless or a true act of hate, because the effects were the same. At best, it was irresponsible, and at worst, cruel. What is most important is for us to make a statement as a community that this is not OK. I am not saying that this is easy. When I first read the email, I had my initial shock, and then I moved on. I realize that as Colby students we have so much going on. We run organizations, make political statements, compete in competitive sports and somehow find time to do our schoolwork. Though this was something that may not affect us directly on an individual basis, we should have been more sensitive as a community. Next time, we must make a louder and more visible statement.

It may not have been affecting me personally this time, but it could be next time. I would not want to come home to find an anti-Semitic comment on my wall, and if I did, I too would question the safety of my own room. We are in unique position to be tight-knit group where we can stand out and say what we want and what we don't want. I encourage you to join me in making a statement that this not something we want or will tolerate at Colby, in whatever ways we can.

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FEATURES

Enthusiastic basketball fans encourage school spirit

SPB seeks to foster positive athletic support

By ANNA KELEMEN  
FEATURES EDITOR

There is no doubt that Colby students are spirited. The question that Chair of the Student Programming Board Sports and Leisure Committee, Megan Fitzgerald '08, has begun to address, however, is how to focus that energy on positive school pride. The committee, new to campus this year, is "still trying to figure out its role on campus," Fitzgerald said. "Last semester we focused a lot on the leisure aspect of the committee and we held lots of events such as movie nights," Fitzgerald said. She continued, "Now we are trying to get into the sports side of it, and address the lack of athletic and spirited activities on campus."

This past Friday, Fitzgerald and the Sports and Leisure committee encouraged student attendance at the men's basketball game against Bates College. In the past, Fitzgerald noted, there has been a certain amount of negative energy leading to some derogatory cheers on the part of students, "but we wanted to redirect that energy to encouraging our team, along with the rivalry aspect." Fitzgerald added that she does not want to get rid of the healthy rivalry, just extend it to include more positive expressions of energy. In order to begin generating student enthusiasm around athletics, Fitzgerald sent out an e-mail asking students interested in leading the crowd in cheering to respond with ideas. Responses were rewarded with a free t-shirt for those students who also attended the game. In addition to

student cheering, the basketball game featured a halftime competition, as well as face painting and a raffle.

"I was really impressed with the response," Fitzgerald said. "In the two to three days [following the e-mail], I got 10 responses with ideas for spirited events, or students interested in actually leading the crowd. Whether or not they actually came, there was a lot of enthusiasm, and about half of the people who responded came and got a free t-shirt. They were excited to be there, and the fact that people were interested in the first place was a good

The best cheer is just the Gill chant...Gill Gill Gill, just drill that in as loud as you can, and as long as you can until they put Gill in.

Tucker Gorman '10  
Basketball Fan

sign," Fitzgerald continued.

Fitzgerald was careful, however, to distinguish between leading cheers and actual cheering. "It is good to have someone there who is really enthusiastic and jumping up and down, but I want to stay away from the feel of cheerleaders," Fitzgerald said, emphasizing that anyone with enthusiasm can lead cheers successfully. Tucker Gorman '10 was one such student who attended the Friday night event with both spirit and friends in tow.

Gorman, who came to the College midway through the year after spending his first semester abroad, only went to a few games last year. Now, however, he is a regular fan at the men's basketball games. Although he is "really a Boston College Eagles guy," Gorman said he felt "like I should support my team." Gorman added, "They are a talented bunch, and even though it is Division III, they are really competitive. I miss that competitive edge from [participating in] high school sports."

Although he enjoys other sports events, "basketball is the main thing, that is where my heart is, you know, that's exciting and its good to be passionate about it and put in as much energy as possible." Gorman attends the games in the company of a number of his friends, and has met new friends through audience participation. "I have become friends with some of the players too, but I would go even if I wasn't friends with them," Gorman said.

Gorman, who enjoys heckling the other team, also enjoys the general ruckus that accompanies an athletic event. He estimates that out of all the cheering, 65 percent is negative, 30 percent is positive, and five percent is just noise or "a kind of neutral yelling." When asked what his favorite cheer is, Gorman paused to think. "The best cheer is just the Gill chant... Gill Gill Gill, just drill that in as loud as you can, and as long as you can until they put Gill in. It's successful, it gets him amped and it gets us amped, and then he goes in and hits a couple of three pointers and the game is over." William Gill Haydon '10, also known as "Hang Time Haydon," is a friend of Gorman's, as is "Sherm the Worm," Justin Sherman '10.

Gorman, who participated in the halftime knockout competition, was pleased with the contribution SPB



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Students and fans join together to cheer on the men's basketball team as they steal victory from Bates.

made to the basketball game. Now that the basketball team has earned a place in the New England Small College Athletic Conference playoffs, they will play the top seeded Amherst College next Saturday at 4 p.m. in Massachusetts. Although the game is away, Gorman plans to attend, and is trying to organize a rental bus to transport students to and from the game. He would encourage all interested students to attend, and will post a General Announcement if the arrangements for a bus are made.

Fitzgerald, too, is looking toward

the future. "In the past I've seen dances that get 1,000 people to attend, and this is definitely different. [Sports events] definitely do not appeal to a large majority of the student body," Fitzgerald said. At the same time, however, "I think everybody knows someone who is on a varsity sports team, and I think that is something we should play up to encourage more people to attend sports events."

SPB will be organizing some events for the upcoming hockey games, as well as some events for March Madness. Although there is no set date,

Fitzgerald has begun planning a "So You Want To Be A Sportscenter" event, at which students will be able to sign up for and comment on five to ten minute slots of a March Madness game. "There will be prizes for funniest, best knowledge, and did not know the game existed until I got here," Fitzgerald said. Open to new ideas, Fitzgerald would "encourage anybody who has ideas, or sporting events they think it would be appropriate to have an SPB presence at to send me an e-mail or talk to anybody on the Sports and Leisure Committee."

STAFF PROFILE: SALLY BAKER

A look behind the scenes

By TONI TSIVETANOVA  
STAFF WRITER

The way students have most recently seen Executive Assistant to the President Sally Baker's signature was on e-mails sent from the College that reported the death of people related to the College in one way or another. "I do not want to be remembered for that," Baker said. Baker has worked for the College for eighteen years, occupying the position of Director of Communications for nine of them.

In 1998, however, she was separated from the College when she became Director of Communications for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University.

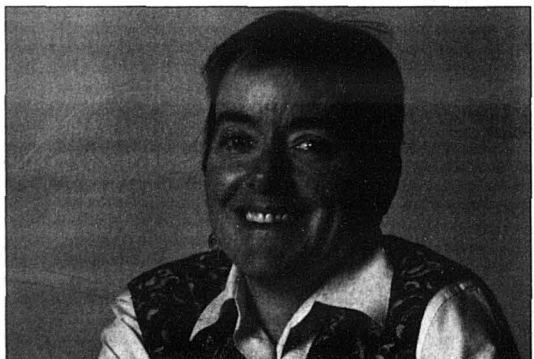
After spending four years working for the Ivy League school, Baker heard about the retirement of Earl Smith, special assistant to the president and secretary of the Corporation. She contacted Smith, and subsequently decided to apply for the position. Baker's position of Executive Assistant to the President was recently changed to Vice President. One reason she preferred coming back to Mayflower Hill to working at Harvard was the reputation of Colby's new President William "Bro" Adams. After having heard how professional he was, she was excited to have the chance to work with him. Another factor in her decision was the difference between the feel of Colby and Harvard "I love Colby!" Baker exclaimed. What distinguishes the College from others "is the fact that we try to reach out and tell our stories, however, it is harder to do that here than at Harvard."

According to Baker, what students have here is something important the support of the Board of Trustees. Thus, she took the new position as executive assistant. Her job includes a weekly meeting with the President of the College and eight other college officials to discuss matters of importance, and help the President with his job.

Furthermore, as a Secretary of the Corporation she keeps the official records of the Board of Trustees in order.

The seriousness of Bakers' position on campus, however, does not confine her adventurous personality. She enjoys hiking and looks forward to traveling to New Mexico in the future. Baker enjoys the diversity of Mexican, Spanish, and Native American presence in the American Southwest, as well as the architecture of the buildings, the galleries, and the parks. Students can easily distinguish her car with a New Mexico sticker on it.

When talking about the College, Baker cannot help but think of how lucky students are to be at this college. "Students do not know how much of a voice they really have here; how much the Board cares; how much the Trustees want to know more about students." Furthermore, if she could change one thing in her position, it would probably be to have more direct communication with students, and to help them understand that they are the spirit of the place. While sometimes it might be hard to see Baker at work on the third floor of Eustis, students can often find her on the elliptical with a New York Times magazine in hand.



COURTESY OF SALLY BAKER

Vice President and Secretary of the Corporation Sally Baker

WHO'S WHO: CELIA BOREN '08

Service mixed with laughter

By TAJREEN HEDAYET  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When asked about the progression she has experienced since first arriving on Mayflower Hill, Director of the Colby Volunteer Center Celia Boren '08 responded with wide eyes, "There's no way I could've predicted at all where I would end up. All of the little paths that I've taken to get me where I am—it would've been impossible to guess."

Those little paths have certainly pointed in the right direction for Boren, who acknowledged that she landed on her major, sociology, through a fluke. Boren took her first sociology course in the fall of her first year, after not being admitted to the class she had originally selected. While she confessed, laughing, that the class was probably one of the worst grades she got in college, in it she realized, "This is what I'm supposed to learn about!" Luck was on her side, because Boren had discovered her passion for sociology and civic engagement, a passion that would impact the way she would spend her years at the College, through a mistake.

Originally from Minnesota, Boren came to Mayflower Hill with an open mind, seeing college as a fresh start. With a bit of experience and a lot of interest in community service and outdoor education, she began her journey at Colby with the Flagstaff Bigelow COOT. Boren would eventually become a COOT leader herself, leading Katahdin and Mt. Blue COOTs during her junior and senior years. Boren also took on the role of director

of the CVC.

Though pleased that the work she put into it was recognized, Boren spoke very humbly of her work at the CVC. After having been hired sophomore year as assistant director and working her way up, Boren came into her position with the understanding that it was up to her to make things work. Along



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Celia Boren '08

with the knowledge she gained from the responsibility of leading the student-run organization, Boren finds a deeper meaning in volunteerism, insisting that the human connection was one of the most important things she gained from it. For her, "just learning how to communicate with people in town, hearing what it means to them, and trying to work with people to make it better has meant a lot."

Her enthusiasm for social justice and civic engagement also played into her decision to study abroad in Cape Town, South Africa in the spring of her junior year, as well as the work

she did during her senior year JanPlan with at-risk high school students. Both opportunities were profound for Boren. "It was definitely one of the most, if not the most, significant experiences I've ever had." Boren spent her time in Cape Town working with children in absolute poverty, said. "It shows you how you can really bond with people on a very basic level, regardless of differences. Being able to connect with a child who can't tell you how they're feeling, but can smile and let you know... I took that with me in a huge way."

While academics are important, Boren insists that there is a lot more to her pursuits at the College. She spoke fondly of her friends many of whom she met through her COOT and cross COOT and their adventures throughout Maine, citing them as some of her best memories from Colby. "I'm laughing almost all day long when I'm around my friends," she said. When asked to recall a funny incident, she stifled a laugh, saying, "We tried to wait, no, I can't talk about that. It's dorm damage."

As for her future beyond Colby, Boren candidly shares that she's is not yet sure how she's going to incorporate everything she's learned in her four years at Colby into a set path. "When you have experiences like that, how do you fit it into your world? I'm still trying to figure out how to put all the pieces together." She is, however, certain of what she's gained. "A lot of it is being able to look at the world differently. Because, well, I'm not leaving Colby with the skill of being a doctor. I've learned a way of thinking, a way of understanding myself and what's going on around me. And that, more than anything, is what I will take with me."

