



Collaborative Consulting to establish delivery center

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On December 9, President of the College David A. Greene announced that Collaborative Consulting, an innovative IT consulting firm, is opening a business and delivery center in Waterville that will create 200 high-quality jobs over the next three to four years. According to an official press release, the facility will be known as the Collaborative Waterville and the facility will be located in the Hathaway Creative Center, on Water Street in downtown Waterville. Opening in January, with an initial group of 20 employees, the Center will provide Collaborative Consulting clients with digital and data solutions tailored to advance their business strategies and goals.

Greene delivered the official announcement: “I’m here today because I’m thrilled to share the news that Collaborative Consulting, an innovative IT consulting firm based out of Burlington, Massachusetts, will open a delivery center in downtown Waterville, creating 200 high-quality jobs in the next three to four years.” The announcement was met with an eruption of cheers and applause from the audience. “This truly is a great and important day for Waterville. Colby has been working with the city and business leaders over the last several months to develop a plan for the revitalization of Waterville’s downtown,” Greene said. “Colby’s a committed partner and investor downtown, we’ve purchased several properties, we’re advancing plans for residential and mixed-use developments, along with a boutique hotel for Main Street, and we will invest to create a more robust retail environment in Waterville’s great downtown,” he continued.

Collaborative Consulting’s delivery center will employ both experienced and entry-level workers, a necessary boost in Waterville’s economy. Greene also mentioned that Colby will help to fund Collaborative’s startup costs: “We wanted to insure that Collaborative Consulting, which has many options, would come to Waterville, and we wanted to be sure that they will grow and be a part of this community for many decades to come.”

Governor Paul LePage, who was the Mayor of Waterville before becoming governor, addressed the audience after a short informational video detailing the new partnership. LePage commented: “The thing that I am so pleased about... is we have government, both city government, state government, we have the private sector, we have the academic institution, that are joining together in a partnership.”

Mayor Nick Isgro took to the stage next, starting his speech by saying, “It’s a heck of a day for Waterville, is it not?” Isgro discussed the difficulty of bringing the economy of Maine into the 21st century, stating that this conversation has been occurring for a full year. “I find it amazing that the name of the company is Collaborative Consulting. I find that very fitting.... That idea of partnerships has been the major theme, no matter who we talk to.” Isgro stressed the importance of working together to complete difficult tasks such as this one saying, “We work best when we’re together, and we cannot do this by ourselves.”

Isgro then introduced CEO, Founder, and President of Collaborative Consulting William “Bill” Robichaud. “When I first met Bill Robichaud, two things stuck out to me. The first was his incredible passion for his employees... and second

was his incredible passion and focus on quality of education for his employees and the products that they produce,” stated Isgro.

Robichaud was met with a standing ovation from the audience. “I’d like to take a quick moment to thank President Greene for hosting this event, but also, he’s a major reason—an enormous reason—why Collaborative Consulting is here: the man wouldn’t take no,” Robichaud said. He commented on the fact that Waterville was originally in second place for hosting the delivery center, and that he is extremely grateful and pleased that Waterville came out on top.

“It’s a delight to see all of our collective hard work come to our fruition,” Robichaud said, then asking for a round of applause for all of the people that made this partnership happen. “After an extensive nationwide search and detailed market analysis, we have chosen Waterville, Maine as the home of our next Collaborative location. It is here, in Waterville, that we will build a business and technology delivery center, and it will be called Collaborative Waterville.”

In an interview with the Echo, Robichaud stated, “I’m very, very excited.... I feel like we can really make a difference in this community in bringing what we’re bringing to this community. Honestly, you guys have no idea what we’re doing.... We’re going to be working on engagements for world-class companies, solving tough business problems. Two years from now, we’re going to have a great workforce in this little market. I’m beyond excited.”

Collaborative’s Chief Strategy Officer John Williams added, “We’re beginning to see change for Waterville.... We don’t want to be the only new employer in town, we want to



Collaborative Consulting announced the development of a delivery center. Courtesy of Carli Jaff

be the first, and hopefully that entices others to come to town with us and change the profile of Waterville as a town.”

“I’m just thrilled for Waterville,” Greene said in an interview with the Echo, “To me, being able to create the opportunity for jobs for people who live in this area is so important. The way I think about this is that this replaces a good piece of a mill for people who are here. The mills aren’t coming back, but finding a way for people who live in central Maine to be able

to have really strong jobs that will provide a middle-class income and be able to live a good life... if we can help with that, then we’ve done something of real value.”

Greene added, “I hope this is the first of several companies that we’re able to attract to come here and the first one is always the hardest to get, so I’m hoping we’ll be able to find others who will really see the kind of investments we’re making in the city and who recognize what an extraordinary workforce we have here in Waterville.”

McKibben reported on climate discussion from Paris

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On December 2, Andrew W. Mellon Distinguished Fellow Bill McKibben addressed members of the Colby and Middlebury College communities via a Skype session organized by the two schools’ respective Environmental Studies departments. McKibben, who called from the Paris Climate Conference, reported on the ongoing negotiations and discussions that are currently being held in the city.

McKibben is an active American environmentalist, author, and journalist whose career has largely been spent combatting global climate change. In addition to his writing, McKibben has founded and spearheaded a number of campaigns, including the global fossil fuel divestment movement and the resistance to the Keystone Pipeline.

McKibben’s report Wednesday afternoon provided insight into the on goings of the conference as well as his expectations for the conference’s outcomes. Thus far, McKibben said, “Events in Paris for the opening weekend were more muted than they would have been.” Due to the ISIS attacks in late November, McKibben explained that “Paris remains on edge” and, as a result, large-scale demonstrations that were planned had been replaced with quieter protests.

“There would have been a march on the scale of the one in New York last fall,” he said, “but that was canceled

and instead there was a human chain of people through many blocks in the center of town. And then there was a very moving display of people putting out shoes, a kind of silent march, including a pair of shoes from the pope. And that was very moving.”

Despite the lingering effects of the ISIS attacks, McKibben noted the increased organization of the conference in contrast to the Copenhagen Summit in 2009. That being said, McKibben was not surprised by the event thus far. He said, “The first two days of this conference were the kind of pomp and circumstance part, with world leaders just one after another saying their piece. Mostly it was about what people expected.”

Though McKibben noted the eloquence of President Obama’s address, the actual substance of the conference, would come during negotiations in the days following. Those negotiations will be over a universal and legally binding agreement from participating countries on global climate control. McKibben said, however, that the likelihood of that happening was not high: “There’s not going to be a binding treaty. It’s worth remembering as Americans that this is our fault. No one around the rest of the world is under any illusions that the U.S. senate, owned by the fossil fuel industry, would ever approve a meaningful climate treaty.”

Much of McKibben’s report alluded to the power of the fossil fuel industry and the challenges of combatting its influence. McKibben, somewhat pessimisti-

cally, said that “there will never be 66 votes in the foreseeable future for that. So the rest of the world has had to construct these sort of artificial and jury-rigged methods of coming up with an agreement of some kind.”

While the conference is not likely to agree on any binding targets, McKibben said that participating countries would be agreeing upon mechanisms for which to limit and hopefully reduce the increase in the global temperature. These strategies are called Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs), and will determine whether or not the conference is able to decide upon a path toward protecting against further climate change.

Though the goals of these negotiations appear noble, McKibben provided perhaps a more realistic view of the conference’s likely outcomes. He said, “The UN is going to try to say by the end of the conference that if you add up all these pledges and actually keep these pledges then the world will be on a path for about a 2.7 degree Celsius increase in temperature. In fact that’s much overstated.”

Instead, McKibben said that the world will actually come out of these talks with an estimated temperature increase closer to 3.5 degrees Celsius. He said, “That’s obviously not good news given that one degree has already proven more than the world can handle.”

McKibben also noted that these estimates are better than what they once were. With regards to that, he addressed the students in attendance: “The main

reason that has allowed that to happen is due to the stuff that you guys are responsible for; the rise of a real movement over the years since Copenhagen.”

McKibben that this movement has made politicians more accountable: “I think the way to think about it is Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton could come back six years ago empty handed from Copenhagen, as they did, and pay no real political price for it,” he said. “That couldn’t happen today,” he continued, “There’s now enough of a movement holding people responsible that they need to come up with something.”

Financial needs have also been a point of contention during the talks. One of the major concerns of the conference, according to McKibben, has been the future carbon usage of developing nations. In terms of reducing the global carbon footprint, the most efficient ways of going about it would be by investing heavily in the infrastructures of poorer nations who are trying to develop. Unfortunately, McKibben said, the amount of money required to do that is not something that is likely to be raised: “We’ve gotten from governments most of what they’re able to give at this point.”

Though much of McKibben’s report was an honest, if not pessimistic, outlook on the conference, he did have some encouraging takeaways. In terms of the divestment movement, he said, “Our new total for endowments and portfolios that have divested which stood at 2.6 trillion dollars 8 weeks ago, is now at about 3.4 trillion dollars and continuing to grow.”

In terms of going forward, McKibben called for a push on the powerful fossil fuel companies that have so heavily influenced international governments. This point was made particularly relevant in light of recent allegations that ExxonMobil has historically funded climate science denier groups. Because of these actions, McKibben said that the nearly 25 years spent proving the existence of climate change were wasted. He explained that “our problems never been a lack of good solutions. We knew 25 years ago the things we were supposed to do and they remain exactly the things we should be doing today, including putting a price on carbon.” He continued, “The problem now is we’ve waited so long to do something effective that the price on carbon’s going to be uncomfortably high.”

Overall, McKibben’s perspective on the conference provided insight into the reality of what it means for the rest of the world: “Think about Paris less as the game than the scoreboard. There’s not much happening here except that it’s a good reflection of what has happened over the last five years.”

He acknowledged the predictability of it all, describing the “sort of groundhog day quality” to the conference. However, McKibben also applauded the large-scale global awareness movement that has arisen in recent years. Looking towards the future, he said, “We need to be able to push where the real power is located; on the fossil fuel companies that own these governments. And push hard there.”

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The community gathered in the first of four discussions on current events this Tuesday. Courtesy of Peg Schreiner

The student-run Colby Café to open in January

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As was recently announced in a campus-wide email there will soon be a student-run café on Mayflower Hill, set to appear in the coming months. The Colby Café, created by the Colby Coffee Club, will be a student-run café located in the Mary Low Coffeehouse and will likely be operational from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday nights.

Each month, the Café will feature a different coffee roaster from different areas in the state of Maine, with an emphasis on the quality of the bean and the overall flavor of the coffee. The hope is that the café is not only a place for students to drink coffee, but also that it will be a very relaxed recreational space that students will be able to utilize.

Brendan Paquette ’16, one of the presidents of the Colby Coffee Club and also subsequently a facilitator of The Colby Café,

says that he hopes the space will “not only be a place for students to drink the best coffee they’ve ever tasted, but it will also act as a place for them to meet up, hang out, and attend many events like comedians, musicians, open-mic night, and so on.”

Although Sodexo is the food service for the College and has a contract to exclusively provide food for the school, the creation of The Colby Café does not violate Sodexo’s contract since the café is created and run by students. In fact, Sodexo and the dining services have been working with the Colby Coffee Club since last spring to establish such a space. Furthermore, the Colby Coffee Club will also use Sodexo to acquire non-coffee related items such as locally sourced milk and pastries made by Sodexo among other things.

The Colby Coffee Club will be hiring and training students as baristas throughout December and hopes that they will be able to open the anticipated coffee house in early January.

SGA reviews semester goals

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As this Sunday marks the last Student Government Association (SGA) meeting of the fall semester, it is important that Colby students take a look at what their elected representatives have accomplished, as well as what they have not.

Dorm damage has been prominent on the agenda throughout this semester, as Colby students have accrued damage in the thousands. Efforts on the part of SGA to mitigate this problem culminated in a “No-Damage November” campaign that raised awareness for the issue, as well as roughly \$15,000 for the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter.

