

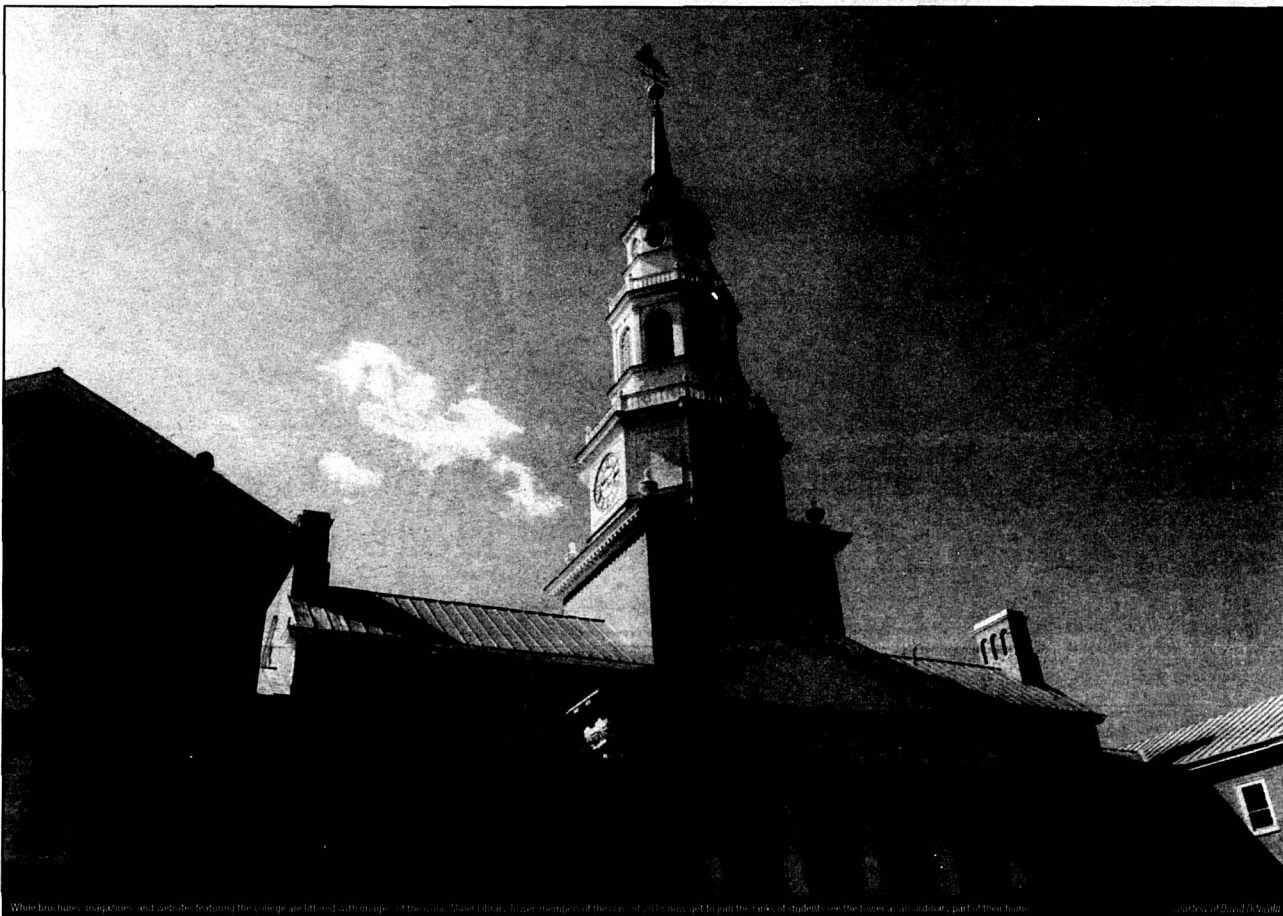


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Welcome to the Hill, Class of 2018!



While the buses, magazines, and posters featuring the college are littered with images of the iconic "Main Chapel," fewer members of the class of 2018 have yet to put the risks of student life on the Hill as a real part of their home.

courtesy of David Wright

A welcome from President Greene

By DAVID A. GREENE
President of the College

To the Class of 2018,

Welcome to Colby! We have been eagerly awaiting your arrival and are thrilled to have you here.

I arrived on campus not long before you. My first day was July 1, so I have had a head start in unlocking the mysteries of Colby. I have been exploring the campus, meeting with the wonderful students working and researching here over the summer, and talking with the incredibly talented faculty and staff who will guide you in the days and years ahead. I hope that you will feel the warm welcome of this community as I have in my short time in Waterville.

I also hope that you will share with me your stories about why you chose Colby and how you

are thinking about making the most of all the College has to offer. You will see me at events, in the dining halls, and walking the campus. Please stop me and say hello. I am looking forward to getting to know you.

As you think about your time at Colby, I hope you will begin by focusing on a few things. First, consider how to take full advantage of the intellectual resources of the College. Challenge yourself to take courses in disciplines new to you, strike up a conversation with your professors, visit the library and museum, and take a look at the new robotics lab in the Davis Science Center. Second, explore Waterville and the breathtaking natural environment around Colby. I just moved from Chicago, and I can't wait to see more of the lakes, the mountains, the coast, and even Runnalls Hill on

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The Student Government Association (SGA) welcomes the class of 2018

By JUSTIN DECKERT
SGA President
&
MICHAEL LOGINOFF
Vice President

On behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA), welcome to Colby, young Mules! Before you know it, COOT will be over, your first year will be over, and you will be graduating. Your time at Colby will fly by, so make sure you make the most out of your experience at Colby! On that note, that is our job on SGA - to make your Colby experience as great as possible. Please always feel welcome to speak to any of us because it is our job to help you!

You are probably wondering what it is that SGA does. SGA works for the students of Colby in two main ways: policy and programming. From the policy side of things, we debate, discuss and sometimes pass mo-

tions in our formal meetings that can directly affect the lives of students. Policy can range from club approvals to recommending proposals to Campus Life and the Administration.

You are probably wondering what it is that SGA does.

The programming part of SGA is a little more of your traditional "fun" per se. We plan fun events like class dinners, tailgates, and dances to bring the campus community together in safe and fun environments.

Although our policy work and programming can be very different, there remains one common thread: we want to make your experience and Colby as a whole better. In our eyes, SGA is an apparatus to create positive change on campus.

SGA is made up of students across grade years that have been democratically elected by their peers. We have a few different positions on SGA: Dorm President, Class President, Treasurer, Student Body Vice President and President, Executive Board appointed by the Vice President and President, and other liaisons who sit in on SGA meetings and represent other campus groups, i.e. CAs. Elections occur at different times of the year for different positions. For example, Dorm President and First Year Class President elections occur in the fall of the

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Greene on the college experience



Like the class of 2015, President Greene embarked upon his first year as a member of the Colby community.

(Courtesy of David Greene)

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a clear fall day. For you, the region offers incredible opportunities not just for recreation but also for research, internships, and civic engagement.

The college experience offers many ways to stretch intellectually and personally. Go out of your way to meet students on campus, especially those who have interests and experiences

different from your own. And be open to different ways of seeing the world. Listen to and delve into ideas that are discomfiting and allow your conclusions to be informed by the evidence, even when the evidence contradicts your initial thoughts or long-held beliefs. Colby is a great place to take intellectual risks and to grow and change through discussion, argument, and the deep engagement of ideas.

You have exciting times

ahead of you. There are many here who are ready to help you and encourage you, and I hope you will call on us. Enjoy the many wonders of Colby. I will be learning alongside you, and I cannot imagine a more dynamic and interesting community in which to live and work. We have a great journey ahead.

Sincerely,

David A. Greene
President

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Academic Year, whereas other Class Presidents, Treasurer, Vice President and President Elections occur in the spring of the prior Academic Year. In a few weeks, our SGA body will be complete and hopefully with some of you, first years!

Once again, welcome to the Hill and we hope you have a blast during orientation, COOT, and first few weeks here. Always remember that we on SGA are

here for you - we want to serve you because it is fun for us! Please do not hesitate to approach us, ask questions, and attend our formal meetings, we honestly kind of love that stuff. Nonetheless, you are all officially Mules, congrats!

Sincerely,

Justin Deckert
SGA President

Michael Loginoff
SGA Vice President



Student body president and vice president show their playful side in the Mule mascot. (Courtesy of Justin Deckert)

A message from the Dean of Students

By JIM TERHUNE
Dean of Students

Congratulations! You made it. All the college visits and applications are behind you. You're done with summer mailings and filling out forms (at least for a while). You've packed and shipped and hauled and lugged bags and boxes of stuff from home to Mayflower Hill. No more waiting. You made it. You're really here.

You have already heard a lot from me through the Living Colby series so I will keep this short and to the point:

Your arrival on Mayflower Hill marks an important passage for you, for your family, and for Colby. New students have been making their way to Waterville in the waning days of summer to enter into this particular community of scholars for two centuries. Now it's your turn. To become part of the enduring history of Colby is both a privilege and a responsibility. You have the opportunity to leave your mark on the College, and to be marked indelibly by Colby in ways that will enrich every aspect of your life from this point forward.

You worked hard and achieved much to get here so make the most of all of your Colby days.

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.