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STAFF PROFILE: ROGER WOOLSEY

# Students marketed as products

New director brings consumer mentality to Career Services

By SUZANNE MERKELSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

"Brand Colby alone won't guarantee you a job," warned newly installed Director of Career Services Roger Woolsey. Luckily for students facing the prospects of unemployment after graduation, Woolsey has a vision for overhauling Career Services to make the post-Senior steps future a bit brighter.

Woolsey, who has an M.A. from Emerson College, comes to Colby after spending eleven years working at Boston College, mostly as a professor in the Department of Communications. There he taught

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Integrated market communications and worked with career development, developing the largest internship program on campus. Woolsey also has experience teaching at other schools, and has worked in the private sector specializing in corporate marketing in telecommunications, nonprofits and fashion.

Woolsey said he is coming to Colby with an emphasis on "marketing management for career services." He plans to use a "marketing perspective to aggressively market the Colby student for internships, externship opportuni-

ties [similar to job shadowing] and to enhance employment opportunities."

According to Woolsey, Career Services is attempting to overcome several problems that have been plaguing the office in recent years. He said that the office has not been adequately preparing the student body for employment opportunities, especially with resumes, cover letters and job interviews. Students are "products of Colby," he said. "They represent this wonderful brand."

Additionally, Woolsey seeks to better prepare students for recruiters, and build stronger relationships with alumni and parents. The Career Alumni Networks will collaborate with Career Services to assist with preparation for employments, as well as giving presentations on career trends and providing opportunities for internships and employment after graduation. Furthermore, Woolsey suggests that a sense of urgency must accompany students in their search for employment; Woolsey believes that students should start thinking about potential careers paths early on, and should pursue more than one internship over the course of their time at the College.

In Woolsey's vision, Career Services will work with all aspects of life on campus, fostering relationships with student groups and academic

departments, in addition to offering opportunities consistent with curricula. "I look at the current student as part of a product," Woolsey said. "Freshmen should come in and realize that the next four years is about building competencies and packaging themselves for both academia and the professional world." Woolsey sees this as fitting in with the liberal arts paradigm of the College by emphasizing grants, fellowships, scholarships and various graduate programs. Furthermore, Woolsey would like to implement community service into the internship experience. As part of this he will promote internships within the Waterville area and working with local small businesses to create posi-

tions for students.

Career Services plans to increase communication with students, through e-mails (already flooding many an inbox) and focus groups. Most important, the office is attempting to "regain the trust" of students, Woolsey said. "We want to make sure students are getting what they want."

The addition of Woolsey to Career Services will be complemented with the hiring of an assistant director and recruiter later this spring. Other staff members are leaving the team.

Woolsey emphasizes the importance of the individual student. "I want to advocate the Colby student," he said. "They are highly educated, extremely motivated and competitive."



Career Services is currently working to foster a stronger relationship with students.

## The jury is in

Lack of experience does not hinder mock trial team

By ANDY OAKES  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Many students may know the group of eight who formed the first ever Colby Mock Trial Team this past October. What they may not know, however, is the hard work that the team has put in, and the success their work has brought about.

Mock trial is a widely popular organization known nationwide in large universities and small colleges alike. At the beginning of the year, the American Mock Trial Association releases one set trial to every Mock Trial team. The objective of each team is then to learn the trial thoroughly and from every angle. After studying the details

of the trial, the teams compete in matches with other schools around the country. The culmination of these competitions is the chance to participate in the National Championship, which takes place at the end of the year.

Led by its two most experienced members, Alexis Kramer '11 and Julia Duchon '10, the Colby Mock Trial Team has worked tirelessly this year, analyzing and preparing for the Regional Tournament. The tournament, located in the Boston area, took place a few weekends ago, and the Colby Mock Trial Team was rewarded for its preparation with individual and team suc-

cess. After defeating Bates in trial, Athul Ravunniarath '11 noticed that the same rivalries present in varsity sports competitions were also present at during the Mock Trial competition. As such, Ravunniarath was particularly pleased with his victory.

Unlike most other teams, Colby Mock Trial has no coach, and few members have had any prior experience. While other teams have years of experience in competition under their belts, the College team is entirely student-run and organized. Thus, it has taken great strides this

year to get where it is now.

Furthermore, not unlike sports teams, it has grown together over the past couple of months after traveling to compete in different states across the country.

The College has backed its efforts by financing trips and further encouraging their achievements.

Although the Regionals are over, according to

Ravunniarath they are not out of the running to make the preliminary stages of the National Championships in Arizona. They will find out whether or not they advance by the end of the month.

Looking to the future, Ravunniarath says it is not out of the question that they hire a coach to help them perform at even higher levels than they currently are. Furthermore, Ravunniarath encourages students to demonstrate their school spirit and support the fledgling team. This support will be particularly important to the lesser known team if they are accepted to compete in the National Championship.

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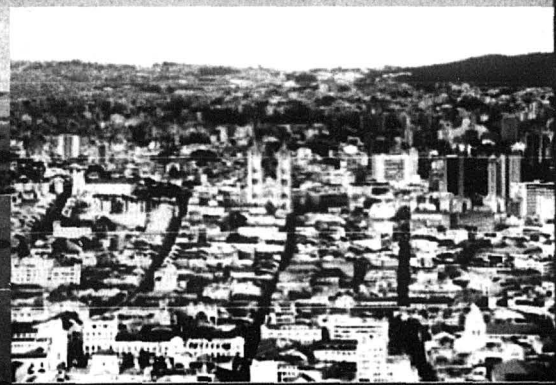
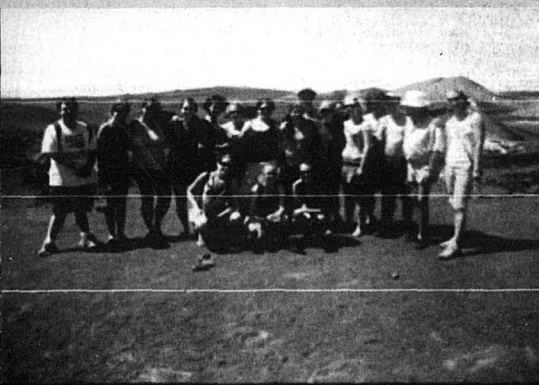
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# FORUM

## WEDNESDAY

**EAS Student-Faculty Research Colloquium**  
*Roberts- Hurd*  
5:00 p.m.  
Come learn about student internships in Asia

**Burst the Bubble: Survival to Revival**  
*Diamond 142*  
7:00 p.m.  
Providing students with knowledge of Waterville and its transformation

**Eclipse of the Moon**  
*Observatory*  
8:30 p.m.  
Get a great view of a lunar eclipse

**Jewish Heritage in Eastern Europe**  
*Miller 014*  
4:00 p.m.  
Lecture by Nathan Meir, a Yad Hanadiv/Berachah Foundation Fellow 2007-08

**Burst the Bubble: Art Gallery Opening**  
*Blue Marble Art Gallery*  
5:00 p.m.  
Head downtown to check out student and local art while enjoying light snacks and beverages

**Tray Dinner for Military Scholarships**  
*Roberts- Robin*  
6:00 p.m.  
Learn about military scholarships for health professionals with Dr. Melanie Morin '01

**Colby Volunteer Center Program Meeting  
Paw Pals Volunteers**  
*Arey 005*  
7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY

**The Jekyll and Hyde-ing of Relationship Partners**  
*Roberts 312*  
3:00 p.m.  
Psychology Colloquium

**Climbing the Oil Peak**  
*Miller 014*  
4:00 p.m.  
STS Colloquia: Energy, Power, and the American Way of Life

**Climate Change Legislation**  
*Lovejoy 144*  
6:00 p.m.  
Discussion with Maine Senator Phil Bartlett

**Men's Ice Hockey vs. Norwich**  
*Alfond Rink*  
7:00 p.m.

**SPB Lip Syncing Contest**  
*LoPo*  
Come down to cheer on your friends or the next Ashlee Simpson.

**Burst the Bubble: Downtown Dining**  
*Main Street*  
Bring your Colby ID and get discounts at...  
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## SATURDAY

**Men's Ice Hockey vs. St. Michael's**  
*Alfond Rink*  
4:00 p.m.

## WINTER WONDERLAND



Ice and snow continues to dominate campus, despite reminders of greenery.

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## THURSDAY

**Museum of Art Noon Time Art Talks**  
*Art Museum Lobby*  
12:00 p.m.  
Artist Talk with Gary Green

**Social Sciences and Humanities Colloquium**  
*Cotter Union- Philson Lounge 242*  
12:00 p.m.  
With Bruce Maxwell, Computer Sciences

**Mary Beth Mills: Dinner into the Streets**  
*SSWAC- Parker Reed Room*  
4:00 p.m.  
Sponsored by Asian Women's Global Studies

**Get up Downtown**  
*Jorgensen's Cafe*  
6:00 p.m.  
Open Mic Night  
Enjoy free pastries, coffee and a shot at the mic

**The Battleship Potemkin**  
*Lovejoy 213*  
6:30 p.m.  
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## STUDENTS ON THE STREET

How are you planning to burst the bubble?



"I bought it when I saw it at Marden's."  
— Dan Ouellette '10 and Andrew Kato '10



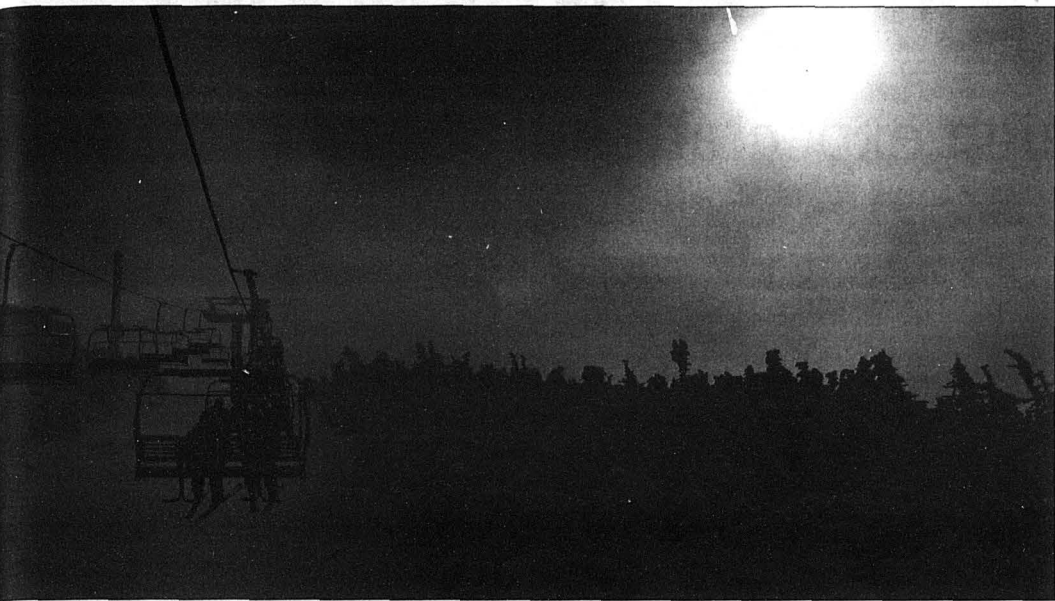
"I'm just going to wear my t-shirt."  
— Coyne Lloyd '10



"Jake farted."  
— Caitlin Liskowicz '00



# HITTING THE SLOPES



Students spend free time making the trek to Sugarloaf USA to take advantage of the fresh powder.

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## Men's Basketball

@ Amherst for NESCAC Quarterfinals  
4:00 p.m.

## Senior Year Capstone

Cotter- Philson Lounge 242  
6:30 p.m.

## Burst the Bubble: Battle of the Bands

Waterville Opera House  
7:30 p.m.

Doors open at 7:00 for the second annual Hill 'n the 'Ville Battle of the Bands

## 2008 Election: Choice in Russia

Diamond 145  
7:00 p.m.  
Discussion of the political climate in Russia

## August Wilson: the Man and His Work

Runnals  
7:30 p.m.