However, awareness is not the only avenue SGA is pursuing. Several concrete plans are being considered, such as a proposal to require captains of sports teams to come to “Camp Colby,” a term used to denote the time before the start of the academic year when maintenance crews set up the college’s facilities. The rationale behind this being that members of sports teams seem to account for a disproportionate amount of dorm damage when compared to the rest of the student body, according to certain SGA members.

When asked whether dorm damage was an issue worthy of their elected representatives time, students were generally supportive of SGA’s efforts. Jacob Kandel ’16 lives

in the Alford Senior Apartments, where dorm damage has particularly been a problem, said “Dorm damage has always been a problem during my time at Colby, and I frankly don’t see the administration fixing it. It is ridiculous how dorm residents have to pay for the damages incurred to their own dorm.”

Kandel went on to reference a solution that other schools have adopted such as splitting the collective dorm damage costs among the entire campus body, so that all students share the burden of damage, regardless of where it is inflicted. Indeed, this proposal was previously passed by SGA, only to be rejected by the administration. As a result, many other initiatives will be voted on during the spring term in order to further mitigate this problem.

SGA also followed through on its efforts to begin running scheduled shuttle rides between Mayflower Hill and downtown Waterville. This program was proposed and piloted during the previous academic year, and results were good, according to President of SGA Michael Loginoff ’16. The creation of the shuttle service is in keeping with the College’s varied efforts to aid in the revitalization of down-

town Waterville and to improve Colby-Waterville relations.

In an interview with the *Echo* that appeared in last week’s issue, Waterville Mayor Nick Isgro stated that Colby students spending time downtown is a means of improving the Colby-Waterville relationship, as well as an important driver of economic growth. Having a scheduled shuttle service between Colby and downtown is a necessary means for facilitating this end. And of course, this shuttle service will become particularly necessary when

Colby realizes its likely intention to build a student dormitory downtown. SGA also organized the Fall Faculty Appreciation dinner. Last Wednesday night, hundreds of students and faculty shuffled up and down the Foss Dining Hall staircase to share an evening of food and festivities. “What a wonderful way to demonstrate our appreciation to the faculty!” noted Henry Tashman ’19.

SGA has had an active semester, yet students are expected to continue to demand new policy and hard work from their representatives.

SGA worked heavily on dorm damage and the Waterville shuttle this semester.

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Trinity students shot by paintballs

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Trinity College Campus Safety and the Hartford Police Department are conducting an investigation after several students have been shot by paintballs fired from a moving vehicle in past weeks. It is currently believed that all of shootings have been by the same group of Hartford locals.

The attacks have been taking place all around the city, at a student owned residence in Hartford, as well as on the campus. Jack Boucher ’18, one of the Trinity students targeted by the attacks, said in an interview with the *Echo*, “I got a text from my buddy saying that we got lit up by paintball guns.” Boucher lives in the on-campus house, now covered with splattered paint.

Throughout the weeks following the initial attack, multiple other students have reported being shot with paintballs during the early morning, typically on weekends. The *Echo* was also able to talk to an anonymous senior, who was attacked at his off-campus home, “I was outside my house Sunday morning saying goodbye to my girlfriend when a red SUV

drove by with a guy wearing a ‘Scream’ mask sitting shotgun. The car slowed down and the guy pulled out a paintball gun and started unloading on the two of us.”

Another resident of the same house was also shot at during a different incident. Ben Hjalmarsson ’16 recalled getting shot at with his friends, from a similar red SUV, “My friends were really scared,” he said. “They thought it was gunshots at first so they kind of dove down but then when they got inside they were laughing.” Hjalmarsson’s experience differed from the other attacks, because on this particular night the shooters did not adorn masks of any kind, “They said what they could see in the car wasn’t Trinity people. They said they were way older, like 30,” Hjalmarsson said of his friends who saw the perpetrators clearly.

The *Trinity Tripod*, Trinity’s student-run newspaper reported, “The Hartford Police Department, being aware of the incidents, has taken some measures in their search to find the culprits of these incidents.” Director of Campus Safety Brian Heavren said, “the police department has been given the photographic and video evi-

dence that we have,”

“They have shared it with their officers so they can look for the vehicles that may be involved or question people found in other parts of the city found with paintball guns. The police department has also increased their presence on campus to prevent further incidents and to identify the vehicles and their occupants should they return.” Fox News affiliates further reported that, “the perpetrator wore a ‘Scream’ Halloween mask and was in a maroon sedan.”

At this point no arrests have been made, but the police are still searching for the masked shooters. Trinity students have been informed that, “Campus Safety has no information that leads them to believe that any individual or group has been targeted. It appears that the people committing these assaults are driving on city streets contiguous to our campus to locate individuals or groups that are walking or congregating outside,” according to the *Tripod*.

Students have since been encouraged by Campus Safety and the administration to avoid the outskirts of campus during the early mornings, for as long as the investigation continues.

Security Incident Report Log

Date:	Time:	Nature:	Location:	Comments:
11/13/15	3:44 p.m.	Theft	Foss Dining Hall	Misplaced cell phone
11/13/15	3:51 p.m.	Medical Call	AMS Hall	Illness
11/13/15	10:12 p.m.	Vandalism	Alford Apartments	Fire extinguisher discharged
11/14/15	12:42 a.m.	Medical Call	Cotter Union	Injury
11/14/15	12:36 a.m.	Assault, Simple	Taylor Hall	Fight between students
11/14/15	12:42 a.m.	Safety Violation	Alford Apartments	Students didn't leave for fire alarm
12/1/15	12:19 a.m.	Medical Call	Marriner Hall	Illness
12/1/15	11:00 a.m.	Theft	Dana Dining Hall	Stolen jacket
12/5/15	12:17 a.m.	Medical Call	Cotter Union	Alcohol
12/5/15	11:12 p.m.	Vandalism	Dana Hall	Broken Window
12/6/15	12:42 a.m.	Medical Call	Woodman Hall	Alcohol
12/6/15	1:02 a.m.	Safety Violation	The Heights	Failure to leave for fire alarm
12/6/15	3:00 a.m.	Medical Call	Taylor Hall	Alcohol
12/7/15	12:01 a.m.	Drug/Safety Violation	East Quad	Marijuana, Covered smoke detector

Pepper sprayed and restrained, former Riverview patient sues state of Maine

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Arlene Edson, a former patient from the Riverview Psychiatric Recovery Center, is suing the state of Maine because of an incident at the facility in 2013, when a nurse pepper-sprayed her while she was naked. Edson claims that the state facility not only violated her Fourth Amendment rights regarding use of excessive force, but also left her with emotional trauma.

During her time at the Center, Edson, most recently of Biddeford, Maine, punched maintenance mechanic Everett Armstrong, which resulted in a conviction of assault. Armstrong claims that he approached Edson, said “Hi” to her, and was then struck by her in the face. Edson then “came up behind [worker Susan Unangst] and hit her in the head a number of times,” the *Kennebec Journal* states. According to the *Kennebec Journal*, “Edson said she’d continue to do it unless she got what she wanted.” The patient then retreated to her room.

While Edson was “naked and in a defenseless pose,” a surveillance video shows nurse William Goodhue Lord, Jr. pepper spraying, handcuffing, and taking Edson to an isolation room. Edson describes being in tremendous pain, coughing and repeatedly asking for a shower, but workers denied her request for hours.

When asked why she committed these sudden and seemingly random assaults, Edson

claimed she did it in order to be transferred to a prison as opposed to continuing treatment at Riverview. Unhappy with her treatment, Edson believed that attacking someone was the most efficient way to escape her current situation. This is not the first time that the standards of care at Riverview Psychiatric Recovery Center have been called into question. In September of 2013, the facility lost its federal certification and its yearly \$20 million dollar grant over quality issues. Efforts to regain this certification and grant have thus far been unsuccessful.

Edson’s conviction led to a lawsuit, which then led to her imprisonment. Due to previous assault convictions, the most recent charge was listed as a felony. According to the *Journal*, “While Edson is serving the prison sentence, she remains on unsecured bail on several other assault charges, all listing Riverview employees as victims.”

Edson’s lawsuit, filed earlier this month, seeks to provide Edson with alternative care as well as issue compensation for the trauma that she faced during her time at the Center. “We can offer to the court an alternative to dead-end incarceration or dead-end hospitalization. She’s going to need something tailor-made for her situation. We have to get her out of the environment that she’s in,” Medical Malpractice Lawyer Daniel G. Lilley said.

The Center has since fired Lord, the employee who pepper-sprayed Edson, primarily due to

Edson’s lawsuit. His nursing status is now inactive, according to the *Portland Press Herald*. When Lord heard that Edson complained about his actions, he said that he “followed Riverview procedure and protocol to the best of his ability,” the *Press Herald* states. In addition to other charges, Lord has also been convicted of assault and “endangering the welfare of a child,” following allegations that he threw Edson’s young son down a flight of stairs.

The *Press Herald* states that “Lord is scheduled for a jury trial on charges of aggravated assault, domestic violence assault, domestic violence terrorizing and marijuana cultivation, all stemming from the incident on Oct. 19, 2014. He has pleaded not guilty to all the charges, and is scheduled for trial Oct. 26 to 28.”

This incident has again forced officials to investigate the center. According to the *Kennebec Journal*, “The state issued a conditional license to Riverview, part of which says, ‘The hospital staff will not use nor will they give permission to use weapons, including pepper spray and Tasers, in application of healthcare restraint or seclusion.’” Riverview is currently reapplying for certification. In 2013, a federal audit found extensive issues like the use of stun guns and handcuffs on patients, medication errors, and poor record keeping. The LePage administration is proposing opening a separate facility for the criminal mentally ill in order to keep the facility open in the wake of the continued controversy.

Macdonald re-elected

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In Maine’s second-largest city where registered Democrats far outnumber registered Republicans, the two-term Republican mayor of Lewiston, Robert Macdonald, over came his opponent Ben Chin to win re-election as mayor for a third term.

The results were announced on Tuesday night, with Macdonald tallying a total of 4,398 votes, about 53 percent, outnumbering Chin’s 3,826 votes, accounting for 47 percent.

Despite the win, Macdonald, 68, reportedly did very little campaigning to achieve another term election. A former police detective and veteran of the Vietnam war, Macdonald’s victory is largely the result of the relationship he holds with Lewiston’s longtime residents, who fully credit him for the continuous improvement of the city’s center.

Shortly after the results were released, Macdonald told *The Portland Press Herald* over the phone that it feels like a “reward” to be re-elected for Lewiston.

In comparison, his Democratic challenger, Chin, 30, spent a significantly greater amount of funds and effort to try and nudge Macdonald out of office. Despite falling short of his in-office dreams, Chin explained to the *Press Herald* that he still proudly stands by his campaign efforts, in that he held true to the issues he felt were important.

Many believe that it was exactly due to his aggressive cam-

paingn that Chin, a Bates College graduate, lost the race. In total, Chin reportedly raised around \$87,800, a sum that was roughly fifteen times the total raised by Macdonald, with the majority of the funding being fed in from support outside Lewiston. “I think that probably ended up hurting him in the long run because Lewiston isn’t used to that type of campaign,” Macdonald told the *Press Herald*.

Chin’s campaign drew national attention earlier this year, not for his surplus of funds, but because of the racial attacks he received, with numerous signs posted associating him to Vietnamese Communist leader.

Macdonald, who has been the Lewiston mayor for the past four years, has continuously vocalized his opposition against welfare. Prior to Tuesday’s results he stated that if re-elected, he would continue to work towards welfare reform. Additionally, he stated that improvements for city housing has become a major priority, telling the *Press Herald* “We need to create better housing for our working class people”.