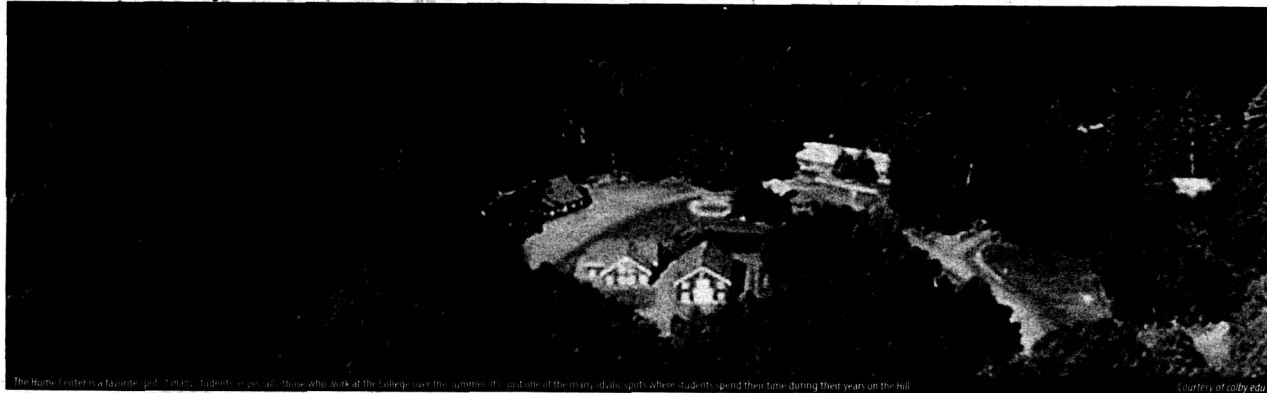
In the coming days and weeks we will focus more attention on the specific details of your Colby experience - the opportunities available to you as well as our expectations of you as members of this special community. For now, focus on orientation and COOT. Get to know this place and the people with whom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

Welcome to Colby! Have fun, work hard, and ask lots of questions.



Dean Terhune outlines the challenges, but also the excitement of the first week of college. (Courtesy of James Terhune)

The Hume away from home



The Hume Center is a favorite spot for many students, especially those who work at the College over the summer. It's just one of the many study spots where students spend their time during their years on the hill.

Courtesy of colby.edu

Making the most of your experience



The lounge area of the Hume Center is a popular spot for students to study and hang out.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE

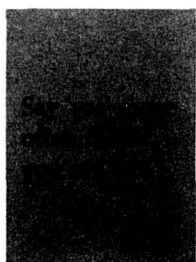
Hello, and welcome to your 2014-15 academic year! Whether you are new to Colby or a returning student, the Office of Campus Life is thrilled to welcome you (back) to campus and excited that you are here. We want to offer a few questions to ponder and some advice to consider as the year begins.

What excites you and sparks your passion? 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 do you need to be successful here? 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 that say hello back, pause, or look like they could use a pick me 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 explore, to try new things, and learn about yourself. You should laugh, think, feel challenged, and flex your muscles every day. If you don't, then consider your routine and

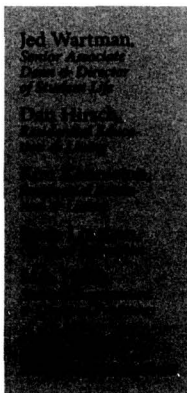
seek out experiences and opportunities that stretch you and introduce you to all that is Colby. As you mix it up and explore this place and yourself, you will meet great successes and face inevitable challenges. Know that you are never alone. While this is your experience there are many of us here to 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 the highs and lows of your Colby experience, the 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:



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

From the people who sent the awaited letter

By STEVE SAUNDERS
Interim Vice President of
Admissions & Financial Aid

Greetings from Lunder House, and welcome to Mayflower Hill. I'm writing in an unaccustomed role; I've been a music professor for almost all of my 24 years at Colby, and I hope to have many of you in class during your time here. For the past couple of months, however, I've been serving as interim vice president and dean of admissions and financial aid. Terry Cowdrey, whom many of you got to know during your college search, has decided to pursue new career options beyond Colby, and I am filling in as the search for her successor proceeds.

There is a real sense of excitement and change in the air in the Admissions Office. In fact, I am by no means the only new arrival. Our new director of international admissions, Scott Alexander, comes to Colby from Connecticut College, where he was most recently senior associate director of admission and coordinator of international admission. New assistant directors Sam Pelletier '09, Jennifer Hirsch, and

Tori Guen have also joined the team. Sam comes back to Mayflower Hill from Carrabasset Valley Academy. Jenn joins our staff after spending four years in the admission office at Grinnell College, and Tori comes to Colby after working as a kindergarten teacher in Newark, N.J. We have also hired four new admissions counselors—all with previous experience as student employees in admissions—Class of 2014 Colby graduates Natalie Fischer and Aimee Polimeno and Maine natives Haley Burrows and Emma Kammerer.

The Class of 2018 is remarkable on many fronts. You were selected from a cohort of more than 5,000 applicants, and you are the most diverse class in Colby's recent history. In January, you will be joined by forty additional classmates who are spending the fall semester studying abroad in Colby Programs in Dijon, France and Salamanca, Spain. Your classmates have achieved national, state, and regional distinction as scholars, athletes, musicians,

actors, debaters, and they include the youngest Maine guide and someone who danced with the Bolshoi Ballet. Some of you arrive with special honors and designations. The Class of 2018 includes 31 Bunche Scholars, 11 CAPS Scholars, five KIPP Scholars, nine Posse Scholars, and 34 Presidential Scholars. We also have one of our largest cohorts of transfer students in recent years and are pleased to welcome 17 of you to Colby.

For at least the last year, perhaps longer, you have thought of the Colby Office of Admissions as the source for answers to your college search questions, the destination for your application, and the place that sent you "the big envelope." Now, reimagine your relationship with us. From the moment you return from COOT, consider yourself a member of the Colby admissions team—an advocate who

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is always ready to communicate enthusiastically and honestly about this extraordinary place. You and your classmates will become some of the most articulate spokespersons Colby could possibly have.

Over the next four years, we'll be asking you to serve as an ambassador for Colby in a variety of ways. Some of our requests will be simple: fill out a survey, greet a prospective student and their parents on the quad with a smile and share your experiences with them, act as an overnight host for one of our admissions programs, or share your Colby stories with your younger friends when you return home. (I guarantee that you'll have great experiences to talk about!) We will ask more of some of you. You may receive an invitation to speak on an admissions panel or at a reception for guidance counselors. Some of you will eventually join the Lunder House staff in more formal ways, taking jobs as tour guides or as senior interns, the students who do many of our interviews. Regardless of the extent of your involvement, think of yourself as a representative of Colby and of all of us.

Please join me and my colleagues in admissions in our rewarding work of ensuring that the classes of 2019, 2020, and beyond are (almost) as remarkable as your class.

All types of athletes: A message from the Department of Athletics

By MARCELLA ZALOT
Harold Alfond Director of Athletics

The Department of Athletics welcomes the Class of 2018 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 athletic experience. Colby belongs to the Division III level of the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association). On the conference level, we compete in the NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference), arguably one of the best Division III conferences in the country. Colby sponsors 32 intercollegiate sports—16 for women, 15 for men and one co-ed team.

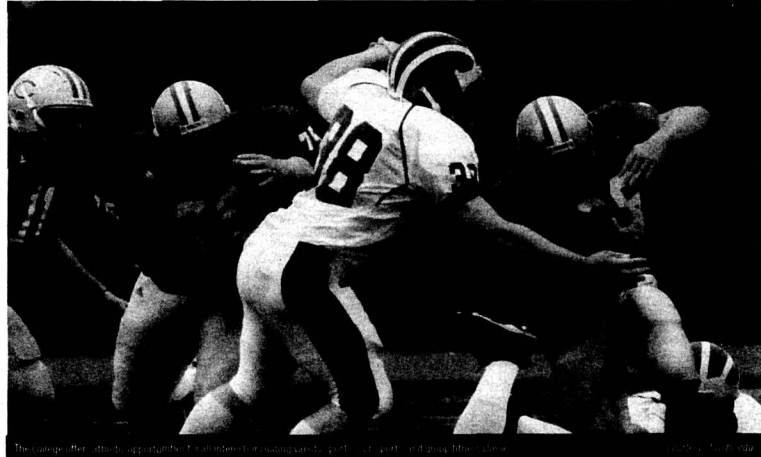
For information on the intercollegiate programs offered, please see our website at www.colby.edu/athletics. If you are interested in trying out for a team, the names, phone numbers and

e-mail addresses of the coaching staff are also on the website.

The department also offers an intramural program iPLAY during the fall, winter and spring. Intramural offerings include soccer, field hockey, flag football, tennis, team handball, broomball and dodgeball 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.

Additionally, 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. Recent club sports include: men's and women's rugby, the woods-men's team, badminton, ultimate frisbee, bicycling, water polo, men's volleyball and fencing.

The Boulos Family Fitness Center is open to all students, faculty and staff and offers free weights, selectorized equipment by Bodymaster and over 25 pieces of cardiovascular equipment. Our strength



The lounge after about 100 minutes of a student's morning workout, with a few minutes of rest.

coach, Dawn Strout, offers classes that are open to all students. 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 schedules. All lifetime fitness classes are held in the aerobics room of the Alfond Athletic

Center. Strength and conditioning classes are held either in the gym, the field house or outside in Harold Alfond Stadium on the turf field.

Finally, the Harold Alfond Athletic Center is open 12 to 15 hours a day and seven days a week throughout the academic year. We invite you to come down and use the facilities at your convenience. The facilities in-

clude an ice hockey rink, squash courts, basketball courts, an indoor track, indoor tennis courts, a climbing wall, a pool and an aerobic studio. The indoor field house, which includes the indoor track and tennis courts, was newly resurfaced for the 2012-13 academic year.

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

There's a safe space for every belief

FROM THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS
AND
SPIRITUAL LIFE

It is a great joy to add my welcome to you, the Class of 2018. I hope and trust you find Colby to be a place full of opportunity, and good will, and challenge.

Colby is a place to ponder big questions and ideas, and to explore your sense of purpose and meaning and value and community. In that spirit, the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (ORSL) seeks to promote the spiritual well-being of the entire Colby community.

ership of Joshua Houde, our Campus Minister.

Friday night candle lighting, Shabbat dinners, Jewish festivals and cultural enrichment are hosted by Colby Hillel. Rabbi Rachel Isaac also provides classes on Jewish topics. Gather for Ecumenical Christian Chapel Services with dinner every Sunday evening, led by Dean Kurt Nelson.

