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By Claire Bosich

News Editor

“Colby Security hasn’t had a problem with the spa,” Susie said. “I know for a fact that there was never a complaint from the students about it. It closes at 1 a.m. so we were able to leave whenever we wanted. And there were never any noise complaints from the students.”

Susie hypothesizes that this decision will be a step in the wrong direction for Colby Security. “It’s good for people who have a lot of money and don’t need to go to work to pay for tuition,” said Susie. “But what about the kids who are working hard to afford tuition? They’ll be at a disadvantage.”

Colby Security’s actions receive negative feedback from students

BY LOUISE GOLDMAN

Features Editor

“Names have been changed for the sake of anonymity.”

After watching a rushing volleyball match amongst friends at the AC, sophomore Lawrence* returned to his room double to en-

gage in what has commonly been known a Friday night tradition at Colby— a pre-game.

“We were playing beer pong and stuff, just your typical sort of thing,” Lawrence said cautiously in a recent interview with the Echo, ex-
plicating that he was joined by four friends, only two of whom were consuming alco-
hol at the time. “I actually fell asleep on my bed, but I wasn’t in the point where I was drunk and had passed, I just fell asleep.”

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ries of events coming from both inside and outside of his room, supposedly produced by security who, more likely than not, showed up due to a noise complaint.

Before long, Susie and her friends at the AC, sophomore Rachel* vouched for them so they got formal warnings. “I’m not sure how SATs work any more than the numbers report over just the first two weeks,” said Susie. “The student handbook makes it clear that the policy towards alcohol has published for the 2015-2016 academic year.”

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After it was made clear that Lawrence was fine, “There’s just a human de-

sire to do the things that you’re not supposed to do because you don’t feel held to the same standards that you do when you’re at home,” said Susie who also believes that there is a significant difference in the presence of worry and the way parents react to their children’s behavior.

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Editor Chuck Plunkett to receive 2018 Lovejoy Award

By LUISA GOLDMAN

On Friday, Sept. 1, the College announced that former Denver Post editorial page editor Chuck Plunkett will be the 2018 recipient of the Lovejoy Award for Courageous Journalism.

Plunkett resigned from his position at the Denver Post in early 2018 after writing a controversial article about the paper’s owners, criticizing their cost-cutting efforts which seemingly compromised the integrity of the newspaper.

In a recent interview with Colby Magazine, Plunkett expressed his joy at receiving the award.

“I welcome the chance to give more oxygen to those advocating for local coverage, those willing to be honest in the name of the public good,” Plunkett said. “Our newspapers are being challenged, by forces of profit at the terrible and dangerous expense of eroding the integrity of the press through the use of the printed word. This courage ultimately led to his death at hands of angry, racist mob—who felt his writings and views put profit at the risk of the paper's freedom. Chuck Plunkett said.

The Lovejoy Award aims to recognize journalists who uphold the principles of a free press in the United States, such as Chuck Plunkett. "The Lovejoy Award is well-deserved," Director of the Goldfarb Center, and former Senator in the Colorado General Assembly Chuck Plunkett shared in an interview.

Chuck Plunkett's love for the people he covered unswervingly led him to the fight against injustices, Plunkett's peers shared.

The Lovejoy Award is sponsored by the Center for the Arts and Humanities at Colby College. The center's mission is to encourage students to take risks in their studies and to pursue excellence in their work. The center's annual Lovejoy Award is presented to a journalist who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to the principles of free speech and press freedom.

Plunkett will receive the award at the College’s annual Lovejoy Award ceremony, which takes place on Saturday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Outing Club.

Chuck Plunkett, former editorial page editor for the Denver Post, is this year's Lovejoy Award winner.

By CLARK BURKE

As Colby continues to forge new relationships with the Waterville community, the administration has worked hard to address concerns from one student to another in the Waterville, Maine, community.

The shuttle program for transporting faculty, staff, and students between the downtown dorms, offices, and the main campus, launched this past Aug. 20.

The program consists of three vehicles: one 24-seat converted bus, one 14-seat van, and one 12-seat van. Students can take the shuttle any time Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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Parades, Piglets, Pie Cones, Oh My! The Common Ground Fair

By: Alessandra Amano Contributing Writer

The Common Ground Fair, hosted in Unity, Maine, is the perfect get-away for anyone looking for something fun to do in the part of the country where the weather is still nice and the outdoors activities are endless. The fair, held annually on the first weekend of September, is an annual event supporting the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA) and the Common Ground University. The fair has been going on for over 30 years.

Nestled among the rolling hills, theättling demonstrations from all over the area, the fair offers a unique atmosphere for a fun and exciting time. From the food options to the entertainment, there is something for everyone.

The food is one of the major draws of the fair. The variety of local food options is endless, from local meats to seasonal veggies to creative new dishes, there is something for everyone. One of the most popular stalls is the Heiwa Tofu stand, which offers a variety of tofu dishes, including the popular white sauce. Another popular dish is the chicken over rice, which is served with a side of red chili sauce to increase the spice. The food is delicious and the presentation is top-notch.

In addition to the food, there are also a variety of entertainment options. From live music to animal demonstrations, there is something for everyone. One of the most popular demonstrations is the training of these dogs. The dogs are well trained and perform a variety of tricks for the audience. The training is impressive and the dogs are well-behaved.