The results demonstrate the strong trust placed in Macdonald by the citizens of Lewiston. A large success of unorthodox campaign was that it brought scrutiny and contrasting opinions into the Lewiston political scene, necessary debate in the struggling mill town. Macdonald’s victory is a nod to the growing importance of economic reforms in a state that has consistently failed to see notable economic growth.

Reiter maintains innocence

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The *Echo* has closely followed the public hearing and subsequent dismissal of former Waterville Senior High School Principal Don Reiter. On November 19, Kennebec County District Attorney Maeghan Maloney announced at a press conference that Reiter has been summoned on the charge of official oppression. Reiter’s attorney, Walter McKee, recently announced to the *Bangor Daily News* that Reiter is still maintaining his innocence regarding the oppression charge, which stems from the September allegations that he solicited sex from a teenage female student. Reiter has continued to flatly deny the allegations, instead saying that it was the student who made sexual advances on him, which he refused.

Official oppression is a Class E crime with a maximum jail sentence of 6 months and a \$1,000 fine. It is defined by the state of Maine as “being a public servant and acting with the intention to benefit himself or another or to harm another, he knowingly commits an unauthorized act which purports to be an act of his office, or knowingly refrains from performing a duty imposed on him by law or clearly inherent in the nature of his office.” Maloney said that the news of other possible victims in New Hampshire did not affect her decision to charge Reiter with official oppression. Maloney was referencing two former students of Reiter who came forward in November and told Waterville Police that they had engaged in inappropriate relationships with him while he was the principal of Mascenic Regional High School in New Ipswich, New Hampshire.

Reiter was fired last month by the Waterville School Board after he requested a public hearing. The hearing was extended over several

days and was held mostly in private session, although over 100 people were in attendance, including multiple press outlets. The school board voted to terminate him 6-1.

Maloney, who was a state representative for two years before becoming District Attorney in 2013, told centralmaine.com that the Legislature should “take another look” at the gross sexual assault statute and how it addresses educators, because regardless of the students’ age, “the same power dynamic applies whether the student is 17 or 18.”

In the same interview with *Bangor Daily News*, McKee stated “the facts are hotly disputed and the law doesn’t apply to this case.” In an email, he wrote, “the crime of official oppression is an anti-corruption statute, trying to apply it here is a huge stretch, and I am being very generous.” Despite McKee’s belief that these are not appropriate charges, the District Attorney’s office believes that charging Reiter with official oppression will hold him accountable for his position of power as a high school principal. Because the student was 18 years old, Maloney could not charge Reiter with attempted gross sexual assault.

Reiter is scheduled to enter a plea to the charge of official oppression on the first or second Tuesday in February at the Waterville District Court. According to McKee, Reiter will not be appearing in court to enter his plea, and will instead send it in by mail.

Additionally, on December 2, Waterville school board voted unanimously to keep Acting Principal Brian Laramee throughout the year. Laramee had been Assistant Principal under Reiter for four years at Waterville High School. Laramee has been acting principal since Reiter was placed on administrative leave by Superintendent Eric Haley on September 1.

Suicidal man causes disruption in armed standoff downtown

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Beginning at around 6:15 p.m. on December 7, several police units were involved in a standoff with a suicidal man. The exchange, which lasted eight hours, took place in the Waterville Police Department parking lot on College Avenue.

Following the incident, Waterville Police Chief Joe Massey identified the man to the media as Gary Cross, 58, of Troy, ME. According to reports from the *Morning Sentinel*, Cross voiced suicidal thoughts earlier in the day to family members, who were then searching for him until news of the College Avenue came about.

The tumultuous events began when another police department in alerted police that there was a possibly suicidal man en route to the Waterville police station around 6 p.m. After this alert was made, Waterville police noticed

Cross sitting in his pickup truck in the parking lot, where he remained until the situation was resolved.

Echo reporters on the scene noted that Waterville, Oakland, Fairfield, Winslow, and Maine State Police reported to the incident. The American Legion parking lot served as a meeting location for all of the responders, amounting in more than 30 vehicles at one point in the standoff. Fire trucks from the Waterville and Fairfield police departments were used to shut down traffic around the scene’s perimeter, which included the Colby Circle area of downtown. The District Court House, Dunkin Donuts, the Mid-Maine Homeless shelter were all within the police scene.

As traffic was shut down in a significant portion of Waterville, many workers, including police dispatchers, were unable to access their workplaces throughout the night. Those who were at work in the immediate surrounding area during the negotiations

were encouraged by the police to evacuate, especially at the Dunkin Donuts and Burger King near Railroad Square.

K9 and Maine State Tactical teams arrived at around 8 p.m. to begin preliminary investigations, adding more chaos to the large mass of police on the scene. Throughout the night, Waterville police crisis negotiator Sergeant Jennifer Weaver worked to communicate with Cross.

According to reports from the *Sentinel*, State police negotiators spoke to Cross via his cellphone throughout the encounter. At certain points, Cross emerged from his vehicle for brief moments before returning to the car. Reports given to media have suggested that the times he emerged from his car made it unclear as to whether or not Cross planned to threaten the lives of others beyond himself. During one of these moments, an officer monitoring Cross noticed that he was holding a gun.

Both Weaver and Cross’s wife were on the scene having exchanges with Cross, which resulted in his surrender after two hours of negotiation and a standoff that lasted around five hours. Massey told the *Sentinel* that officers took Cross into custody following his surrender, stating that “it ended well for us and it ended well for him.”

While the police were extremely successful in mitigating the unforeseen situation downtown, Cross will likely be charged for the disruption he created. Specifically, Massey speculated to the media that law enforcement will “probably charge him with creating a police standoff.” This civil violation is usually resolved with a fine that can amount up to the total cost of the provoked standoff. In this case, the costs are estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands.



Armored trucks arrive at the scene of the crime.

Photo courtesy of Peg Schreiner

Colby decides to not rescind Bill Cosby’s honorary degree

By DREW LADNER
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Colby, among other colleges and universities, must decide whether to rescind Bill Cosby’s honorary degrees.

In the spring of 1992, Bill Cosby received an honorary degree from Colby College following a commencement address he gave to the school. At the time, Cosby was still at the height of his fame. He released his comedy album, *Oh, Baby!*, the year prior, while his famous television series *The Cosby Show* had just come to a close.

At the time, it was an honor to have this world famous actor and comedian be a part of the honorary Colby alumni. For the next two decades, Cosby was thought of positively in mainstream media. Though he wasn’t at the height of fame he once was, many aspiring comedians still considered him an icon and an inspiration. Over the span of his lifetime,

Cosby received upwards of 57 honorary degrees from colleges and universities.

And then the sexual assault allegations began. The story is well-known at this point: Cosby blew up the news in fall of 2014 when allegations of sexual violence and rape became known. Since then, many women have come forward accusing Cosby of sexual violence and rape. At the time of this article, over 50 cases have made their way into the news. These allegations have completely flipped public perception of a once-beloved icon and many colleges have questioned the honorary degrees given out to Cosby.

Despite many colleges and universities rescinding their honorary degrees, the College stands firm. As the Board of Trustees said in an issued statement in October, “Colby does not rescind honorary degrees.” The Board continued to talk about their commitment to the school becoming a leader in sexual violence prevention.

However, this firm but vague statement has led many to wonder why the College has not

rescinded honorary degrees, and why there was not an exception made in Cosby’s case. According to an email sent by President Greene to the Colby community, the Board made their decision with input from faculty representation.

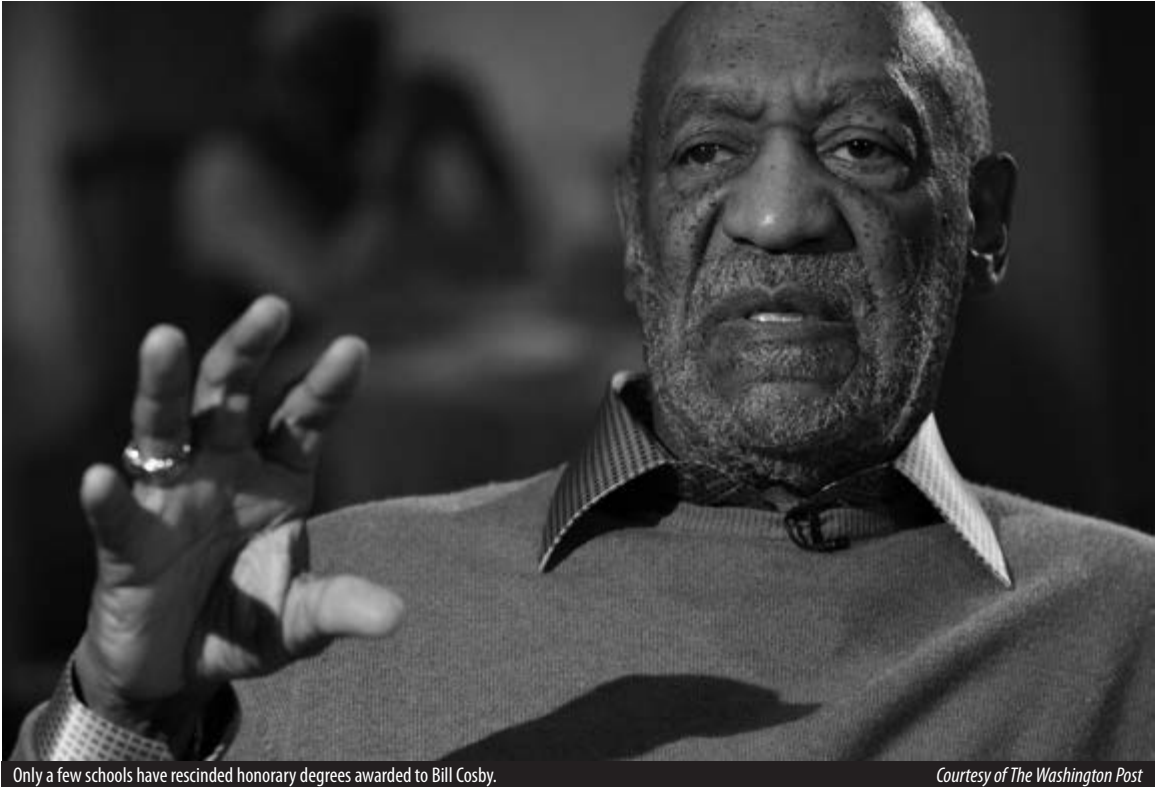
On the faculty’s involvement in this decision, Vice president and Secretary of the College C. Andrew McGadney said, “faculty were engaged in discussions about the Cosby honorary degree during a faculty meeting, a faculty luncheon and faculty members were also engaged in discussions during the fall board meeting.”

Aside from faculty input, the Board of Trustees’ official statement still leaves a great deal clouded in mystery. To take a look at why Colby might choose not to rescind honorary degrees under any circumstance, the *Echo* investigated some other institutions that do not rescind honorary degrees.

The most common reason that universities gave for their choice not to rescind Cosby’s degree was because the decision to give the degree was based on the knowledge they had at the time. As a statement from Tallega College explained, “We give out honorary degrees based on what we know at the time and at the time he was everybody’s favorite dad.”