Meditation groups gather each Tuesday (Meditation Group) and Thursday (Zen Practice) in the Rose Chapel at 4 PM.

Student-led groups - Hillel, Quaker Student Fellowship, Colby Muslim Group, Global Friends Christian Fellowship, Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship, Agape Christian Fellowship - gather often for prayer, conversation, food, and social life.

And opportunities to build community across religious lines from our Multi-Faith Council, Inter-Faith service projects, and interfaith alternative break trip are open to all students.

Members of the world's religious traditions, atheists, agnostics, seekers, and anywhere in between, all interested will find welcome and

activity of interest. From "Stories of Faith" to "What Matters to Me and Why" to "Thai and Torah" and "Tea and Cookies" you can find much to do.

But perhaps more important, is the space simply to breathe, connect, and converse. Our Chaplains and Dean are available for spiritual counsel and care (or really any conversation). Space is available to sit and reflect, or read and study, or connect with fellow travelers on the journey of life and education.

Find us at High Holiday services, open houses, and our Ice Cream Social. Presence and questions are always welcome in the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life. Services and offerings are always open. Opportunities to connect with local faith communities abound.

The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life is here to support the entire Colby community in its broad educational enterprise. Faith and doubt, convictions and questions, certainty and yearning all belong to this place. The ORSL hopes to be a blessing to all of Colby, that in time we might all be a blessing to the world.

Why your impact on the Hill is not a cliché

By PAUL JOHNSTON
Senior Associate Dean of Students

Welcome to Colby. Your college. The place where you'll spend the next four years learning, growing, enhancing, living, giving, debating, discovering, and changing. While, up to this point, you've spent much of your life preparing for this moment, preparing to get into an exceptional college, in some ways that journey has only just begun. This place, Colby College, isn't about the red brick buildings and the manicured lawns. It's not about the image you have in your head about "a New England liberal arts college" - it's about you. It's about the people who live and work here. It's about how we all interact with one another to make each day a positive learning experience for everyone around us. And you play one of the most important roles in ensuring that success - because your success is our success. Yeah, that looks like a cliché that you've probably seen in countless welcome brochures and graduation speeches and motivational, summer camp experiences. But, think about it for a minute. If you've come to this place to relax and simply enjoy yourself, if you think "you've arrived" and all of the hard work that got you here is behind you, and if you think that it's the responsibility of others to fill your vessel with knowledge that will translate into making you successful when you leave - there's much more to it than that. Each and every one of you has an obligation to participate and contribute toward the success of one another. By participating fully in the experience - by being prepared and contributing in the classroom; by competing fully on the courts, fields, stages, and ice; and by making good decisions on the weekends when you socialize with your friends, each and every one of you will make Colby a better place.

Okay, enough preaching for now. Let's talk about your expectations. What can you expect from Colby?

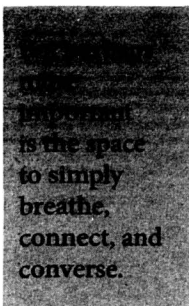
Well, in a word, you can expect excellence. You can expect to be introduced to some of the best faculty on the planet. People who are respected in their fields, people who've devoted their lives to their craft, and people who want to see you get excited about and master the material in their classrooms. They want to see you succeed.

You can expect an excellent infrastructure: good food, comfortable housing, sidewalks that are cleared of snow before you get up and go to class in the morning, exercise facilities that keep you in shape and make you physically stronger, trails that expose you to Maine flora and fauna, and parking lots with plenty of spaces for your cars.

You can also expect that the other people on campus who make this such a great place will do their best to ensure your success. Take advantage of the advice you'll receive from research librarians and the help desk people in ITS, introduce yourself to the Security officers who work so hard to keep you safe and secure, and be sure to thank the administrative staff who calculate your financial support and the staff in every department who answer your questions. They all are here to smooth the rough edges and see that you attain your goals.

I look forward to meeting each of you over the next four years and hearing how you've discovered your passion, how you've been challenged to see a new perspective through someone else's eyes, and how you've contributed to someone else's success. Yes, today, this is a new and unfamiliar environment, but soon enough it will become your home away from home and you'll begin to make your mark on Mayflower Hill. And years from now, someone here will be remembering you and telling a story about your success. Are you ready? Good, let's get started.

Paul E. Johnston
Senior Associate Dean of Students



There is a safe space to simply breathe, connect, and converse.

Our staff Chaplains and Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life, Advisors, and Affiliates provide leadership, worship, spiritual counseling, and a wide variety of programmatic offerings. We offer ample opportunity to grow in our distinct religious and moral traditions as well as to meaningfully encounter others.

Our simple message - You are welcome.

Religious & Spiritual activity abound, if you're looking for it - Stop by the Rose Chapel on Friday afternoons for Ijumu'ah prayer with the Colby Muslim Community. The Catholic Campus Ministry gathers for worship, prayer and spiritual direction, under the lead-



Rose Chapel holds many events, both religious and secular in nature.

You can affect the global environment from the Hill

FROM ENVIROCO

Hello new and seasoned members of the Colby Community!

EnviroCo would like to welcome you back to the hill! We are excited to dive into another successful year of eco-friendly fun. Our club operates by a committee system. These five groups work in tandem to establish a foundation for Colby's most pressing environmental needs. From sustainable dining and waste management to pesticide reduction and education in local schools, EnviroCo encourages green living from all angles, on and off campus. EnviroCo is also very grateful for the other sustainability-related organizations at Colby, such as the Sustainability office, the Colby Alliance for Renewable Energy, and the EcoReps! Together, we work to make Colby the best that it can be.

Last year, EnviroCo created an Education Committee to deliver environmentally related lessons to classes in local elementary schools. We also hosted Earth Week in conjunction with other environmental groups here at Colby. It was a big success and we had a lot of fun with the week-long celebration of environmentalism. Our biggest success

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with Earth Week was Freecycle, for which students donated their unwanted clothing that was then given away to students passing through the student center.

We hope this year to continue all of our past efforts in addition to building up our presence on campus. We hope to further develop our website, streamline a calendar of green events taking place on campus, and make Earth Week even bigger and better. After this

year's Freecycle success, we look forward to developing a year-round clothing exchange. We also hope to work with the Physical Plant Department to streamline the recycling systems within dormitory buildings.

However, we can't do all of this without you! We're looking for passionate humans of all kinds! We meet once a week for half an hour and

listen to music, keep up on environmental news, and get our ideas and projects rolling. Contact Co-Presidents Molly Nash and Arianna Porter via email if you are interested! Also, look for us at the club fair for email sign-ups! We couldn't be more excited to get this year off to a great start.

Peace, love, and granola,

EnviroCo



EnviroCo is a compilation of student groups that work on separate projects, all related to environmentalism.

Courtesy of Arianna Porter

Fostering cultural awareness

FROM SOBHU

Students Organized For Black And Hispanic Unity, also known as SOBHU, is an organization that aims to embrace, maintain, and celebrate the cultural identities and unity among Black and Hispanic students. Through support and programming, we aspire to raise cultural awareness, promote diversity, and be a positive presence at Colby College.

The fall semester is a special time for SOBHU because we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, from September 15 to October 15, with a wide range of programming. There will be film screenings, a variety of discussions, a Poetry Slam, and our 4th annual party - Prendelo - to celebrate Hispanic-Latino music and other Diasporic genres. Be sure to look out for our upcoming events on the General

Announcements and posters around campus!

Throughout the year, SOBHU is a vibrant and active group. Last year, we started a newsletter to keep Alumni and current members of SOBHU connected to the campus and what's going on in the club. We have weekly Lunchbox chats in our clubroom where we discuss a variety of topics ranging from validating your race in the classroom to the exoticism of the black male and Latino female. We collaborate with multiple groups on campus because we recognize the importance of intersectionality when it comes to conversations about race, and we won't be doing the Colby community justice if we didn't recognize the diversity of our membership. We have periodic game nights to remind us of how fun our college years are supposed to be. We truly support our members

by showing up to their performances, cheering for them on the sidelines at their games, and forming study groups around midterm and finals time. We grow together, and it would be great if you joined us this year.

SOBHU is open for all students regardless of your racial-ethnic identity. If you appreciate Latino and Hispanic cultures, this is the club for you. If you appreciate Black cultures, this is the club for you. If you are curious and willing to learn about the variety of experiences that Black and Hispanic peoples live around the world and here on our own campus, this is the club for you. We have a club room on the first floor the Pugh Center, which is open 24 hours a day. Don't forget to stop by our table at Club Expo to inquire about our club and sign up to be on our mailing list.

Planning activities for the student community



Macklemore is just one of many performances that SPB has helped bring to campus. (Courtesy of mcmag.com)

By CARLY TAYLOR
& ERIN CAPUTO
Co-Presidents of the Student
Programming Board

On behalf of the Student Programming Board (SPB), co-presidents Carly Taylor and Erin Caputo would like to welcome the Class of 2018 to Colby! SPB is one of the largest organizations on campus and focuses on planning fun events that everyone is welcome to attend. These events include food tastings, tailgates, Freepoint trips, holiday celebrations, comedians, concerts, and so much more! SPB is made up of six different committees led by dedicated Colby students who love what they do. We meet bi-weekly with our general board members and use student feedback to program future events. Our biggest successes include

LOUDNESS weekend and our multiple concerts. LOUDNESS is a Colby term that you will soon be very familiar with, and it occurs on the first and last weekend of each semester. This weekend is full of opportunities to mingle with other students during inclusive programs such as barbecues, outdoor games, and dances. Our other big events are the concerts that occur throughout the year. We plan a small show in the fall, multiple coffeehouse shows during the year, and a final large-scale concert. Past performers have included Grouplove, Krewella, Macklemore and Wiz Khalifa.

Come check us out at the Club Expo to get involved or feel free to contact us beforehand. We love having new members or receiving any feedback about desired events. Enjoy the beautiful fall at Colby and we look forward to having you all on campus!



