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Greetings from President Adams



President "Bro" Adams welcomes the class of 2015 to the Hill.

By WILLIAM D. ADAMS
COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Colby and to what I hope will be some of the most memorable and meaningful years of your lives. We are eager to learn more about you and about the unique contributions each of you will make to the College.

Colby is in many ways the sum of contributions made by individuals like you over the years—nearly 200 years, to be exact. Colby will celebrate its Bicentennial in 2012-13 (the College's charter was signed in February 1813), and you will be here to enjoy and participate in the slate of performances, lec-

tures, presentations and other activities being planned for the year. The Bicentennial theme, "In Their Footsteps," is meant both to recognize the influence that individuals have had on the history of the College and to remind those associated with Colby today that they, too, will have an impact on Colby's future. Their footsteps—your footsteps—will lead Colby into its third century.

Every day that you spend on campus, you will be reminded of those who came before you and who have made Colby one of the finest colleges in the world. You will see their names on buildings—Lovejoy, Mary Low, Diamond, Alford and so many others—representing generations of benefactors who cared deeply about Colby students and understood the incalculable value of liberally educated leaders. You will see those who came before you here, on campus, on alumni weekends and at athletic

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contests, lectures and performances. You will see them more ephemerally in the traditions they left in your care, none more important than to nurture the special atmosphere that allowed them—and will allow you—to thrive and to make your mark on this place.

If you took a tour of Colby as a prospective or admitted student, you probably noticed that atmosphere and were impressed with the strong sense of community you found here on Mayflower Hill. It permeates every space on campus—classrooms, labs, performance and practice venues, places for socializing and study, and places where we live and work. It means that Colby belongs, powerfully, to all of us, and it makes the College's well-being our shared responsibility. I hope you will be proud to continue this legacy as the newest members of our community.

Again, welcome to Colby. We are delighted to have you here.

Welcome from The Colby Echo

Editors offer advice, best wishes to the new students on the Hill



Editors-in-Chief Allison Ehrenreich '12 and Courtney Yeager '12 hope the Echo will serve as a valuable tool for new students.

By COURTNEY YEAGER &
ALLISON EHRENREICH
EDITORS-IN-CHIEF

Colby College Class of 2015: Welcome. The campus has been bustling all summer in eager anticipation of your arrival. You made it. We're excited.

As you adjust to the brisk Maine air and work through your first weeks away from home, we hope this Orientation Issue of your school newspaper can help serve as both a guide and as a warm welcome.

These pages offer you letters from your president and dean of students, an introduction to some clubs on campus from their student leaders and one more place to find your orientation schedule. We also slipped in some advice columns and some blurbs on a few of our favorite joints in downtown Waterville, which we hope you'll enjoy.

You'll hear this again and again during your time in college—but it sure does go quickly. This time is yours—and to be totally honest, it's probably the last chance you'll have in your life to focus your time on yourself and yourself alone. No full-time job, no children of your own. We're still somewhere between the worlds of childhood and adulthood. So expand your horizons and get involved—and pursue something that interests you. Go the extra

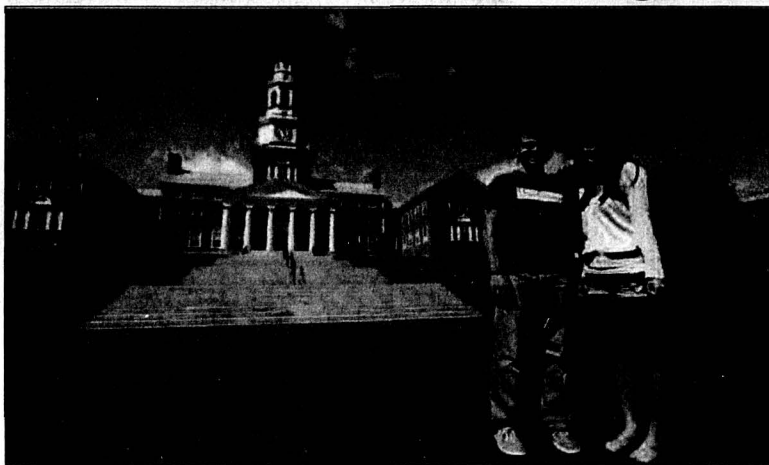
mile and then some—we hope that in four years you can leave this beautiful place feeling enriched—satiated, even—by both your academic and extracurricular interests.

This may sound odd, but our biggest piece of advice comes in the form of a quote from William Deresiewicz' article, "The Disadvantages of an Elite Education":

"There is nothing wrong with taking pride in one's intellect or knowledge. There is something wrong with the smugness and self-congratulation that elite schools connive at from the moment the fat envelopes come in the mail. From orientation to graduation, the message is implicit in every tone of voice and tilt of the head, every old-school tradition, every article in the student paper, every speech from the dean. The message is: You have arrived. Welcome to the club. And the corollary is equally clear: You deserve everything your presence here is going to enable you to get."

Take pride in your intelligence and your drive, and then do something with what you've got. You are lucky to be at this prestigious institution, ripe with opportunity for the pursuit. We hope that the next four years are good ones, and we wish you the best of luck along the way. And, if you find the articles within these pages smug with self-congratulation, send a letter to the editor and not yourself based

Meet your student government



Seniors Justin Rouse and Laura Maloney, SGA co-presidents, have much planned for the upcoming year.

By LAURA MALONEY &
JUSTIN ROUSE
SGA CO-PRESIDENTS

On behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA), we would like to welcome you to Colby College!

You have survived the standardized tests, applications and interviews, and you are now about to embark on four years filled with great friendships, long study sessions, fun weekends and some significant personal growth. You will be excited, you will be

and you will forever remember your years here on the Hill.

Now that you're here, the real fun can begin. Colby students are very engaged and energized people who are extremely committed to the work that they do on and off campus. The opportunity to get involved and have an impact as a student is what makes Colby such a great place to spend your college years.

To introduce ourselves, we are Laura Maloney and Justin Rouse, this year's SGA co-presidents. We are extremely excited to have you all here and want to tell you a little

about student views, advocate on behalf of student opinions and serve as a link of communication between the student body and the administration. SGA is composed of an executive board, dorm presidents from every residence hall and two class presidents from each class. You will soon have the chance to elect (or run for!) your own Class of 2015 co-presidents.

Over the years, SGA has had a significant impact on college policy. We have made changes to the way housing is selected at Colby, worked to provide resources for student

amount of student services on the Hill and helped update student social spaces. Throughout it all, we strive to represent the needs of all students.

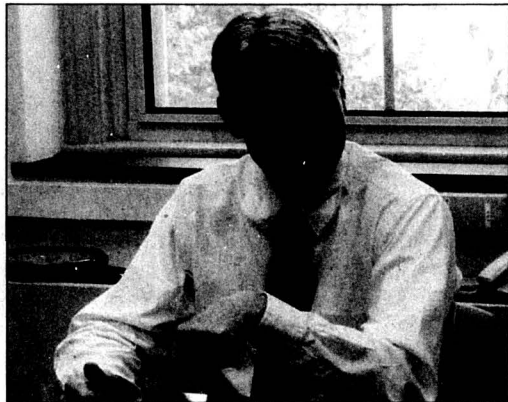
This year, we are focusing broadly on improving student welfare. This theme will be manifested in large initiatives to improve student support on campus, such as the proposal for a Gender and Sexual Diversity Resource Center; a focus on enhancing school spirit with more extensive all-school activities at athletic games; improving channels of communication between student clubs to enhance collaboration and effectiveness; and smaller scale items such as SGA-sponsored Spa deals and discounted movie tickets.

We are thrilled for you to come to Colby! It seems like only yesterday that we were timid first-years who still called Bobs Dining Hall "Roberts" and had no idea that "Pulver Pavilion" and "Cotter Union" were indeed the same building. Take time to enjoy this moment and get excited for what lies ahead. You are going to learn more in these four years than you could ever imagine. We are, of course, always here to help you with any concerns you may have or just to sit down and chat about life at Colby.

And, to leave you with one last piece of advice: don't be afraid to get involved and become an active, engaged member of the Colby community. It will be more than

DEAN OF STUDENTS

Welcome from the Dean



Dean Terhune oversees many aspects of student life on the Hill such as multicultural affairs, the Career Center and the Pugh Center.

By JIM TERHUNE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

Congratulations and welcome. Your arrival on Mayflower Hill marks an important passage for you, for your family and for Colby. For nearly 200 years, new students have been making their way to Waterville in the waning days of summer to enter into this particular community of scholars. Now it's your turn. To become part of something enduring is both a privilege and a daunting responsibility. You have the op-

portunity to leave your mark on Colby and to be marked indelibly by the College in ways that will enrich every aspect of your life from this point forward. You worked hard and achieved much to get here, and I encourage you to make the most of all of your Colby days.

Because these first few days are a little hectic, my message to you for now is simple: remember why you're here. The work you have come here to undertake is serious work, and I urge you to treat it as such. Approach your courses and

activities as if they matter because they do. That doesn't mean that your time at Colby should be joyless drudgery. It shouldn't, and it won't. To the contrary, if you participate vigorously in your education—which is to say all the things you do here—you will find not only that you will learn better and learn more but also that the whole of the endeavor will be more fun.

Orientation is an exciting and exhausting time. Over the next week you will meet new people, enter into a new living environment, learn about new ways of going to school, start to make your way in a new community and adjust to dozens of other new experiences and modes of being that will come to shape and define your life as a Colby student. You'll be busy and probably confused from time to time, but it will be a good time, and there are a lot of people here to help. So take a deep breath, relax and settle in.

In the coming days and weeks, we will focus more attention on the specific details of your Colby experience—the opportunities available to you as well as our expectations of you as members of this special community. For now, focus on Orientation and COOT. Get to know this place and the people with whom you will share your time here. Have fun, work hard and ask questions.

Take control of your life

By CAMPUS LIFE STAFF

Hello, and welcome to your 2011-12 academic year! Whether you are new to Colby or a returning student, the Office of Campus Life is thrilled to welcome you to campus and is eager to offer a few questions to ponder and some advice to consider as the year begins.

What excites you? What does fun look like to you? What is going to make this a great year? Who is that person who lives down the hall? What will be your contribution to the Colby community?

Whatever your answers, make sure they are your own. Jump in to your experience and make it great. Say "yes" more often than you say "no." Say hello to everyone you come across and introduce yourself to those who say hello back, pause or look like they could use a pick up. Don't worry about what other people are thinking. Take showers. Try something new. Take care of your friends. Call home. Have fun.

College is your time to experiment, to try new things and to learn about yourself. You should laugh, think, feel challenged and flex your muscles every day. If you don't, then you should change your routine. As you mix it up and explore this place and yourself, you will meet great successes and face inevitable challenges. Know that you are never alone. While this is your experi-



Jed Wartman and the rest of Campus Life are here to help this year.

ence, there are many of us here to help you along the way.

If you have a great idea for a new program, student organization or residence hall initiative, stop by our office and let's make it happen! If you just want to sit down with someone to chat about your Colby experience, Campus Life staff is eager to meet you. At any time this year, if you decide you'd like to get more involved on campus or if you just feel a general sense that you'd like to change something about your experience at Colby, please know that the door to Campus Life is always open.

The Campus Life team consists of the following staff and departmental areas:

- Nicole Caruso, Outdoor Education
- Katrina Danby, Residential Education and Living
- Shannon Hodgdon, Campus Life Secretary
- Kim Kenniston, Residential Education and Living
- Paul Spangle, Leadership Development Campus Programs
- Jed Wartman, Director of Campus Life

We look forward to meeting you and sharing your journey with you!

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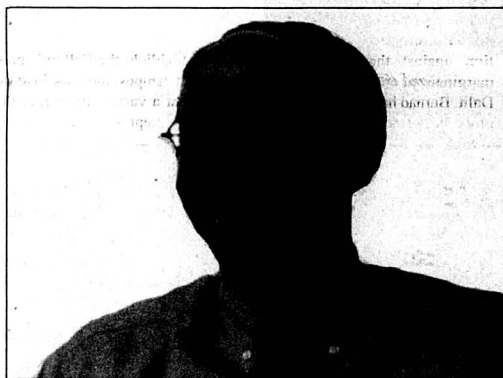
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DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Hello from Lunder House



Director of Admissions Steve Thomas is excited about the incoming class.