Additionally, Virginia Com-

Schools That Have Rescinded Bill Cosby’s Honorary Degree	Schools That Have Not (Yet)
Amherst College	Boston College
Baylor University	Boston University
Berklee College of Music	Carnegie Mellon University
Brown University	Colby College
Bryant College	Colgate University
Drew University	College of William and Mary
Drexel University	Cooper Union
Fordham University	Delaware State University
Franklin & Marshall	Dillard University
Goucher College	Fashion Institute of Technology
John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Fisk University
Marquette University	George Washington University
Spelman College	Hampton University
Springfield College	Haverford College
Swarthmore College	Howard University
Tufts University	John Hopkins University
University of Pennsylvania	New York University
University of San Francisco	North Carolina A&T State University
Wilkes University	Northwestern University
Swarthmore College	Oberlin College
	Ohio State University
	Old Dominion University
	Paine College
	Pepperdine University
	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
	Rust College
	Talladega College
	University of Cincinnati
	University of Connecticut
	University Maryland
	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
	University of Notre Dame
	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
	University of Pennsylvania
	University of South Carolina
	Univeristy of Southern California
	Virginia Commonwealth University
	Wesleyan University
	West Chester University
	Yale University



Only a few schools have rescinded honorary degrees awarded to Bill Cosby. Courtesy of The Washington Post

monwealth University points out that honorary degrees do not carry much importance: “VCU honorary degrees carry no special rights or privileges there is no precedent or policy for revoking them.” These two rationales appear to believe that revising history is somewhat pointless and the focus should be on preventing this in the future, rather than worrying about a “meaningless” award given in the past.

Ultimately, the debate over whether or not to rescind Cosby’s degrees has brought up legitimate questions regarding the purpose and significance of honorary degrees. Haverford College says they want to create discussion about “how and why are degrees awarded, and how and why could they, or should they, be rescinded.”

Answering these questions appear to be important to Colby as well. As President Greene said in his email, “The [Committee on Honorary Degrees] agreed that it would be useful to review the College’s practice for awarding honorary degrees with the expectation of clarifying their purpose and criteria and bringing greater transparency to the selection process. The board will appoint a representative working group to make recommendations in these areas.”

And these were not simply blank statements. When contacted this past Tuesday, McGadney referenced a conference call he had that day with the aforementioned committee, whose task was, as he put it, “developing a set of recommendations based upon the review, discussion and deliberations of the process and criteria for awarding honorary degrees.”

Clearly, Colby is dedicated to improving the process of honorary degrees, but the Cosby situation shows the world that sometimes even the most beloved icons can have skeletons in their closet. Even if the school conducts all available research on potential candidates, how can they be sure something like this doesn’t happen in the future?

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Perry Cohen seeks inclusivity and LGBT rights in the outdoors

By NATHANIEL REES
Features Editor

Are all individuals welcomed in the outdoors? For many Colby students, the answer to this question is a resounding yes. Students at the College are often privileged with outdoor-orientated backgrounds, the money to spend on environmental and back-country trips, and immediate access to the heavily funded Colby Outing Club (COC) and Maine’s beautiful scenery. However, many people do not have such luxuries.

Ethnicity, heritage, gender, and anything in between can

provide barriers-both physical and psychological- to outdoor accessibility. Poverty can also incredibly influence and define one’s outdoor experience. While a more privileged Colby student may have had the opportunity to partake in an outdoor orientation course, or to journey with the outing club to California over Spring Break, an impoverished student would never have had such an indulgence.

Perry Cohen, the founder of the Venture Out Project, recognized the limitations and barriers of outdoor recreation. Cohen was assigned female at birth but identifies as a transgender man and queer, and has

attempted to “queer” the outdoors by questioning normative assumptions about gender in the woods. Recently, Lex Jackson ’16 brought Cohen to the College to chat about his life experiences and his attempts to diversify the predominately affluent and white culture of outdoor recreation.

During his talk, Cohen decided to focus on the power of vulnerability, which correlates with self compassion and compassion for other people. “We need courage to be ourselves,” said Cohen. “Not the self we think we are supposed to be, but the self we actually are.”

Although Cohen, in retrospect, probably knew that he

was trans for his entire life, he became exceptional at suppressing his emotions during his teenage years. This allowed him to feel mentally healthy (albeit superficially), in spite of the alienating experiences he had everyday. Cohen talked about the confusion that resulted from using public restrooms, the dangers associated with being queer (he never walked home alone), and the constant looks and mutterings he endured in public with his queer wife.

As Cohen entered his thirties, he began, for the first time, to feel depressed. He was uncomfortable in his body, and felt disenfranchised from society and disengaged from his true, trans, self. Eventually, Cohen admitted he was transgender to his wife, children, family, and friends, and began to take hormones to transition to male.

As Cohen explained, this transition was a far cry from discretionary. “It’s not elective surgery if you can’t look at your body and be happy with it,” said Cohen.

After his transition, Cohen realized he wanted to create a safe haven for queer and transgender people to become

comfortable with themselves. He had always been surrounded by cisgender, heteronormative people, and realized that community-building for people outside the privileged norm would be beneficial to both personal growth and mental health. Thus, Cohen harnessed his love for both the outdoors and social justice and created the Venture Out Project, a program designed to change the fact that queer and transgender people are in constant fear about their safety, use of preferred pronouns, and mental health.

The project’s mission statement reads as follows: “The Venture Out Project provides a safe and fun way for queer, trans and LGBT people to get out into the woods and experience the beauty of nature. We believe that venturing out provides us an opportunity for fun, friendship and even some self-reflection.”

Cohen hopes

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Perry Cohen
Executive Director & Founder of the Venture Out Project

his project will encourage a greater acceptance of the queer community and provide LGBT youth with the confidence to navigate a world where they often feel unwelcome.

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Students had the opportunity to discuss methods to increase inclusivity and diversity in outdoor recreation. Courtesy of Cassandra Biette

George E. Murray Debate Society seeks to evolve club

By JAKE BLEICH
Co-Editor-In-Chief

When it comes to Colby’s student organizations, the oldest clubs often stand out among the rest. Whether it’s the Colby Outing Club (1910’s), WMHB (1949), or the *Echo* (1877), these organizations have storied histories both in Downtown Waterville and on Mayflower Hill. But while these clubs attract many students, one longstanding organization tends to stay hidden: the George E. Murray Debate Society.

At 4:00 p.m. on Mondays and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, approximately ten and 20 students shuffle into a spare Miller classroom or a banquet room in Roberts. Over the next hour, four—in teams of two—will debate a topic, generally picked by the society’s longtime advisor and mentor, Adjunct Assistant Professor of English for Speech and Debate David Mills.

The topics range from national to college issues, with a healthy dose of abstraction mixed in. For example, one recent topic was “This house believes that power is the ultimate aphrodisiac.”

The Debate Society is named after George Edwin Murray ’1879, originally of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Following his graduation, Murray worked at the Merchants Trust Company and the Andover Savings Bank in New

Hampshire.

However, Murray’s interest in debate was always a key aspect of his interactions with his alma mater. After the Debate Society became inactive in the early 20th century, Murray endowed the college with a fund for an annual speech prize in 1909.

The prize would be handed out to the winners of the Murray Debate, a popular function that began in 1910 and carried on into the mid-1990s. In 1921, the winner received a prize of \$50, enough to pay a full year’s tuition at the time. In more recent years, audience members also participated, receiving \$25 prizes for the best impromptu speeches in respect to the topic—a tradition that Mills continues to abide by during the weekly Thursday night debates.

This year, the Society is led by co-Presidents Ryan Hoffman ’16 and Jacob Kandel ’16. Both presidents joined the Society their sophomore year and have stuck with the club every since. “I joined debate because I did it in high school, and wanted to continue to hone my skills at Colby,” said Kandel. The Society’s present members are near evenly split between high school veterans and amateurs.

While the membership of the Debate Society remains small compared to other Colby clubs, Kandel and many of the members believe that debate is no less important. “Debate is a crucial skill in everyday life. It’s relevant be-

cause it teaches you mental gymnastics and how to make even the most absurd argument coherent,” said Kandel.

The debate society has evolved many times over its century-long existence, and this year seems to have more reforms in store. Over the past few weeks, Kandel and Hoffman have been instituting changes to put the club more in

line with American Parliament Debate Association [APDA] standards. “We want to become more competitive and debate more colleges,” said Kandel. “We’ve been making the debates longer, using less absurd topics, instituting points of information, and setting up more tournaments.” Four members of the society are travelling throughout Southeast

Asia over JanPlan, where they will debate a half-dozen colleges throughout the month. “We want to be a serious club in the future, so that we can continue to help Colby students hone their public speaking and argumentative skills,” Kandel said. Whether the presidents’ reforms will help make the club as popular as the Colby Outing Club, only time will tell.



Bertrand Teirlinck ’14, Jake Bleich ’16, Ryan Hoffman ’16, Jacob Kandel ’16, and Nick Merrill ’14 prepare to debate Trinity College, Dublin. Courtesy of Jake Bleich

Opinions

Letter from the Editors:

Loyal readers,

It's hard to believe that it's already the end of the semester, especially when it feels like our year is just getting started. Many of us have just hit our stride, which we guess is a good thing since finals are right around the corner.

While most of us are preoccupied by the astounding amount of work that we still have to get done—between writing this editorial and the release of the issue, the *Echo's* Executive Board has a collective 100 pages to write (wish us luck!)—it's also important to take some time to take a deep breath and reflect. Several members of the staff attended the reflection event this past Tuesday and throughout the event, we were able to think about all that has happened this year.

Abroad, we've witnessed the escalating violence perpetrated by ISIL, both in the Middle East and in Europe. The relocation of Syrian and Iraqi refugees has been at the forefront of both foreign and national debate. At home, we've seen the nauseating (and seemingly unstoppable) rise of Donald Trump and campus protests at some of our nation's top schools. Here in Maine, we've personally observed the continued problems associated with gun accessibility for the mentally ill, most recently in the tragic triple murder suicide in neighboring Oakland.

And yet, there have been positives as well. Waterville is on the up and up, with Colby and Thomas contributing like never before. Campus life has been relatively peaceful, with students supporting important social reforms without the bigotry we saw on YikYak last semester. Hell, we even beat Bowdoin at hockey! While the *Bowdoin Orient's* editorial staff may have condoned chanting "safety school," "mules are sterile," and "UMaine-Waterville" to try and throw us off our game, I think the 5-4 cumulative score speaks for itself. Also, great job trying to disparage Colby by insulting public universities. #classact

This year has had ups and downs, triumphs and tragedies, and in less than a month, we get to start all over again. Even better, we have JanPlan and Doghead to look forward to, not to mention Graduation [Editor's note: the seniors here are not looking forward to it]. We have stress now, but it'll all be over in less than 10 days. So grab your Red Bull, laptop, and waterproof mascara. It's finals time!

The *Echo* wishes you luck and we'll see you in February.

Sincerely,

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No flights, no service, no guns

In his weekly address this past week, President Obama added a new dimension to the debate surrounding gun control by calling for citizens on the FBI's No Fly List to be prohibited from buying guns, tying the move to the recent shooting in San Bernardino, California. "Right now, people on the No Fly list can walk into a store and buy a gun. That is insane. If you're too dangerous to board a plane, you're too dangerous, by definition, to buy a gun," he said. The President reiterated this bold measure in a rare primetime address on Sunday, saying "Congress should act to make sure no one on a no-fly list is able to buy a gun. What could possibly be the argument for allowing a terrorist suspect to buy a semi-automatic weapon? This is a matter of national security."

The comments immediately raised the ire of both Republicans and the ACLU, who believe that citizens shouldn't have their Second Amendment rights impeded without due process. Several commentators, including those on *Vox* and *The Atlantic*, have already discussed the irony of this situation. The No Fly List was created by the Bush Administration following 9/11. At the time, Democrats argued that due process needed to be protected, while Republicans stated that national security trumps individual liberties. These roles have now switched.

While I understand the view that a secret list that limits individuals is problematic in a nation that grounds itself in due process and individual rights, I feel that this move is both justified and necessary to maintain our national security. Critics of the measure have

expressed fears of the No Fly List's arbitrary nature, which might restrict individual liberties of those undeserving of censure. This is certainly a rational argument. As I mentioned before, the list—and how one gets placed on it—is a state secret. However, due to several leaks, we have some idea of its parameters. A leaked 2013 government document stated that individuals placed on the list posed a threat to commit: "1) an act of terrorism involving aircraft, 2) an act of terrorism targeting the homeland, 3) an act of terrorism against the US government abroad, and 4) another act of violent terrorism that he was operationally capable of committing."