The members of SOBHU with the club's founding president, Charles Terrell. (C)

Courtesy of Emma Hays

Increasing multicultural awareness



Members of the Pugh Community Board with (clockwise from left) Geoffrey Canada, Victoria Falcon, and Laura Rosenthal.

By VICTORIA FALCON
Chair of PCB
&
LAURA ROSENTHAL
Vice Chair of PCB

Welcome Class of 2018!

We are so excited to meet all of you and hopefully see many of you at our events this year! The Pugh Community Board (PCB) is a student-run multicultural programming board on campus. Throughout the year, we host a variety of events to raise awareness about different aspects of multiculturalism (sexuality, race, religion, nationality). We strive to increase dialogue among students and faculty members with the hopes of creating a more inclusive and informed campus.

This past spring, we brought Geoffrey Canada, a renowned education reform leader, to kick off our annual SHOUT (Speaking, Hearing, and Opening Up Together) week. After hearing his thoughts about the current state of our education system and his hopes/strategies for improvement, students and faculty members engaged in conversations, attended film screenings, and increased their knowledge of the education system. Geoffrey Canada is just one of many interesting speakers that has spoken at Colby and has participated in Colby's discussion on multiculturalism.

To close this letter, we want to share with you why PCB is important in the words of fellow members...

"PCB is important because it brings different communities on

campus together and creates a space for conversations."
- Maya Ramakrishnan '16

"PCB is important to me, and to campus, because the events help us understand how issues can connect between Colby and the world."
- Danielle Bagley '17

"PCB is important because it offers Colby a distinct perspective on issues of multiculturalism."
- Anthony Ramirez '16

"I love PCB because I always walk away from meetings and events feeling more informed, educated, and connected with the rest of the world than before I walked in."
- Lily Crane '15

"PCB plays a critical role in the Colby Community. Through its campus wide events, PCB not only inspires students to take a stand in larger multicultural issues, but also weaves threads of understanding and acceptance between members of the Colby community, and can make those who feel excluded from a "norm," feel at home."
- Karunya Nathan '16

"PCB is the entry point for a lot of Colby students in those larger, tougher conversations that happen globally. The type of education you get from PCB is one that you may not get in the classroom but one that you so desperately need when you leave Mayflower Hill. It teaches

us how incredibly relatable our differences actually are."
- Andy Kang '15

"PCB is about expanding our worldview through dialogue. It is a space where you can expand your worldview by learning about ideas, topics, and issues that you would never otherwise know about based on your own life experiences."
- Meg Hassey '15

"I love PCB because it challenges what I think I know and takes me outside of my comfort zone. If you're open to this, PCB's creative events can broaden your understanding of the various facets of multiculturalism and helps you meet some incredible people in and outside of Colby along the way!"
- Claudia Aviles '15

"PCB is important because college is a time where I, as well as many other students, begin to grow and shape ourselves into the citizens we will become. PCB is an avenue by which we can both confront issues of social justice, as well as explore our own identities and the identities of others in a broader, multicultural context. In short, I was not sure who I was when I started college, but PCB is helping me find my way."
- Jocelyn Thomas '16

We hope you all enjoy your first year as a mule!

Victoria Falcon '15
Laura Rosenthal '15

Bridging the College: a home for every identity

FROM THE BRIDGE STEERING COMMITTEE

For any new students, welcome to Colby! And for the returners, welcome back! We are the Bridge, Colby's all-inclusive queer and ally community. We put on events meant to further enrich our understanding of gender and sexuality and how we as people fit into those contexts - LGBTQIA and allies alike. In the past, we've brought Laverne Cox, Dr. Marci Bowers, Andrea Gibson, among others. We also hold meetings, organize trips, and host parties to build and connect with our community.

We're going to lay it out straight (or gay?) for you. Being queer at Colby isn't always going to be the same experience as being straight and cisgender. But you can always express the hell out of yourself: you can dye your hair, you can paint your nails electric colors, wear hot pink short shorts, walk in heels or crocs, ride around on a scooter with rainbow decals, and you can also be on a competitive or recreational sports team, wear what you think is comfortable, listen to the music you like, be involved with a ton of clubs, be involved with none, etc. We want you to feel comfortable being yourself and loving every second of it.

But if that's not you, or even if that's not you yet, you aren't going to have to be alone through the process of learning about yourself and your community. The Bridge, and our numerous allies, from COOT leaders to CAs, professors to deans, teammates to classmates - we're here to help make that transition as smooth as possible. We are your safe space to be yourself and to learn about others.

And you are always welcome to reach out to anyone on the Bridge's Steering Committee if you have questions or concerns, if you just want to have coffee

or lunch with someone you've never met before, if you want to get involved but don't know how, if you're going through something and need someone to listen, or if you just want to reach out for the sake of reaching out.

For our first event of the year, we'll be having a queer and ally tea on Wednesday, September 3rd from 5-6PM in the Mary Low Coffeehouse. You'll have the opportunity to meet other new students, returning students, the Steering Committee, and some faculty/staff. Come for as little or as long as you'd like! And if you don't feel totally comfortable coming on your own, you can talk to/email your CA who will get in touch with us, or contact us directly at colbycollege-bridge@gmail.com, or on Facebook at ColbyCollege Bridge!

Let's have a fabulous year!

Love,

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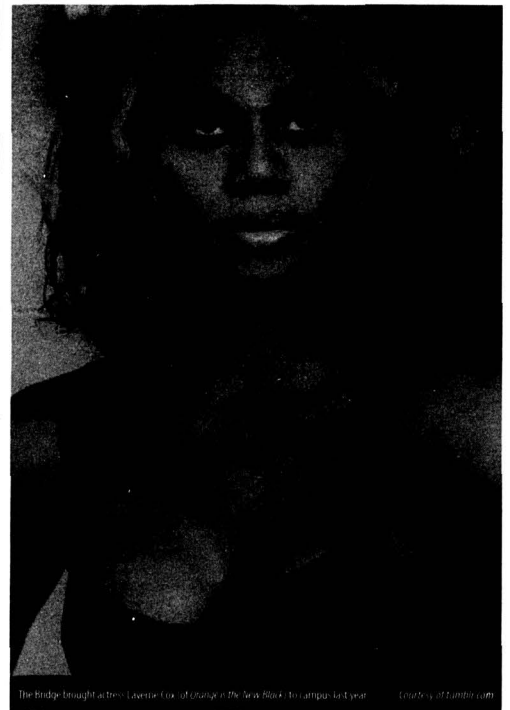
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The Bridge brought actress Laverne Cox to campus for a talk about her experiences as a transgender woman. Credit: @fumbbi.com

Volunteering on the Hill and beyond

FROM THE COLBY VOLUNTEER CENTER

Welcome to Waterville

We at the Colby Volunteer Center would like to be the first members of the Colby community to welcome you to Waterville. The first weeks of college can be overwhelming; it's easy to forget that beyond your new classes, clubs, and commitments exists a community outside the Colby bubble. But we think that the one of the most valuable and lasting relationships that you can form at Colby is with the greater Waterville community.

The Colby Volunteer Center is a student-run organization that works to promote community engagement through volunteerism. We offer more than 20 volunteer programs, each with its own distinct focus and partnerships. Our most popular programs include Paw Pals, which partners with the Waterville Humane Society to aid in the rehabilitation of orphaned dogs and cats; Mule Prep, which provides SAT

classes to disadvantaged teenagers; and a partnership with the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter, which allows students to work in the kitchen of the shelter.

For those who can't make the regular commitment of a program (or those who want to spend more time in the community), we run a Good Deeds of the Week program, and host several one-time events annually. Good Deeds of the Week allow us to meet the one-time needs of local organization, who might not have the manpower to complete a task on their own. On any given day, Colby volunteers could be helping to run a dogsledding charity race, setting up a warming shelter, or helping an elderly resident with yard work.

Our one-time events are held annually to raise money or meet a community need, and often become a four-year tradition for Colby students. Johnson Day in early November is our chance to thank the Physical Plant Department (PPD) for everything they do for us throughout the year. Colby students spend the day raking, painting, planting

and cleaning, all in support of the men and women who work tirelessly to keep Mayflower Hill looking as gorgeous as it does. Look for announcements in October, and be sure to sign up!

Finally, Alternative Spring Break (ASB) gives students the opportunity to use their Spring Break to learn about an issue they care about and give back while doing it. Participants spend the year raising money, attending seminars, and getting to know each other, and travel to their destination in late March to learn, live and serve. Last year's trips went out to Guatemala City, the Grand Canyon, New York City and Appalachia. Applications will be out soon, so keep an eye out.

You can find out more about all of our programs at our website, colby.edu/cvc, and feel free to stop by our office to ask about any volunteer opportunity that interests you. In the next four years, you'll learn that Waterville is a vibrant and close community. We invite you to join us in getting to know your new home.

Jump into COOT!

By BEN LESTER
&
EMMA WOOD
COOT Committee Leaders

If I told you that we send over 700 college students into the wilderness in one weekend, most of whom have never met before or even been to Maine, would you call it insanity? It sounds crazy. And we call it COOT.

While Colby Outdoor Orientation Trips are typically thought of as outdoor trips that push students outside their comfort zone, we are working to make it more than that. COOT trips have sent students camping, backpacking, surfing, canoeing, and exploring in Maine for over 30 years.