The fair also features demonstrations and educational shows about various agricultural and homesteading techniques. From the apparel and merchandise to goat milk soaps, there is something for everyone.

The fair is a perfect place to experience the beauty of Maine and the beauty of the food. The fair is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday. The fair is located at 94 Front Street, Waterville, ME. For more information, visit www.commongroundfair.org.
Security Manager Mike Benecke sits down with the Echo

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the College’s Department of Security works to make Colby a safe place for all, especially as the Colby student body grows in size. The campus security office, located in Roberts Hall, is the place for students to obtain parking passes, and pick up packages. Campus security, though responsible for all of those matters, does much more than that. Involved in all of this action is Associate Director of Security and Museum Security Manager Mike Benecke, who works to provide a safe and secure place for all, especially as the Colby student body grows in size.

“Faces of Colby: Associate Director of Security and Museum Security Manager Mike Benecke”

“My typical day starts at 6 a.m.,” Benecke said. “I report to my office in the museum and review the scheduled activities occurring at the museum for the day, and I make any arrangements to accommodate those. Each day, Benecke also assists with institutional reports regarding art theft or art focused incidents, “said Benecke. “Then I report to my office in the museum and review the scheduled activities occurring at the museum for the day, and I made any arrangements to accommodate those.”

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“Save the date: Upcoming arts events in Theater and Dance and at the Colby College Museum of Art”

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They played at the con... them busy, but according to the Jo... the world whose di... That's more like your... "It's a very different... -yawn."

Scott Jackson ’19

The Julian Warnock Quartet: Daring Northward

The Quartet is definitely in a high demand. This fall, they have been part of one of many events because of their pace for the group, or the arts. "It's definitely not one..."

By Sarah Warner

When the four started playing music together, they didn’t intend to form a band. "The first Dare Northward event last year..." Creon declares that Eteo..."she’s willing to..."

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Imagine coming into Colby as a freshman athlete only to discover that the sport you came to play doesn’t have a coach. For the squash team, that is the current reality. A quick search for the Colby squash coaching page yields a blank page with text reading: “A new squash head coach will be announced soon.”

Near the end of the summer, the now former coach Sahki Khan announced his departure from Colby squash. By Aug. 6, Colby had posted an ad on the U.S. Squash website seeking a new full-time coach for both the Men’s and Women’s team. The post is still live as of Sept. 24.

Khan had been the coach of both teams for 17 years and had been awarded numerous awards throughout his tenure, such as NESCAC coach of the year and the Chaffee Award, awarded to one coach each year based on sportsmanship. With such a long career at Colby, it certainly came as a surprise to some that he left the program.

Sophomore Sydney Ku commented that “[the team] found out at the end of the summer but none of us really know what happened.” Being the 23rd ranked team in the country in a Division 1 sport for both men and women, this loss certainly doesn’t bode well for the team moving forward unless they can quickly find a suitable coach. This is especially true for the future of recruiting. For the incoming class of freshman, there are a total of 10 freshman split between the two teams, two on the women’s team and eight on the men’s team. At least 13 of the 14 players on the women’s team have mentioned that they likely have no connection to any of the current players and will certainly test the dynamics of both teams.

As a recap of last season, both teams performed well and had similar season results. The men closed out their season 11-10 while the women finished 9-12. As a season highlight for the men, Will McBrian ’18 made his way to the National Individual Championships, ultimately losing in a consolation match. Devin Mullane ’18 also made her way to the National Individual Championships and made it even further, falling in the semifinals of the tournament. With a lot of talent still left on both teams, Colby squash is certainly poised for a strong season, despite not yet having a coach.

However, despite the sudden departure, the college has been making progress towards finding a qualified coach and players from both teams have noted that in the coming weeks they will be meeting with potential new head coaches. The squash season will kick off this November, though the official 2018-2019 schedule has yet to be posted on the squash team page.

Athletes’ search for a new Squash coach nears an end
Men's Rugby shows no mercy in newcomers in 83-26 UNH victory.

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On Saturday, Sept. 22, the UNH Wildcats visited University of New Hampshire at Colby. The game was the opening of the two teams' Midatlantic Rugby Football Conference season. While the teams were of a lower level than UNH would play, the game was still a great opportunity for Colby to gain the second win of the season that UNH has in its division.

"We didn't know what to expect coming into this game," said Ben Shapiro '20, the club's president. "It was great to play our first game of the year and it was fun to see our players perform."

While Colby's first game of the season ended in a defeat, the team showed great promise. The Mules played a defensive game, making it hard for UNH to score. The team was able to score a try early in the first half, giving them a 10-0 lead. UNH was able to score a try late in the first half, but Colby was able to keep the lead.

In the second half, UNH was able to score two more tries, making the score 10-17. UNH was able to take control of the game and score another try, giving them a 10-24 lead. However, Colby was able to score a try late in the second half, bringing the score to 10-21. UNH was able to score one more try, giving them a 10-26 lead.

Colby was able to score a try in the final minutes of the game, but it was not enough to overcome the deficit. The final score was 10-26, giving UNH the victory.

"I think we played well and we had a good game," said Shapiro. "We were able to score some tries and make some tackles. We need to improve our defense and work on our strategy."

Colby will need to work hard to improve their defense and strategy for their next game against the University of New Hampshire. The team will need to focus on their defense and work on their strategy to be successful in their next game.