These last two points are important, as they have nothing to do with airplanes. In effect, these points are directed at people who show terroristic tendencies, thus precluding them from flying. In order to be placed on the No Fly List, the law enforcement community needs some form of evidence that you are a threat. This "reasonable suspicion" can be gathered anywhere—including Facebook and Twitter—but there must be justification.

While the No Fly List may seem daunting numerically—the most recent leak in 2013 revealed 47,000 names on the List—not all of those individuals are Americans. In fact, only 800 of those names belong to American citizens. Since that's only two percent of the list, we can rightfully assume that this list is mostly designed to prevent foreign radicals from coming into the U.S. In order to put American citizens

on such a list, the intelligence community must have damning evidence that they pose a threat to our security.

I won't deny that the No Fly List has its problems. The late-Senator Ted Kennedy ended up on it for a time. But he, like many other innocent travelers, was able to remove himself from it. But in spite of the pitfalls and controversies, and despite my left-leaning disposition, the No Fly List has worked. Since 9/11, there has only been one terrorist plot on an American airplane—the 2009 "Underwear Bomber"—that occurred in a year when the government rolled back the list to less than 5,000 individuals. We are unequivocally safer with the list than without it.

Now, it is time we use the list to provide security to Americans in the skies, as well as on our shores. According to a study by the CDC and the State Department, firearms killed 406,496 Americans between 2001 and 2013. Terrorists killed 3,380. Americans defend a right that leads to the deaths of our fellow citizens every day.

While I believe that every right should have limits (see: First Amendment and a crowded theater), I also understand that the present political climate will unlikely create the restrictions that we need, rather opting for "thoughts and prayers." Using the No Fly List as a No Gun List may not have been its original intent, but it does fall within the List's spirit. We have a list of people who pose a reasonable threat to our livelihood. I'm sure there would be some mistakes or mix ups on the way, but since those on the List have the ability to appeal, isn't it better to be cautious now than mourn later? Shouldn't Americans give up a little liberty to protect our collective welfare? Many believed so 14 years ago. They should agree again.



Jake Bleich

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Honey will you ‘bee’ my savior?

Human beings have greatly impacted the Earth's ecology for thousands of years. The aboriginal Polynesians, for instance, are believed to have caused the extinction of over half of the bird species on the Hawaiian Islands when they settled there around 2,000 years ago. Man-made fires, beginning about 7,000 years ago, may have also had an effect on the Earth's climate, effects that can be observed today. Humans are hypothesized to have hastened the extinction of the Neanderthal peoples. These historical events are mild in comparison to the transformations humans have precipitated over the last 100 years. The burning of fossil fuels has been linked to climate change. We have created bombs that could spread nuclear fallout over the entire planet. We have covered huge swaths of land—at the expense of other species, both plant and animal—for our modern habitats. It is time to consider what responsibility we have as sentient beings to protect our environment, and stop using planet Earth as if it were a disposable commodity.

When environmentalists get together at their gatherings in the woods they are usually divided into two camps: conservationists and preservationists. Generally speaking, a conservationist believes that humans must practice sustainability because we have no other option. Conservationists see the natural world simply as a resource for humans to use—it must be preserved in order to insure our survival because we depend on it for food and shelter. Preservationists, on the other hand, believe that there is intrinsic value in the environment—that all manner of species, in some way, deserve to live and should be kept around because they are enjoyable and have as much right to live and thrive as we do. Although each environ-

mentalist “camp” has a different philosophical stance, they can find a common cause and common ground in beautiful creatures like the humble honey bee.

Bees have an interesting place in this argument because they fly on both sides—they are nature's little pollinators, so useful for humanity and our planet. Without the existence of honey bees it is estimated that up to half of the world's food supplies would not exist. Honey bees are also some of the most interesting creatures on Earth.

Honey is the only food that contains all of life's necessities (enzymes, vitamins, minerals and water) and honey can be preserved for centuries—hypothetically indefinitely.

Honey bees are also dying, and in huge, unfathomable numbers. It has gotten so bad that on June 23 of last year, President Obama signed a memorandum giving incentives to farmers and ranchers who establish honey bee habitats on their land. In an ironic turn of events, it is now believed that neonicotinoids, a type of pesticide, is thought to be the leading cause of unprecedented bee death; in an attempt to produce more food, humans are killing of the number one pollination system on earth. What can we do to save the honey bees, and in turn, save our planet?

As some of you may know, there is a new beekeeping club right here on the Colby campus! This is the perfect opportunity to learn about these wonderful, tiny creatures and aid in the survival of the honey bee—I appeal to the conservationist or preservationist in all of you—join us! You can learn the art of beekeeping: how to maintain a hive, visit local apiaries, harvest honey, identify the queen, and be a part of all the honey-making, pollinating magic.

If you are interested in joining Colby Beekeeping please buzz us at ihyoung@colby.edu, amcaughn@colby.edu or wzebrows@colby.edu.



Jake Young

Colby needs a real Arabic program

I think it's safe to say that the Middle East plays a large role in both global politics and economics. As someone who studies the Middle East substantially, maybe I'm a little bit biased, but I'll stand by that statement. And once again, as someone who studies the Middle East pretty extensively, I feel cheated by Colby for impeding the completion of my studies.

Language is a gateway to understanding peoples, cultures, and societies. Arabic and the Middle East are inextricably linked. The Islamic faith has its roots in the Middle East and specifically the Arabic-speaking world. The Qur'an, the holy text for Muslims, is written in Arabic and is believed to be the literal word of God. According to Islamic tradition, the Qur'an cannot be translated into another language. Any “translation” of the Qur'an is technically an “interpretation” as the translator is altering the word of God. By closing off a true understanding of one of the largest faiths in the world, especially while “politicians” like Donald Trump propose excluding refugees based on their Islamic heritage, Colby is doing a disservice to the students here.

The current Arabic instruction that takes place at Colby is unable to provide students with a cohesive platform for attaining proficiency. Every year, a different Fulbright Fellow is invited to the school to teach Arabic courses. That means that students who take courses face a lack of consistency in instruction means, methods, and standards. Furthermore, Col-

by does not allow these Arabic courses to count towards the three semester language requirement. This is attributed to the fact that instruction is on a year-by-year basis, and if problems were to arise with the Fulbright Fellow, a student could be stranded with only two semesters-worth of language instruction. This exact scenario occurred my sophomore year, 2013-2014. The Fulbright fellow was not allowed to enter the United States due to visa issues, and Arabic instruction at Colby was suspended for a year.

These factors pushed me into taking Italian for my language requirement. And while I find exceptional beauty in the Italian language (not to mention the food), my academic interests do not lie with Italy or even Europe. Given the choice, I would have taken Arabic, but unfortunately that choice was not open to me and is not open to dozens of other students. This also makes my future more difficult.

I hope to enter graduate school for a doctorate in Middle Eastern studies. My lack of knowledge in Arabic puts me at a huge disadvantage when compared to my peers who attend other institutions that have invested in Arabic instruction.

I'm not naïve. I understand that bringing full-time Arabic instruction to Colby would be a huge financial and logistical commitment. But in a time when Colby is making huge strides in revitalizing its athletic facilities, performing arts centers, and even downtown Waterville, why not revitalize its academics as well?



Daniel Nesvet

Internet outage blessing in disguise

During the first major Internet outage this semester, my roommates and I found ourselves standing in our common room staring at each other, absolutely at a loss for something to do. None of us are very technologically dependent—only one person in our room actually owns a smartphone. Yet, on that weekday evening, we could not figure out how to amuse ourselves without the use of “the Interwebs,” as one of my roommates calls it. I think I ended up going to bed at nine that night because I could neither study nor procrastinate.

Academics have become absolutely dependent on the Internet—I can research a topic, write a paper about it, and turn it in without ever leaving my room. My professors provide course materials on Moodle; I can access course information at any time via class websites. Of my three roommates, I am the only one who has actually checked out a book from the library. But even checking out books has changed. I don't need to go into the stacks in Miller, call numbers in hand, when I can just request them online. Someone will go find them for me, and I can just pick them up all at once at the front desk.

In a way, this has given students an incredible freedom. We can learn so much so quickly (thank you, Google). I keep up with current events in spare time throughout the day with a daily email delivered directly to my inbox each morning. I am able to go home the Thursday of finals week because I can upload my final papers from my flight

(which I booked conveniently online), from my layover in Chicago, or even from my own home in California.

I also carry my laptop nearly everywhere I go on campus. If I have a spare fifteen minutes,

I pull it out to check my email or skim an article. I am strongly dependent on my Google calendar. I no longer, as I used to in middle school, carry around a novel to read during any spare time. Instead, I just plug in. Because there, at my fingertips, exists a whole world of knowledge, opinions, and images I can access with just a click.

In August, a few weeks before the semester began, I met up with a couple of friends in Las Vegas. None of us had brought a n y t h i n g more than our phones with us—two slide phones and a flip phone—because we were headed to Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks. We drove through three states with nothing but an atlas (though sometimes we fired up the GPS), relying on our wits to get us where we needed to go and on each other's company to amuse us. It was brilliant.

Often during the semester, just about this time of year, I

yearn to unplug like that, to just take a month off from my laptop. I'd read actual full-length books instead of short articles; I'd make time to talk to my friends face to face or voice to voice since I wouldn't be able to connect with them online; I'd finish my assignments without getting distracted by my email. It is an unrealistic dream, of course: professors post assignment changes to Moodle, class readings are often uploaded as PDF files, and email is an essential part of college communications. I would probably still get very distracted.

But maybe over winter break I'll ban myself from my laptop. I'll still bring it home with me (got to finish those papers on the plane after all), but maybe once I get home, I'll shut it down and stash it away with my luggage

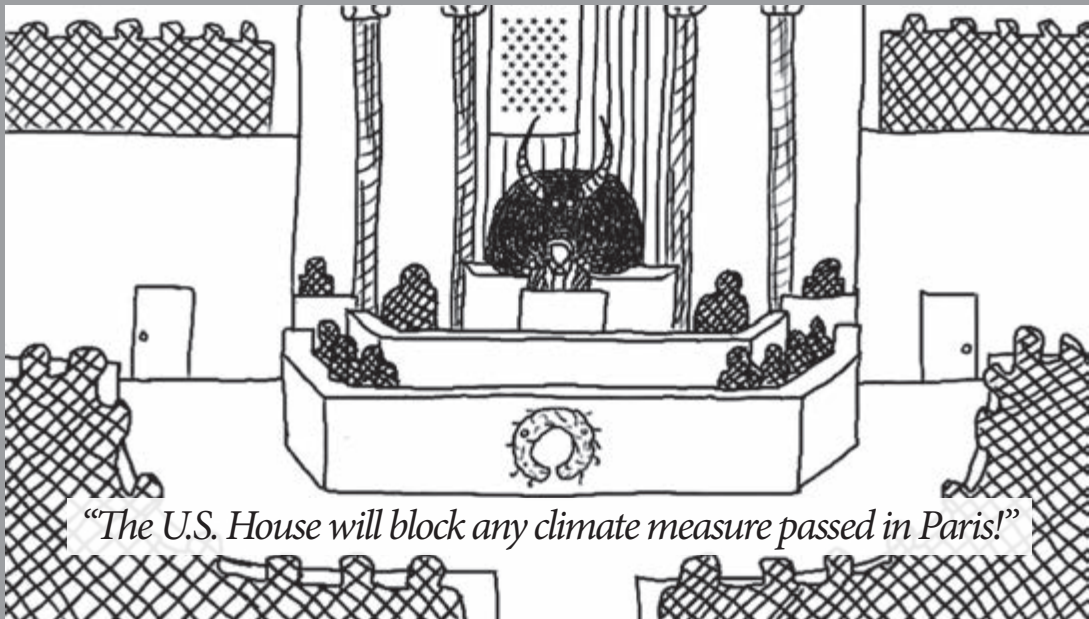
for the next two weeks. Maybe I'll spend my time baking and reading and tinkering around on the piano. Maybe I'll walk to my friends' houses or surprise my mom at work. Maybe I'll spend my time face-to-face with the people I am physically around, rather than on a screen with people I will be surrounded by within a couple weeks. After all, I can email my parents and see pictures of my hometown online—why go home unless it is to experience it fully?