Put together by Broadway actor James A. Williams and Colby students

## Delivering Healthcare in the Developing World

Diamond 122  
7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. William Bicknell

## Music at Colby '07-'08

Lorimer Chapel  
7:30 p.m.

The Strider Concert with the Portland String Quartet and pianist Cheryl Tschanz

## Reading: Rachel Simon '99

Miller- Robinson  
7:00 p.m.

The American Studies major will be reading from her first book of poems  
*Theory of Orange*

## SUNDAY

## Protestant Service

Lorimer Chapel  
2:00 p.m.

## MONDAY

## Lunch with Rachel Simon and Jill Huntsberger

Foss Private Dining Room  
12:00 p.m.

## TUESDAY

## Conserving Warblers and Willet

Olin 1  
7:00 p.m.  
Environmental Studies Colloquium

## Know Before You Vote: Foreign Policy

Diamond 122  
7:00 p.m.  
Lecture given by Colby Professor Ken Rodman

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### EXPANDED CONTENT



More photos from last week's men's basketball match-up against Bates College

Coverage of the latest "Know Before You Vote" installment



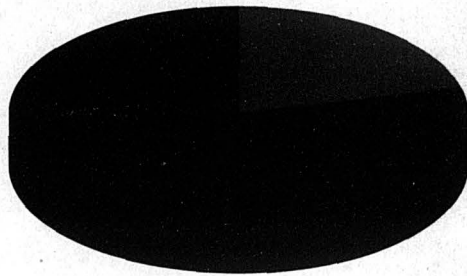
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### THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION

*is the campus prepared for an emergency?*

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

*Do you think you'll marry someone from Colby?*



■ No (79%)  
■ Yes (21%)

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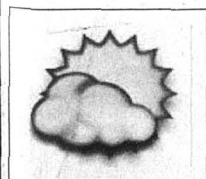
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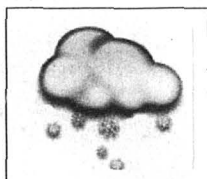
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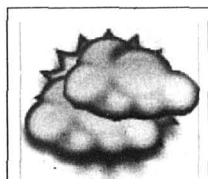
FRIDAY



Few Snow Showers

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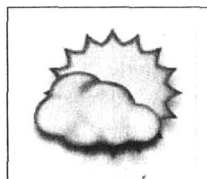
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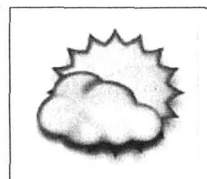
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Chorale exceeds high expectations

By AMANDA MELLO  
A&E EDITOR

Colby College Chorale, with conductor Paul Machlin, brought a packed Lorimer Chapel one of the most enjoyable performances of the year. The Chorale sounded fantastic, as did the orchestra that joined them in the second half. The pieces throughout the night featured various solos, in effect displaying the range of talent within the group. The first half featured five pieces, and the second half had one piece with six movements. Dressed in white shirts and black bottoms, the Chorale came out from the side doors at the altar of the Chapel, receiving the grand applause of an audience expectant of the beautiful songs the Chorale has been known to perform.

The night opened up with *Rejoice in the Lamb*, composed by Benjamin Britten. The piece was originally written for the jubilee celebration of St. Matthew's church in Northampton, England. The words come from the eighteenth century poem *Jubilate*

*Agno* by Christopher Smart, and delivered an ultimately positive message. The piece had some very soft movements and louder moments which were sung with unified strength. The group was in strong harmony from the start of the piece, which only grew stronger as the piece continued. The piece also featured Sean Fleming on the organ accompanying the singing and adding to the overall beauty of the piece. This piece was clearly a well-practiced one. The Chorale not only delivered the positive messages within it, but looked emotionally invested in the words as it sang each one.

Through this piece four students sang solos in small movements. Rebecca Thornborn '09, a soprano, sang very strongly throughout her solo, her voice soft but powerful. Following came an alto solo, sung by Jennifer Mizen '08, whose voice, while also soft, demonstrated immense talent and strength. Robert Underwood-Halpern '08, a tenor, and Kevin Baier '11, a baritone, also had solos in the piece. Both of these solos were very impressive, adding strong voices to the piece. Most impressive

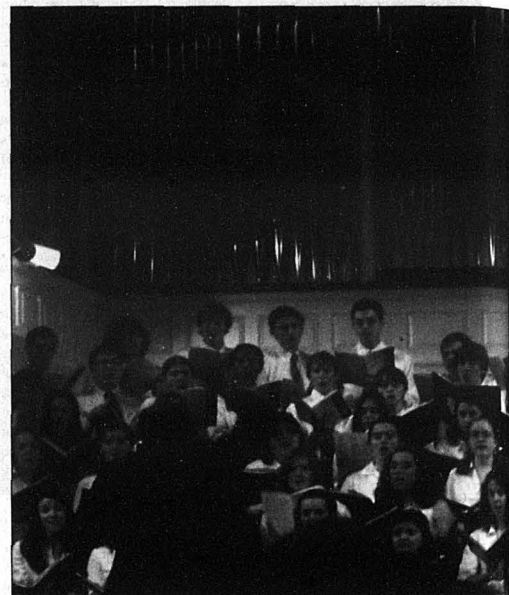
was how different these four soloists sounded from one another, yet none outshone another, their voices each demonstrating a unique display and understanding of tone and harmony. The solos were beautifully sung as each voice filled the Chapel.

Another fantastic number was the fourth piece *Deep River* (*A Child of Our Time*) arranged by Michael Tippet. For this piece the voices of Amy Makowiecki '08, a soprano, Claire Collins '08, a mezzo-soprano, Kamenya Hinga '09, a tenor and Zachary Ezor '10, a baritone could be heard over the rest of the Chorale. Their voices floated over the Chapel beautifully, really adding to the piece.

The night ended with *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* from Mozart. This piece comprised six movements and featured four soloists. The soloists dressed formally, Dori Smith '08 in a long blue gown, Stella Hye Na Kim '08 in a long red gown and both Steve Tatko '10 and Steven Olzerowicz '10 in tuxedos. Each sang beautifully during his or her solo, enriching the overall harmony of the piece. A small orchestra played

alongside the Chorale, creating a wonderful melody that resonated through the Chapel during the final piece. This final piece used five psalms and the *Magnificat* from the Book of Luke as its texts. According to the program, there is a lack of thematic unity and an overall harmonic plan, but the first and last movements do use the same tonic key. Thematically linked or not, the movements sounded wonderful by their own right, as well as together as one piece.

The Chorale kept the attention of its audience the entire night, generating huge applause after each number and losing very few audience members during the intermission. Sentiment in the Chapel after the performance was that the show had been amazing and worth the trip that involved forging through ice. Colby Chorale truly brought a night of renewal at a time when constant snow and ice have kept much of Colby and the Waterville community discouraged and cold. The Chorale will perform again on May 3 and May 4 with the Colby Symphony Orchestra and the Colby-Kennebec Choral Society, in Lorimer Chapel.



Chorale's program, Music of Renewal, was well received by a large, enthusiastic audience at Lorimer Chapel last Saturday evening.

## AFRICAN DRUMMING



CAROLINE DICKSON/THE COLBY ECHO

Students who took the JanPlan African Drumming course showed off their talent last Friday in Given Auditorium.

## Bursting the bubble with art

### Student art displayed at Blue Marble Gallery

By AMANDA MELLO  
A&E EDITOR

As a part of the Burst the Bubble excitement, many students will take part in an art show at the Blue Marble Gallery in Waterville. In honor of the Burst the Bubble sentiment, the gallery will be showing two dozen student works, as opposed to the normal one

dozen. The exhibit will open on Feb. 21 and remain on display until March 31, ample time to get down there and check it out. The show bridges the gap between Colby and Waterville by bringing students to the community to see the work and by bringing the community a different view of students from the College.

Colby students who wanted their work displayed were asked to submit their selections to Erik Thomas, who runs the Blue Marble Gallery. From there, Thomas chose the works he wanted to display. The students whose pieces were selected range in artistic

background, from very strong backgrounds and experience to students who have taken very few art courses. When it comes to displaying the works, Thomas said, "I generally start moving things around the gallery until I get a look I am happy with, while keeping any particular artists work in the same area for continuity." Thomas also said that not many considerations need to be taken for a student art show, as opposed to a professional one. He said the largest difference is that student artwork is not required to be framed for display, as framing can be very expensive for students.

Thomas said, "The Blue Marble Gallery typically exhibits abstract and surreal paintings and sculpture." This mix allows for many interesting works of art across the almost 2000 foot display space. Justine Ludwig '08, president of the Student Art Committee, said, "[The show] presents the work of Colby students next to that of professional artists." With such a variety of work, the show promises to be worth the trip down to the gallery.

Students who will have their work displayed in this show are Shaelyn Germain '08, Katherine Gagnon '11, Bonny Vanatta '09, Byron Meinerth '09, Jared Luther '09, Nick Friedman '10, Kristyn Loving '08 and Brian DiMento '10. Colby student and Blue Marble Gallery intern Angela Martinelli '08 will be helping to curate the show.

The show is a great opportunity to support fellow students while delving into the heart of Waterville during Burst the Bubble Week. Blue Marble Gallery opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Aside from this exhibit, there are often works from Colby artists hanging in the gallery, as well as those by a variety of professional artists, making the place more than worth the trip. Thomas also coordinates several other art displays at local businesses such as Jorgensen's, Soup to Nuts, The Speak Easy, Keybank, The Clothing Gallery and the Waterville Public Library.

So definitely make the trip down to the Blue Marble Gallery to see this upcoming exhibit, and while down there ask Thomas about the other shows he may be coordinating. Burst the bubble and check out the Waterville art scene.



COURTESY OF BYRON MEINERTH

Jared Luther's print is one of the student works on display.

## A mix of talent and laughs

### Blue Lights want talent and personality

By KRIS MIRANDA  
COPY EDITOR

The Blue Lights were founded in 1994, the first new a cappella group since the formation of the Colbyettes in 1951, and the second male group. In concert, they're unmistakably not the Colby Eight, given their typically mismatched outfits and a more eccentric vibe.

Those familiar with members of any Colby a cappella group know, of course, that a little bit of eccentricity is practically a given, but it still seemed somehow fitting that the Blue Lights' February 16 auditions were characterized in large part by incessant, good-natured bickering and many a laugh at the expense of this Blue Light or that.

There was, however, a method to their madness: that they mercilessly mocked each other took some heat off the three students who were trying out. The atmosphere in Bixler 154 said, "This is just another day with the Blue Lights. Relax. Yeah, you're auditioning, and yeah, we're a little crazy, but we're also just a bunch of guys having fun." But there's even more to it. Take the questionnaire given to each prospective before his time slot. There were expected queries about musical experience, including arrangement or vocal percussion, and one about favorite bands. A slight departure came with favorite movies. ("Which one's *Apocalypse Now*?" asked Juan Colon '08 as he read one prospective's questionnaire aloud. His fellow Blue Lights were immediately dismayed. "Are you serious?" asked one, while another explained its connection to Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, which didn't help.) And then there were some really weird ones, specifics of which

I'll leave out for the sake of preserving the Blue Lights mystique, at least for future auditions.

"We've always asked silly questions...Part of the audition process is about personality," Colon explained to me later. "I would even argue that it's as important as the technical stuff."

"It also helps the person auditioning to get a feel for what we're like," Andrew Edgerly '11 said. John Chung '08, the troupe's more or less official leader, added, "Obviously we joke around a lot, maybe sometimes too

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Juan Colon '08  
Blue Lights

much for our own good, but we get the job done." He pointed back to Colon's remarks about compatibility, noting that how comfortable a prospective appeared with these curve balls can be a useful measuring stick. "If they can joke with us, that's always a plus."