Our primary focus is to train leaders to be skilled and dynamic, but also open, friendly, approachable people for first-years during their transition into college and beyond. Shared experiences, teamwork and bonding on COOT bring small groups together, and the student groups return to campus with friendly faces and upper-classman resources. The 3-day COOT trip provides bountiful opportunities for collaboration

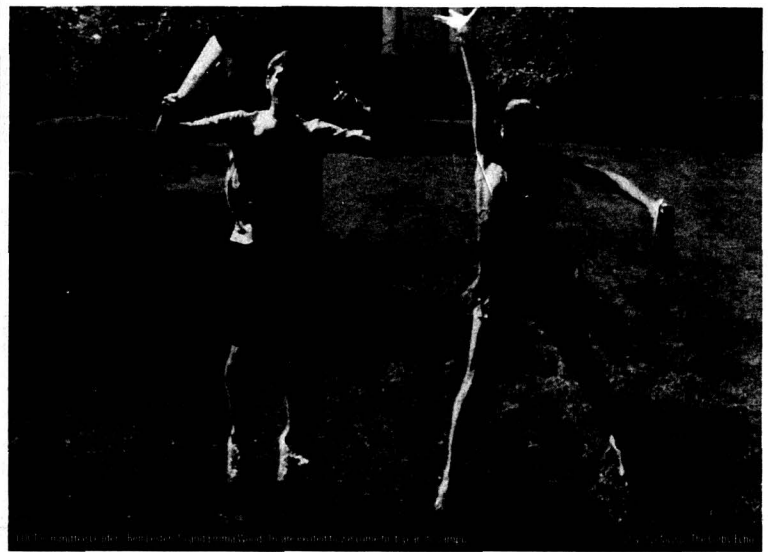
and ensures that people get to know each other in a meaningful, technology-free, influence-free manner.

We are working to ensure that COOT is more than just a 3-day outdoor trip. If there's one thing COOT Leaders know, it's how to be goofy and ridiculous in one minute, and then inspire people to collaborate in the next minute.

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COOT Leader training is a professional and comprehensive program; leaders meet with their international students. This year, the COOT leaders reached out to international students to have lunch before other first-years arrived. The leaders help form a COOT experience for every first-year that integrates first-years appropriately and makes a COOT experience high-quality for everyone.

Moreover, COOT is a long-standing program. The COOT community continues throughout the year; COOT Families often get together for dinners and iPlay sports well into the year. It is our hope that COOT leaders will be resources on campus for students and connect their COOT Family to the clubs, activities, and sports they like.



Kennebec, Katahdin, Acadia, oh my!

FROM THE COLBY OUTING CLUB

As you drove up Interstate 95 on your way to orientation, you probably noticed a defining characteristic of the Evergreen State: lots and lots of evergreens. Depending on your background, that revelation may have been surprising, enlightening, scary, or exciting. We at the Colby Outing Club find that drive to be exhilarating. We look forward to the day in late August when we get to come back to our home beside the Kennebec, climb the windy face of Katahdin, and swim in the icy waters at Acadia. We love the Maine outdoors, and no matter your background, we want to help you love it too.

The COC is the largest student club on campus, focusing exclusively on getting the Colby community outside. The COC is the largest student club on campus, focusing exclusively on getting the Colby community outside. We run over 100 trips and events every year, rent gear of all shapes and sizes, and can help guide you through all of the awesomeness that is Maine. We cater to all abilities and experience levels, so whether you've hiked the Appalachian Trail or never set foot outside of New York City, you can find a home here at the

COC. Every year we run our annual trip to Mount Katahdin in Baxter State Park in early October, and we've got big plans for the rest of the fall: COOT 2.0

new outdoors skills (and some indoors skills); we hold clinics every week in our office for skills like backpacking 101, staring whimsically at the stars, avalanche safety, and the proper ratios of a good trail mix. Come hang out in our office (basement of Mary Low), and you might find yourself planning an impromptu trip or experimenting with our dehydrator (hint: dehydrated Oreos). Bottom line, if you want to see what Maine has to offer, come see what the Outing Club is up to.

You can find out more at colby.edu/coc. Our brand-new website (still working on it at time of press, but we're getting there) holds our gear inventory, upcoming trips, and pages upon pages of advice for how to get outside in Maine. Or, better yet, come see us in person! We hold meetings every Sunday at 7, in the COC office in the basement of Mary Low, and we're open for gear rentals and skills clinics Monday through Thursday, 7pm to 8pm. We love to meet new people and we're absolutely thrilled to have a whole new year of hiking, climbing, spelunking and snow kayaking.

See you outside!

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trips to the coastline, Acadia National Park in November, and a whole host of trips we haven't even thought of.

More than just trips, we seek to create an outdoor community on campus. This means the COC is a great place to pick up

A thing called radio

By WAYLIN YU
Manager of WMHB 89.7 FM

Dear Literate Person,

Have you ever watched television and thought, "This would be better with just the sound?" Well, I'm here to tell you about this thing called radio. As a new student at Colby College, WMHB 89.7 FM welcomes you and hopes you'll consider joining the glamorous world of college radio.

Although primarily a station dedicated to playing new and independent music, WMHB is home to a variety of programming. In the past year, show themes ranged from 80's hits and popularly sampled music to Waterville politics.

In the coming year, the station is hoping to expand its programming even further with the hopes that someone, someday, will do a show that plays full soundtracks of really awful movies like From Justin To Kelly.

One of the biggest perks of being a part of WMHB is having access to the newest music before the general public. How is that possible? Well, people who majored in marketing say that your age demographic is more willing to throw your parents' money at trendy pop culture stuff like music. Knowing this, record companies, promoters, and artists send the station the latest music releases. WMHB members reap the benefits of this system by getting the newest music first. Along with that, members are free to explore the station's expansive music catalogue, which contains hundreds of CDs and over 50,000 songs in the digital library.

Other perks of WMHB membership include:

-Great icebreaker for first-

years: let's face it—most students do a radio show because it's fun to hang out and listen to music with friends. Consider doing a show with your COOT-mates or other new pals. It's a good way to keep your friends and family in the loop of your college life while also making new friends.

Meeting the pretty people: that's right, celebs. Last year, WMHB DJs interviewed bands like Coke Weed, Jeff Beam's Loudspeaker Wallpaper, Big Tree, You Won't, and Grouplove. Brangelina was busy.

-Opportunities beyond DJing: if talking into a mic isn't your thing, the station has a wealth of opportunities for people who enjoy music, writing, visual arts, sound engineering, and other aspects of the radio industry—e.g. music blogging/critiquing, logo design, fanzines, etc.

-Safe spaces for radio DJs: last year, the station was working on converting a space, formerly the Colby Computer Club's meeting room, into a hang out room for DJs and music directors.

This year, it'll be up and running! Come check out the decade-old Hawaiian Punch that was found while renovating the room. There's \$10 in it for you if you drink a glass.

Shows hosted by students, faculty, and community members broadcast locally to the greater Waterville area, and beyond via our Live365 webcast. Visit wmhb.org to tune in and learn more.

Phenomenal programs to look out for include: Mayflower Hill Blues with Cap'n Barney (M&F, 6-8 am), Sound Salvation with Lucas (Th, 10 am-12 pm), Stroke the Goddess with Annie (F, 4-6 pm), The BIG Country Show with DJ Dan (Sun, 8-10 am), and The Uncloudy Day with Dr. Cheryl (W, 8-10 am).

Waylin Yu
Manager
WMHB 89.7 FM



The Colby Outing Club organizes and funds many outdoor trips, including hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, and more.

Courtesy of colby.edu

Singing the classics (and everything else)



BMR offers students an opportunity to create their own Broadway experience. (Courtesy of Julie MacLean)

FROM BROADWAY MUSICAL REVIEW

Hey Class of 2018! Welcome to Colby, where all of your musical dreams can and will come true. Broadway Musical Review (better known around here as BMR) is heaven on earth for musical theater lovers, music lovers, theater lovers, and basically anyone who doesn't hate fun. We are a group of hilarious and lovable people who like to get

together and sing Broadway songs ranging from *Wicked* to *Anything Goes* to *A Very Potter Musical* to *The Lion King* (for all you Disney lovers out there). And WE WANT YOU. We rehearse two days a week, culminating in a performance at the end of each semester. Look out for us at the clubs fair or e-mail Julie MacLean (jmaclean@colby.edu) or Emilie Jensen (emjensen@colby.edu) for more information and audition dates!

On the beat: Colby Dancers

By ZOÉ PADDON
& JILL RIENDEAU
Co-Presidents
of Colby Dancers

Are you interested in dancing? Do you love to shake it? Have you ever thought about giving your blossoming dancing career a shot? You should probably join Colby Dancers, then!

Colby Dancers is an entirely student-run dance club, where every style, every level and everybody is welcome. Each semester, we greet new faces and work as a club to put together a new show.

In the past few years, our shows have grown to include many different styles such as hip hop, Bollywood, bellydancing, Korean Pop, tap, contemporary and partnering dances.

We are always excited to welcome new ideas, new styles and new members, so if you're even just thinking about joining us, don't hesitate to get in touch with us!

Look for us at the Club Fair or send an email to colby.dancers@gmail.com

We can't wait to dance with you!

Jill Riendeau & Zoé Paddon



Colby Dancers perform many types of dance throughout the year and accept all levels of experience. (Courtesy of Jill Riendeau)

Backstage with P&W



P&W organizes student-run shows all year long. (Courtesy of Lauren Stockless)

By LAUREN STOCKLESS
President of Powder & Wig

Welcome from Powder and Wig! Do you like acting? Directing? Building sets? Just theater in general? Powder and Wig is Colby's student-run theater club. Our upcoming season includes 7 full productions along with several other events, like a One Act festival and a 24-hour film festival. Everything we do is done entirely by students, from directing the shows to building the sets to acting. There are opportunities for everyone – techies, actors, you name it – and no experience is necessary to participate!

Our first show is the One Act Festival, *King of the Hill*.

and auditions will be the first day of classes (check out the links below for more info on that). We're welcoming anyone interested to join in the fun! True to its name, the performances will be the next week, on Sunday, September 14th.

If you are interested in more information, check out our website (web.colby.edu/powderandwig/) or our Facebook page for more information! You can also sign up for our newsletter to find out about upcoming opportunities by emailing powderandwig.board@gmail.com and asking to be put on the mailing list!