Alyssa Lang

I no longer, as I used to in middle school, carry around a novel to read during any spare time. Instead, I just plug in.

Editorial Cartoon



This Holiday Season, watch out for the Cannibal Kringle himself: the Krampus. This year he is taking a brief break from dragging children to dark, unknown depths; instead, he can now be found in his new office at the U.S. House of Representatives.

Graphic by Wes Zebrowski

Marianne Hirsch: the Holocaust, photography, and education

By PEG SCHREINER
News Editor

On December 3, 2015 William Peterfield Trent, Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University Marianne Hirsch, spoke to the community about her research in photography and the Holocaust. The well-attended talk was part of the annual Berger Family Holocaust Lecture, which aims to promote conversations about anti-Semitism, and is endowed by Dr. Robert and Patricia Berger ('62 P'96).

In conjunction with her husband, Professor Emeritus of History at Dartmouth College Leo Spitzer, Hirsch has spent the last two decades studying how school photos taken in Jewish ghettos in Nazi-occupied Europe demonstrate "the power of photography as a medium of memory, memorialization, and resistance." She further explained that the photos taken during the World War II period make up just one part of a larger project on school photos and vernacular images that she and her husband have been undertaking.

As one of the "best documented events in history," according to Hirsch, the Holocaust has provided a morbidly compelling lens through which the couple can view their greater project. While there has almost always been a large amount of documentation of Nazi-occupied Europe, with written memoirs and oral testimonies being commonplace for survivors, Hirsch noted that, "as the decades pass, strangely more and more archival material keeps appearing."

Hirsch welcomed the new material, but she said each new document "actually complicates this history that we have inherited." In their research, the couple struggles to "fold [new information] into the larger history and to respond adequately to their demands."

According to Hirsch, it also prompts them to consider the question of what people alive now owe the victims of mass violence that occurred before we were born, as well as how to responsibly tell their stories.

Hirsch then began to discuss how, when she was searching for objects to help her "imagine and respond to the daily lives" of people who were living in desolate ghettos, the story of the war came alive for her in school photos. The example of resistance put forth by these photos was extraordinary in Hirsch's mind because neither schools nor photography was allowed in many areas of Nazi-occupied Europe. Despite these prohibitions, Hirsch cited that there were roughly 18,000 clandestine pupils in the Warsaw ghetto alone.

While school photos might

seem inconsequential to many people, Hirsch explained that, "through these photos and documents, resistance is defined not as an armed struggle, but as an effort to continue with ordinary lives, to document those lives for posterity, and to actually believe in a future."

Fully knowing the kind of struggle that both the photographers and the subjects of these photos were facing at the time, Hirsch said that it is difficult not to "read the images through our retrospective knowledge of what came to be." Specifically, it is difficult for Hirsch and Spitzer to lump school photos from the Holocaust together with school photos from times of peace, because in the former there are "young school children who were looking at the camera about to die, looking at a future that they were not al-

lowed to live."

In noting certain artists who have allowed the retrospective knowledge of their war to be apparent in their work, Hirsch cited the French artist Christian Botanski. Botanski is well-known for isolating the faces of children in school photos from Europe of the 1930's and blowing the images up in dramatic installations—something Hirsch said "creates an important post-Holocaust aesthetic of mourning and loss." She continued to note that Botanski believes all school photos to be "inherently so sad," as the viewer can assume that someone in the class has failed or died. This sadness, according to Hirsch, is compounded by the "historical knowledge of events yet to come."

Although Hirsch and Spitzer were both intrigued by Botanski's perspective, Hirsch said they

opted to look at the images as part of the larger genre of school photography in order to deepen their understanding of schooling in the ghettos and the texture of life during that period.

Despite Hirsch's description of school photos as being "ordinary, vernacular, uniform, and unremarkable images," she has been able to dissect ample meaning from the genre throughout her research. Typically, Hirsch said, the photographer and the teacher encourage the students to "assume a posture that demonstrates the acquiescence to a group identity."

Hirsch quoted the French philosopher Michel Foucault, who said, "Schools discipline the bodies and the minds to fit into a dominant hegemonic order." In this context, Hirsch claimed that school photos act as report cards that, created each year, certify that a student is "participating in a trajectory that defines citizenship and a national belonging."

While the recognized community created by school photos during the Holocaust was a positive documentation, there have certainly been points throughout history where the reinforcement of conformity can be seen as having a negative impact. One example of the darker side of school photos that Hirsch cited can be seen in the pictures taken of Native Americans in the 19th century, in which the subjects are being used as representations of successful assimilation. These specific school photos go beyond the mild level of conformity seen in many of their counterparts and address the notion of imposed institutional ideologies.

Despite the negativity that can sometimes be implied by uniformity, Hirsch ended her talk by saying, in the case of the Holocaust, "class photos show the life affirming role that schooling played in moments of hopelessness."



Marianne Hirsch of Columbia University spoke to the community about school photos and their roll in the Holocaust.

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Pen to Paper

*In This Season of Memory, When the Leaves Fall
Like Things Mournful of the Past, an excerpt*

by Alex Sarappo

It's inconveniently late when he discovers that his electric razor—one of those Phillips deals with the triangularly clustered heads that he this morning, for the first time, realizes, as he looks down on it poking out of his right hand, bears more than a passing likeness to the inner bit of a Biohazard symbol—is totally kaput. The LED clock sitting beneath his mirror shows 7:08 and records seconds by way of disdainful blinks. It's the morning of the third day of his three-day shave cycle, and if he doesn't figure something out posthaste, he'll be unrepresentable by his second graders' sweaty 11:30 return from PE. Unpresentable, subjective of course, but he's now remembering his first year when he shaved every morning with what seems to him now an unrecognizable zealotry, which gave way to last year's every other skip code, and now he's here, third year, third day, hispid jaw taunting him from within the mirror, ineffably knowing he's reached an outer limit, that either the stubble goes or he does, from Larchmont, for good. The years had a way of accumulating that now recalled to Adam a prank he had played on his roommate during their freshman year of college, which involved Adam carefully stacking a coin a day beneath one of the legs of his roommate's bed and doing this until, with the head of the bed rested at roughly a 25° angle to the floor, his roommate one November night declaring the bed defective, unsleepable. Adam had felt roughly the same for many years and then one of his students this year told him his incipient stubble reminded her of her grandfather: what had once made him look older now inexplicably made him look old.

Adam looks down at his own socks and as he's bending to try to get the right one's drooping elastic up over his ankle, a soft pink floats into his peripheral. On the lip of the tub looms one of Carrie's disposables. It must have been sitting there since what, July? For all Adam knows, it appeared this morning. He scoops the thing up and tests its strip of blade with a finger. It's amazingly unsharp for something for which sharpness is the only requirement. He turns to face his mirror, Barbasols both cheeks, and sneezes. The clock's LED display rises out of the sternutated foam like a searchlight through fog and reads 7:14.

Brew Review

An argument for the darker beers you need in your life

As the days grow shorter and the nights get longer most beer people (like myself) start reaching for something darker and heavier to end and/or start a day. Now I know some people don't like dark beers—and for good reason. Most dark beers end up being far too gimmicky: "This was aged in bourbon barrels for 14 years and it's called Daddy Issues, bro!" Unfortunately, Daddy Issues will end up tasting like a Bud Light with some Jim Bean splashed in it. Dark beers can also end up being way too bitter, as most Black IPA's forget that malty sweet and super bitter citrusy hops go together like OJ and toothpaste. Even if it is a great dark beer, it is pretty intimidating. I mean, it's not every day that you see somebody drinking black liquid.

This causes the causal beer drinker to stick to whatever IPA or lager they might like and never gets out of their comfort zone, which sucks because good dark beer is one of the best parts about winter,



Will Ryan

because everything else about it sucks.

Now I'm not going to sit here and tell you to drink dark beer at parties, as most people will look at you like you have 17 heads, or think you're being super weird for cranking a six pack of Guinness on a Friday night. But for a post class/gym/dining hall bevy, dark beers are fantastic. There is nothing quite like the sweet, malty taste of a darker beer on an even colder night (trust me I've done my research).

Funky Bow's Midnight Special Coffee porter is a dark beer you need in your life. This porter pours black as night with an aroma of freshly ground coffee. The scent is due to both

the malt and the addition of some seriously dope cold brew. As a result, the overall taste is fantastic. The coffee blends well with the malts leaving you wondering if it is 9 a.m. or 9 p.m. They combine for a taste and feel of drinking melted coffee ice cream. The finish is chocolatey with a red wine taste from the 8.0% ABV, which is a nice reminder that it's winter and we should all get a little buzz going once in a while.

Overall, the porter is a fantastic buy and one nobody could regret. I personally found my six pack at Joka's, but the dudes from Lyman are all over town with these unreal liquids. So go down some dark liquids and say screw you to your normal pale ale or IPA of the week.

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Screen pass

“Spotlight” triumphs in film on Catholic Church sex scandal

By **EMILY MALINOWSKI**
Assistant A&E Editor

Tom McCarthy’s *Spotlight* is a steadily riveting showcase of the *Boston Globe*’s famous uncovering of child abuse in the Catholic Church in 2002. At the time, almost nobody was aware of—or simply refused to acknowledge—this rampant problem with Catholic priests until a small team of investigative journalists look into it. The film highlights their brilliant work, which resulted in the circulation of nearly 600 *Globe* articles on the alleged child sex-abuse cases that the Church attempted to sweep under the rug for so many years.

Spotlight begins with a conversation between investigation department head Walter “Robbie” Robinson (Michael Keaton) and newly appointed *Globe* editor Martin Baron (Liev Schreiber). Baron is convinced the Church is hiding something, and encourages Robinson to investigate a few sexual abuse scandals involving Catholic priests, that the *Globe* and a couple of other papers reported on twenty years ago with no follow-up. Robinson and the rest of his team, Sacha Pfeiffer (Rachel McAdams), Matty Carroll (Brian d’Arcy James), and Mike Rezendes (Mark Ruffalo), spend the next eight months pursuing this landmine of a project, gathering evidence from alleged survivors and the few others who are willing to help.

As we learn throughout the film, there are more survivors than anyone could have ever anticipated. “They say it’s just physical abuse but it’s more than that, this was spiritual abuse,” says one of the survivors in an interview

...it is the quiet scenes that are the most blood-pumping.

with Rezendes. “You know why I went along with everything? Because priests are supposed to be the good guys.” However, the most infuriating part of this to survivors, as well as audience members is that the courts and the Church have done absolutely nothing to help the hundreds of people that reported their abuse.

In fact, they have done the opposite: bury the evidence so deep that even the court cannot access it. What begins as a deplorable story on the wrongdoings of a few Catholic priests, unfolds into a phenomenon that is connected to a part of the whole Catholic Church system. *Spotlight* beautifully depicts the painstaking journey that the team goes on to expose the magnitude of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, and reminds audiences that the problem that was made public 13 years ago still persists to this day.

The film also, intentionally or not, pays homage to the mundaneness that is inevitable of a grand endeavor like this one. Unlike other detective films that it has been compared to, *Spotlight* exposes the rather tedious reality of fighting for an extremely important cause. Pfeiffer, Carroll, Rezendes, and Robinson are constantly turning corners, testing their patience with every task that will potentially bring them closer to publishing this one (or so they think) article. They are told time and time again to drop the story. The *New Yorker* describes it as “a saga of expansion, paced with immense care, demonstrating how the reports of child abuse by Catholic clergy slowly broadened and unfurled.” So don’t expect to be on the edge of your seat—at least

not for the entirety of the film’s two hours. But this is not to say that the film is boring, in fact, it is the quiet scenes that are the most blood-pumping.