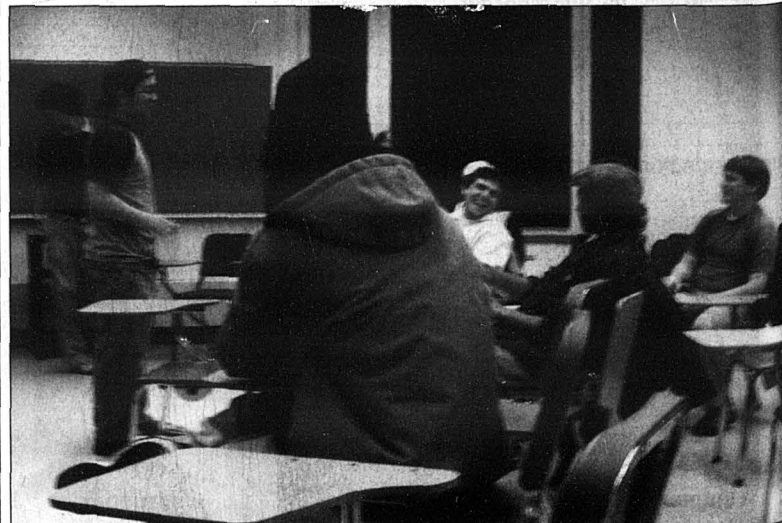
But back to the auditions themselves. After the questionnaire was read, the whole group stood to warm up with the prospective in question, with Alec Oot '10 at the piano. Next, Oot and Chung tested both ends of the prospective's vocal range. They fol-

lowed this up with what Oot called musical games ("I hate it when you call them that," said one of his fellows to test intonation and precision. Oot Fill in the Third, involved Oot playing the low and high notes of a chord, asking the prospective to sing whatever note should be in the middle. "The NBC," he said.

After this, the prospective sang voice part with the entire troupe, this case for "Semi-Charmed Life." Jake Franklin '08's solo song from last semester. They sang the beginning of the song twice; on the second run-through, whichever Blue Light had the same voice part as the prospective dropped out. Finally, the prospective sang solo from a song of his choosing.

Whenever the prospective was the spotlight alone, all (well, most) nuttiness ceased. Some Blue Lights adopted a more contemplative look than others, but each of them listened carefully, filing little details away in his head. For all their energetic eccentricity, they take this seriously. "I'd never make fun of auditions. Auditions are sacrosanct," the normally irreverent Colon said between two slots. "The Blue Lights was my most nervous audition ever," he recalled even considering auditions for school.

Maybe it's something about being judged by people who are not your peers, who sit beside you in classroom, rather than a somewhat more distant "adult." But it's also the same sense of connection that he draw students to groups like this, that makes their members well equipped to make prospectives comfortable to whatever extent is possible. And at the end of the day, the prospectives can walk away at least assured that whatever the outcome, Blue Lights reserve their harsh barbs for each other.



KRIS MIRANDA/THE COLBY ECHO

The Blue Lights had a good time at their auditions and also showed that they knew when to get serious.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS: JOHN BERGERON '08

Passion for theater

A talent and voice frequently heard center stage

By RINE VIETH  
STAFF WRITER

Name a theater production on campus in the last four years, and there's a very good chance John Bergeron '08 and his famously deep voice have been a part of it. By his count, the spring Powder and Wig production of *And Then There Were None* will be his sixteenth; he will play an old military man in the famous Agatha Christie murder mystery. He has directed one full play, *The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail*, as well as two short plays during the *Slices of Life* production, a group of short plays directed by students.

Bergeron is musically inclined as well. He had only sung for two years before coming to Colby, an experience he credits to a new choir teacher who "heard me speak and said, 'Come audition for my choir!'" Anyone who has heard Bergeron would understand; his deep voice that lends itself so well to theater is also wonderfully suited for music. He is a part of Collegium, Broadway Musical Revue, and had a "short-lived" barbershop quartet that was featured on an insideColby podcast. In addition, he is the president of the Colby Handbell choir, which he said he "joined sophomore year after seeing them perform—I thought, 'God, that looks like so much fun!'"

But Bergeron's passion is clearly theater. Take his nickname, for example: "Dottore." The name comes from a stock character in the *commedia dell'arte*. The character, whose name means "Doctor," is quite pompous and speaks in garbled Latin, all the while claiming to know virtually everything. Bergeron is certainly not as egotistic as the characters he portrays, but the name is oddly appropriate for a theater and classical civilization double major.

While he laughs about how intense he can get, Bergeron has obviously put deep thought into what truly lies in theater. He sees theater

as a study, a learning process, rather than something that just displays raw talent. "A lot of people appreciate rawness in their art, and rawness is very hard to duplicate. Artists go to school, musicians train, so why not in theater?" Bergeron said. "Good theater doesn't just happen—it's something to be worked toward. It takes craft, it takes artistry."

Bergeron credits the Theater Department at Colby with creating an atmosphere conducive to student creativity. "How amazing is it that I can say, 'I'd like to do a show', and without any money, I already have a venue

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John Bergeron '08  
*Powder & Wig*

and a time," he explained. "The amount of money saved by Powder and Wig because the department shares props is just huge." While the students at Colby benefit, "the enormity of it is by both sides is overlooked." Credit is also given to visiting professors for challenging students. Bergeron clearly embraces all aspects of acting, from biomechanics to musicals, and clearly wants more actors to do the same.

When asked whether he would want to teach theater after college, he answered with a laugh. "I'd love to! I want to do something I'm passionate about," he said, before launching into another discussion of how to understand theater. It's not as easy as it seems, he said. "If I want to completely play myself—I have this obnoxious habit of twirling my hair." Though it may seem like a good idea to do that throughout the piece, it would lose meaning and distract from any meaning or message that the author wished to show. The editing process, then, becomes truly important; one must understand that omission is just as important.

His academic take on theater is something evident in his description of a director, a role he seems eager to play. "The best shows are the ones where the director is keenly aware of the role as teacher," Bergeron said. "The director must really challenge students, so they don't just walk through it." Any patron of Colby theater can attest that Bergeron is definitely not just walking through his time here on Mayflower Hill.

THE MEGALOMANIACS



The Megalomaniacs performed downtown for Burst the Bubble Week.

REVIEWS

food A new spin on pizza, different doughs, lots of spice

By Amanda Mello, a&e editor

Pizza is surprisingly abundant in Waterville, as seen weekend after weekend when the pizza boxes from different delivery places stack up near the trash in each dorm. Despite the abundant choices, I think the best one has become clarified since the arrival of That Pizza Place to the Waterville pizza scene. That Pizza Place offers pizza unlike many of the other fast food chains in Waterville, where sometimes it is hard to tell the difference between Papa John's and Domino's Brooklyn Style pizza. The pizza from That Pizza Place offers a new taste in pizza around this area.

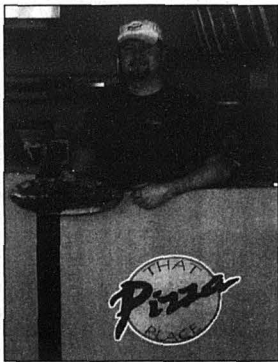
That Pizza Place offers both a pleasurable sit down dining experience and the ever favorite delivery option. Located in the Wal-Mart plaza, a couple doors down from Starbucks, it's an easy stop while in the midst of all your errands. When you walk in the door, the place is clean, lacking the typical oily smell of many pizza places. Upon walking in, the staff greets people with a friendly hello and patiently waits for the customer to be ready to order. Approaching the counter to order, it is a little overwhelming with many delicious choices on the menu. The menu, ranging from sandwiches to pizza and mozzarella sticks, is sure to have something for any individual who comes in the door. While the food is cooking, customers can sit and relax at a table, and enjoy a big screen TV toward the front of the restaurant. The atmosphere is casual and makes it easy to talk and relax with friends. The lack of table serving allows customers to sit and enjoy the meal without feeling rushed by busy servers.

However, for much of the college population, the craving for the perfect pizza is bound to come up on a late weekend night when

you are in no state to drive down there. Whether in driving condition or not, delivery is my favorite choice for the pure convenience of it. But to order the late night pizza from That Pizza Place is truly an experience. The pizza comes on your choice of white or wheat dough, of which I highly recommend the wheat. It adds the perfect subtle flavor that so many pizzas are missing. The crust is nice and thin, making the pizza have a lighter taste and prevents the post meal heavy stomach feeling. A great selection of herbs compliments the cheese and gives the pizza a unique flavor that you can't find many other places in Waterville.

To complement the pizza, I would recommend the cheesy bread sticks. Of course, to have both, you need to be quite the cheese fanatic, but it is more than worth it. The marinara dipping sauce tastes fresh and like real tomatoes, adding great flavor and completing the dish. The breadsticks taste light, like the pizza, making for an overall delicious but not overly filling meal. I highly recommend when ordering in, put on a comedy, kick back and enjoy the night.

That Pizza Place offers the best of both worlds and at great prices. Whether you order in or dine out, you are sure to enjoy the array of the menu and flavors added to the food. That Pizza Place has taken the average pizza shop concept and improved it tenfold. I would highly recommend that this coming weekend, when you are winding down your night, call for pizza delivery from That Pizza Place. They deliver until 2 a.m. on the weekend, and Colby students receive a ten percent discount, so give it a try one night. You won't be disappointed.



AMANDA MELLO/THE COLBY ECHO  
That Pizza Place offers delicious pizza and sides at great prices for students.

alcohol

The ultimate hazy battle: Absinthe vs. Everclear

By Andrew Kabatznick, contributing writer

While sitting in the Baltimore Airport last weekend, I came across a book that may very well be responsible for what follows. The book was Tucker Max's *I Hope They Serve Beer In Hell*, the story was "The Absinthe Donuts Story." Now I was no stranger to Absinthe, but had shied away from the bottle that had stared me in the face from across my room until I found this story of debauchery. All that remained was choosing a beverage so worthy of putting up a fight against the legendary beverage. The only alcohol that came to mind that could possibly stand up to the test was Everclear. Seeing as how both beverages had been responsible for me seeing things, namely my reflection in the toilet, I had to select a crew that could handle such a daunting task. Joining me in this week's review were Grant Netzorg '08, John Davidson White '08 and Jay Larmon '09. Before things started the elders had to coddle the younger Larmon, as he had only started drinking upon turning 21 the week before. After a quick pep talk, we were ready to go.

First up was America's favorite means of riding the blackout train, Everclear. Larmon got things started as his opinion, and his liver, had not been damaged by years of drinking. Gritting his teeth, Larmon threw back a shot. Looking around with panic in his voice he cried out, "So this is what it's like to go blind." JD followed and was slightly more responsive to the 190 proof beverage claiming, "It's just like 151... once you get past the burning." Last, but not least, I took my turn with the clear killer and was not rewarded for my patience. With a pained expression on my face I exclaimed, "This stuff is truly the cure for what ails you because whatever it touches it destroys." When the bottle was pushed Netzorg's way he slowly pushed it back toward us and said with a smile, "I know better." In the end Everclear is like prostitution; it's banned in most of the

US and once you've tried it you'll never be the same. And with that it was decided it would better for all of us if we moved on.

Happy to have survived round one, we proceeded to begin the deadly dance with the green fairy. Having sat out the Everclear, Netzorg was eager to kick things off. After going through the necessary preparations, he took an oversized swig and with a grin exclaimed, "It tastes like a Peppermint Pattie." When that news hit our ears our taste buds rejoiced with the promise of cleansing our palates with something that doesn't taste like burning. Mr. White followed things up exclaiming, "It tastes like Winterfresh and licorice had a baby." Larmon followed the lead of his elders and took a sip of the green stuff. "It reminds me of Christmas because it tastes like candy canes and it'll leave images of sugar plum fairies dancing through my head." With Absinthe having been responsible for numerous forgotten nights and even more I wish I could forget, I was rather hesitant when the bottle found itself in front of me, but with the credibility of the beer review at stake I soldiered on. After taking my dose of the sauce, I was silenced for a few minutes only to find the room was spinning more than it had been early that afternoon.