By STEVE THOMAS
DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Welcome to Mayflower Hill! You made it! My staff and I have been following your progress to get here since sometime last year. You and we have both made some good decisions along the way so that you have arrived here on campus ready to begin your undergraduate education. I know that each of you will make the most of

the plethora of opportunities available to you at Colby.

Don't be shy! Follow your curiosities both inside the classroom and outside the classroom. Take educated risks. Be adventurous! Try new things! Meet fellow students from all around the globe. Ask questions! Make friends! Delight in your incredible situation.

Life won't always be like this; in fact, college is really the suspension of reality. Having intellectual

sustenance provided for you on a daily basis in small groups; having regular opportunities for personal growth and activities at your fingertips; being surrounded by an amazingly talented and dedicated faculty and staff; and having someone else make your meals for you each day are ingredients of the life you will be able to lead at Colby not likely to repeat themselves similarly after graduation, when reality is no longer suspended.

Get to know your peers! You are part of a fantastic group of young adults who will accomplish great things on Mayflower Hill and beyond. One of you is from Utah; 26 are from California, and 11 of you are from the State of 10,000 Lakes: Minnesota. Fifty-three percent of you are female; 47 percent are male. You come from far away places like Afghanistan, Bhutan, Estonia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Peru and Rwanda. Sixty-one of you are from the Great State of Maine! Feed off of your diversity! Come out of the blocks fast and surely! Look around and take measure, every day you are here! Delight in your circumstance! Congratulations on your arrival! Welcome to Colby!

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Student Programming Board: your source for entertainment on the Hill

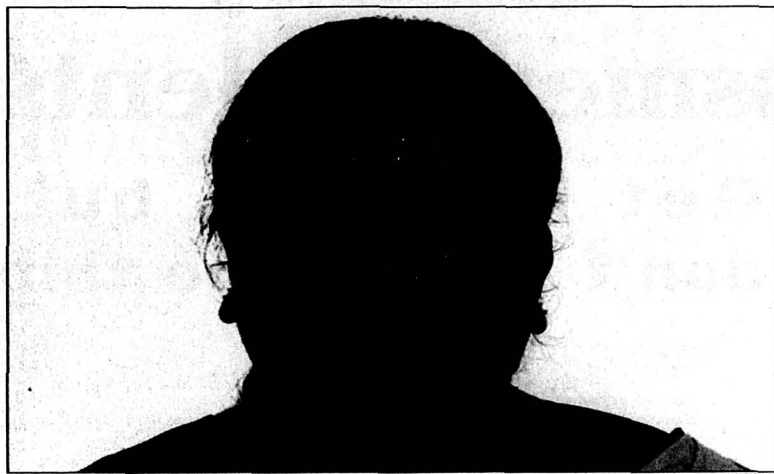
By ELLIOTT RUVELSON
SPB PRESIDENT

The Student Programming Board (SPB) brings you the majority of the school's events. With roughly 40 General Board Members and 10 Executive Members, we are one of Colby's largest clubs, made up of a phenomenal cross section of the Colby community and a huge force within the school. SPB is responsible for running and financing most school social events, both large and small. Most Colby students reflect on our events as integral parts of their college experiences. Look no further than Colby's Wikipedia page, where

one can access the large number of top-notch artists and activities we have brought to Colby. We put on everything from last year's Wiz Khalifa concert, to dances, to Big Prize Bingo. SPB also offers an introduction to many of the staff members and officials who keep Colby running and have experience in management and leadership.

This is an exciting time for SPB as we experience one of the largest leadership shifts in our history (a loss to real world jobs and study abroad). We are looking for new, creative people to step in and make their marks on the organization and Colby as whole.

Oak Institute: international perspective



2011 Oak Fellow Fatima Burnad, founder and president of the Society for Rural Education and Development (SRED) in India, will work with six Colby students on social exclusion research projects.

By KATY LINDQUIST & WALTER HATCH
OAK INSTITUTE STUDENTS
ASSISTANT & DIRECTOR

Since its creation in 1998, the Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights has focused attention on a variety of problems including the trafficking of young women in Southeast Asia, political violence in Zimbabwe, drug violence in Colombia and restricted health care for Palestinians in the occupied territories. This fall, Oak will tackle the issue of human rights and poverty by bringing to campus a prominent activist who has touched the lives of India's "untouchables."

Fatima Burnad, the 2011 Oak Fellow, is the founder and president of the Society for Rural Education and Development (SRED) and has been working among the Dalit community in India for the past 35 years. SRED is a nonprofit organization that documents and combats human rights violations against that country's most vulnerable population, from police

brutality to abject poverty. SRED also provides training to Dalit women so they can develop an understanding of their own legal rights and how to campaign on their own behalf.

By confronting police, government officials and traditional authorities, Burnad faces enormous personal risk. She has been detained, arrested and threatened on multiple occasions. Despite these challenges, Burnad has become an internationally renowned leader in the effort to end institutionalized discrimination against the world's most marginalized citizens, such as the Dalit. Burnad has received an honorary Doctorate from the Academy

of Ecumenical Indian Theology and the Rastriya Gaurav Award from the International Friendship Society in New Delhi. She also was honored as the "International Woman of the Year" in 1997 by the International Biographical Center in the UK.

At Colby, Burnad will lead a one-credit seminar, using her own experience as an activist for Dalit women in India to illustrate the critical relationship between poverty and human rights in GS111 ("Human Rights in Global Perspective").

To highlight the Fellow's presence on campus, the Oak Institute will host a variety of events this fall. On September 21, Burnad

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will introduce herself and her work in a lecture to the entire Colby Community. In October, Anirudh Krishna, a political scientist at Duke University, will talk about his new book on global poverty, *One Illness Away*. In November, Jesse Leah Vear, an activist with Portland Organizing to Win Economic Rights (POWER), will come to Colby to speak about poverty in Maine. The 2011 Fall Oak Programming will end in December with a series of presentations by students on different marginalized groups around the world. More information on 2011 Oak Events can be found under the events tab on the Oak website: <http://web.colby.edu/oak/events/>.

The Oak Institute is led by Director Walter Hatch, associate professor of government, and Assistant Director Barb Spangle. Students play a central role in the organization—and this year, they will be especially active. The Oak Student Committee, created in the spring of 2011, consists of eight dedicated students who will participate in Oak programming and serve as the primary liaisons between the Fellow and the student body. Another new student initiative is the Oak Research Organization. This fall, six Colby students will undertake in-depth research projects analyzing problems of social exclusion in different communities around the world. The institute expects to publish these research reports on its website.

We are excited to learn more about the world from Fatima Burnad, an extraordinary human rights activist. She will offer Colby, as well as south-central Maine, a unique opportunity to better understand the lingering effects of caste and gender discrimination in India. The Oak Institute encourages the entire campus and surrounding community to take part in its fall event series and gain greater appreciation of the challenge to basic rights represented by extreme poverty.

A message from Campus Security

By PETE S. CHENEVERT
DIRECTOR OF SECURITY

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Colby College and to wish you success with your individual endeavors.

Colby College and its surrounding community offer a quality of life that is widely appreciated and valued by nearly all who live here. Much of what we value so greatly contrasts sharply with life in the nation's urban centers. Because our community is safer than many others, it is all too easy for members of the Colby community to be complacent or careless about their safety and to assume that crime does not occur here.

Crime does exist at Colby. Members of the College community are rudely awakened to this reality when they find themselves victims. The comments of these victims are often the same: "I didn't think

things like this happened here!"

The responsibility for crime prevention does not rest solely with the Department of Security; it is shared by you and all the members of the College community. Your awareness is the most important factor in crime prevention. The success of prevention depends largely on you following sound security practices and recognizing and immediately reporting suspicious or criminal activity. We in the Department of Security have prepared a booklet that you will receive during Orientation to assist you in ensuring that your experience at Colby will be happy and safe.

Remember, the potential for crime does exist, but by following the suggestions outlined in the booklet, you can substantially reduce the possibility of becoming a victim.

Again, welcome and good luck.

What's up in Waterville, ME

KENNEBEC CAFÉ

166 Main Street, Fairfield

Looking for a new place to meet your friends for brunch? Try the Kennebec Café, located only a few minutes from campus. Open from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m., this is the perfect spot to enjoy classic breakfast fare and more. Don't forget to try one of the Café's delicious homemade donuts—available in 33 different flavors, ranging from pumpkin pie to pina colada.

KEN-A-SET

1 College Avenue, Waterville

Whether you're searching for a Halloween costume, looking for unique dorm room decorations or simply interested in window shopping, head to Ken-A-Set, one of the more unique thrift stores in town. The shop offers clothing, home goods, CDs and more—you never know what you might find!

THE PURPLE COW

6 Route 201, Fairfield

The Purple Cow has it all, whether it's breakfast (served all day!), lunch or dinner. Try their huge pancakes, which come in all of the traditional flavors, though offerings such as raspberry and dark chocolate chip, cheese, onion and bacon pancakes are also on the menu. The restaurant also serves hamburgers, lobster rolls, pizza, pasta and more! Don't want to brave the cold? They even have a drive-thru!

EARLY BIRD RESTAURANT

232 Summer Street, Oakland

Less than a 10-minute drive from campus, you must be sure to add the Early Bird Restaurant to your list of weekend brunch getaways. Serving breakfast and lunch, the menu offers everything from eggs and pancakes to lobster rolls and turkey clubs. This diner will keep your wallet and stomach happy with large portions for unbelievably cheap prices. We especially dare you to try to finish one of their cinnamon rolls on your own.

JORGENSEN'S CAFÉ

103 Main Street, Waterville

Jorgensen's offers the best combo—it's a great eatery as well as the perfect off-campus study space. With a great selection of coffee to keep you going after late nights and a full menu offering bagels, soups, sandwiches, wraps and paninis, it's not uncommon to spy a fellow student doing work in the booths.

RAILROAD SQUARE CINEMA

17 Railroad Square, Waterville

This independently owned movie theater has garnered national acclaim for its classic "old-Hollywood" charm and wide selection of movies from up-and-coming directors. Students can buy tickets at the discounted rate of \$6.50, and keep an eye out for Colby Night at the Movies events each month for even greater savings!

GOODWILL

24 Silver Street, Waterville

A great way to stock up on clothes for the cheapest prices, options range from day-to-day clothing as well as hard-to-find items for those special occasions. Halloween costumes, outfits for themed parties and even getups for iPlay sporting events can all be found here.

BARRELS COMMUNITY MARKET

74 Main Street, Waterville

From organic apples to fresh-baked bagels and hand-knit mittens, Barrels Community Market offers residents a chance to support the local economy by purchasing Maine-made goods. What is perhaps most unique about the market is that it is staffed almost entirely by volunteers, and many of them are students on the Hill! E-mail david@barrelsmarket.com or stop by the store to sign up for a weekly shift.

SIGN OF THE SUN

22 Silver Street, Waterville

Fully stocked with tapestries, wind chimes and other dorm-room décor, Sign of the Sun is the perfect stop when the walls of your room are looking a little bare. Check out their hand-made jewelry and clothes that recall the hippie style of our parents' generation—but with a modern twist. Items can get expensive, but there are always sales!

THE HUME CENTER

Bayberry Lane, Sidney

The Hume Center is a College owned 10-acre piece of land, including 450 feet of lake-front property, seven miles from campus on the east shore of Messalonskee Lake in Sidney. Donated to the College in 1991, facilities include a picnic area with charcoal cooking grills, a small beach and dock for swimming, croquet, horseshoes and two small changing houses with toilets. Take advantage of our central Maine locale and make trips to the Center on warm fall and spring weekends.

PCB strives to build community

By NICOLE SINTETOS
PCB CHAIR

Greetings Class of 2015! Welcome to Colby! My name is Nicole Sintetos, and as the returning chair of the Pugh Community Board (PCB), I wanted to take this opportunity to explain to you what PCB does on our campus and how you can get involved.

PCB is a multicultural programming committee that focuses on programming events that address race, gender, community, religion, diversity and all forms of intercultural communication. We work closely with Dean Tashia Bradley, the Office of Campus Life, clubs within the Pugh Center and academic departments to make our goals a reality. Together with my 14-member board, we plan and develop everything from book clubs to professional dance performances and high profile speaking events.