Lauren Stockless (lstockl@colby.edu)

For dramaturgical urges

By JIM THURSTON
Chair, Department
of Theater & Dance

Welcome class of 2018! It is wonderful to have you on campus as part of the Colby community. As you settle into campus and explore the many opportunities in front of you, please stop by the Runnals Building situated between Foss and Dana. Inside this building is a department built around principles of creativity and engagement with creative process—the Department of Theater and Dance. Those of you who studied theater and dance prior to Colby already know the power inherent in these performing arts. This power allows you to tap into your imagination and express it through collaborative process with other performers, playwrights, directors, choreographers, designers, production crew, historians, and audience.

This power allows you to more fully understand a key component in most successful enterprises in the world today—creativity. This power helps you understand your inner voice and channel it outward through character, movement, design expression, and creative research. Interested? Stop by, introduce yourself, and expand your Colby experience.

Runnals houses Strider Theater and the Cellar Theater. These two performance venues are used consistently from September through May for Department of Theater and Dance main-stage productions, professional productions, and student productions.

creative research, and student club performances. The 2014-2015 year is especially exciting since there are many opportunities for students interested in all areas of theater and dance. From Colby on Stage (featuring department curricular production work like the First-Year Dance and a range of diverse student performance clubs) to Professor Todd Coulter's production of Sarah Ruhl's *Orlando* and Professor Annie Kloppenberg's Fall Dance Concert and Spring Dance Concert, there are roles to be cast, production staff to be recruited, and key student leadership positions to be filled on every project. Special to the 2014-2015 season is a JanPlan production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, directed by Teaching Artist Bess Welden and a spring semester production of *The Servant of Two Masters* directed by Faculty Fellow Professor Dave Peterson. The department season officially begins on Friday, September 26th with a marvelous and moving performance of *Sigh/Omelas*, written and performed by Colby's own Steve Kidd '97. You won't want to miss it!

Especially exciting in the 2014-2015 season are a number of production experiences directed, choreographed, and conceived by experienced Colby students. Sara Gibbons '15 will choreograph the First-Year Dance and will also feature a full-length work as part of her Honors Thesis spring semester. Victoria Tisdale '15 will create an on-stage performative, computer-driven installation spring semester, "Down the Rabbit Hole," centered on ideas in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Alexis Atkinson '15 and Brendan Leonard '16 will close out the year with a double-bill of original performance as part of the Performance Lab Series and Colby Liberal Arts Symposium.

Beyond public performances, the Department of Theater and Dance hosts professional guest artists and scholars throughout the year. The professionals offer master classes, workshops, and mentoring sessions with students looking to hone their skills. Combine all these opportunities with a very dedicated faculty and staff, a rigorous major and minor, and a range of off campus internship and study abroad offerings, and you will find numerous ways to more fully understand your own creative potential and become more marketable when it is time to pursue career opportunities after your graduation in 2018.

Want to learn more? The Department of Theater and Dance hosts a start-of-the-year welcome meeting on Wednesday, September 3rd (first day of classes) from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Runnals Lobby. All are welcome! At this meeting you will meet department faculty and staff and student leaders for performing clubs. You will also learn more about the courses and productions offered for fall semester, including audition information. If you are unable to attend this meeting, and would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best,

Jim Thurston
Department of Theater and Dance, Colby

Echoes from the *Echo*

Dig deeper and make your story meaningful

Inhale the breeze of rural Maine. Relish in your creaky new bedframe. Accept the acidity of dining hall coffee. Embrace those butterflies in your abdomen.

This very special edition of the *Echo* (an edition architected and edited solely for you, Class of 2018) is full of administrative and student leaders warmly welcoming you to campus, inviting you to participate in activities, providing a listening ear, and imparting their very best advice. In line with the theme of this paper, we wanted to offer some words as well. Now, we won't pretend that we know everything—we are only undergrads after all.

Seniors face challenges, fears and unknowns that are equivalent to the obstacles you're facing—they're just a little different now. As we embark on the last leg of our "college career," the end is dimly visible in the distance, and while we may not have all the answers, we have learned a thing or two.

These first few weeks at college may feel like a series of superficial experiences, choices, and interactions—how you'll decorate your room, which classes to pick, where to eat lunch and the seemingly endless cycle of introductory conversations. We urge you to extract the story from each experience and learn from every decision. Find that precious nugget in every interaction.



David DiNicola



Sam LeBlanc

Amidst the whirlwind of activities and a laundry list of buzzwords, know that there is a rich substance if you are willing to find it. In order to prepare for your arrival, students and staff have been working tirelessly to create something more meaningful than a standard convocation and icebreakers.

But also know that eventually, you will settle in. Orientation will be over and you will be a full-time member of the Colby community. At this point, the buzzwords and hypotheticals fade, and you'll start to feel some sense of identity and accountability on the Hill. Embrace it. This is the time to start your story.

You might spend your first week in the library because you don't know anyone and your roommate situation is less-than-ideal. However, as you make the effort to speak up in class and explore extracurricular opportunities, you'll discover a group of people that provides just as much support as they do entertainment.

Maybe you don't drink at all during your first year, but somehow, at a social gathering, at 2 a.m., a full can of beer coats your bedspread—but your precious roommate washes it for you while you're out and returns the clean blanket, good as new.

It's possible you're not particularly athletic, but a friend pushes you to join an iPlay soccer team

"just for fun." You'll be nervous about embarrassing yourself and playing alongside kids who were just barely cut from the varsity squad. But you'll do it anyway and surprise yourself with a good clear that launches both an interest in the sport and ten long-lasting friendships.

The history credit you wanted to drop because ancient Rome isn't your cup of tea turns out to be the only chance you ever get to hear the dry yet clever humor of your creaky-voiced professor. The history is still as boring, but how would you have appreciated him if you had not stumbled into the Classics department?

Maybe one night you discover the *Echo* office, and before you know it, find yourself devoting the bulk of your Tuesday nights to putting together a newspaper. You end up forming some of the most meaningful relationships of your college career, exposing a new world of talents you didn't know you had and uncovering interests you never could have foreseen.

There is something to be taken from every experience you have at Colby. The first few weeks can be tough as you try to find your place here; however, just as journalists keep an eye out for the story

in everyday life, you too can find the meaning in the details of these weird and fleeting first moments on the Hill. It goes quickly, so take it all in.

The breeze across Runnals on a starry night is extra special.

Your creaky bedframe will provide a haven on Saturday mornings.

Dana coffee will be your new best friend—particularly during exam weeks.

And the butterflies will go away. But remember that they're just there to remind you that you're experiencing something new and different and exciting. And isn't that just what you wanted?

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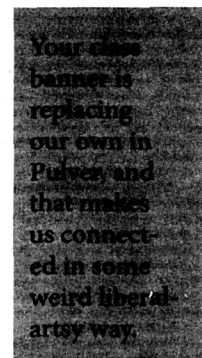
Post-grad reflections: an editorial on what's to come

By TIM BADMINGTON '14 &
JULIANNA HAUBNER '14
Editors-in-Chief (2013-2014)

We're not trying to overwhelm you here, but think about 4 years from now. That's where we are, 4 years removed from arriving up Mayflower Hill on a gorgeous (if sweltering) August day. Orientation Day is one big amalgamation of cornball rituals, and that's precisely what makes it so wonderful and memorable. Seldom ever again will you find yourself placed among a diversity of perspectives quite like this one. There's the important stuff, like politics and identity (and identity politics, which as you'll learn is a whole different thing); more noteworthy, though, are the minor things like your high school class schedule or what time of day you feel is most appropriate to eat Pop Tarts. The new perspectives are jarring enough as it is, so let's just add another into the mix.

It may seem odd that we, last year's co-editors-in-chief of the *Echo*, are writing something for this issue, given that our perspective is so removed from your own. We've got four years of Colby training under our belt, our views molded into shape by the institution you'll come to know so inti-

mately. To you, we're just names on a page. Sure, you'll see our goodbye notes and late-night quotes on the walls of the *Echo* office if you stop by (and you should), but



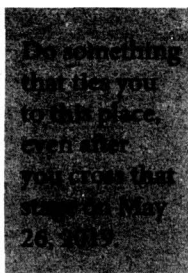
we won't have the opportunity to meet in person until 2020, when our reunions overlap.

Yet here we are, taking a break from the post-grad life to Skype and talk about what wisdom we're going to try to impart, much like

we did at this exact time last year. And why is that? Not because we enjoy catching up and splitting a Google Doc to wax poetic (though we do), but because we still feel like we owe something to the little village on a hill that you're about to discover. Your class banner is replacing our own in Pulver, and that makes us connected in some weird, liberal-artsy way. What we hope to offer is a glimpse of what you'll want to know on the other side; more uniquely, we want to give you the non-adult version: what will you want to have gained from this experience as you've just rolled out the door?

During our time at Colby, we were—as you will be—fortunate to meet a lot of alumni through classes, the *Echo*, and the other activities that made up our days. We came to them armed with questions and impressive anecdotes, ready to network and make connections. We dressed up, shook hands, and smiled our best smiles. And what did these alumni want to talk about? Dana Burgers. Their favorite professors. That time they road-tripped to Bowdoin to holler insults at players (and, inadvertently, their parents) during the rivalry games. In short, they wanted to talk about Colby and the experiences they had here, because they meant something.

Let's talk about you, though. Not what you want Colby to give you, but also not what you want to give to Colby. The question we want you to ask yourself is: what do



you want Colby to be when you're gone? What will this place be to you four years from now?

You can't hardly know, to be sure. Hell, we don't even know, and if the two of us actually were sure of the answer to that question, you can be certain that that answer wouldn't be the same. But whatever your feelings are 1739 days from now, make sure that you have something to come back for.

It needn't be a legacy in any formal sense, nor must it be a club or sports team. It can be as simple as the memory of Sunday doughnuts at Kennebec Cafe, or the laughs you shared with your friends. Whatever it is, make this place your own over the next four years so that when you come back you can point at a piece of artwork or a planted tree or a busted window and say, "That was me - I did that."