Spotlight also tackles the moral dilemmas that investigative journalists must face at certain times. Rezendes must come to terms with the fact that he will probably never be able to revisit his faith again if he continues to participate in the investigation and prosecution of the Church. Meanwhile, Pfeiffer must choose to do this job knowing that her grandmother—who she lives with—goes to Church three times a week. Although the journalists are clearly heroes in this story, they are not shown without their flaws. There are some unexpected plot twists that will cause you to rethink previous perceptions of certain characters.

All in all, this film eloquently displays the real, boring, and gritty sides of newspaper journalism without washing out any of the suspense that most moviegoers hope for. There is almost no trace of typical Hollywood drama in the film at all, as it focuses on the methodical process of reporting: finding adequate sources, convincing them to talk, fact checking all of the material, printing the story at the right moment, everything. *Spotlight* eloquently displays the real, boring, and gritty sides of newspaper journalism without washing out any of the suspense that most moviegoers hope for.

The dull visuals were the only noticeable flaw, which in my opinion doesn’t take away from the film. It is mostly set in a newspaper office and the residential streets of Boston, after all.

There are some other notable performances from Stanley Tucci, Michael Cyril Creighton, and Jimmy LeBlanc. *Spotlight* is showing at Railroad Square Cinema for \$7. Expect to see it on this year’s list of Oscar frontrunners. It is a must-see.

Editor’s picks

10 Instagram accounts for art lovers

By **EMILY MALINOWSKI**
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and
TERRY O’CONNOR
A&E Editor

This week we decided to bring you a list of some of our favorite arts related Instagram accounts. This list provides a run down of ten accounts that we think are putting out some of the most innovative, creative, and visually exciting material on Instagram. Enjoy.

1. @ignant
iGNANT is an award-winning online magazine which features a mesmerizing collection of the best in contemporary art, design, and photography. Each post is a preview for an article available on the website, which is linked in the caption. If you don’t have the time to read through a full article, this account is a great way to still get your daily dose of innovative design.

2. @textsfromyourexistentialist
A witty take on self pity from artist and poet April Eileen Henry. Henry imposes the modern iMessage text box on images of Renaissance artwork. Each text box includes a melodramatic musing on the futility of modern life. It’s funny, contemplative, and strangely relatable.

3. @the.daily.splice
Created by artist and Digital Marketing Manager Adam Hale, *The Daily Splice* features beautiful hand made collages collected from a variety of free magazines found on the London Tube.

4. @jamesjeanart
The personal account of Taiwanese American visual artist James Jean, who’s known for both his fine art as well as his commercial work. His account features some of his daily photography, photos of finished works, and snapshots from his sketchbooks. The account is a beautifully insightful look into the creative mind of a genius artist.

5. @teamwoodnote
Colorful, quirky photos from professional shoots and daily happenings taken, edited, and curated by LA-based photographer Caroline Lee. Definitely a must-follow.

6. @ideabooksLtd
IDEA Books collects and sells one of a kind art and design books. Located in London’s famous Dover Street Market, these books are either extremely scarce or historically significant. The store’s account features photos of some of their most unique works.

7. @hifructosemag
This is the account of *Hi-Fructose, The New Contemporary Art Magazine*, which features images of striking artworks from contemporary artists, both emerging and well-known. It’s a great account for keeping in the loop on a diverse range of working artists.

8. @ihavethisthingwithfloors
I Have This Thing With Floors follows a pretty simple formula. The account is a curated set of photos of beautiful and unique floors from around the world with nothing else but the inclusion of the photographer’s feet. The concept revels in the beauty of something otherwise often overlooked.

9. @eugenia_loli
Otherworldly prints and collages by California-based collage artist and filmmaker Eugenia Loli. Loli’s compositions feature eclectic combinations of images that result in complex, visual stimulation artworks.

10. @belebenard
Chicago transplant Béle Benard is a photographer with an eye for the dark, magical, and sometimes hidden corners of the city. Her use of light is exquisite, capturing her subjects and landscapes with the finesse of a master.

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From the Archives: November 30, 1989

More Toilet Talk

Ahh...the Thanksgiving holiday - a time of eating, sleeping, and celebrating with family and friends. If Thanksgiving were a longer holiday it would beat out Christmas as my favorite, but even though the Thanksgiving vacation ranks second on my list, the afternoon spent lounging on the couch with a satiated belly and satisfied eyes (zeroing in on the Cowboys) is unparalleled. Of course we all enjoy Thanksgiving simply because we get a taste of our old luxuries - great food, plenty of sleep, a chance to avoid homework, and clean, aroma-free bathrooms.

Steve Collier
LIKE IT OR NOT

Yes, that's right - sanitary bathrooms. Bathrooms may seem like a rather odd topic for an article that could discuss any number of important issues, but I'm pissed about the urine-laden bathrooms I "clean" myself in every day. I may have an abnormal household, but I didn't confront an unflushed toilet, boot on the floor, whiskers in the sink, or someone's dirty underwear on my shower rod over the entire Thanksgiving vacation. Now I hate to complain about minor inconveniences, and it's not that I mind the occasional aroma of urine, but it's the frequency of the offenses that disturbs me.

I don't want the cleaning staff to take the blame, as they do a fine job, rather it's the inconsiderate behavior of fellow students that I want to flush. I think it's a small minority that's to blame, and I concede that flushing the toilet does take time and does require putting your hand (or foot) on stainless steel that many other similarly soiled hands have grabbed, but I still think every Colby student is up to the task. It's funny then, that almost every time I walk into the bathroom (whether it's in my dorm, the library, dining hall, or classroom building) I'm confronted by the familiar yellow urinal and an odor which even the cilia in my nose

can't placate. I can stand the yellow of a urinal or the unflushed browning of a toilet on occasion, but it is the recurrence of exposure to simultaneous offenses which has forced me (and my nose) to write this article.

Another bathroom problem that confronts me daily is what to do after I've finished expelling bodily refuse. My mother always told me to wash my hands to avoid germs and disease, and I always thought she had a good point, but I can never find any soap or paper towels in the dorm bathrooms. I continued heeding my mother's advice for a while and tried to use the toilet paper to dry my hands with anyone who's ever tried this will know that this ploy was unsuccessful, so I've gone to the wet hands, finger-flick method as a sort of compromise. I did, however, find a good use for the toilet paper - there was a rough spot with some splinters on my bed and that needed sanding and the toilet paper worked beautifully.

Basically I'm confused and unresolved about the entire hand-washing issue. I'd like to believe my mother, but I'm sure any elite college with a fully-staffed health center and a wealth of knowledge would surely provide soap and paper towels if they were really necessary. I suppose I could get a towel and soap out of my room every time I go to the bathroom and simply ignore the inconvenience - and I did try this for a while - but I've found that when I'm in a friend's dorm, by the time I run from his or her room, grab the towel and soap and run back, I don't have to go anymore.

Of course there are many more enjoyable things about Thanksgiving than clean bathrooms, but I really was refreshed by flushed toilets, towels, soap, and a sink uncluttered by someone else's hair. Students can't do much about the accessibility of soap or paper towels, but we can unite in a common cause to dispel the bathroom odor, so no matter how much you like your body, flush a little of it down each day - or at least provide a can of Lysol for the next user. ☐

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Mayflower Chill A Capella Concert
Thursday, December 10 / 8:00 P.M.
Bixler 106

Mediocre Fall Concert
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Mary Low Coffeehouse

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Lorimer Chapel

Men's Basketball vs Bates
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Ball wins at last second

By **ANDREW D’ANIERI**
Staff Writer

The Colby Women’s Basketball team kicked off a busy week with a difficult game against Division I University of Maine-Orono (UMO) on Tuesday. Games between Division I and Division III teams are rare and usually only occur in the first few games of the season, as they are often treated as warm-up games for the DI school. The teams met at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, with Colby looking to prove that they could hang with the higher division Black Bears. UMO came out firing in the first half, quickly taking a 22-5 lead over the Mules. Colby struggled to get their offense going against the Black Bears’ defense, which forced 20 turnovers in the game. The Mules improved as the game went on but the score stood 47-17 at the half. Coach Julie Veilleux made some adjustments during the break, putting in some of the reserves with the

hope that they might provide a spark to pull the Mules back. The game finished 82-42, in favor of the Black Bears for Colby’s first loss of the year. The Mules still took some positives out of the game: they had the opportunity to compete against the best team they will likely play all year, and to provide reserve players some valuable experience. Captain Mia Diplock ’16 finished as the team’s highest scorer on the day, with nine points from 3-7 shooting, including two three-pointers. Later in the week, the Mules showed their resiliency on Friday, bouncing back to defeat University of Maine-Fort Kent 72-53 in the first game of the Colby Classic. The Mules finished off the weekend in dramatic fashion by winning their second game of the Colby Classic over Saint Joseph’s College on Sunday by a score of 66-64. Saint Joseph’s had possession with the game tied at 64 and 28 seconds left. Colby recovered the rebound after a Saint Joseph’s missed shot,

with just four seconds remaining. The Mules called a timeout, knowing they had enough time to run a play for the win. Coach Veilleux drew up a play for captain Carylanne Wolfington ’16 to get open just underneath the basket. The play worked perfectly, with a pass from Diplock finding Wolfington on the near block to put in an easy layup with three seconds on the clock. The visitors still had time for one final chance and found an open player 1ten feet from the hoop, but Haley Driscoll ’18 was alert and stole in just in time to swat the ball away as time expired. Sunday’s victory over a talented Saint Joseph’s team was a huge accomplishment for the Mules. Driscoll led the way, shooting 8-10 to go along with five rebounds. Caitlyn Nolan ’17 chipped in off the bench with 13 points and five boards. With this weekend’s wins, the team improves to 6-1 on the season as they prepare to take on Bowdoin next Saturday, December 12 in Brunswick.

M. Ice Hockey beats Bowdoin

By **HENRY DODGE**
Staff Writer

The Colby Men’s Hockey team added an impressive victory to their resume with a shutout win over archrival Bowdoin last weekend. The Mules played in front of a packed house on Friday night thanks to a massive showing of support from the student body. Devin Albert ’17 did not take long to get things going offensively for Colby as he tallied the first goal of the game off an assist from EJ Rauseo ’17 and Jack Burton ’17. The rink was rocking into the second period when Michael Rudolf ’18 added to the scoreboard off an assist from Mario Benicky ’18 and Tyler Lingel ’16. Colby finished off their opponent in the third period when Nick O’Conner ’19 put the Polar Bears away with a nice goal of an assist from Bur-

ton and Michael Decker ’18. The Mules played incredibly well on defense and killed two penalties on the night. The team’s defense carried their momentum from last week’s tournament into the weekend and the league statistics show it. Colby remains the only team in the NESCAC that has not allowed a power play goal, and the Mules are a perfect 18/18 so far this season on the penalty kill. The Mules’ defense is anchored by netminder Emerson Verrier ’18 who was honored with NESCAC player of the week, and was also named to the *D3hockey.com* team of the week after his strong performances against the University of Massachusetts at Boston, and Endicott College. This weekend proved to be no different for Verrier as he stopped 43 pucks against Bowdoin on Friday night. After their shutout victory on Friday, the team looked ahead to an away tilt on Saturday against

the Polar Bears down in Brunswick. The Mules got off to a slow start on Saturday after letting up an early goal, but they answered seven minutes later when Decker scored off a pass from Burton. Bowdoin was able to net one more goal to close out the first period ahead 2-1. The second period proved to be a defensive slugfest as five penalties were called on both teams. The Mules were able to kill four penalties in the period and went into the third period only one goal behind. Albert continued his scoring ways as he netted a goal in the first minute of the period off an assist from Cam MacDonald ’18, but the Polar Bears proved to be too much for the Mules, as they scored two more goals to close the period out and take the victory 4-2 in their home rink. Looking ahead, the Mules have games on Friday and Saturday against Connecticut College and Tufts.