Past PCB events include visits by the Pulitzer Prize winning author Junot Diaz, activist Angela Davis, Bessie Award winning choreographer Kyle Abraham, director and producer of *The L Word* Rose Troche and a performance by the professional step dance team called Soul Steps. Our programming has an educational and activist approach in the hopes of creating a community that is open to new experiences and different cultures. We all come to the Hill with different backgrounds and identities, and college is an opportune time to develop the freedom and confidence to express ourselves.

This semester, we kick off our programming on Saturday, September 17 with a performance by the critically acclaimed spoken word artists Phil Kaye and Sarah Kay of Project V.O.I.C.E. Both Phil and Sarah have been traveling

around the country teaching young people how to utilize spoken word as an affirming tool to better understand their own culture and society. Recently, Sarah was featured on TED talks with her performance of "If I should have a daughter," which garnered her not one, but two standing ovations. Similarly, Phil has traveled to venues ranging from maximum-security prisons to the Lincoln Center to share his craft. Both Phil and Sarah will be leading a private workshop the day after the performance—so future poets unite and e-mail me to claim your spot!

On October 21, PCB will be collaborating with the Theater and Dance Department to host choreographer Camille A. Brown for a full company performance in Strider Theater.

Considered "a tour de force" by *The New York Times*, Brown is the first woman to be awarded the Princess Grace Award for choreography and has worked with major companies such as Ailey II, Hubbard Street II and Ballet Memphis. Colby's Strider Theater is in good company; this year alone, Brown is slated to perform at Jacob's Pillow, the Bates Dance Festival and the world-renowned Joyce Theater.

However, this is just the start! Keep your eyes peeled for more info on our bi-monthly Pugh Center (PC) Coffees (discussion-based coffee houses), the Pugh Club Pazo (an open house styled celebration with live bands, a capella and homemade food), the

Colby Drag Ball and more. In the spring semester we put together S.H.O.U.T! Weekend, which is the capstone of our programming. The weekend features a large keynote event, live performances and a variety of workshops.

We accept board member applications at the end of the spring semester for all interested students, but please don't wait until then to get involved. Come to our events, hang out in the Pugh Center and don't be afraid to suggest an event that you would like to see come to our campus. Feel free to e-mail me at ngsintet@colby.edu, or stop by my office hours in the PCB office on Mondays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. to make a suggestion or just to chat about life.



Last year the Pugh Community Board brought activist Angela Davis to campus as part of S.H.O.U.T! Weekend.

Helpful advice for the first-years from upperclassmen students



A great fan of the outdoors, Ellicott Dandy '13 is an enthusiastic member of the Colby Outing Club.

Enjoy the state of Maine: looking beyond the Hill

By **ELLICOTT DANDY**
CLASS OF 2013

My advice to incoming first-years is to take advantage of where you are. You are at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, and there is a lot to explore.

Some people complain that Waterville is not New York City, and they're right, but don't forget that Waterville is not trying to be New York. Take some time this year to venture off the Hill—beyond Wal-Mart—and onto Main Street. Visit the Farmer's Market on Thursday afternoons for fresh bread, amazing ice cream and gorgeous vegetables. Spend a Sunday morning studying in Jorgensen's with an iced chai latte or in Selah Tea with a homemade pastry and tea whose name you can't pronounce. If you like Mexican food, I recommend Buen Apetito. Enjoy some incredible flatbread pizza at Grand Central before catching a movie at Railroad Square Cinema where you can use the student discount to get a super cheap ticket. Like burgers?

Check out Mainely Brews. Feeling upscale? Try Amici Cucina or The Last Unicorn. I also heard rumors of a new Indian restaurant scheduled to open doors in September....

Pay a visit to the Colby Volunteer Center to find out who needs your energy—whether it's

Maine is undeniably gorgeous...so make sure you get out and see it.

the alternative high school, the Waterville Humane Society, Barrels Community Market or the soup kitchen. Celebrate a warm Saturday afternoon with a walk down to the Dairy Cone or a run on the Messalonskee Stream Trails. Decorate your dorm room with funky stuff from Sign of the Sun or get some yarn for your next knitting

project at the Yardgoods Center.

Beyond the Waterville area, Maine has a lot to offer Colby students. Points south include the outlets at Freeport, and great food and inexpensive concerts in Portland. To the north, east and west, you will find an entire world of hikes, beautiful views and places to ski, snowshoe, surf (wear a wetsuit!) and camp. Maine is undeniably gorgeous—even in the wintertime—so make sure you get out and see it. The Colby Outing Club sends out trips to do just that every weekend and sometimes during the week for shorter excursions closer to campus—and if you're going by yourself, stop by for whatever equipment you might need. Feel like doing something different this weekend? Take some friends to the Outing Club Cabin on Great Pond and roast marshmallows.

College is a time to explore. There is always plenty happening on campus, but don't get too comfortable on the Hill—there's too much to discover. Spend your Saturday afternoons the way you want to remember them.

Get involved, but don't stretch too thin

By **RACHEL GOFF**
CLASS OF 2012

"Get involved. Join a club or an intramural sports team. It's a great way to meet new people and make friends."

This is the well-intentioned yet hopelessly generic advice you have been hearing all summer, from experienced older friends and empty-nester parents. While I agree with this approach to starting college, I think many freshmen take it a little too seriously—they try to do too much.

The first semester of college is overwhelming. The Campus Life Expo alone is enough to instill fear in the hearts of even the most confident college first-years, as Outing Club officers run down the aisles with kayaks hoisted above their heads and the Woodsmen Team's chainsaws roar in the background. There is candy, there are stickers, there are cute upperclassmen brandishing pens and clipboards—it is no surprise that many first-years leave the Expo without being able to recall half of the e-mailing lists they signed up for.

So my advice is this: take your time. Don't rush through the Expo following your new friends from table to table. Don't be afraid to tell them you'll catch up with them later and stop and talk to the person behind the Powder & Wig table to see if it would be something you could be genuinely interested in doing. If, after exchanging a few words with the club president, you're still not sure, put your name down on the e-mailing list and scan through the first couple of e-mails when they undoubtedly arrive.

Nothing bad can come of your name on a dozen different lists (except the occasional inbox overflow), but if you actually try to attend a dozen different meetings in one week, you will burn yourself out and find it much harder to be enthusiastic about any of them.

But what if I don't know what I want to do, you ask? And thus comes part two of my advice: it is never too late. If you choose the Organic Farmers' potluck dinner over the Mock Trial's get-to-know-you get-together and then realize afterwards that you hate

fresh vegetables, don't be afraid to go to the next Mock Trial meeting. Don't think that all of the members have already gotten to know each other and don't have the capability to learn new names. Don't think that they will question your allegiance and ask with a *Clue*-like intensity where you were the previous week.

I laid low on the staff the *Echo* my first year, and I didn't join the Ultimate Frisbee team until sophomore year. And I'm *still* not approved to be a trip leader for the Outing Club, but that won't stop me from completing the requirements this year.

I wasn't sure exactly what I wanted to do when I got to college, and clearly it took some time to figure things out. As Winnie the Pooh once said, "It is wise to ask someone what you are looking for before you start looking for it." If you're lucky, that someone could be the cute boy behind the Colby Cares About Kids table. And while he may be disappointed if you miss the first meeting, he'll be all the more excited to see you show up at the next.



Goff is the local news editor of the Echo and a volunteer at Barrel's Community Market in town.

Explore the unexpected, discover new passions

The College is home to many student groups and sports teams ready to welcome new members



Sophomore David Murphy spent much of his first year on campus engaging in new activities, including sports and student groups, and encourages the incoming class to do the same.

By **DAVID MURPHY**
CLASS OF 2014

You're new, awesome! You've got googly, bright eyes to see our world here in central Maine.

I'll begin with this: If you are here and you think you know what you want out of life and you have already envisioned the path your feet will need to follow to get you there, I am not the person to be giving you advice. If you're like I was (and still am today) and have no clue what your tangible end goal looks like, then my thoughts will be much more useful.

One of the greatest things about my first year here was Colby's ability to sit me down in meetings, spring me onto teams and buckle me into cars which, upon my arrival in Waterville, were places I wasn't sure I belonged to and for which I definitely wasn't prepared. Try to get used to that feeling. I think it's one of the best feelings you can have. It means you're about to learn something. That's the feeling that will motivate you to prepare for the next time. That preparation will make you realize that you have something to contribute, even if it's only listening

and attempting to absorb the knowledge of your peers and professors. That way, when you end up in that situation again, you might have the confidence or the inspiration to open your mouth and blurt out something yourself.

It's no joke that Colby can be a place to reinvent yourself or to

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continue along as you always have. I wasn't a runner in high school, but I competed for the cross country and track teams at Colby. I wasn't out in high school, but I am at Colby and joined the LGBTQ organization on campus, The Bridge. I was a dorm leader, and now I'm a CA. I've always loved art, and I've spent this sum-

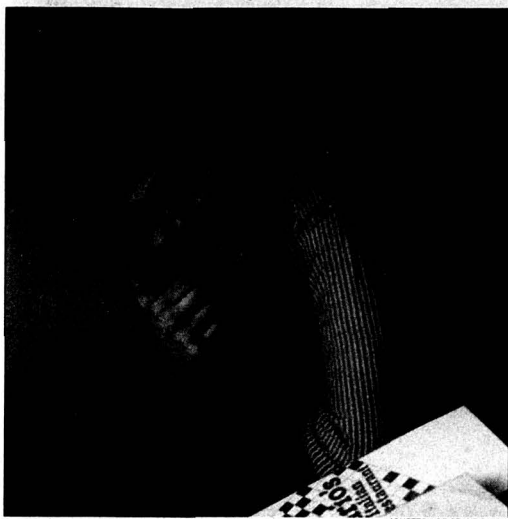
mer at Colby working at the Colby College Museum of Art.

You get to choose a lot at Colby. You get to choose what in life you're going to pursue and which elements of your life from pre-Colby you bring with you. You've got four incredible years to focus on what inspires you and the kind of person you want to be. It's cliché, but there is a reason everyone advises first-years to be open to new experiences and possibilities in college. There are so many programs, classes and activities that hadn't even crossed my mind before Colby. Do you get my vibe here? You have so many options!

Last thing: find something you don't like at Colby. Find something that bothers you and you wish was different. Define it so you can talk about it. I guarantee you someone else shares your feelings, so go find out who it is. Maybe it's a professor, a peer or an entire club, but be inspired to change it. Is there enough student artwork, spirituality, general quirkiness on campus? You will find something.

Also, talk to people! Cheesy, but honestly the people are the best part of Colby. I can't wait to see you around.

Experiencing life: a top 10 list for the strangers of College



Senior Grant Patch encourages students to think for themselves.

By GRANT PATCH
CLASS OF 2012

1. Last March, I had a talk with a friend on Miller steps at midnight one Wednesday. "The thing I didn't realize as a freshman," he said, "was that this is just a place. That these," gesturing out at Eustis, Lovejoy and Olin with their lights reflecting on the snow, "are just buildings, that our professors are just highly intelligent people you can learn cool things from—that really, our lives are so easy here we should be doing amazing things all the time." His breath wisped away in the cold nighttime air, white gauze floating down the steps. "You can't expect your school to make you happy. It's up to us as students to transform this place into what we want it to be."

2. It's easy to confuse drinking with partying or drinking with having fun. But they're not the same thing.

3. JanPlan: asleep in your arms. Snowstorm coming in—love makes winter warm

4. Open your ears and listen to your friends as carefully as you

would a conch shell. You can hear the ocean if you try, the salty swells under their tongues, the deep wisdom of deeper waters. In

Throw away what you think, want or expect your time here to be like...Use a flashlight and find your own way through this strange, occasionally dark place called college.

a way, my best teachers are my friends. I've learned more about who I am and what I care about

from the amazing people around me. Your friends are here. It just takes a little while to find them.

5. I truly respect the staff of Colby. They make our lives run smoothly, keep us fed and basically work their butts off to keep us happy. It's nice to say thank you.

6. Go to your professors' office hours.

7. Sometimes, when the winter drags on into April and it's colder than you ever imagined and the snow won't leave the ground and everyone's miserable and stressed out, the phrase "Maine sucks" rolls right off the tongue. However, keep in mind that this is one of the most beautiful and interesting places in this country. You're not in the middle of nowhere; you're in the middle of a state. Walk into Waterville. Explore the L.C. Bates Museum. Hike. Eat at Big G's, Bonnie's Diner or The Purple Cow. Drive to Portland. Go to Popham Beach (when it's warm). Fall in love with Maine.