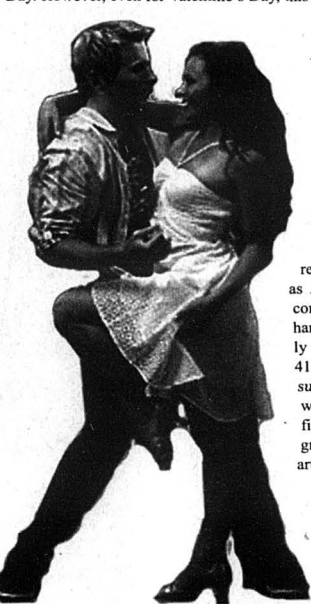
After pulling myself together, it became time for the verdict. The winner was the one with the wormwood, as Absinthe took home the clean sweep 4 to 0. In the end, Everclear is better suited for other uses like cleaning solution, fuel, or even paint thinner. While Absinthe took home the clear victory, I won't go into the details of how I went about getting it into the country, but let's just say a little piece of me died that day. So in the end, keep it cheap, and keep it American and for god's sake grab a mixer.

movie

A disappointing film still offers amazing moves

By Amanda Mello, a&e editor

Unfortunately, *Step Up II: The Streets* is not a sequel that you can say would have been good if it were not for the success of the original. It seems safe to say, that had *Step Up II* arrived first, no one would have come to see a later sequel. *Step Up II* owes any success it may have to the popularity of the first film, as well as the fact it opened on Valentine's Day. However, even for Valentine's Day, this movie was far too corny to



enjoy (and this is coming from an avid fan of *The Notebook*).

*Step Up II* presented a marginal plot, basically reversing the plot of the first movie, by now bringing the Maryland School of Arts students to compete in an underground dance competition known as "The Streets." The plot also seemed somewhat reminiscent of movies such as *Bring It On*, with fiercely competing groups that try too hard to emphasize a previously reigning champion, the 410, that has grown to expect success, thereby forgetting why it began dancing in the first place, up against a new group whose passion for its art is likely to bring them the strength they need to pull off a great routine.

Further drawing from many other chick flicks of the last two decades, the romantic angle

hints early on at a relationship between the popular Chase Collins, played by Robert Hoffman, and the new girl, Andie, played by Briana Evigan. This coupling, along with a few others, move the movie quickly into the realm of a level of cheesy that is hard to get past during the entire movie.

It is hard to know if the acting was also poor due to the cheesiness of the script (I don't even think Humphrey Bogart could have delivered these lines without audience members rolling their eyes) or if the actors were of marginal talent themselves.

That aside, the characters were not convincing in any way; they all seemed entirely unrealistic and have been written before in other movies. At "The Streets" competition, Andie and her crew aren't allowed to dance because the streets aren't where they came from. Andie's following speech is entirely unconvincing and the movie would have been better had the group simply been allowed to dance. This allowance also would have prevented the group from performing outside (during which everyone who was inside comes and watches, including the DJ who wouldn't allow them to perform) in the downpour. The rain did set a nice background for the dancing, but ultimately led to the infamous making out in the rain cliché scene, which we really could have done without. The movie also enforced basic stereotypes of both the streets and of private education. If there was an enlightening message, however, through the reinforcement of stereotypes, it was completely missed.

However, it is necessary to acknowledge that as far as the dancing, the only disappointment was there was simply not enough of it. The dancing in the movie far exceeded expectation and was better than the original. During the final scenes in the movie, at "The Street" competition, there are lengthy performances by both the 410 and Andie's group. And that dancing is nothing short of awesome. The choreography is incredibly impressive for both groups, and it is a good thing they never officially announce a winner of "The Streets" because it would have been hard to pick. Another notable scene is the barbeque held at Missy's (Danielle Polanco) house. This scene offers a great performance of salsa by many of the characters. The songs are great and the moves are better, but it unfortunately does not make up for the lack of originality in the script and marginal acting.



# Track boasts individual performances

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energy of the crowd once the lights went out" said Moss, the relay's anchor, "and although it was tight going into the final handoff, Osoff gave me a great one and I laid down an easy 2:00 to smoke Bowdoin."

Also scoring for the Mules were Chris Copeland, a junior in his first year on CCTF, who took second in the 55 meter dash (6.68) and fifth in the 200 meter dash (23.37). DeRoo also placed second in the 600 meter with a strong time of 1:23.18, while Osoff finished third in the 800 meter (1:58.98). In the shot-put, Camden Buckso '08 placed fourth with a throw of 44-2.75 and in the long jump Logan Hunter '11 also got fourth with a jump of 19-8.

The next weekend, in the final regular-season meet, the Colby men got some unexpected performances before, as Moss puts it, "qualifying standards kick in and the roster size diminishes drastically." In the weight throw, senior Brian Ward-better known for his role on Colby Football's offensive line-threw a 46-5.25 to place fifth in the event, behind teammate, and fellow Football player thrower-extraordinaire Buckso (47-9.00), who finished third in the weight and second in the shot-put (43-11.75). For Ward, this was a huge personal-record considering he had only begun throwing the weight a few days prior

in practice. "It was only the tenth time or so that he had ever gotten in the circle when he threw that bomb," Glotfelty said. "We're expecting big things out of him next week and in the hammer in the spring."

In the 600 meter, Moss held his momentum from the previous week with a time of 1:22.65, breaking the Colby record of 1:23.18 set by Emil Thomann in 2000. Copeland was again

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Bob Glotfelty '08  
CCTF

a point machine for the Mules, winning both the 55 dash (6.70) and the 200 meters (23.29). Glotfelty took third in the mile (4:24.90), qualifying for DIIs, and finished fourth in the 800 meter (2:01.36) behind teammate

DeRoo (second, 1:59.84). The Mules also got a collection of personal-records from Osoff in the 600 meter (1:23.96), Mike Bienkowski '10 in the mile (4:35.24, shattering his previous mark by 13 seconds), and in the 3000 meters, Ben Cunkelman '11 (9:09.93), Tim Maguire '08 (9:17.73) and John DeAscentis '11 (9:31.64).

For the Colby women, the meet proved to be beneficial as a full-team performance, with the Mules receiving points from across the board. Ivey won the 3000 meters (10:34.67) and placed second in the mile (5:18.97). Erin Beasley '09 took third in the 55 dash and second in the 200 meters with times of 7.72 and 27.87 respectively. In the 400 meters, Laura Pomponi '08 placed fourth (1:03.85) while in the 600 meter MacDonald placed second in 1:42.57. In the long jump and triple jump, first-year Jordan Schoonover placed fourth (16-4.25) and first (33-9.25) respectively. Brianna Kondrat '09 also threw very well at the meet, placing second in both the shot (36-5.00) and the weight (46-1.25).

From here, both the men's and women's teams split with some CCTF members preparing for championship races such as Division IIIs, Open New England and ECACs while others look ahead to the outdoor season. Yet both groups are always full of the promise of another throw, another jump or another race.

## SQUASH



The members of the men's squash team proudly show off their new hardware from the Conroy Division Championships.

## Men's team finishes on high note

By SARAH KIRKER  
STAFF WRITER

The Colby Men's Squash team finished the season on a strong note, going 3-0 in its last three team competitions. Over the weekend the team beat Vassar College, Hobart and William Smith College and George Washington University to win the Conroy Division (teams ranked between 25th and 32nd) Title at the National Team Championships at Northeastern University. The men have been looking forward to this tournament as a chance to not only show off their own skills but also have a chance to check out some of the competition. In the words of captain Brett Willis '08, "I really enjoy this tournament because it's a pretty relaxing weekend for us as far as scheduling goes. Normally we have to play two to three matches a day when we travel, but here we only play one a day, and get a lot of time to hang out with the team and watch some great squash."

With energy running high, "because it's the end of the season and all of the

teams get really fired up about winning," Willis said, the Colby team started out strong beating Vassar 9-0 on Friday and Hobart 6-3 in Saturday's semifinals. Wins from Alex Fulton '11 at the third position, Harry Goldstein '08 at the fourth, Willis at the fifth, Alex Place '11 at the sixth, Steve Holt '09 at the eighth and Ken Cramer '10 at the ninth earned the Colby men a berth in the finals. They clinched their title with an exciting 5-4 victory over George Washington on Sunday. Jake Leiby '09 returned to his position at the number one spot for Colby and played impressively, winning four games in the finals against George Washington and three against Vassar. In fact, Colby was strong all through the lineup with Fulton again winning at the third position, Goldstein going four games to win at the fourth position, Willis going four games to win at the fifth position and Holt easily winning in the eighth position.

This tournament caps off a season full of ups and downs for the men. With quite a few close matches, including two heartbreaking 5-4 losses to Denison University and Northeastern as

well as a 7-2 comeback win against Connecticut College after losing 6-3 the first time they faced them, the season has certainly been an interesting one for the men. The team had to battle through the loss of captain Ryan Maher '08, who graduated in mid-January. According to Willis, who stepped into the captain position when Maher departed, "It's because of [Maher's] hard work and great planning that we have been able to compete so well despite his absence. He was able to motivate the team and get us to work our hardest to get prepared for the tough season. We really wish he was able to be here with us at nationals."

Overcoming these obstacles has made the men's team a tight knit group, which has in turn made it an enjoyable season for the players, no matter the outcomes. "It's been one of my favorite seasons, as the men's and women's team were able to take a joint trip to Florida at the end of winter break. The men's team has been working especially hard, and has gotten really close because of the hard work that every member of the team has put in," Willis said.

## CUTTING THROUGH



Women's hockey's Feb. 13 game with Bowdoin was postponed to Feb. 19, when Colby tried to move up in the standings.

## GUEST COLUMN

# The end of a Boston era

## Meet the new face of Red Sox Nation

Last Wednesday night, I had a dream. Stay with me for a second here, this actually has a point. I was walking through an airport, I arrived at a popcorn stand, and who should be behind the counter but Red Sox left fielder Manny Ramirez and former ace Pedro Martinez. After watching Manny sadly count up the pennies in his tip jar, I turned to Pedro and began to spout off my adoration for him like a 10-year-old girl at her first Hannah Montana concert. As I was about to tell Pedro that his 17 strikeout, 1-hit performance against the Yankees in 1998 was the single greatest game I have ever seen, Pedro stood up on the counter and screamed at me "No, no, no! I am not here to talk about the past!"

Now this dream may simply have been the product of taking too much Nyquil and watching SportsCenter as I fell asleep, but I am going to say that there is greater significance here as we begin to think about the 2008 baseball season. Boston's boys of summer, the defending world champion Red Sox, have officially taken the field in Ft. Myers, Florida for their first team workout. Thus begins the team's second title defense in the last four seasons, a truly remarkable feat for an organization that was characterized for so many years by spectacular failure and overweight, miserable fans complaining to other overweight and miserable fans on talk radio. And even though it crushed me that one of my



idols growing up thought I was an idiot, Pedro made me see the undeniable truth: Red Sox Nation, as we knew it, is dead.

In its place has risen a colossal media and marketing giant which attracts the worst kinds of fans and isn't afraid to

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sell out any and all parts of franchise lore that might make a buck. Yes, this means you idiots who paid \$19.99 to become "official" members of Red Sox Nation. I know a good place where you can stick your membership card.

Now, more than any other time in the history, the Red Sox have moved beyond their place as the lovable losers of baseball. The vestiges of that past are falling away—only eight players from the 2004 championship season remain

on the roster, with only three (Ramirez, Jason Varitek, and Tim Wakefield) from their last non-competitive team in 2002. Fenway Park has transformed from a run-down relic into a yuppie paradise replete with outdoor restaurants and advertisements covering every inch of the once sacred ground. Even the stereotypical fan, the loud-mouthed buffoon who got loaded on six dollar beers, threw empty bottles at Yankee players, and occasionally ran onto the field, has been replaced by two types of people: a rich teenage girl wearing a pink Sox hat and a pink David Ortiz t-shirt who is more worried about getting another beer than the score of the game, and a rich, old white guy who wears khakis, a white button down shirt, and a sport coat regardless of temperature, who only gets out of his seat to go to the bathroom or get a Fenway Frank in a half-assed attempt to fit in with the diehards.