M. Squash starts 2-0, Women open at 1-1

By **WILL LEVESQUE**
Co-Sports Editor

With strong finishes from both Colby Men’s and Women’s Squash last season, excitement was high as they went into their opening matches on November 21. Led by respected coach Sakhi Khan, last year’s NESCAC Coach of the Year, the Mules opened strong, with the men winning both of their opening matches and the women going 1-1. After finishing last season ranked 21 in the nation, and ninth among DIII colleges, the men looked to start their season with a dominating display, and they readily delivered. First facing Northeastern, the Mules put on an impressive performance, cruising to an 8-1 win. Up first, Will McBrian ’18 quickly felled Northeastern’s Evan Jacobsen in a 3-0 match. Benjamin Kwass ’18 stepped up second, winning his first set but then losing three in a row for the Mules’ only defeat of the match. The Mules found their stride again in the remaining seven matches of the day, dispatching their opponents in a relentlessly clinical fashion for a comfortable win. The men’s match against MIT began less smoothly when McBrian was defeated by MIT’s Justin Restivo in a close 3-2 match. The possibility of defeat was eliminated, however, when Colby won three successive matches. MIT managed to rally in the fifth match as Jeffrey Hu defeated Mules’ Hugh Doherty ’17 but the reprieve was short-lived as the Mules won all of the following matches, culminating in a 7-2 win. McBrian commented,

“I think we’re going to be stronger than last year.”

While not as successful in their opening foray as the men, Colby Women’s Squash still opened the season strong, going 1-1. Having finished 20 in the nation last season, expectations were equally, if not higher, for the women’s team. Unfortunately, the opening match against Wellesley did not go as hoped, with the Mules falling 7-2. After Wellesley won the first match in a close 3-2 affair, the Mules rallied, and Captain Julie Wolpow ’16 and Helen Bernhard ’19 won the second and third matches, respectively. However, Wellesley quickly regained their lead, winning the next six matches for a final score of 7-2.

Eager to recover from the opening loss, the Mules came back strong in their second match against Northeastern, charging to an 8-1 victory. Lacking a ninth player, the Mules’ only loss came from a forfeit in the ninth, giving Northeastern a solitary win. Winning every match except the eighth by a score of 3-0, Colby Women’s Squash recovered from their initial defeat to a resounding victory, demonstrating just why they were ranked 20th in the nation. Colby Squash made a powerful statement about the coming season in their opening weekend performances. Seeking to emulate the success of last season, the Mules are without a doubt looking ahead to their coming matches, and victories, in January.

Women’s Basketball				
	NESCAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Amherst	0	0	6	0
Bates	0	0	2	5
Bowdoin	0	0	4	2
Colby	0	0	6	1
Conn. Coll.	0	0	6	0
Hamilton	0	0	4	3
Middlebury	0	0	3	1
Trinity	0	0	6	1
Tufts	0	0	3	1
Wesleyan	0	0	5	1
Williams	0	0	6	0

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Sports

M. Basketball defeats Polar Bears to improve to 5-1 overall

By JAMES BURLAGE
Staff Writer

Colby's Men's Basketball continued their blistering start with a trip-let of victories over the past weeks. Raising their current streak to five, the Mules show no signs of slowing down. Since their overtime loss vs. the College of Staten Island in their season opener, the Mules have only found success as their current overall record stands at an impressive 5-1.

On November 29, Colby travelled to Weston, MA., to tip off against Regis College. The 2-5 Regis Lions forced a challenging game as the lead was constantly exchanged. The Mules showed resiliency by galloping back from an early deficit to lead 34-28 at the half, however the Lions rebutted with a torrid 9-0 run in the last three minutes to take a 61-60 lead. Ryan Jann '16 proved to be the deciding factor in the game as he sunk a 3-point from the top of the key with a second left to spare. A clutch shot deserves praise, but Chris Hudnut's '16 17 points and nine rebounds and Luke Westman's '16 ten points (4-4), five rebounds, five assists and two blocked shots were all large factors in Colby's impressive team victory.

“It’s fun to be a part of somethig like this.”

Michael Logioff
Class of 2016

Using an exhilarating win as momentum, the Mules hosted University of Maine at Presque Isle on Wednesday looking to continue their successful season start. They did just that as they made quick work of the UMPI, beating the Owls 82-68. Hudnut proved why he was a previous NESCAC player of the week by putting up impressive numbers: 16 points (5-10), seven rebounds and three assists. The Mules show incredible depth, with every player having potential to make an impact on the game. Against the Owls, Sam Wilson year stepped up and had a game high 17 points. Colby's 48.2 shooting percentage and 42.1 percentage from beyond the arc are more than respectable and hopefully indicate a continued multifaceted offense.

Perhaps participating in the most anticipated contest of the week on Sunday, Colby tipped off against Bowdoin in front of the Mule crowd. Despite the game not counting towards the NESCAC standings, it was no less important as both teams wanted to make a statement against their biggest rivals and set the tone for the upcoming NESCAC season. The Mule's slammed home a victory beating the 3-3 Polar Bears 86-82. Colby led primar-

ily throughout the first half, but the Bears had a second surge taking the lead 79-78 and holding it with just one minute left in the game. However that was all the Bears could muster as the Mules sprinted the final seconds with a 8-2 decisive run. With a couple missed three's by the bears and composed free points and layups by the Mules, the Colby Men's Basketball continues to close out game strong. Four Colby starters ended the game with double-digit points: seniors Hudnut (21), Patrick Stewart (18), Wilson (12), Jann (12).

When asked why Colby Men's Basketball team is playing so consistently and successfully over their five win run, Michael Loginoff '16 aptly remarked, “We are playing holistically as a team and know that we can beat any opponent if we play our game. For us, it's about one stat: win or lose. Every game a different player has stepped up to help us get the job done. It's fun to be a part of something like this.”

With how the Mules have been playing, it is hard not to expect big things from the team and Loginoff expects just that, saying, “We want to win a NESCAC Championship and make a run into March — nothing more, nothing less.”

On December 12, Colby will play their last game before Christmas, facing off against another rival, Bates, at home. Lets hope the Mules come up with a big win and keep their impressive streak going.

Devastator of the Week



Hudnut has been a force for the Mules down low this season.

Courtesy of Dustin Satloff

Chris Hudnut '16

Sport: Basketball

#42

Position: Center

Economics-Mathematics

Hometown: Chevy Chase, MD.

Major

Why: This season, Hudnut has already been a NESCAC Player of the Week and been named to the D3hoops.com National Team of the Week. He currently ranks fourth in the league in points per game.

W. Ice Hockey goes 2-3-1 overall

By RUSS OLLIS
Staff Writer

The Colby women's ice hockey team travelled to Clinton, New York, this past weekend for a show-down with the Continentals of Hamilton College. The Mules entered the weekend sporting a 2-2 overall record and a 1-1 New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) record.

On Friday, December 4, the Mules kicked off their weekend series against Hamilton. Colby got off to a great start, rebounding from an early 1-0 deficit when Bre Davis '16 scored her second goal of the season as she took a Sasha Fritts '18 pass and put it past the Hamilton goalie. With about five minutes left in the first period, Fritts found the back of the goal herself for her fourth goal of the year. However, just as the Mules thought they would enter the first intermission with a 2-1 lead, Hamilton responded with a goal of their own with only 21 seconds left.

Fritts picked up her third point of the night as she connected on a power play goal to put the Mules up 3-2 with 15 minutes left in the second period. Midway through the period, the Continentals evened out the game yet again. The Mules responded as co-captain Katie McLaughlin '17 scored off of a pass from Brooke Gary '18 and Bella Papapetros '18 with only 28 seconds left on the clock before the second intermission.

The Mules carried their 4-3 lead well into the third period when the unthinkable happened. In a span of a little over three minutes, the Continentals scored three unanswered goals that proved to overpower the Mules and propel Hamilton to victory. About halfway through the third period, Hamilton connected on a power play goal that knotted the score at four apiece. Just 28 seconds later, the Continentals scored the game-winning goal, followed by an insurance goal two minutes later. Even though the Mules dropped the game

6-4, they had a quick turnaround with another game against Hamilton the following day.

On Saturday, December 5, Colby hoped to split the weekend series with Hamilton. The Continentals struck first, as they put one past goalie Angelica Crites '16 12 minutes into the first period. Delaney Flynn '17 answered for Colby as she scored with three seconds left before the intermission.

The second period was uneventful on the scoresheet as no team registered a goal. Eight minutes into the third period, Hamilton regained the lead. Papapetros proved to be a top performer of the game as she scored with 2:08 left in the game to even the score. Crites also came up big as she stopped 16 shots in the third period and overtime to secure the 2-2 tie for the Mules.

Colby came out of the weekend with a 2-3-1 overall record and a 1-2-1 record in the NESCAC, and currently the team sits in fifth place in NESCAC standings.

Swimming strong at States

By WILL WALKEY
Co-Sports Editor

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams competed at the Maine State Swimming and Diving Meet on Saturday at Bowdoin College. While there was no official team scoring in Brunswick, both teams competed admirably and clocked impressive individual times.

On the men's side, Joe Paluso '19 finished with top ten times in three different races. He finished fourth in the 200m freestyle with a time of 1. 47.98 seconds, sixth in the 1650m freestyle, and seventh in the 500m freestyle. John Blackburn '17 and Nick Kim '16 each finished in the top five in their respective events as well, with Blackburn taking fourth in the 50m backstroke and Kim placing fifth in the 200m but-

terfly. Carter Garfield '19 also placed in the top ten in multiple events, taking fifth in the 400m individual medley (4:27.37), sixth in the 100 meter backstroke (1:02.18), and seventh in the 50m backstroke (28.24). John Pintauro '17 finished fourth in both the one and three-meter diving boards with scores of 189.05 and 188.60, respectively.

On the women's side, the team performed well in the 200m backstroke race. Katherine King '19 earned fifth place in the 200m backstroke with a time of two minutes and 15.23 seconds, and teammates Madi Keohane '19 (2:15.41) and Morganne Hodsdon '16 (2:16.80) followed closely behind in sixth and seventh. In forward-facing events, Abigail Taylor-Roth '19 performed notably, placing sixth in the 50m breaststroke with a time of 33.03 seconds and seventh in the 100m breaststroke with a time of one

minute and 11.03 seconds.

This meet was the second under the 2015-16 coaching staff, which includes the addition of assistant coach Malena Gatti. Gatti earned her bachelor's degree from Amherst College in May 2014, and was a successful swimmer for two years at her alma mater until switching her career aspirations to coaching the sport. During her final two years as an undergraduate, she was an assistant coach at Amherst Regional High School, and, following graduation, switched her allegiance to her former high school: Ransom Everglades School in Coconut Grove, Florida.

Gatti joins head coach Tim Burton and fellow assistants Doug Hall '90 and Kevin Makarowski and hopes to bring the young Colby swimming and diving teams to new heights in the 2015-16 season and beyond.

Colby on Deck

M. Ice Hockey vs. Conn. Coll.

Fri., Dec. 11 7:00 p.m. Waterville, ME

Indoor Track at S. ME Invitational

Sat., Dec. 12 11:00 a.m. Portland, ME

W. Basketball at Bowdoin

Sat., Dec. 12 2:00 p.m. Brunswick, ME

W. Ice Hockey at Holy Cross

Sat., Dec. 12 3:00 p.m. Worcester, MA

M. Basketball vs. Bates

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M. Ice Hockey vs. Tufts

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