8. Freshman year, I thought about transferring to a different school. For me and, from what I've gathered from talking with other students, for many people at Colby, your expectations of what College (with a capital C) should be like and the reality of your situation are at conflict during your first year. Throw away what you think, want or expect your time here to be like. If anyone says something like, "Your freshman year is going to be like this," don't listen to them. Including me. Use a flashlight and find your own way through this strange, occasionally dark place called college.

9. We want to hear your voice. Sing, paint, jam, dance, act, sculpt, print, design, photograph, write, film or craft what you want the future to look like, what you want to say when you bite your tongue, what or who or how you love. Also, revive Grossman as the Art and Music House. Shout out to the Grossman residents of 2009 and 2010!

10. Stick around. It's worth it.

A view of the Hill from a different perspective

By KAREEM KALIL
CLASS OF 2013

I write to you from the small town of Fossil, Oregon. I am in the final stages of a cross-country cycling trip to raise money and awareness for affordable housing here in the United States. Along the way, I have seen unbelievable places most will never get to see, jumped into innumerable bodies of water from ridiculous heights and met some of the most generous, enlightening people one could ever ask to meet. Though I have had the time of my life this summer, I do find myself missing the confines of Mayflower Hill, the food served over at Bobs and the people I am fortunate enough to spend my time with at school. Colby College is a special place.

I find it a bit offbeat to be writing an advice piece for freshmen at Colby, since I was never a freshman at Colby myself. I transferred in from the University of Maryland after my first year and have only been on

the Hill for a year. But leaving a school of over 30,000 for Colby has opened my eyes to some of the characteristics of this school that some people who are first entering may miss.

You can really get to know people on the Hill—and people

ing, familiar face. At Maryland, I would go weeks without seeing anyone I knew while walking from class to class. It is a different world here. In my opinion, it is a better world.

My advice to you is simple: take advantage of that closeness. Take your learning outside of the classroom. Meet people in all of your classes. Get to know those from all different sides of campus, not just from your team, dorm or crowd. Have meals with different people. Learn about their families. Ask what their favorite thing about their sibling is, and find out how their parents met. If you make enough of an effort, I promise you will find that this campus is unbelievably interconnected. And you will become a part of that web.

Do what you like to do. Do what makes you happy. Don't follow the crowd. You will be surprised how much you will fit in with the Colby community and how much happier you will be to have allowed yourself to become fully intertwined within it.

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can get to know you. That is a beautiful thing. There is something special that comes with learning as much as you can here about your classmates, teammates and roommates. It is hard to get from one class to another without being greeted by a sim-



Kalil transferred to the Hill his sophomore year and has greatly embraced the Colby community.

Enjoy the unfamiliar and forget your expectations

By ANNIE CHEN
CLASS OF 2012

To the incoming class of 2015, As a senior coming back to Colby's campus after a long year abroad, my biggest piece of advice for anyone smart enough to pick up an issue of the *Echo* is this: take full advantage of all the opportunities Colby offers. Though you all come from different backgrounds, the unique thing about being on this campus is that the opportunities are available to just about anyone.

From student leadership positions to varsity sports teams, from the Student Programming Board to the many a cappella groups, the chances you will have to become a part of something bigger than just one person will be overwhelming. My

advice? Sample everything, participate without prejudice, and you will end up loving your Colby experience.

Take advantage of classes taught by visiting professors. Don't be afraid to sit down with a group of strangers in Bobs for lunch. Take a class with a professor who scares you. Join a club you would be embarrassed to tell your family about. Take advantage of the opportunities that you have here, on Mayflower Hill, and in the Waterville community. Make the time to run around Maine. There are more than 60 lighthouses for you to explore.

And exploration is key to a great college experience. Isn't that what you have come here for? Take the time to find out what you like and what you

don't. Keep the expectations you have for your college experience in mind, but realize that time on the Hill will change those expectations. You might have come in expecting to double major in economics and government, but you just might leave here at the end of four years with a degree in art history. Roll with the punches and don't be afraid to try something new.

For those who feel intimidated by this campus, for those who are unsure whether Colby was ultimately the right decision, stop worrying. After all, you have already battled a hurricane to get here. What more is there to be afraid of? If you let it, the four years ahead of you will be magical, exciting and full of adventure. Take the leap of faith. Sing the silly song and dance the crazy dance.



Senior Annie Chen tells first-years not to confine themselves to their preconceived notions of college.

Essential guide to campus lingo

Arboretum: The Perkins Arboretum is home to miles of trails located behind the tennis courts and rugby field. Perfect for afternoon runs and nature walks.

The Beach: Well, not a beach per se. Rather, a large, terrace-like landing outside the first floor of Dana.

Bob's: Nickname of Roberts Union.

CA: Stands for Community Advisor, the students who live in your dorms and serve as your go-to for any housing issues.

CBB: Term used to refer to Colby, Bates and Bowdoin. We are first because we are by far the best.

COC: Colby Outing Club.

Campus Golf: If you ever see students swinging golf clubs at tennis balls in front of Miller, they're just playing campus golf, a game where you create your own "holes," such as trash cans and light posts.

Coffeehouse: On the first floor of Mary Low, hosts live musical performances and displays student art at various times during the semester.

Co-op: Located in Mary Low. Home of a handful of students who choose to have meal plans completely independent of Dining Services.

Feb-frosh: An antiquated term referring to the first-years who arrive on campus in January after being abroad for the first semester in Salamanca or Dijon.

Frat Row: Two rows of dorms that used to be fraternity houses, stretching from the Street to Bobs: Piper, Drummond, Go-Ho, Grossman, Treworky, Pierce and Pe-Wi. Fraternities were banned in the late 1980s.

Go-Ho: Abbreviation for Goddard Hodgkins dorm.

Grab 'n' Go: Lunch meal plan available in Cotter Union that you can brown bag to class. Also known as Take Four because you choose four lunch items from their fairly wide selection.

Hillside: Cluster of five white dorms behind AMS: Taylor, Sturtevant, Leonard, Marriner and Williams.

Hume Center: Owned by Professor Hume and his wife. The crew team practices on the lake here.

Great for swimming, sunbathing or just relaxing.

JanPlan: January on campus. You take one class and ski the days away. Required for first-years.

Jitney: Campus shuttle service driven by students. Runs from early afternoon until late evening.

Loudness: During the first and last weekends of each semester, the campus turns into one big party with concerts, dances and general mayhem.

NESCAC: New England Small College Athletic Conference. Includes Colby, Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Connecticut College, Hamilton, Middlebury, Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan and Williams.

Pe-Wi: Abbreviation for Perkins-Wilson dorm.

The Pond: Johnson Pond, located near the Athletic Fields and Roberts Dining Hall.

The Pub: The Marchese Blue Light Pub, located in Cotter Union above the Spa.

Runnals Hill: Home of sledding, cross-country skiing and some rugby practices.

Spa: Campus snack shop run by the Joseph family, also serving sandwiches, coffee, etc. You get one free meal swipe here per week.

The Street: Walkway underneath Miller Library. You'll appreciate this when winter hits.

The Swamp: Home of Colby rugby. Located across the street from President Adams' house.

WHOP: Waterville House of Pizza, open until 2 a.m. for late night deliveries.

WMHB: Campus radio station: 89.7 FM

Goldfarb fosters engagement

By KATY LINDQUIST &
DAVID MURPHY
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Since its founding in 2003, the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement has hosted a diverse array of powerful speakers, offered students incredible community service opportunities and collaborated with multiple academic departments to make civic engagement a primary facet of a Colby education.

The Goldfarb Center was created in order to organize, focus and leverage Colby's efforts to foster active citizenship. Each year, the center hosts around 40 events that allow students to gain access to the world of public affairs and to connect with experts in many different arenas. The Goldfarb Center also sponsors the Colby Volunteer Center (CVC) and the Colby Cares About Kids Program (CCAK), two of the most popular, successful and important tools in breaking the bubble of the campus and in changing the face of Colby in the community.

The Goldfarb Center also works closely with academic departments ranging from biology to education, English to economics and global studies to environmental studies, in order to better integrate civic engagement into the Colby curriculum.

Whether it is collaborating with professors to plan an event that coincides with a class topic or supporting student organiza-

tions on campus by bringing speakers it's selected, the Goldfarb Center is here to help. It exists to support and broaden our campus awareness of the world and its issues.

The Goldfarb Center's fall calendar is already full of incredible speakers and events including a visit from our politically controversial governor of Maine, Paul LePage; a panel of the past three winners of the Maine Teacher of the Year award to discuss effective teach-

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ing methods in low-income classrooms; a lecture from a representative of No Labels, a non-partisan social welfare advocacy organization; and a panel of experts on the Middle East to discuss the revolutions and turmoil currently taking place. The Goldfarb Center will also be busy looking for new and returning students to volunteer to help support its programs and to

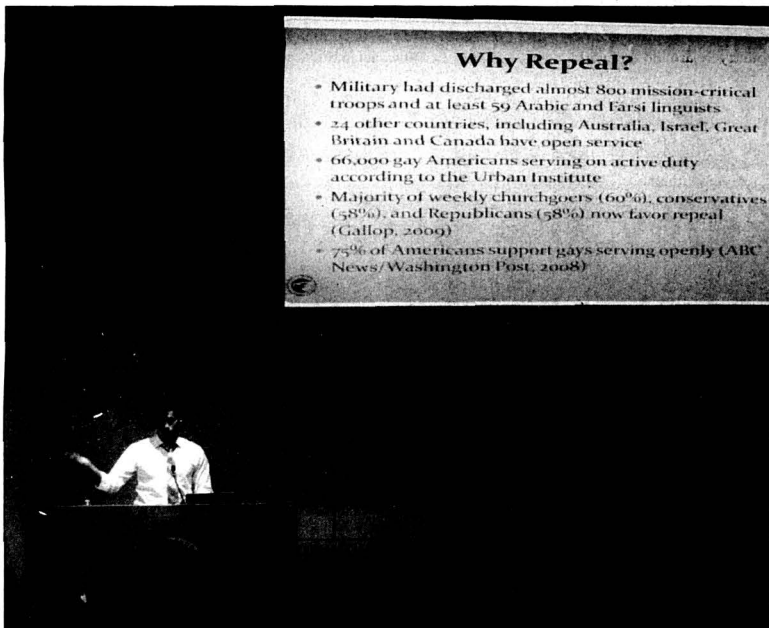
serve on its Student Advisory Board, which heavily influences which events will be on the calendar in the spring and in future years. We hope to see you at the first event of the year, a September 13 talk by and dinner with alumna Jessica Varnum '06, regarding paths to nuclear non-proliferation and her journey to become an expert on that subject in just a few short years. To view the full Fall 2011 calendar of Goldfarb events, please visit the Goldfarb website: http://www.colby.edu/academics_cs/goldfarb/.

The Goldfarb Center is also busy preparing to launch its many volunteer programs. The CVC has a wide array of opportunities to reach out to the wider Waterville community, including becoming a regular volunteer at the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter, working with students at the local alternative high school or stocking shelves at Barrels, the local co-op. To learn more about the programs that CVC has to offer, please visit its website: <http://colbyvolunteercenter.wordpress.com/>.

CCAK will also be busy preparing for its fall mentor recruiting process so keep your eyes peeled on the General Announcements for news from them about volunteering with local children.

The Goldfarb Center is very excited for a new year of programming and community outreach. We hope that you will join us at some of our fall events and get involved in one of our civic engagement programs. Welcome to Colby!

LGBT: bridging the gap



David Hall, a previous Bridge guest lecturer, discusses why "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" should be repealed.

By CARLA ARONSOHN &
PAT ADAMS
BRIDGE CO-PRESIDENTS

The Bridge is Colby's all-inclusive LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) and ally community, and it's our pleasure to welcome you to Colby! Our mission is to do everything we can to make this school a safe and welcoming place for all. We are a programming board, a social network, a support group and a community of passionate activists. We're comprised of everyone from woodswomen and student government to athletes and faculty members. We are more than a club.