As in many other times in my life, I am compelled to remember a line from the classic film *The Big Lebowski*: "Your revolution is over, [Red Sox fans]. Condolences." I say this to you, the remaining loyal fans of the hometown team who remember what the wrong side of a .500 season feels like: get over it. Whether you love or hate the new perceptions of the Red Sox, they are here to stay. The days of 15-dollar tickets and two-dollar hot dogs have gone the way of the supposed "Curse"—never to return. But if you ask me, at the end of the day, all of this commercialization is a fair exchange for two rings in four years.

## Women's hoops in play-offs

By LIZZI FORT  
STAFF WRITER

Despite a conference loss to Tufts University last Saturday, and another to Bates College last Friday, the Colby women's basketball squad will advance to the New England Small College Athletic Conference playoffs, where it will face top-seeded Amherst College in the quarter-final game.

The loss to Bates on Friday came despite a career high 29 points scored by sophomore captain Alison Cappelloni. Cappelloni received support from first-year guard Karlyn Adler who scored 12 points for Colby, while also having five assists and three steals. Senior captain Katie McCabe added eight points and four rebounds, bringing her career rebound total to over 700. However, Bates had four players reach double-digits in scoring and thus clinched the 77-64 victory.

The following day, the Mules faced Tufts, who is 21-2 on the season and 7-2 overall in NESCAC play, at home in Medford, Massachusetts. Even though the Mules shot about 80 percent from

the line, they could not keep pace with the Jumbos and in the end fell 84-60. McCabe, however, fought hard for the Mules, contributing a third of Colby's point total with 20 points. First-year Meredith Aronson tacked on 14 points as well for the Mules.

Earlier in the week, the Mules faced Thomas College, where they defeated

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the Waterville rival in overtime 77-71. Cappelloni scored 28 points for the Mules, a temporary career high for the sophomore until she topped it the fol-

lowing game against Bates. McCabe had her own career high game grabbing 21 rebounds for Colby.

Cappelloni also had eight rebounds and two blocks for the Mules while McCabe finished with 19 points and three assists. Adler added eight points, five rebounds, and three assists.

The Mules led Thomas 67-54 with 5:53 left in the game, but Thomas fought back with a 14-1 run to tie the game at 68-68 and send it into overtime. First-year forward Julianne Kowalski led the Mules in overtime with four points and one blocked shot. Kowalski finished with 11 points, 13 rebounds and two blocked shots.

The Mules faced University of Maine-Presque Isle at Presque Isle earlier this week, in their last game of the regular season. The first game of the NESCAC playoffs will take place this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Amherst, with the winner advancing to the semifinals. Amherst, like Tufts, is 7-2 overall in the NESCAC, but is 22-2 on the season. The NESCAC semifinals will take place next weekend on Saturday, March 1, with the championship game the following day Sunday March 2 at 2:00 p.m.



The women's basketball team is looking ahead to the postseason and a match-up with top-seeded Amherst.



# Alpiner earns individual win in slalom

Teams stay on track for NCAA races

By DAVID LOWE  
STAFF WRITER

The alpine ski team competed in slalom and giant slalom last weekend at the Williams College Ski Carnival at Jiminy Peak in Massachusetts. Ten teams attended the carnival and Colby made a good showing, which included a first place finish in the slalom by a member of the men's squad.

The giant slalom was held on Friday and the slalom was held on Saturday. In the giant slalom the men took fifth with 62 points and the women took sixth with 53 points. The slalom was held on Saturday and the men took seventh place

and the men tied the University of New Hampshire for third place with 71 points. Harvard University finished last in each event.

In both events, the giant slalom and slalom, each skier gets two runs. The times of the two runs are added up for a final time that is scored.

On Friday, the women's team had six racers, with Dana Breakstone '10 taking a team best tenth place. Emily Colin '10 came in two seconds slower and took twenty-second in 1:47.21. Julia Coffin '09, Brett Wagenheim '08, Laura Littman '10, and Alissa Consenstein '08 placed

32nd, 35th, 37th, and 42nd for the Mules with times of 1:51.90, 1:52.69, 1:54.03 and 1:55.51, respectively.

On the men's side all five skiers finished within ten places of each other. Only 1.03 seconds separated top Colby finisher Sam Witherspoon '09, 13th overall in 1:42.02, from Corey Linton '10, who took fifth for Colby (22nd overall) in 1:43.05. Josh Kernan '10 took 14th place, only .03 behind teammate Witherspoon. Jody Centauro '08 finished in 16th place in a time of 1:42.09. First-year Vincent Lebrun-Fortin's time of 1:42.32 was good enough for 18th. Colby finished only four points behind 4th

place Williams. The next day in the slalom, Colin took first for the Mules in 1:40.98 and finished 11th overall. Coffin Peck placed 20th, followed by Wagenheim in 21st and Consenstein in 23rd. Breakstone and Fitman rounded up the top six finishing in 30th and 39th, respectively.

Lebrun-Fortin won the slalom for the men. He crushed the opposition in a blazing 1:30.78. Kernan took 5th in 1:33.75 and led the Mules to a third place finish. Witherspoon skied to a 26th place finish with Linton taking 27th. Centauro was disqualified in his second run. Colby finished with 71 points. Middlebury won with 78 and Williams edged out Colby with 75 points.

The alpine team will ski next weekend at the Middlebury Carnival. The men look to continue recent success in the slalom. This is their final tune-up before the NCAA ski Championships in Montana from Mar. 5-8.

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## A mixed carnival for Nordic

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The second day of the Williams Carnival consisted of a 3 x 3 relay race, starting the first leg in the best time, beat his competitors and handed the baton to Gill. Gill more or less maintained the Mules' lead, but racers from Middlebury and Dartmouth were still the hunt. On his leg, Briggs passed Middlebury's skier, but according to "Dartmouth's top sprinter put a second on me," Briggs also got passed by Jurgen Uhl, an extremely fast skier from the University of Vermont. For the rest of the relay race, Gill and Briggs took turns fighting to regain their positions. Eventually, Dartmouth skied away from the Mules, winning with 94 points. Middlebury (87 points) and the University of Hampshire (80) pushed Colby to fourth place, with 73 points.

The fourth place finish put Colby in 14th place for the combined score of the Williams Carnival. According to Briggs, "third place finish is somewhat off target." "We've been second every week so far... Bummer." Regardless, the team is still looking forward to NCAA Division I Nationals. Kline, Briggs and Uhl have qualified, and Fereday is on the bubble. "We can send three of us to nationals," Briggs said, "so that's how we're trying to get in."

### SPORTS FEATURE

## For the love of the game

An inside look at the Booze Hounds hockey team

By MOLLY BIDDISCOMBE  
SPORTS EDITOR

While the most recognizable Colby ice hockey uniform displays the letter "M" for Mules, a group of hockey players take the ice several times a week, proudly displaying a hound dog. Although there are no Mule mascots for this team, the Colby Hounds, also fondly known as the Booze Hounds, strongly endorse themselves as a Colby College team. However, the College does not support such a strong association between the Hounds and the College.

According to college policy, the athletic department does not support club programs that have a corresponding varsity sport on campus. Therefore, the Hounds, unlike other club sports teams like the rugby and woodsmen teams, do not receive any funding from the College. "Gaining recognition from the administration is like fighting an uphill battle," tri-captain Nolan Gagne '08 said. In addition to their lack of funding, the Booze Hounds do not qualify for allotted ice time at the Alfred Arena, so they travel to the Sukey Arena in Winslow, Maine to compete in two different club leagues.

The Hounds participate in a local adult league hosted by Sukey, and in the

Central Maine Collegiate Conference, comprising club teams from Thomas College, the University of Maine, Unity College, Maine Maritime Academy and Colby. Club teams from Bates College and Bowdoin College also face off against the Hounds at least once during the Hounds' lengthy season, which lasts from October until mid March. Because of the Hounds' limited ice time, they do not practice as a squad, yet compete in an average of one and a half games per week, which includes one Collegiate Conference game a week. With a roster of 30-35 athletes, each member does not get to play in every game, and therefore captains Gagne, Ian Singer '08 and Chris Heasman '08 decide on the roster before each game. Because the Hounds are an open program in which they do not cut players, they equally divide playing time between members, giving slight priority to senior players.

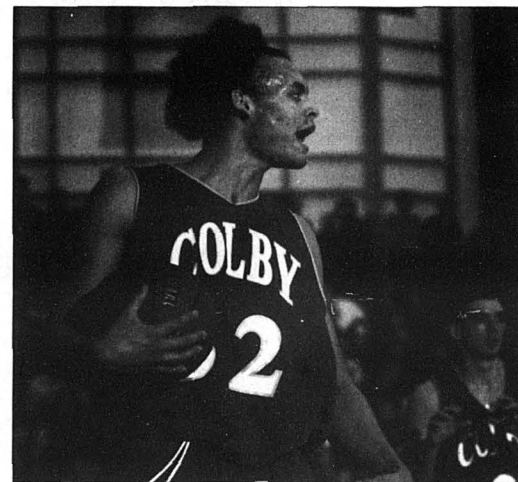
The Hounds' most spirited competition is with Waterville town rival Thomas College. Although the Hounds sport an impressive 7-0 record against their across-town counterpart, the Collegiate Conference games against the Terriers always prove to be the most exciting games. "Probably because Thomas doesn't have a varsity team, the club games are a big deal to them," Gagne said. He described the atmosphere as a lively one, in which Thomas students pack the stands of the Sukey Arena in order to enjoy competitive hockey and a social outing. Competitions against Thomas are a bittersweet experience for the Hounds, because despite the enjoyment of playing in front

of a large crowd, very few Colby students actively support the team.

During the Hounds' last match up against the Terriers on Feb. 11, they squashed their competition by a score of 11-1. Andrew Rousseau '11 dominated the competition and scored a hat trick against Thomas. Sam Cooper '10 and Jason Hine '09 contributed two goals each while Will Poekel, Mike Dakers '11, Brock Bosacker '10 and Singer all netted one as well.

Despite the poor student showing at games and their unofficial club status, the Hounds have remained one of the most bonded teams on campus since their establishment seven years ago. "I am always surprised at the diverse backgrounds of guys on the team," said Gagne. About a third of the Hounds had aspirations to play varsity ice hockey at Colby, and another third are other varsity sport athletes on campus. No matter the background, the Hounds' members are bonded together by their passion for hockey and their desire to continue playing after the high school level. "We're just having a great time playing a beautiful game, and making valuable college friendships," first-year player Sam Carter said. Carter played hockey in high school and jumped at the opportunity to continue his hockey career, sporting a hound rather than a mule. The image of Gagne leading his fearless Hounds, a group that is often looked upon as destructive due to the "Booze" that is attached to their name, would inspire any hockey fan and bring to light the love of the game shared by these Colby gentlemen.

### DEVASTATOR OF THE WEEK



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## Adam Choice '10

**SPORT:** Basketball  
**POSITION:** Forward  
**HOMETOWN:** Newport, RI  
**KEY STAT:** Averaged 22.5 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks in wins over Bates and Tufts

### WHY:

He blocked a shot with 21 seconds left and Colby up 66-65 to help the Mules seal the victory against rival Bates.