You're coming to Colby at an incredibly exciting time. You're arriving to new buildings, some new professors, new roommates and friends and classmates and a new president who, like you, is ready to create a new chapter. So, make it count. Learn about this place. Take a History of Colby class. Visit the *Echo* office and read the walls, check out the online archive, have a cup of coffee with a professor who's been here a while, or talk to an alum during homecoming weekend. Do something that ties you to this place, even after you cross that stage on May 26, 2019.

Alright, that's enough from us. Good luck, and enjoy every minute. Realize how special a place this can be, and how you can make it that way.

We'll see you in 2020—maybe before that. But even if we don't, we'll always have Colby.

Echoes from the Echo

Wise words from the features editor; identifying yourself in a new way

By GRACIE BALDWIN
Features Editor

For all of my life, I have been a competitive athlete. I spent my summers squeezing in as many sports as possible including sailing, swimming, soccer, tennis, and summer ski training.

Upon entering high school, I started to make sacrifices for the sports I held dearest but continued to be a four-season athlete: I played on my high school soccer team in the fall, competed in regional to national level competitions in mogul skiing during the winter, played on my high school tennis team in the spring, and competed in sailing regattas across the east coast and attended numerous ski training camps in the summer.

As a mogul skier I qualified for Eastern Championships, Junior Olympics, US Team Selections and Nationals. As a senior I was

the captain of my Tennis team and earned the Girl's tennis team award for excellence in leadership and sportsmanship.

I say these things not to sound conceited, but to demonstrate the role and importance that sports played in my life. All my life I have identified myself as an athlete rather than an academic.

Upon coming to the College, I was excited at the prospect of joining the multitude of sports teams on the Hill. However, sadly I tore my ACL on December 26th of my freshman year. Tearing my ACL was an 8-month recovery, during which time I was unable to compete in any sports, let alone join a sports team.

However, now I strongly believe that not playing sports in College was the best decision I ever made. Being unable to join a sports team as a freshman forced me to identify myself in a new way.

Rather than being able to rely

on sports as what I was most passionate about, I threw myself into my academics and ended my freshman year with a higher GPA than I ever thought possible and have made the Dean's List every semester. Now I love talking about my passion for biology and my interest in medicine.

I also joined the news staff of The Colby Echo and started working for admissions. Upon entering my Sophomore year I was the Features Editor for the Newspaper and a member of the Admissions Executive Board which is in charge of the Admissions Ambassadors.

I say all this because I think that the College and its student body put a lot of emphasis on joining a sports team, and I am absolutely positive that many of the incoming freshmen will join teams and have a fabulous and rewarding time.

However, I wanted to make a contradictory argument for all

that can be gained from not joining a sports team, especially if you have previously identified yourself as an athlete.

In the last three years I have matured in ways I never expected, gained confidence in my intelligence and learned how easy it is to be a very active person without being part of a formal sports team.

I try to go to the gym at least 3 times a week, I ski at Sugarloaf most weekends of the winter, I play intramural tennis and soccer, and I work as a sailing coach during the summers. Sports will always be a huge part of my life, but I no longer identify myself as an athlete and have found equal satisfaction from working hard and challenging myself through my academic interests.

Thanks to the College's amazing and dedicated professors and the wonderful and diverse selection of classes I have gained so much and learned so many

life lessons and skills from the rigorous yet wonderful classes I have taken. I attribute much of this to the patience of my professors, the enthusiasm of my peers, and the benefit of a liberal arts education.

I have a wonderful group of friends that serve as a magnificent support system who I love spending time with. Additionally, my extracurricular activities have continued to open my eyes to new aspects of student life and introduced me to so many interesting students, faculty and staff.

Although tearing my ACL was one of the hardest and most physically and emotionally difficult times in my life, in some ways it was the best thing that ever happened to me because it showed me how strong I was, how much I could endure, and challenged me to push myself out of my comfort zone allowing me to discover new qualities in myself.

Sage advice from sarcastic writer

By RUSS OLLIS
News Staff

As I'm sure you've heard numerous times already – welcome to Colby! My name is Russ Ollis, I'm a junior, and aside from being a sports writer for the Echo, I'm a member of the men's lacrosse team, as well as a tour guide. Unfortunately, I won't be able to meet any of you guys since I'll be studying abroad in tropical Dublin, Ireland this semester, so keep a lookout for me come JanPlan at the #traphouse2015.

While I could bore you with more resume-filling info, I'll try to put my spin on the whole first semester of college thing. As

for life on the Hill, try different things. I know it's one of the more cliché statements, but seriously be down for whatever. Whether that means going out for Improv or going for a hike with the Colby Outing Club, go out and explore all that Colby has to offer.

With that being said, if you've ever had any interest in journalism or if you're wondering what the hell actual journalism is (thanks BuzzFeed), you should consider joining the Echo. I took journalism courses throughout high school and was even editor-in-chief of my high school paper, but just joined the Echo this past year because I thought I wouldn't have enough time to balance my workload as well as write for the school paper. I was wrong – like

really wrong. Not only can I juggle the dual workload, but also I have fun in the process. Yes, I know super cheesy and I'm biased, but it's a fun group of people. Don't believe me though, attend an Echo info session and see for yourself.

As far as advice for your first year at college goes, mine would be to actually study. I forgot this piece of advice and as a result I got a 24 on my first ever college test. Like a 24 out of 100. But don't forget to enjoy everything. Remember that you're only here for a set amount of time; make it count. Finally, there are so many interesting and amazing students at this school from every background imaginable – go out and meet them.

Make mistakes and don't forget to call home

By ELISA RASCIA
News Staff

Congratulations on finally making it here to Colby and beginning your college career! College is everything you expect it to be: incredibly fun, exciting, challenging, stressful, and at points, terrifying. You will have some of the best times of your life here and you will have some of the worst times of your life (read all-nighters, finals, etc.) here. Some of the people you meet you will quickly befriend and use as a social security blanket for a few months and then almost as suddenly as it happened, it will be over and they will fade away to just a happy birthday post on your Facebook wall. Other people will become your friends for life. At Colby you will take classes with professors who inspire you and cultivate your passion in a particular subject. You will also find yourself in classes so horrible and boring that you seriously consider changing majors or jumping off of Miller Tower. Above all, expect to make all sorts of mistakes. I cannot prevent you from making these mistakes, nor do I really want to, but I can warn you they will happen. Our department brainstorm meetings felt like classes that I would take here, so I was comfortable participating and thinking critically to find a solution for each new task. In every interpersonal interaction, I was able to present myself well because of the examples that I saw from older classmates. The writing and thinking skills that I've acquired from every single Colby course were so crucial in every email and seminar that I attended, and those things made me stick out.

Colby is not training me to be a filmmaker, TV producer, or mathematician; it's making me into a well-rounded person with enough intellect to be able to take on any sort of job. Through the foundation that this school has given me, I'll be able to accomplish so many of the things that I've wanted to do for my entire life.

Put yourself out there. Especially during COOT participate in whatever game your COOT leaders are having you do. You will get a lot more out of the trip and enjoy it significantly more if you disregard being the indifferent "cool" kid and allow yourself to look ridiculous alongside everyone else.

Try hard in class. The social aspect of college can be distracting from the main reason of college—your education. A bad semester can haunt you for the next four years and you do not want to be playing "GPA catch-up" your senior year.

Be careful of the Freshmen 15. The struggle is real. Even you athletes, tailgates, drinking,

and the offseason will sneak up on you.

Go to the Career Center ASAP. I know you just moved into your dorm room and maybe you do not know what career path you want to pursue let alone what you want to major in, but the earlier you get involved with the Career Center the better. They are incredibly helpful with writing resume and cover letters as well as finding internship opportunities.

Do not throw up in the bathrooms. Go to your room. I am serious.

Make time to call your parents. Between classes, extra curricular activities, homework, work, you are going to get busy but this is not a reason to not call home. They are busy too and do not assume your busy is more important than your parents'.

Be yourself. There was a time and place for pretending to be someone you were not in order to be cool. That was high school.

Do not be afraid to make mistakes. Whether it was a hook up you regret or a fight you look back on and cringe at, it is ok. Learn from it and (maybe) do not do it again. Odds are, those are the stories you will look back on and laugh at with your friends as you lament your college years.

Have fun. Go out and enjoy yourself on the weekend. Colby offers many awesome trips on the weekend like hiking and apple picking and in the winter Sugarloaf is an easy day trip. Do not turn down opportunities to go off campus and see what Maine has to offer (It is not much but quality not quantity I guess).

Lay off the pictures. I get it. College is fun and you want to show everyone how much fun you are having with that solo cup in your hand but keep moderation in mind. No one likes the drunk girls that are always screaming "take our picture".

Don't Blink. Like Kenny Chesney once said, "[it] goes faster than you think" and before you know it, you will be a washed up upperclassman telling stories that begin with "when I was a freshman".

From the News editor: why the little things you learn are crucial

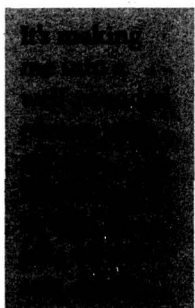
By MEGAN LASHER
News Editor

When people ask me what I do at Colby, I normally place myself into categories like my majors (Film Studies and Mathematical Sciences) or my extracurriculars (The Echo, being a tour guide, and various human rights groups.) While these things do determine a large part of my college experience, they don't touch on the true core of what I've achieved in the past three years here. Colby isn't about a specific major or a combination of extracurriculars; it isn't about a single class or professor or team. Colby has defined who I am and what my future will hold because of its supportive, intellectual environment that has encouraged me to reach a higher potential than I ever could have set for myself.

Therefore, reflecting on who I am as a person, the answer is largely shaped by what this College has given me. I am Colby. I am liberal arts. I am someone who thrives in smaller writing courses and befriends professors and fights for human rights. I am a well-rounded scholar, and I am prepared for a multitude of ca-

reers and opportunities that I'll face this spring when it's time to enter the "real world."