We've been known to break out the bubble machine on special occasions, lobby Bro and the administration and throw a stellar drag ball during Pride Week in April. Last year, we hosted a New England-wide conference for nearly 100 LGBT students from peer schools. We

brought amazing speakers, artists and activists to campus and yes, even a porn star. We teamed up with Waterville High School's burgeoning gay-straight alliance. And we began pushing for a gender and sexual

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diversity resource center. This center would add a needed layer of support to provide services beyond the scope of student groups. It will remain a top priority for the year.

Our leadership is comprised of a president and a steering committee. We're the ones who organize events and keep you up-to-date on news affecting our community.

If you need someone to talk to, you can find us among the names on the "Out Peers/Out Allies" list (on a bulletin board in your dorm), or you can contact us at colbycollegebridge@gmail.com. All e-mails with us are confidential.

It doesn't matter who you are or what you're into; we're "all-inclusive" for a reason. We have an office on the second floor of the Pugh Center and it is a safe space open to all. You'll find the green couches are a great place to nap or watch *The L Word*. Check us out at the club fair, show up at the Queer and Ally Tea or swing by a meeting. Our private e-mail list will keep you informed of events, meetings, activism and news. If you want to join the 400 others who are already in the loop, simply shoot us an e-mail.

CVC: make a difference



Students participate in last year's Polar Bear Dip, the Colby Volunteer Center's chilliest event.

By DANA ROBERTS
CVC DIRECTOR

Greetings from the Colby Volunteer Center (CVC), and welcome to college! Most of you have just come out of a high school that expected you to volunteer a certain number of hours per year. Even though that requirement is gone, we encourage you to get involved and give back to your new community: Colby and the greater Waterville area. Volunteering is a great way to get to know your peers, learn about different organizations in town and be a socially engaged member of society.

The CVC is a student-run organization under the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement. Your student leaders this fall include Director Dana Roberts '12 and Assistant Directors Madison Louis '13 and Amanda Lavguier '13. Our third Assistant Director, Dan Covert '13, is exploring life down under in New Zealand for the semester.

We are here to provide each member of the Colby community with the opportunity to have a positive influence on the lives of others through volunteerism. To accomplish this, we have 14 programs in which you can become

We encourage you to get involved and give back to your new community.

involved. Options range from playing with animals at the local humane society to cooking dinner at a homeless shelter. Most of our programs are only a weekly or bi-weekly commitment of about two hours. You can find a complete list of programs at our website: colbyvolunteercenter.wordpress.com

Here you can also find our office hours and all the latest CVC news.

If a weekly commitment seems like too much for your busy schedule, we also organize many one-time only events every semester. This semester you will have the chance to participate in the Hardy Girls Healthy Women 5K and the annual Halloween Extravaganza. These are great opportunities for sports teams, other campus organizations and groups of friends to work together for a great cause. You should also keep an eye out in the General Announcements for any other volunteer opportunities or job openings that we post. Community members sometimes ask for Colby students to help rake leaves or other small tasks and usually offer compensation.

If you have any questions, please e-mail us at cvc@colby.edu or stop by our office (Eustis 207D). We look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Please stop by our booth at the Campus Expo!

Having a four-year plan

By ROGER WOOLSEY
CAREER CENTER DIRECTOR

What is your four-year plan?

The Colby Career Center has a four-year career development curriculum that inspires success. Colby Connect is a Career Center initiative that engages students and connects them to fellowships, internships, job shadowing and employment opportunities and prepares them for graduate study. Colby Connect provides students with a four-year sequence of workshops, presentations and programs to help them plan post-graduate endeavors, and it integrates Career Center programming with alumni, parents, faculty and recruiters.

Colby Connect: Inspired Insight and Confidence. Visit the Career Center to meet with a counselor to receive a self-assessment and guidance on resume writing, cover letters, interviewing tips and networking.

Colby Connect: Inspired Study. The Colby Career Center assists students who are considering attending graduate school. Approximately three-quarters of Colby students will go on to earn a graduate degree. The Career Center is available for advice on the process of applying to graduate or professional schools. Students may pick up registration booklets for various tests (GRE, Praxis, LSAT, MCAT, etc.) or check the Career Centers graduate school page

for Web links. Information is provided about test-prep classes offered on campus each year. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with a Career Center staff member as early as possible to talk about graduate school plans. Colby students interested in particular graduate programs work with preparation committees that include faculty, administrators

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and alumni. Strong advising programs exist to help students interested in health professions and law school.

The Colby Career Center is eager to assist students who are interested in prestigious fellowships and post-graduate scholarships. Visit a Career Center counselor to learn more about these prestigious awards, the application process and online resources.

Colby Connect: Inspired Experience. Internships are increasingly important for students to test career interests and for gaining an edge landing a first job. Internship opportunities exist

on campus, nearby or almost anywhere in the world and can be part of a normal semester, summer or JanPlan. The David Strage internship, Medulie Family Entrepreneur internship, and the Linda K. Cotter Fund provide special financial assistance to students who want to take unpaid or low-paying internships but can't afford the higher living expenses associated with the internship or can't forego the income of a summer job.

Colby Connect: Inspired Community. Faculty, alumni and parents are available to mentor students in a variety of career-related and post-graduate endeavors. Part of the value of Colby's close student-faculty interaction is the accessibility of mentors, within or outside a student's major field of study.

A network of Colby alumni stands eager to provide internships for students and help steer Colby graduates toward jobs and careers. New information technology expands those connections. A searchable online directory of alumni and parents, who have expressed a willingness to help with career resources, is available to students.

Colby Connect: Inspired Success. Through our commitment, resources and programming, an endless connectivity within the Colby community supports students' future endeavors. Come visit the Career Center. What is your four-year plan?

Outing Club offers many off-campus adventures



Students that join the Colby Outing Club will have the opportunity to embark on many weekend adventures with their peers, as well as have access to COC equipment for their own travels.

By EMMA GROSS & HANNAH SHAPIRO
COC CO-PRESIDENTS

The Colby Outing Club (COC) is the place to be for the hard-core outdoorsy and the nature-curious. Our mission is to get the Colby community outside by whatever means necessary.

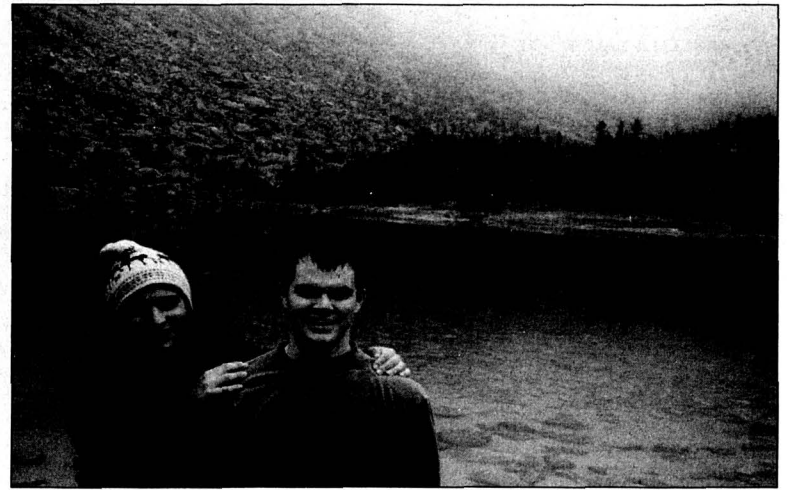
Nearly every weekend, we

send out at least one trip led by our marvelous trip leaders. From epic summits of Katahdin and the White Mountains to afternoon snowshoe hikes—we do it all.

Not a fan of putting one foot in front of the other? We also offer trips in fly-fishing, telemark skiing, cross-country skiing and kayak roll clinics. We even make our own maple syrup!

Moreover, if you wanted to go independently, we rent out every piece of gear you might possibly need to be safe and happy outside. We have tents, sleeping bags, stoves, skis (telemark, skate and classic cross country), snowshoes, backpacks and much more available.

Two special things about the COC are our cabin on Great Pond



Students Ben Grimmig '12 and James Hubbard '12 pose while on the Colby Outing Club's annual Mount Katahdin trip, by far the group's most popular event of the school year. Sign up early to go!

and our spring break trips. The cabin is a 20-minute drive away from campus and located on Great Pond in the Belgrade Lakes. It is available for rent during the school year for a minimal fee and provides a tranquil escape from Mayflower Hill.

Our spring break trips are one of the best aspects of the Outing Club. Each year we lead substi-

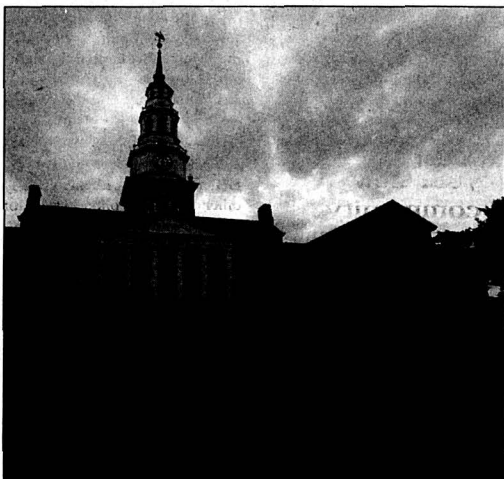
dized trips that have ranged from backpacking in Canyonlands, Utah to white water kayaking in N.C. and rock climbing in Joshua Tree, Calif. The nine-day trips are some of our favorites to lead and are very popular—for a good reason.

We hold office hours Sunday through Thursday from 7-8 p.m. in our office under/behind Mary

Low. Keep your ear to the ground for our "Big Meeting"—the first meeting of the semester where you'll meet our officers and learn all about the Outing Club and the trips we have planned for the semester.

Welcome to Colby and have a wonderful time on COOT! Always Rising, Never Steeply, The Colby Outing Club

Guide to using the campus libraries Dining Services



The three libraries at Colby College offer many resources to students, as well as a warm study space in the cold Maine winters.

By CLEM GUTHRO & MARILYN PUKKILA
COLBY LIBRARIES DIRECTOR & HEAD OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

The Colby Libraries will be a central pillar of your educational and social experiences on the Hill. The libraries are great places to do assignments, use a computer, check Facebook, chat with friends, read the news, browse a popular magazine, pick up a good

Bixler Library is the "Arts" library on campus, with a great collection to support all aspects of art and music.

Olin Library specializes in supporting the sciences, math and computer science.

Each library provides space for study and socialization and a wealth of books, DVDs and CDs, e-books and e-journals and other academic resources. Most importantly, you will find personalized help for assignments and research projects.

Each library has great hours and good computing resources. The libraries are wireless throughout, have open clusters of PCs and Macs and wireless laptops that can be borrowed for four hours at a time. In addition to computer labs in each library, there is an eight-station PC lab on the Miller Street that is open 24/7.

Not sure how to use the library catalog or library website? Need help with an assignment? Looking for journal articles, pictures, statistics, data sets or books? Feel frustrated with Google giving you a million or more results? You are not alone. Check out the library website (<http://libguides.colby.edu/home>) and talk to a librarian for further help.

Need something you can't find in the Colby libraries? Use MaineCat to borrow books and

DVDs from other Maine libraries or NExpress for books and DVDs from some peer institutions. Need something else that could be at Harvard University, Berkeley or the British Library? Submit an Interlibrary Loan request, and we'll work on borrowing materials for you, whether it is from across the country or around the world.

Special Collections, located in Miller Library, holds literary manuscripts, rare books and magazines, photographs and other graphic materials suitable for individual and group research projects.

Get to know the staff you will see at the Circulation and Reserve desks. They can help make your time in the library productive, and they're also just great people to know.

Looking for a great flick to watch this weekend? Check out our DVD/video collection on the main floor of Miller Library. Want to listen to something besides music on your afternoon jog or your next long trip? Our audio book collection has fiction and non-fiction titles for your enjoyment.

And if you have special needs or a suggestion on how to improve library services on campus or think of new resources we should buy, feel free to talk to Clem Guthro, director of libraries.

FIROUZ KHAKSAR
DIRECTOR OF DINING SERVICES

So...what's new in Dining Services? First, on behalf of the entire Colby Dining Services team, we would like to welcome new students and returning friends. We are all excited to see you and have the opportunity to serve you. Now, let me tell you about the new things waiting to be discovered—the highlights of Colby's dining program.

To begin, you will want to check out the "new" Dana. Dana Dining Hall has an all-new look and will provide you with the latest culinary delights and variety in menu options....

options, including an action station that prepares food items from around the world.