# 17.8

Average points per game, second in the NESCAC

### NESCAC ROUND-UP

On Saturday Feb. 23, the 2008 NESCAC Men's Basketball Championship kicks off with four quarterfinal games hosted by the top four seeds: Amherst, Bowdoin, Middlebury and Trinity. It is the first time Bowdoin has hosted a quarterfinal game since 2004...In women's basketball the championship bracket is also set, with the Lord Jeffs holding another top seed after Bates and Wesleyan each won their final games to make the tournament, 62-52 over Bowdoin and 65-47 over Williams, respectively...Bowdoin sophomore goaltender Chris Rossi gave up just one goal in two wins for the Polar Bears men's ice hockey team on Feb. 15-16, helping Bowdoin jump from fourth to first in the conference standings...In women's ice hockey the Trinity Bantams registered the first win at Bowdoin in program history with a 2-1 victory on Feb. 15. Hamilton picked up a pair of wins over Wesleyan two nights in a row Feb. 16-17 to leapfrog Bowdoin in the conference standings...The Trinity men's squash dynasty will stand for another year after a victory over Princeton University for the 2008 Potter Trophy. It is the Bantams' tenth consecutive national championship...Middlebury's men's and women's alpine skiing and nordic skiing teams finished second for the fourth time in five carnivals after their performances at the Williams Carnival held on Feb. 15-16. The Panthers placed first out of conference schools, behind only Dartmouth overall...In men's indoor track and field, Amherst freshman Peter Harrison won the 3000 meter run with a time of 8:47.15 at the Tufts Invitational while junior Peter Foote took the 5000 meter in 15:28.19. On the women's side, the Amherst distance domination continued when senior Kim Partee won the 5000 meter in 18:22.66.

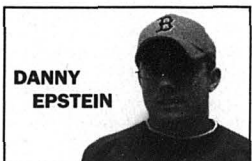
— Nick Cunkelman, Asst. Sports Editor

### THE FOCUS ON FANTASY

## Looking for value in the deep AL East

Now that pitchers and catchers have returned to Spring Training and the position players are not far behind in making their trips to Florida (Grapefruit League) or Arizona (Cactus League), it's time to start talking fantasy baseball more focused context.

There are two disclaimers attached to the following articles that will be often concerning the subject: (1) no should have fantasy baseball drafts for March 15 and (2) do not let training statistics influence your draft. First, it is simply too early to determine anything regarding position battles or the impact of injuries. Second, I understand that Spring Training is an exciting time because teams are finally playing games and players are preparing for the season. Although I do not read too much into Spring training statistics or box scores. Josh Kett may go out and get shelled in his first outing by a bunch of fringe Minnesota Twins. If he does, it isn't really matter, and his position wouldn't change in your rankings as the top SP in the league. Remember when everyone used to be concerned when Pedro Martinez had a terrible Spring Training for the Red Sox and posted an ERA of somewhere around 10.00. Then what happened? He was correct; he then went out and pitched twenty games. If you're lucky enough like me (Cactus League this year) to go see a game, maybe you can come away with some impressions from the players you saw and liked, but the



DANNY EPSTEIN

statistics are generally meaningless (the Royals finished first in the Grapefruit League last year).

Each week, I'll preview a different division and the fantasy impact within it. For this first week, we'll start with everyone's favorite division, the AL East.

The Baltimore Orioles made some interesting moves in dealing #1 starter Erik Bedard to Seattle for a group of prospects, including the sensational 22-year-old CF Adam Jones. There isn't a ton of value on this team, fantasy-wise, with a few exceptions. Brian Roberts is a nice player who has an abundance of speed and some power, and RF Nick Markakis is only 24 and hit 23 HR and 112 RBI last year. Of note, Markakis is being severely undervalued in many experts' drafts so look for him in the middle rounds as a power-hitting outfielder. There's really no pitching help available here, and whoever wins the closer job (my guess is George Sherrill) won't get many opportunities because the Orioles will be awful.

The Boston Red Sox are an interesting case for people playing fantasy baseball in this area of the country.

Truthfully, as much as I love the Red Sox, their players will be horribly overvalued in just about every fantasy draft. Ortiz and Manny are nice players, but shouldn't be selected in the top 5 or 10, nor should Beckett. I guarantee that Mike Lowell will not have the ridiculous year he did last year, so I would avoid him unless you can get good value. One guy you may be able to snatch for a discount is J.D. Drew. He had a rough year last year but came on strong in the playoffs and has .300, 20 HR, 100 RBI, 10 SB potential, especially in the Red Sox high octane offense.

Deep in the caverns of Yankee Stadium, George Steinbrenner is a very unhappy man. The New York Yankees haven't won a World Series since 2000 and have struggled mightily in recent seasons. This offense is still loaded and my advice would be to pick up anyone on that offense at a reasonable value because they'll score a ton of runs. My pick for the disappointment of the year in this division is SP Chien-Ming Wang. He is still nursing a hamstring injury that bothered him all of last year, and the Yankees are saying he could be out until the end of April. Wang has battled hammy trouble for the last year or so and hamstrings aren't exactly injuries that heal and never creep up again (ask Isaac Bruce). It should also be noted that Jaba Chamberlain (what parents named their kid Jaba?) will start the season in the bullpen, decreasing his value for the start of the season. If you

want Kei Igawa or Mike Mussina on your fantasy team, have fun with 10 or 15 wins and a +5.00 ERA and +1.40 WHIP.

For the sake of space, I'm going to combine the Tampa Bay Rays and the Toronto Blues Jays into the same paragraph. The Rays have some serious offense with 1B Carlos Pena and OF Carl Crawford being legitimate fantasy baseball talent. Crawford will probably be taken in the top 20 due to his immense speed and future power potential. One player to watch in camp is super prospect 3B Evan Longoria, who has basically been given the starting job. If you're feeling lucky on draft day, take a flier on Longoria and stash him on your bench. Scott Kazmir and James Shields are obviously legitimate SP options while the closer competition is wide open (Al Reyes is probably the favorite here along with Troy Percival). With the Jays, 3B Scott Rolen will be given a new opportunities and OF's Alex Rios and Vernon Wells are solid. Pitching is where the Jays have true potential with starters Roy Halladay, A.J. Burnett, Dustin McGowan and Jesse Litsch. In the bullpen, B.J. Ryan could be an option if he can return from Tommy John Surgery but otherwise Jeremy Accardo proved to be an ampie closer. Watch Ryan's health closely during Spring Training.

Next week, we'll take a peek at the AL Central.

### STANDINGS

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY				
	NESCAC	OVERALL		
	W	L	T	GP
Bowdoin	12	5	0	16
COLBY	11	5	1	12
Amherst	10	5	2	12
Middlebury	10	5	2	14
Conn.	8	7	2	11
Trinity	7	8	2	11
Williams	6	7	4	10
Wesleyan	6	8	3	10
Hamilton	4	12	1	5
Tufts	4	12	1	6

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY				
	NESCAC	OVERALL		
	W	L	T	GP
Middlebury	11	0	3	17
Amherst	10	0	4	15
Trinity	9	2	3	16
COLBY	6	4	3	11
Conn.	5	6	3	7
Hamilton	4	6	4	12
Bowdoin	2	7	6	5
Wesleyan	1	12	1	5
Williams	1	12	1	3

MEN'S BASKETBALL				
	NESCAC	OVERALL		
	W	L	GP	
Amherst	9	0	22	2
Trinity	6	3	18	6
Middlebury	6	3	18	6
Bowdoin	6	3	19	5
Bates	5	4	17	7
Williams	4	5	17	7
Conn.	4	5	17	7
COLBY	3	6	13	11
Wesleyan	1	8	8	16
Tufts	1	8	11	13

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL				
	NESCAC	OVERALL		
	W	L	GP	
Amherst	7	2	22	2
Tufts	7	2	21	2
Wesleyan	6	3	16	8
Bowdoin	6	3	17	7
Bates	5	4	15	9
Williams	5	4	16	8
Middlebury	4	5	13	11
COLBY	2	7	8	15
Conn.	2	7	12	12
Trinity	1	8	10	13

### LEADERS

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY				
Power-play goal leaders, NESCAC				
	Pos.	GP	G	
KELLEY, T.J.	COLBY	F	21	8
JACKMUFF, Brandon	Williams	F	22	7
REBER, Josh	COLBY	F	18	6
WESTERMAN, Mike	Bowdoin	F	21	6
FOREK, Casey	Middlebury	F	15	5
LEARY, Ryan	Bowdoin	F	19	5
FRITCH, Arthur	COLBY	D	20	5
GILCHRIST, Mickey	Middlebury	F	21	5
SCHOPPEL, Kyle	Amherst	F	22	5
RIFFE, Ryan	Conn.	F	20	4

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY				
Assist leaders, NESCAC				
	GP	A	APG	
CELLINO, Annmarie	Middlebury	22	25	1.14
HANLON, Courtney	Amherst	22	16	0.73
JULIAN, Rebecca	COLBY	21	14	0.67
LEVIN, Karen	Middlebury	22	14	0.64
MCNALLY, Anna	Middlebury	20	13	0.65
DENNETT, Kate	Amherst	22	12	0.55
JACKSON, Hannah	Wesleyan	20	11	0.55
KAREGA, Sarasi	Amherst	22	11	0.50
TAMASKY, Kim	Williams	22	11	0.50
SCARPATO, Stephan	COLBY	15	10	0.67

MEN'S BASKETBALL				
Blocked shots leaders, NESCAC				
	GP	Bls	BPG	
LOCKE, Andrew	Middlebury	24	49	2.04
HOPKINS, Kevin	Amherst	24	44	1.83
STONE, Charles	Conn.	24	34	1.42
CHOICE, Adam	COLBY	24	33	1.38
EDWARDS, Tim	Middlebury	24	29	1.21
WALSH, Mike	Middlebury	24	27	1.12
DUNN, Stephen	Trinity	24	26	1.08
WALTERS, Fletcher	Amherst	24	25	1.04
PIERCE, JON	Tufts	24	24	1.00
JONES, Brandon	Amherst	24	23	0.96

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL				
Blocked shots leaders, NESCAC				
	GP	Bls	BPG	
UMMAH, Khaliah	Tufts	23	52	2.26
BAKER, Aylee	Middlebury	24	43	1.79
COFFIN, Meg	Bates	18	30	1.67
KOWALSKI, Julianne	COLBY	23	31	1.35
TAUSANOVITCH, Katie	Tufts	23	30	1.30
JACKSON, Cheshire	Williams	23	30	1.25
HYNES, Christine	Bowdoin	18	22	1.22
CARD, Christine	Trinity	22	26	1.18
CAPPELLONI, Allison	COLBY	22	24	1.09
FOURNEY, Ali	Wesleyan	23	23	1.00





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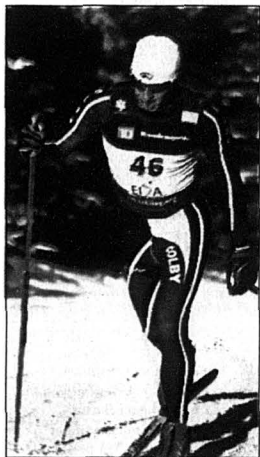
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## NORDIC Ski teams compete at Williams

By PAT BAGLEY  
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It was a sweet and sour weekend for the men's Nordic team. On Friday, Feb. 15 at the Williams College Ski Carnival, the men captured their third victory of the season by winning the 10K skate event. The finger-lickin' good taste of victory was lost the subsequent day, however. The men placed fourth in the 3 x 3 sprint relay, curdling their chances of "winning the weekend."

In a "steady as she goes" season, the women have yet again earned eighth place. The Lady Mules were *numero ocho* in both the 5K skate event and the 3 x 3 sprint relay. In both events they trounced 10th place Bowdoin College, leaving the Polar Bears to limp back to their dens in Brunswick.



COURTESY OF KRIS DOBIE  
Men's nordic won for the third time.

Captain Kathleen Maynard '09 was Colby's top women's squad finisher for the 5K skate. She covered the course in 13:22 and captured 17th place. Jennie Brenttrup, the sophomore stalwart, nabbed 38th place with a time of 14:22. Linnea Rooke '09 had a breakthrough day. She placed 41st overall and was Colby's third finisher. Meghan Cornwall '11 (44th, 14:57) and Lexie Praggastis '09 (45th, 15:00) rounded out the team's score of 34 points.