This summer, I lived in New York and worked for a television station. My internship involved writing, editing, and producing spots to air: a job that I hope to be able



to do for the rest of my life. What I realized when I walked through the doors of one of the biggest television hubs in the world was that I was up against some pretty incredible people. Other interns

were from big film schools like Ithaca and NYU, and some of my bosses had never heard of Colby. I didn't have many big-wig connections, since most alumni seem to steer away from careers in the entertainment industry, so I really felt like an underdog.

However, I quickly realized that a lot of the skills I learned at Colby were invaluable in my position. Our department brainstorm meetings felt like classes that I would take here, so I was comfortable participating and thinking critically to find a solution for each new task. In every interpersonal interaction, I was able to present myself well because of the examples that I saw from older classmates. The writing and thinking skills that I've acquired from every single Colby course were so crucial in every email and seminar that I attended, and those things made me stick out.

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Echoes from the *Echo*

An inside look at the infamous *Echo* walls, which hold over 50 years of editorial content



An opinion from the Opinions Editor

By JAKE BLEICH
Opinions Editor

Welcome Class of 2018! My name is Jake Bleich and I'm a rising junior from Piedmont, California. Currently I'm double majoring in Government and Global Studies and, in my free time, I'm active in the George E. Murray Debate Society, Outside Colby, and (obviously) the Colby Echo. I developed an interest in working for the Echo's Opinion Section early during my sophomore year as a direct consequence of my participation in the debate society (which you should all join as well).

While reporting the news is the primary and most noble aspect of the Echo, I fell in love with the ability to voice my opinions on such a wide range of topics, whether that was suggesting methods to improve the efficiency of the school pub or explaining why polygamy should be legalized. In a college full of thought-

ful individuals, I found the Opinion page to be an aggregated showcase of our peers' most random concerns and solutions. As this year's editor, I encourage all of you to help me continue this discourse and, most importantly, be mavericks against the prevailing thought. It's easy for us to go along with the agreeable opinion, but all of us have at least one belief that is unique and, while it might bring the ire of some, can influence an entire group of people. That is why I'm so excited to be the editor of the Opinion Section and part of the wonderful Echo team!

Now the important part. Over the course of my two years here, I've discovered a few key pieces of advice that I'd like to share with you. First, security is your friend. Maybe not your friend, but they do have your best interest at heart. They're just doing their job so don't get upset if you get caught with a beer in hand. Just pour it out, apologize, and accept the consequences. Speaking of alcohol (you're going to start notice-

ing a theme here), figure out your limit and stick to it. Every single one of you reading this is going to have a bad night in college. I guarantee it. The most important thing is not to become a danger to yourself or the people around you. If you go nuts one night, make sure you're with people who are willing to help you. Just make sure you're not praying to the porcelain gods every week. To complete my advice trifecta, don't break stuff. Dorm damage sucks for you, your classmates, and all the people who have to clean up your mess. Yes, maybe that exit sign is calling you out, but show a little bit of self-control. All it does is add more money to our already grossly inflated tuition costs. To wrap things up, make a schedule and organize yourself from the get-go, start searching for summer jobs early (like JanPlan-early), befriend the professors you like and not the ones you think will look the most impressive, and, most importantly, get a pair of Bean Boots. Winter is coming.

Local News Editor invites you to write

By SAVANNAH JUDGE
Local News Editor

Welcome to the Class of 2018! And to those of our friends who have been away, welcome back!

My name is Savannah, and I started writing articles for the Echo during the winter of my freshman year. I had never written a newspaper article before coming to Colby, but when an upperclassman in my dorm asked me if I wanted to give it a try, I thought, "Why not?"

Now in my senior year, I am majoring in Environmental Studies and editor of the Local News section, which typically includes articles pertaining to Waterville and the state of Maine. This section has covered things from education reform to elephant sanctuaries (seriously...check out HopeElephants.com).

We also cover events happening around town and on campus, like Pecha Kucha (picture low-key, mini TED Talks featuring

people from the area), appearances by local and regional leaders, concerts, art exhibits and a host of other things.

My favorite types of articles to write are the ones where I get to investigate environmental issues that affect people, such as fisheries management and metallic mining. I love connecting with people whom I likely wouldn't have met otherwise, like business owners, scientists, youth activists, local teachers and retirees.

The Echo always needs writers, and by that I mean people interested in learning, storytelling and meeting new people; rest assured, you do not have to be an English major or a native English speaker to write newspaper articles. If you are interested, contact one of us about attending a meeting or choosing a story; you can also go online to the Echo website to check out articles from previous issues. Hope to see you soon!

Cheers,
Savannah Judge

How to survive your first year

By KIERNAN SOMERS
Copy Editor

Hey Class of 2018! Congrats and welcome to your new home, Mayflower Hill. First years experience an entire range of emotions coming to campus: nerves, fear, and excitement just to name a few. Now imagine showing up halfway through the year, that was me: a cheese aficionado, dressed like a European, and still mumbling to myself in French... the life of Kiernan Somers, a little old Febfrosh. You're probably wondering who this fascinating cheese aficionado is, of course you are! Well I originally hail from (surprise!) a little suburban town twenty minutes outside of Boston, but now reside on Peaks Island in Casco Bay, near Portland. I play rugby, am a CCAK mentor, a tubist in the Orchestra and of course write for the Echo. First off, I know you're definitely thinking that I am the coolest cat around. Second, I know I just

lost all my street cred with that last sentence. Third, you should definitely join the Echo staff because we seriously are the coolest cats on the Hill. I joined the Echo because I wanted to try something new and out of my comfort zone and I do not regret my decision. Joining the Echo has been one of the highpoints of my Colby career.

Now this is the part where I offer my paltry advice on how to survive your freshman year on the hill and since I'm no Baz Luhrmann, don't expect much. Trust me, everything bad you've ever heard about life as a college freshman isn't as bad as its made out to be. I'm not saying that your first year will be a breeze, there will be high moments and low moments, but it's a time to explore and figure out who you will be for the rest of your life. Try as many things as possible. Join a club that focuses on something you wouldn't typically join, try going to yoga classes, or take a class outside of your concentra-

tion. The purpose of going to a liberal arts school is to explore various academic specialties and if you come to Colby with your heart set on Pre-Med, good for you, I applaud your dedication; however, you lose so much of the Colby experience when you come to the Hill narrow-minded. Don't be afraid to strike up a conversation with someone random you meet at a party, or sit across from at the library, or end up next to in your first class. Who knows, they could end up being your best friend. Colby is a place where people are genuinely interested in you as a person, don't be afraid to talk to anyone on campus, we don't bite. Most importantly, call your mother. She will appreciate the time you take out of your day watching Netflix to figure out how things are going off the Hill. And who knows, maybe she is good at game theory and could help you with an incredibly difficult homework set. All in all, your time at Colby is limited so enjoy it while it lasts.

Want to write for the *Echo*?

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STUDENTS IN THE STREET

What advice would you give to first-years?



"Don't be afraid to be yourself, but step outside your comfort zone."
- Clint Roper '16



"Be kind to everyone, and keep an open mind."
- Susannah Denoho '17



"Take advantage of every opportunity."
- Eric Walton '17



"Don't steal my tomatoes."
- Malissa Meyer '16



"It doesn't always matter who your first friends are."
- Nick Manning '16



"Study hard, but not too hard. Colby is a school, but it's also a community."
- Jasmine Bazinet-Phillips '15

"The Frosh Cheat-sheet": a guide to your first year

This can be one of the only true "new-times" in your life thus far. Many of you have spent the last few years in high school, and now you're starting college. It's a new environment, a new set of challenges, and a new set of opportunities. Take advantage of every opportunity.

Get to know the faculty and staff. If you don't get into the class you wanted, need guidance on a paper or are nervous about an upcoming exam, then our advisors are there to help you. They're here to help you, and it's their job to make sure you're successful.

Get to know upperclassmen. College can be scary, as a first-year, but if you talk to upperclassmen, you'll find that they're just like you. They've been through the same things, and they can help you navigate your first year.

Your Colby Card is your life for the next four years. That might be a bit of an exaggeration, but it's a card that gives you access to everything you need on campus. Use it wisely, and you'll be in good luck.

Be smart with your money. We're fortunate in that the College provides us with a lot of resources. Use them wisely, and you'll be in good luck.

Know your address. It's good to know where you live, and it's good to know where you're going. Make sure you have a map of campus, and you'll be in good luck.

It's easy to navigate the General Announcements. They're in the center of the yearbook, and they contain a lot of useful information. Read them carefully, and you'll be in good luck.

The dining halls aren't your high school cafeterias. While they're still there, they're a lot different. They're a lot more like a restaurant, and they're a lot more fun.

There is an etiquette to the dining halls. It's not a restaurant, but it's a dining hall. There are some rules, and you should follow them. It's a good idea to be polite, and you'll be in good luck.

There are many ways for students to make money on campus. Everyone is allowed to work, and there are a lot of opportunities. Find one that works for you, and you'll be in good luck.

Be post office savvy. It's important to know how to use the post office. It's a good idea to know how to use the post office, and you'll be in good luck.

"Going out" doesn't always mean emulating college stereotypes. It's a good idea to go out, but it's a good idea to go out in a way that's good for you. It's a good idea to go out, and you'll be in good luck.

Leaving your comfort zone means occasionally leaving campus. Once you've acclimated, the College is really worth the price. But so is the Scenic Valley, and the entire state of Maine, for that matter. Whether you're hiking, volunteering, shopping, or just playing around, the Colby bubble can be very real. But it's also a community, and it's a good one.

Numbers You Should Have On-hand

Security (non-emergencies): 207-859-5530
Security (emergencies): 207-859-5911
Carrison Foster Health Center: 207-859-4460
The Library: 207-859-5530
Information Technology: 207-859-4224
Physical Plant Department: 207-859-5000

Welcome, and good luck!