Foss Dining Hall continues to be your source for innovative and exciting vegan/vegetarian food choices, along with a diverse menu. Roberts Dining Hall will still be offering restaurant-style meals with regional ethnic cuisine, together with our "local" salad bar.

Dining Services is continuing its tradition of increasing sustain-

ability initiatives. This year, we would like to invite you to join our Adopt-a-Cup Campaign. You can pick up your "green" cup in any of the dining halls. We encourage you to carry them with you and use them at meals.

When you are in the mood for something different, check out the new and improved menu at The Joseph Family Spa. Just a reminder, you can still enjoy some of the old favorites as featured specials, along with even more exciting new items.

To our incoming first-year students, if you have a busy day and would like to grab a fresh salad or sandwich with all the trimmings, visit The Caporale Lounge for our Take 4 program that runs Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's a grab-and-go bagged lunches—perfect for when you're in a rush.

I would like to encourage you to stay involved with your Dining Services by visiting us on Facebook or by following us on Twitter. Please feel free to call or stop by my office. I would love to hear your thoughts or suggestions and welcome your feedback.

Learning from kids, experiences

By NICOLE HEWES
CCAK ADVISORY BOARD

If you haven't yet heard about Colby Cares About Kids (CCAK), don't worry...you will. Sooner or later you'll hear someone talking about their mentee—CCAK is, after all, one of the most popular activities on campus.

It's a simple idea—mentors are paired with a child whom they visit about two hours each week—but CCAK has a big impact on students at more than a dozen different locations in the greater Waterville area.

Even though CCAK requires less of a time commitment than an introductory astronomy class, the time that you spend with your mentee really does make a difference.

"Although I know it doesn't

take a lot of effort to play on the playground, talk about movies or review a math worksheet with my mentee, I know that the time I spend with her is important and is making an impact in her life," mentor Laura Gigliotti '12 said.

If the term "mentor" seems overwhelming, you should know that as a mentor, you aren't expected to save the child with whom you're paired—your responsibility to him or her is simply to be a reliable presence and to care about what's going on in his or her life.

"You're not a tutor, you're not a teacher and most of all, you're in no way meant to be a symbol of authority. You're there with your mentee as a friend," Anthony Jenkins '12 said.

The most crucial component of CCAK is consistency, as it is

more detrimental to the child to establish a relationship where the mentor doesn't show up than to never have had a mentor at all.

As Jenkins emphasized, CCAK mentees need "the consistency of someone being there every single Tuesday and Thursday who is going to dedicate every minute of that time to them."

Not that you have to go every Tuesday and Thursday. The beauty of CCAK is the program's flexibility; you choose when you have the time to visit your mentee according to your own schedule—you can go whenever time permits, as long as it's the same time each week.

This year, CCAK is really hoping to recruit more male mentors. About half of the mentees are male and would really love to

have a male mentor, but unfortunately, there aren't enough in the program, which means boys in the local community are missing out on having a much-needed male role model.

This is especially critical for boys in middle school, who have "just figured out they're intimidated by girls," Jenkins said. "Some boys can do it, but in general, middle school boys struggle to connect to college girls and don't get as much out of CCAK as they could have."

So, what should you do if you're interested in joining CCAK, male or female? Visiting the CCAK website to learn more about the program, looking for the table at the campus activities fair and coming to the information session on Sunday, September 18, in Diamond 142



Colby Cares About Kids is one of the most influential and popular programs on campus, with participants from all class years.

will help you get all the information you need about the application process. Please consider becoming a CCAK mentor; it's incredibly rewarding...and it requires only two hours a week.

Get active with Colby Athletics

By MARCELLA ZALOT
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

The Department of Athletics welcomes the Class of 2015 and would like to extend our best wishes for an exciting and productive first year. The department has offerings for all levels of athletes and invites you to participate in any level of your choosing.

The intercollegiate program is for the competitive athlete who wants an intense intercollegiate experience. Colby belongs to the Division III level of the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association). On the conference level, we compete in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), arguably one of the best Division III conferences in the country.

Colby sponsors 32 intercollegiate sports: 16 for women, 15 for men and one coed team. For information on the intercollegiate programs offered, please see our website at www.colby.edu/athletics. If you are interested in trying out for a team, the names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the coaching staff are on the website.

The department also offers an intramural program during the fall, winter and spring. Intramural offerings include soccer, field hockey and flag football in the fall; volleyball, broomball and basketball in the winter; and softball in the spring.

Special events take place throughout the academic year and in the past have included a triathlon, a home run derby and a squash tournament. You can

sign up for intramural sports with iPlay, so watch for these announcements. See the iPlay article below for more.

The department oversees club sports that have an athletic component. Club sports are student run and are offered if there is enough student interest to sustain the club. Club sports that have recently sustained student interest include: men and women's rugby, the woods-men's team, badminton, frisbee, bicycling, water polo, men's volleyball and fencing.

Finally, the Harold Alfond Athletic Center is open 12 to 15 hours a day throughout the academic year. We invite you to come down and use the athletic facilities at your convenience. The facilities include an ice

hockey rink, squash courts, basketball courts, indoor track, indoor tennis courts, climbing wall, pool and an aerobic studio. The Alfond Fitness Center offers free weights, selectorized equipment by Bodymaster and over 25 pieces of cardiovascular equipment. Lifetime fitness classes will also be offered during the academic year. Classes last year included yoga, aerobics kickboxing and fitness training. Check our website during the first few weeks of classes for the schedule. All classes are held in the aerobics room of the Alfond Athletic Center. The schedule is also posted on the door to the aerobics room.

Good luck in the upcoming year, and all the best as you embark on your Colby experience!

Loudness in "the Ville"; Matt Costa to headline



CHRIS KASPRAN/THE COLBY ECHO
Hill 'n the Ville offers more than just music during this annual downtown event.

By LAURA MALONEY
SGA CO-PRESIDENT

Waterville will host its fifth annual "Hill 'n the Ville" festival, a day-long live music festival, on Saturday, September 10, at Head of Falls on the banks of the Kennebec River. This year, however, Colby student leaders have decided to take it to the next level and establish the festival as the official Saturday Loudness event.

According to community non-profit Waterville Main Street Director Shannon Haines, "The Hill 'n the Ville was designed as a way to bring college students to downtown early in the school year so that they can engage with the community in a relaxed environment and learn about what downtown has to offer." Haines added, "The more comfortable and welcome we can make students feel, the more likely they will be to build meaningful relationships with the community."

Colby student participation and attendance at the festival has faltered over the past few years; there was a lack of talk about the event on the Hill. As a result, representatives from the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Student Programming Board (SPB) met last spring with the intention to revamp Colby's involvement in the festival and thus made Hill 'n the Ville an official Loudness event.

"I think this is an important step toward linking Colby to Waterville. SGA wants to work on town-gown relations this year, and the festival is a great way to strengthen that relationship," SGA Co-President Justin Rouse '12 said.

"Hopefully students will feel more like a part of the community. After all, they are going to be here for four years. They should take the chance to get off campus and explore the city," Erik Thomas, event organizer and Waterville resident

and businessman, said. According to Emily Fleming '12, president of the Colby-Waterville Alliance, "Hill 'n the Ville is a great way to kick off the school year and introduce students, both new and old, to the Waterville community."

Hill 'n the Ville will headline Matt Costa, singer-songwriter from Huntington Beach, Calif. who is famous for his critically acclaimed 2006 debut album, *Songs We Sing* and his latest album, *Mobile Chateau*. Costa has collaborated and toured with Jack Johnson, Oasis and Ryan Adams & the Cardinals. Other acts at the festival include Boston-based band The Brew, Portland natives Paranoid Social Club, and The Cheshire Massacre, a student band from Oakland, Maine that earned the right to play by winning Colby's annual Burst the Bubble Week Battle of the Bands event.

The full schedule of events is as follows, with buses running from Eustis parking lot to the festival throughout the entire day:

12:30-1:00 p.m.: *The Cheshire Massacre*
1:15-2:30 p.m.: *Paranoid Social Club*
3:00-4:30 p.m.: *The Brew*
5:00-6:45 p.m.: *Matt Costa*

With its relaxed environment, Hill 'n the Ville promises to be an event full of good music and local food with plenty of lawn-lounging and sun-basking. "This event will not only facilitate community interactions, but it will also be a fun, relaxing day for all Colby students," SPB President Elliott Ruvelson '12 said. As Rouse puts it, this Loudness weekend, Colby students will "get local and get loud."

"Hill 'n the Ville" is brought to you by Waterville Main Street, SGA, SPB and the Colby-Waterville Alliance (CWA).

iPlay sports for every season

By LINDSEY HUNTERWOLF
iPLAY COMMISSIONER

In the immortal words of Socrates—or was it Patches O'Hoolihan?—"If you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball." For some obscure safety reason, the Colby intramural sports program ("iPlay") sadly does not offer wrench-dodging in any organized form. There is, however, an annual dodgeball tournament, along with 13 seasonal sports and a handful of other weekend events/tournaments. The goal of iPlay is to offer fun, athletic endeavors to students, faculty and staff throughout their time at Colby. iPlay aims to provide venues for healthy competition, engendering teamwork and camaraderie across campus.

Most sports are divided into "recreational" and "competitive" leagues, wherein players can take the activity at the level of intensity they prefer. Depending on the season, teams get one or two games per week, and there are no practices. Captains organize their own teams, creating their team during a designated sign-up period. These captains are responsible for the organization and management of their teams within the rules and regulations of iPlay and each individual sport. Those interested in participating in iPlay may either cap-

tain their own team or join someone else's. Those wishing to join another's team have the option of joining a team they know about by simply signing up as an individual, and iPlay can find a team for you. iPlay is an extremely accessible program at Colby, open to all regardless of past experience. Players of all skill levels (or lack thereof!) take part—iPlay can be a great way to stay active, meet new people and of course have a blast!

iPlay is an integral part of many

people's lives up here on the Hill. Players take part in both the mainstream and the more obscure sports and events. New to many students/faculty/staff is "broomball," a sport akin to ice-hockey. In this, players wear sneakers on ice and hold a stick roughly resembling a broom—all the while attempting to hit a small ball into their opponent's net. Games are fun, with the novice and experienced alike slipping and sliding across the rink. Given the three seasons of broomball that iPlay

will offer this upcoming year, there will be plenty of opportunities to give this sport a shot, in addition to all the other sports offered. This first semester alone, look forward to field hockey, flag football, soccer, tennis, team handball, broomball, a squash tournament and, of course, that epic dodgeball tournament. Check out the iPlay website throughout the year at www.colby.edu/iplay for additional information, schedules, standings and a few sweet pics! See you out on the field/court/rink!



CHRIS KASPRAN/THE COLBY ECHO
iPlay football is one of many intramural sports available at the College. This fall's offerings include field hockey, flag football, soccer, tennis, squash and dodgeball tournaments, team handball and broomball.

Check off the Colby Bucket List



COURTESY OF LAUREN FISHER
Spend the last day of classes cooling off on the slip 'n slide.