For the men, Friday was a groundbreaking day on the skate course. Captain Nick Kline '08 finished second in a field of 61 skiers. He covered the 10 kilometers in 23:24 for second place. This was the highest finish in the history of Colby's Nordic program (but don't be surprised when one of the Mules wins a carnival race...). Matt Briggs '09 was Colby's next finisher. Briggs' time of 23:39 earned him fourth place. Wyatt Fereday '11 finished ten seconds behind Briggs for seventh place. Sam Mathes '10, the fourth Mule to break the topten, took ninth place with a time of 24:03. Silas Gill '09 finished five seconds behind Mathes for 11th place.

Together, the men earned a score of 89 points, besting Bates College and Dartmouth College (who tied for second with 79 points) and fourth place Middlebury College. "Dartmouth and Middlebury were off," admitted Briggs, "but we cleaned up, and won by 10 points, our biggest margin ever."

Like Sisyphus pushing his boulder uphill, the men's win on Friday created a pressing opportunity to win the whole Carnival, a feat never accomplished by the Mules. Briggs explained that because they "had a good lead on all of the other teams, [the Mules] could have still won the whole weekend if [they] got a second place finish on the second day."

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## Men's basketball trumps Bates, Tufts

Mules earn eighth seed in play-offs

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The Colby men's basketball team entered last weekend on the brink of falling short of conference play-offs after last season's New England Small College Athletic Conference semifinal appearance. The Mules were tied with Tufts University and Wesleyan University for eighth place in the conference and the last spot in the playoffs, and needed to beat Bates on Friday in order to control their own destiny in the season finale. In the rivalry match, Colby stayed tight with the Bobcats for the first half, but it looked as if the Mules were letting the game slip away from them as Bates opened up a ten-point lead in the second period. All season in conference play, the team has struggled to get the necessary rebounding and defense to come back from these deficits.

However, this time around Colby was able to get a sizeable 40-24 rebounding advantage and managed to tie the game once again with five and a half minutes left. The game remained close to the very end and good defense and strong rebounding by Adam Choice '10 and Michael Russell '11 gave Colby a chance for the win. With just 15 seconds left on the clock, junior guard Artie Cutrone hit two clutch free throws to give the Mules a three point advantage at 68-65, and the team was able to hold Bates on the final possession to grab the crucial win.

No rest was granted to the team who had just worked so hard for a last-second win against its rival. The very next day Colby was back in action on

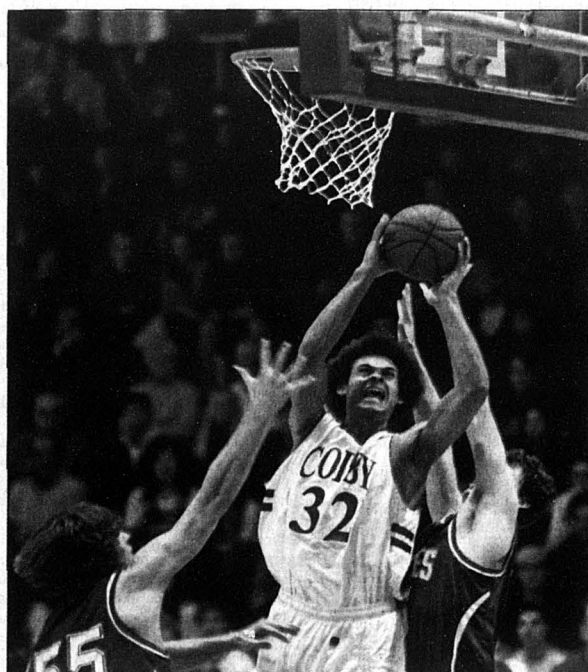
the floor against Tufts, one of the teams it had entered the weekend tied with. With the win on the previous night, the Mules needed only to win against the Jumbos to advance to the NESCAC tournament and continue their season. Although they have struggled with early deficits all season, the Mules jumped out to a ten-point lead at halftime behind the powerful scoring force of Choice. However, Tufts was not going to let its season end so easily, and scrambled back to take a three point lead in with ten minutes left. The game had striking similarities to the close affair of the previous night, but the Mules managed to recover and senior captain Mark Gaudet, perhaps regaining his strong outside shooting form, connected from behind the arc to take the lead for Colby with four minutes left. Gaudet, Justin Sherman '10, and Russell hit key late free throws to maintain the lead over the hard-charging Jumbos, and Colby hung on for a 71-68 victory.

For its hard work, Colby was rewarded with 8th place in the NESCAC, and a date in Amherst, Mass. with the conference champion Lord Jeffs. Although they will certainly face a tough test, the Mules showed signs that they are in playoff form over the weekend. Head Coach Dick Whitmore has found a reliable inside man in Russell to pair with Choice and control the rebounding game. Choice seems to be in fine form, with 18

points against Bates, and a game-high 27 on Saturday. He also went an impressive 12 of 14 from the foul line over the weekend as Colby's free throw shooting has improved just in time for the tournament.

On Feb. 1, Colby played Amherst very tightly, and captured a lead within

the last ten minutes before finally falling in the end 66-72. If the Mules can bring a similar strategy to the next matchup and possibly take the rebounding and foul shooting positives of this past weekend with them, they should be well prepared to knock off the defending national champions



Adam Choice '10 lead to Mules to an energetic home win over Bates on Feb. 15.

## MEN'S HOCKEY

## Mules split road weekend in league play

Colby falls to Trinity, but beats Wesleyan Cardinals

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Colby split a tough weekend series at Trinity College and at Wesleyan University to finish one point behind conference leading Bowdoin College for the hunt for the home ice advantage throughout the New England Small College Athletic Conference playoffs.

On Friday night, Colby took on a red-hot Trinity Bantams squad that has been playing impressive hockey, including a late season sweep of Middlebury College and Williams College. Against Colby, Trinity opened the scoring with a power-play goal from John Carter, with assists going to Tom Price and Chris Diozzi in the second period. In a tight defensive second period, there

was only the one goal. Goalies Cody McKinney '11 for Colby and Wesley Vesprini for Trinity played phenomenally, keeping the game close into the third period and not allowing a single goal in the first period. Early in the third period, Trinity struck for its second goal when Daniel Maturi hit the back of the net from Ryan Crasper. This proved to be the game winning goal although Matt Ahern '09 scored less than one minute after with assists going to Jared Crittenden '10 and captain Ryan Chrenek '08 at 2:17 of the third period. Vesprini made the lead stand-up and did not allow a goal the rest of the game as Trinity captured the victory 2-1. McKinney made 36 saves on 38 shots for Colby while Vesprini made 24 saves on 25 shots for Trinity in the victory.

In other NESCAC action on Friday night, Bowdoin notched a 4-0 win over Wesleyan while Middlebury was defeated 4-2 by an impressive Babson team. Elsewhere, St. Anselm College notched a big 2-1 win against Amherst College. At the end of Friday night,

Bowdoin led the conference in points going into some big match-ups on Saturday afternoon.

On Saturday, the Mules entered a must-win situation at Wesleyan to keep pace in the NESCAC. In a close game, Colby stormed back from down a 2-0 deficit to garner a huge 3-2 road win in Middletown, Connecticut in overtime play. The game began slowly with neither team scoring in the first period. McKinney again played strong for Colby while Tim Archibald was also impressive for the Cardinals. In the second period, Wesleyan struck for two consecutive even strength goals when Ryan Zemel and Todd Keats both scored within two minutes of each other. Zemel struck at 12:27 of the second period and Keats scored with 13:55. After these quick strikes, Colby rebounded quickly and closed the second period strong with a huge power-play goal from T.J. Kelley '08, assisted by assistant captain Joe Rothwell '08 and Karl Burns '11 at 17:23.

Going into the locker room down 2-

1 after two periods, Head Coach Jim Tortorella pressed the right buttons as Bobby Sullivan '11 scored a goal midway through the third period, with assists going to Kelley and assistant captain Arthur Fritch '08 to tie the game at two goals each. Both defenses remained strong, as the game ventured to overtime in a game Colby knew it had to win to remain competitive at the top of the NESCAC standings. Senior captains are expected to come up big in clutch situations, and Fritch did that as he ripped home a shot at 3:08 in overtime for the game-winning goal as Colby triumphed over Wesleyan 3-2 on the road. Rothwell and Kelley assisted on the goal that gave the Mules an important two points over the weekend.

Colby, playing without one of its top playmakers, Josh Reber '08, is in position to contend for the number one seed in the NESCAC playoffs.

In other NESCAC action on Saturday, Middlebury struggled again, losing to UMASS-Boston while Amherst and Bowdoin kept pace with victories. Entering the final weekend in NESCAC play, Bowdoin has 24 points, Colby and Amherst are tied with 23 points and Middlebury has 22 points.

This upcoming weekend, the Norwich Cadets come to Maine with games against Colby and Bowdoin while Middlebury will square off with Amherst and Hamilton College. The situation sets up like this: if Bowdoin wins out, the NESCAC Tournament will go through Brunswick's Dayton Arena in its last year of existence. If Bowdoin trips up against either Norwich University or St. Michael's College, then Colby has the next best opportunity owning the tiebreaker advantage with Amherst. Middlebury also may have the best chance with home games against Hamilton and Amherst.

On Friday night, a very tough Norwich team will travel to Alford Arena to take on the Mules. On Saturday afternoon, Colby will face a tricky game against St. Michael's after what is sure to be a physical game the night before against Norwich.



FILE PHOTO

After going 1-1 over the weekend, men's hockey stands poised to give Bowdoin a run for first in the NESCAC.

## Track teams edge out Middlebury

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If results and standings are ever deceptive, no more is this the case than with the Colby men's and women's indoor track teams. Despite the men finishing in a humbling third out of five teams at last weekend's final regular season meet and in a last place fourth week before, with the women placing second and fourth in those meets, members of CCTF have certainly put some strong performances recently.

Two weeks ago, at the Maine State Meet held at University of Southern Maine and Bowdoin College on Feb. 9, the Mules took home eight titles of the weekend. On Friday, the women kicked off the title haul with five wins against fellow Maine schools Bates College, Bowdoin and USM. At the meet, held at USM, first-year Emma Linhard won the 800 meters with time of 2:24.25 in her first Maine championship run. Liz Petit '08 took the 1000 meters in 3:06.28 with teammate Heather MacDonald '10 a close second (3:06.66). In the mile, Adam King '08—who ran a personal record and NCAA Division III-best 4:58 mile the week before—did not disappoint in winning the Maine title with time of 5:04.02. King also won the 3000 meter run in 10:29.18, a testament to her talent and conditioning to show both races in the same meet. It should not be discounted, however, that Cass Knight '10 was on King's heels the whole way in both the mile and 3000

You could really feel the energy of the crowd... Osoff gave me a great handoff and I laid down an easy 2:00 to smoke Bowdoin

Dan Moss '08  
CCTF

meter, taking second in each race (5:11.63 mile and 10:29.41 3000m). Colby also got a win from its 4x800 meter relay comprised of Linhard, MacDonald, Amanda Burgess '10 and Mandy Ivey '10 with a time of 9:49.10.

On Saturday, the men of CCTF took on a lights-out performance—literally—in defending several Maine State Indoor titles. In the 1000 meter race, Bob Glatfelter '08 took home his second consecutive Maine State title with a time of 2:36.38, edging his performance in last year's meet by a tenth of a second. In the 800 meter run, Dan Moss '08 no doubt had the bulls-eye on his back after winning last year's indoor 800 and he delivered with a victory clocked at 1:56.51.

Then came the highlight of the meet, the traditional running of "The Blackout Relay" in which the house lights are dimmed and spectators stand in lane three on the track to watch the 4x800m runners fly by. Tradition began after a power outage struck the Bates Field House at the 2001 meet while the lead runners were 70 meters into the race on a windy wintry night. Thus, after 1 meters of the 4x800 on Saturday, the nights went down and so did the competition. The Colby team of Glatfelter, Moss, Chris DeRoo '09 and Ben Osoff '10 put together a time of 8:10.19, easily beating both Bowdoin and Bates. "You could really feel

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