- ing your own parking space
- ☐ See a guest lecturer outside of your major
- ☐ Declare a homework-free weekend
- ☐ Go on an off-campus long-weekend road trip with Colby friends
- ☐ Spend at least one JanPlan on campus
- ☐ Spend at least one JanPlan off campus
- ☐ Eat a full-sized sandwich at Big G's
- ☐ Explore the Hillside tunnels
- ☐ Pull a homework-free all nighter for no reason
- ☐ Join an iPlay broomball team
- ☐ Enter Snow Sculpture Contest at Winter Carnival
- ☐ Study at Jorgensen's on Main

- Street
- ☐ Win Trivia Night at Mainely Brews
- ☐ Spend JanPlan skiing at Sugarloaf
- ☐ Watch the sun rise over Mayflower Hill on St. Patrick's Day weekend
- ☐ Slip 'n slide down Chapel Hill
- ☐ Study abroad
- ☐ Go to Tim Hortons for a late-night snack
- ☐ Shop at L.L.Bean at 4 a.m.
- ☐ Eat free food at First Thursdays at the Art Museum
- ☐ Get a milkshake at Dairy Cone
- ☐ Create a team for Relay for Life
- ☐ Mock Bowdoin students' inferiority at the Colby-Bowdoin hockey game

By LINDSAY PUTNAM
FEATURES EDITOR

- ☐ Go for a run in the Arboretum
- ☐ Lay out and watch the stars by Johnson Pond
- ☐ Go to Midnight Munchies during finals week
- ☐ Order WHOP at 2 a.m.
- ☐ "Win" a dining hall (be the last person to leave)
- ☐ Donut Thursdays in Bobs
- ☐ Attend a class dinner (the food is amazing!)
- ☐ Eat a Spa bagel (way better than the dining hall bagels)
- ☐ Get a drink at the Pub (once you turn 21!)
- ☐ Attend an a cappella concert in Lorimer Chapel
- ☐ Fall down Chapel Hill en route

- to the Apartments
- ☐ Get lost in the Hillside dorms
- ☐ Cook a meal in one of the dorm kitchens
- ☐ Go swimming at the Hume Center
- ☐ Make an appearance in the Echo's "Students in the Street"
- ☐ Host a radio show on WMHB
- ☐ Participate in a Colby Volunteer Center program
- ☐ Check out Special Collections in Miller
- ☐ Spend time studying in all three libraries
- ☐ Eat at a window booth in Foss dining hall
- ☐ Watch a performance in Runnals
- ☐ Hike Mt. Katahdin with the Colby Outing Club
- ☐ Get a parking ticket for creat-

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From/To	Mon	Tue	Wed
Colby to Portland	1:15	1:15	1:15
Portland to Colby	4:15	4:15	4:15
Colby to Boston	1:15	1:15	1:15
Boston to Colby	4:15	4:15	4:15

From/To	Mon	Tue	Wed
Colby to Logan Airport	1:15	1:15	1:15
Logan Airport to Colby	4:15	4:15	4:15
Colby to South Station	1:15	1:15	1:15
South Station to Colby	4:15	4:15	4:15

CONCORD COACH LINES

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INFORMATION CENTER: 1-800-639-3317
www.concordcoachlines.com

Learn the FAQs about PPD protocol in the dorms

All your Physical Plant Department questions answered

Where is the Physical Plant Department (PPD) and what do they do?

PPD offices and shops are housed in the Physical Plant Building located next to the Alford Athletic Center on Campus Drive (formerly Armstrong Road). The department is responsible for general maintenance of the campus with employees responsible for housekeeping, grounds, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, project management and administration of the department.

Normal working hours for PPD are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Crews are available, however, 24 hours a day for emergencies. After hours, emergencies should be directed to Security at x5530.

What do I do if there is a problem with my room such as damage, malfunctioning lights, broken blinds or missing furniture?

Contact PPD to submit a work order. The most efficient way to do this is via Colby's website:

www.colby.edu/ppd/. Other methods of contacting PPD are listed on the reverse.

How do I get rid of unwanted furniture?

Residents are responsible for the college-owned furniture in their rooms. If any furniture is unaccounted for at the end of the year, the residents will be responsible for the cost to replace it. To ensure this does not happen, furniture items other than wardrobes may be removed using the following procedures:

1. Read the yellow notice left in your room when you move in.
2. Contact PPD to identify the items you wish to have removed.
3. The items must remain in your room until picked up to ensure proper crediting of the furniture.
4. Do not place the unwanted items in the corridor or lounges since this is a fire hazard, and they will not be picked up by PPD.
5. Keep copies of the work order number and/or receipts left when the furniture is picked up to document its removal.

My room is too hot or too cold. What do I do?

Each room is provided a "FAQ about Heat" reference card at the start of the heating season. Please keep the card as it should help answer most of your questions. In general, try to ensure that the heating system is not blocked and that the thermostat/sensor is not getting a false reading (from something such as an open window or a heat generating appliance/lamp too close to it). If one of these is not the cause of the problem, please contact PPD.

What do I do if the phone in my room is not working?

The ITS page at www.colby.edu/info.tech/ provides a link for phone problems. Select option for "service request" if the site cannot answer your questions.

How do I get cable television in my room?

All residence halls have cable TV. The ITS page at www.colby.edu/info.tech/ provides a link for cable problems.

Please follow the steps to troubleshoot then submit a "service request" if the problem persists.

What do I do if my Internet connection is not working?

Computer connection problems are handled by ITS. You should contact Student Computer Services at x4224 or e-mail at scshelp@colby.edu.

Does the College recycle?

Yes! Recycling centers are located in each of the residence halls. Students are responsible for bringing their recyclable materials to the recycling centers. Maine does use returnable bottles and cans, most worth five cents. PPD is continuously working to improve recycling and is always looking for interested students to help in both volunteer and paid positions.

Who do I contact to get the washer and dryer fixed?

Washer and dryer maintenance is handled by a local contractor. For problems with the machines or the card readers, please contact x4130.

What do I do if I see vomit, blood or other potentially hazardous substances?

We are hopeful that most students will clean up after themselves, so cleaning supplies are available in the custodial closets or through your Community Advisors. If blood or vomit is left, however, students should not attempt to clean up body fluids from other students. Contact PPD during normal working hours. After hours, you should contact your Community Advisors or Security to take appropriate action.

Can I get a vacuum to clean my own room?

Yes. Vacuums are available in each residence hall. In most halls, you can obtain these by contacting your Community Advisors. If you have difficulty, please contact the PPD office to request one.

Will PPD come into my room when I am not there?

It is the responsibility of PPD to maintain the buildings, however, we make every attempt to

protect the students' privacy. We typically would only enter a student room when either (a) a room occupant has submitted a work order or (b) we have reason to believe there is an urgent maintenance reason to be in the room (i.e. a broken pipe in or above your room, an unexplained fire alarm sounds, a window is left open over winter break, etc.). Anytime a PPD employee enters a room without one of the occupants there, we leave a card letting you know who was there and why. When a work order is submitted, a student may request to be contacted to arrange a specific time when possible.

If we did not answer your question, please let us know!

Contact PPD

PPD webpage : www.colby.edu/ppd/
Main office phone: x5000
E-mail: workorder@colby.edu
Furniture Removal Hotline: x5016
Hot/Cold Hotline (during heating season): x5016
Contact Security (for emergencies, after hours): x5530

Be politically active on the Hill

COLBY DEMOCRATS

By ZOE SHERMAN & JOJO SALAY
COLBY DEMOCRATS
CO-PRESIDENTS

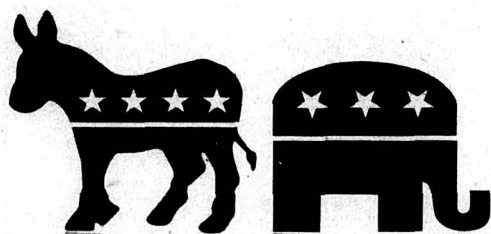
If you want to have fun and be challenged and inspired, join the Colby Democrats. If you like Rick Perry because Sarah Palin is just too cerebral, join the Colby Republicans (just joking—we love the Colby Republicans!). All kidding aside, this coming year will be politically significant. With election implications that will affect you as students, your involvement can have a direct impact on what happens in Maine and the rest of the United States.

Here's our story: When we arrived on campus in the midst of the 2008 election, the energy on campus was palpable. As members of the Colby Dems that year, we registered voters, conducted phone banks and went to rallies.

Maine then voted for Obama and sent two democratic congressmen to Washington.

Last year as co-presidents, we worked with the club to attend a Bill Clinton speech, spoke at an event for gubernatorial candidate Libby Mitchell, had brunch with Congressman Mike Michaud, held an early vote day on campus, conducted phone banks and held discussions with the Colby Republicans and independent students. Furthermore, current and past Colby Dems have interned and worked for Maine congressmen and senators.

We encourage you to join and be involved with us during this pivotal year. Don't worry if you aren't well-versed in Maine politics. We are all from different places, but Maine is our home right now, and we want to do everything we can to make it the best place to live!



COLBY REPUBLICANS

By ANNE BURTON
COLBY REPUBLICANS PRESIDENT

The Colby Republicans seek to promote the ideals of limited government, economic freedom and individualism. Our goals are to stimulate debate, encourage independent thinking on the part of students and faculty, and demonstrate that the foundations of conservative thought not only have merit, but should be taught with the same intellectual fervor and status as liberalism. Though we are a small club, we are active in a variety of ways on and off campus.

Each year, we assist with local and national campaigns; we attend the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), an annual gathering of conservatives and conservative speakers from all around the country, held in Washington D.C.; we host speakers; and we hold meetings to discuss politics and hang out with other conservative students on campus.

Interested students can stop by our table and sign up at the Campus Life Expo on September 13, or feel free to send an e-mail to amburton@colby.edu if you'd like to be put on our mailing list. We are always excited to have new members join us!



Seniors (clockwise) Chris Crabbe, Sam Helm, Sam Merriweather, Petey Randall and Taylor Horan make up this year's senior Hallstaff. They are eager to get to know their residents and help all first-years acclimate to the College environment. CAs host regular dorm events, organize iPlay teams within dorms, notify students of campus events and provide a safe space for residents to voice concerns.

Veteran CAs encourage community

Community Advisors help students make the most of their four years

By THE SENIOR HALLSTAFF

Throughout Orientation, you will often hear the phrases, "go find your CA" or "your CA does that." These are not intended to be lame insults, but rather some excellent advice. We are your Colby College Community Advisors, and we do our utmost to ensure that your experience at Colby is an enjoyable and meaningful one. In fact, in order to get your hands on that pleasantly plump Orientation packet, you have probably met a few of us already.

Community Advisors (commonly referred to as CAs or Hallstaff) are a group of Colby students hired by Campus Life to strengthen, support and energize the Colby College community. Each residence hall has a CA (many halls have more than one) who works to support their residents and foster community by planning and notifying students of campus events, working with residents to create and uphold community standards, get-

ting to know each and everyone of their residents, confidentially resolving personal and roommate issues and being an available resource.

Just like snowflakes, no two CAs are alike. Although all CAs have the same ultimate goals, each CA goes about achieving them in a manner that best suits his or her own personality.

Diversity in every aspect is an invaluable component of the CA program because it allows us to reach out to the entire Colby community. Every student should feel comfortable approaching any CA about anything, not only the one who lives in his or her hall. CAs will plan

multi-hall and even campus-wide events, targeting students across campus of various interests. Our programming goals are not simply to organize social hour, but to promote personal well-being, intellectual engagement, awareness and community connections. Although each CA is assigned one hall to focus on (and will be living there, too), the ultimate goal is a tight-knit Colby community.

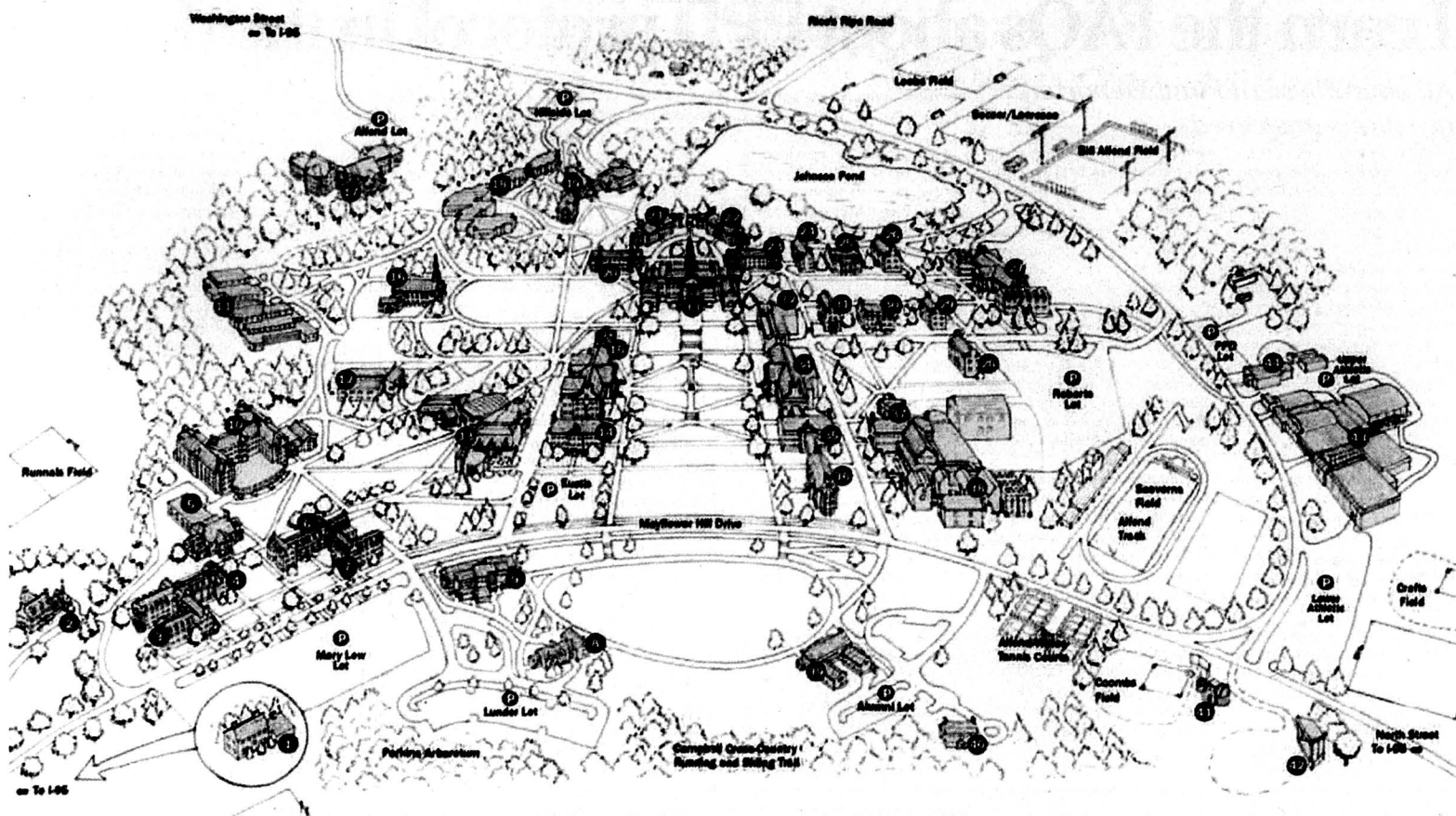
You are probably thinking, "Wow, this all sounds really great! I'm so excited for the continuation of my mental, social and spiritual education! How can I kick this year off to a great start?" Well, we expected you to be thinking that, so we came up with a few ideas to get you going.

First, try something new! A club, hobby, sport, course.... Whatever it is you have been "thinking about," give it a whirl. It is a great way to challenge yourself, have too much fun and meet new people!

Second, get off the Hill! We know, you just got here and you want to "just relax for a sec," but there is a great world out there. Carpe diem! Whether you hike Katahdin with the Outing Club or volunteer at a Waterville school, getting off the Hill will make your college experience that much richer.

Finally, get to know your CA! (We are easy to spot because we are ridiculously good looking.) We love meeting new people, listening to thoughts and concerns, and discussing how to make things better. Don't expect us to always know the answer, but whenever we don't, we will point you in the direction of someone who can help. We are all in this together, so feel free to contact any of us with any questions, concerns or just to say "Hi! Let's get ice cream."

—Sam, Chris, Taylor, Petey and Sam (Samwich), your senior Hallstaff



College Buildings

- 1. Millett House
- 2. President's House
- 3. Woodman (R)
- 4. Foss (R)
- 5. Dining Hall
- 6. Runnals (Performing Arts)
- 7. Surider Theater
- 8. Mary Low (R)
- 9. Coffeeshouse
- 10. Cotten Union
- 11. Page Commons
- 12. Pugh Center
- 13. Pulver Pavilion
- 14. Bookstore
- 15. Spa
- 16. Student Post Office
- 17. Administration
- 18. Dana (R)
- 19. Dining Hall
- 20. Heights (R)
- 21. Garrison-Foster Business Office
- 22. Health Center
- 23. Student Financial Services
- 24. Cotter Union
- 25. Page Commons
- 26. Pugh Center
- 27. Pulver Pavilion
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- 39. Page Commons
- 40. Pugh Center
- 41. Pulver Pavilion
- 42. Bookstore
- 43. Spa
- 44. Student Post Office
- 45. Administration

- 15. Career Services
- 16. Dean of Students
- 17. Off-Campus Studies
- 18. Lowelljoy (Classrooms)
- 19. IT Services
- 20. Lorimer Chapel
- 21. Harold and Bibby Alford
- 22. Residence Complex (R)
- 23. Hillside (R)
- 24. Leonard (R)
- 25. Mariner (R)
- 26. Surinam (R)
- 27. Taylor (R)
- 28. Williams (R)
- 29. AMS (R)
- 30. Anthony (R)
- 31. Mitchell (R)
- 32. Schupf (R)
- 33. Averil (R)
- 34. West Quad (R)
- 35. Chaplin (R)
- 36. Pepper (R)
- 37. Robins (R)
- 38. East Quad (R)
- 39. Butler (R)
- 40. Champlin (R)
- 41. Small (R)
- 42. Johnson (R)
- 43. Piper (R)
- 44. Drummond (R)
- 45. Goddard-Hodgkins (R)
- 46. Roberts

- 28. Dining Hall
- 29. Human Resources
- 30. Security
- 31. Groomman (R)
- 32. Treworgy (R)
- 33. Pierce (R)
- 34. Perkins-Wilson (R)
- 35. Mudd (Math, Comp. Sci.)
- 36. Miller Library
- 37. Keyes (Science)
- 38. Aray (Science)
- 39. F.W. Olin Science Center
- 40. Bidder Art and Music Center
- 41. Given Auditorium
- 42. Crawford Art Studios
- 43. Museum of Art
- 44. Jetts and Davis Galleries
- 45. The Lunder Wing
- 46. The Paul J. Schupf Wing
- 47. Schair-Swenson-Watson
- 48. Alumni Center
- 49. Guest House (Hill Family)
- 50. Colles Observatory
- 51. Astronomy classroom
- 52. Gould Music Shell
- 53. Harold Alford Athletic Center
- 54. Alford Ice Arena
- 55. Wadsworth Gymnasium
- 56. Physical Plant Department

(R) = Residence Hall

Orientation Schedule, August 30-September 2

Note: This schedule is tentative and will continue to be updated.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

Class of 2015 Check-in
8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Cotter Union

Please check in at the Pulver Pavilion where you will receive important information regarding the orientation program and how to move in. At check-in, you will be issued the key(s) to your living space.

You are encouraged to join representatives of the alumni and parents programs for coffee in the Caporale Lounge.

After you check in, a number of offices and resources will be on Dana lawn, just outside Cotter Union, to provide information and answer your questions about local banks, iBike, ZipCar, alumni relations, parent programs and more.

Project R.E.S.C.U.E.
9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Field House

Stop by the field house and view quality household items (furniture, electronics, rugs, accessories) rescued when students left campus last spring. A variety of goods are available at yard sale prices.

Colby Computer Connect
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Campus-wide

Members of Information Technology Services (ITS) and Student Computer Services (SCS) will be stationed throughout campus to offer assistance in connecting computers to the network. Staff will be available in the following residence hall lounges: Mary Low Coffeeshouse, Dana Lounge, Heights Lounge, Mitchell Lounge, West Quad Lounge and Pierce Lounge.

Lunch
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dana and Roberts dining halls

Lunch will be available free to students and for a small fee for family (Prices: \$6 for adults and \$3 for children six and younger.) A la carte options are available at the Spa, located in Pulver Pavilion.

Family Assembly
2:15-3 p.m.
Lorimer Chapel

President William D. Adams will formally welcome parents and family members of the Class of 2015.

President's Reception
3:45-4:15 p.m.
Lorimer Chapel lawn

You are invited to enjoy a reception with President Adams, vice presidents, faculty members, deans, coaches, admissions staff and student leaders.

Families whose last names begin with A-L, arrive between 3 and 3:45 p.m. Families with last names beginning with M-Z, arrive between 3:30 and 4:15 p.m.

Parents Depart Campus
4:15 p.m.

Students Line Up for Colby Welcome
4:15 p.m.
Cotter Drive

Student leaders will assist you and fellow members of the Class of 2015 in lining up for the Colby Welcome program. Representatives of the Class of 2014 will lead the procession.

Colby Welcome and Class Photo
4:30-5:15 p.m.
Miller Library Steps

You will proceed to Miller Library steps to hear welcome

remarks from President Adams and Vice President Lori Kletzer and Dean Jim Terhune. The Class of 2015 photo will be taken immediately following the welcome address.

Building Your Community
(Dinner and Discussion)
5:15-6:30 p.m.
Roberts lawn

Do you want to know who lives down the hall? Join your Community Advisor (CA), Hall President and COOT Leaders for some fun games and activities and learn about Colby.

Colby College—Then and Now
8-9 p.m.
Given Auditorium

Come learn about Colby, our history and traditions. Students, faculty and staff will share with you their collective pride in Colby and their thoughts on what makes this such a special place to live and learn.

Pulver Event
9-11 p.m.
Pulver and Dana lawn

On your first night at Colby College, come check out all of the excitement that Cotter Union can offer! This is your student union, and tonight we will live it up with a Fantasy Casino, Tron Laser Tag, DJs, board games, Wii competitions, bingo and more! Meet your fellow students and Colby staff and stick around to win fabulous raffle prizes.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

Breakfast
7:30-9:30 a.m.
Dana and Roberts dining halls

Meet Your First Class Student Leaders
9:30 a.m.

Meet CAs in residence hall lounge.

First Class—Orientation
Seminar with Faculty
10-11:30 a.m.
Various classrooms

You will participate in the first class of your college career discussing a universal topic throughout the disciplines.

Lunch
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dana and Roberts dining halls

An Introduction to Liberal Arts Education
1-2:15 p.m.
Various classrooms

What is meant by a liberal arts education? You will meet in small groups with faculty members to discuss the importance of and opportunities provided in a liberal arts education as well as why it is important to learn the lessons specific to the liberal arts approach.

Topics to be covered include: foundation of a liberal arts education, precepts of the College, advising opportunities, classroom and academic etiquette and academic honesty.

Writing Assessment
2:15-3:45 p.m.
Same classrooms as Introduction to Liberal Arts

The diagnostic test will be used to establish a sense of each student's writing ability at the beginning of his/her career, to be compared with writing samples from throughout the student's career and at the conclusion of it. Essays will be read and evaluated by faculty from disciplines all across the college.

Please bring your laptop to the session. If you do not yet have a computer set up, please contact dbthurst@colby.edu or

rmouimet@colby.edu to use one of Colby's computers.

Campus Recreation Programs
4-5 p.m.
Campus-wide

Participate in a wide variety of activities designed for group interaction and for enjoying campus resources as well as the outdoors.

Building Community—
Residence Hall Meetings
7:30-8:15 p.m.
Residence hall lounge

Can't find the laundry room? Gather with your CA to learn about your residence hall, hear about Colby policies, share your thoughts about living in a community and participate in games and activities.

Faces of America Presentation
8:15-9:45 p.m.
Page Commons

Join us for this one-person interactive play written entirely from research based upon interviews and workshops held across the country. "Faces" has been described as the first truly multicultural portrayal of Americans ever created and "edutainment" at its best. This presentation will challenge stereotypes of race, ethnicity, gender, ability and sexual orientation still prevalent in today's society.

COOT Fashion Show and C2IT Briefing
9:45-11 p.m.
Roberts lawn

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Breakfast with COOT Group
6-9:15 a.m.

C2IT Colby Community Involvement Trips
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Lorimer Chapel

What is meant by community engagement? How does the Colby community fit into the state and the wider world? What does it mean to be an active member of a healthy community, and what are the rights and responsibilities that accompany that privilege? You will hear a presentation to prepare you for your day in the community.

Civic Engagement and You
10:15-11 a.m.
Various classrooms

Lunch with COOT/C2IT Group
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dana and Roberts dining halls

C2IT Experience
12 p.m.-5 p.m.
Depart from Roberts lot

Your group will spend the day going into the community and participating in a project with student leaders. Learn more about your role in the larger community while at Colby.

Dinner and Conversation
5-6:15 p.m.
Dana and Roberts dining halls

COOT Preparation
8:30-11 p.m.
Residence hall lounges

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Breakfast
6-9:30 a.m.
Dana dining hall

COOT Trips Depart
7:30-10 a.m.
Dana Lawn

You will take part in the Colby Outdoor Orientation Trips (COOT) from Friday through Sunday. Be sure to bring your keys with you and to lock your room door on the way out.