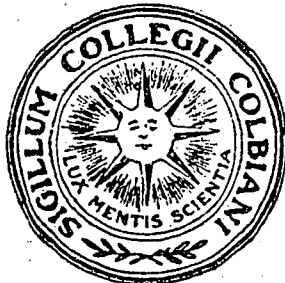


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New Meal Plan Approved

by Mike Diamond

Colby students will be greeted by laser scanners at all dining halls and at the Joseph Spa next fall. Seilers announced Wednesday that the Missed Meal Plan was approved by the student body.

1,025 students participated in the vote. 56.2 percent supported the new plan while 43.8 percent opposed it.

The new plan will allow students to make up for missed meals at the Joseph Spa. As stated on the survey given to students, "The missed meal plan would allow students to obtain credit in the Spa for missed meals in the dining halls. With this feature, students on the dining plan who miss a meal, for example, because of work, sports, or class conflicts, would not be forced to miss meals."

Students will be compensated for missed meals according to the price of the meals Seilers charges to individuals at the doors of the dining halls: The credit earned would be restricted to the same day and for the meal that was missed. The meal credit would be \$1.50 for breakfast, \$3.00 for lunch, and \$4.00 for dinner.

The credit could be used during the non-serving times in the dining halls which would be 9:45 to 11:30am for breakfast credits, 1:45 to 5:00pm for lunch credits, and 7:00 to 9:00pm for dinner credits.

Administrative Vice President Stan Nicholson was hopeful that students would approve the new meal plan. He believed that this survey would prove more successful than one which was conducted last January. At that time, only 27% of those surveyed chose a missed meal option plan at the Spa. He told the Echo, "The Dining Services Committee has been working for two to

three months, the questions were less confusing this year, and many of the questions students might have had were answered on the sheet."

Nicholson noted several reasons for the proposed change. He said, "One of the problems involves sports teams. When teams have meets and have to double up on facilities, feeding people is a problem."

Also, we have a Spa which is not busy and we have to keep it open. With this in mind, the new Missed Meal Plan is convenient. People will not miss as many meals. It's in everyone's benefit to make the most of it."

Nicholson admitted that the system was not without potential flaws. He said, "Depending on how the credit system eventually works, the new meal plan could overwhelm the Spa. We've tried to prevent this problem by limiting the plan to times after hours. Still, that kitchen was not designed to prepare full cooked meals and can't be a real alternative to the dining halls."

He was not concerned that the cost would be prohibitive to students. He noted, "You have to have a computer identification system. It's a cost but not a real concern. The Seilers system would cost approximately 12,000 dollars or 3 to 4 dollars per student."

Nevertheless, the cost of the new plan would actually be far greater. Seilers estimates that students will actually take more meals under the new system. Whereas individuals on the present plan attend an average of 15 to 16 meals a week, the new plan is expected to increase that attendance to in excess of 16 meals per week.

Seilers expects the present plan for the 1987-1988 academic year to cost approximately \$2,050 and the new Missed Meal Plan to cost approx-

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Winter Lights

photo by Andrew Longyear

Will New Room Draw Policy Pass?

by Larry Radican

After careful consideration, and after scrutinizing alternative policy options such as the possibility of commons retention, the room draw committee has produced a room draw plan that they believe is equitable and satisfies the needs of the student body. The process of coming to their decision was long and involved, requiring weeks of debate, surveys and fact finding.

The proposal itself is a four step plan that is implemented over a four day period. On the first day seniors will draw on an all campus basis, choosing from all residence halls. Hall quotas will regulate the number of seniors, as they will for all other classes, so that a proportionate number of each class will occupy each hall.

On the second day there will be the Junior Class all campus draw. The survey that was given to this years sophmores indicated that their preference

for commons retention was about 50 percent. Since the decision was split, the room draw committee considered the sentiments of both the Commons Councils and the Board of Governors. These student representatives expressed overwhelming support for an all campus system. The room draw committee believed that the survey results, coupled with the decisions of the campus representatives, adequately justified the implementation of an all campus draw for the Junior class.

The committee decided that since a majority of freshmen wanted to "squat" their commons, day three will be the sophomore class retention draw. At this time, the lowest percentage of freshmen wishing to maintain commons affiliation is 64 percent in both Lovejoy and MaryLow Commons. A survey of the freshmen class will be held again just prior to room draw to see if the percentage of freshmen wish-

ing to retain their commons changes. If not, the freshmen will have the option to squat.

Day four is the sophomore class all campus draw. Those freshmen choosing not to retain their commons or those not able to maintain affiliation due to hall and retention quotas will select from those rooms remaining open at that time.

The room draw committee views this system as being extremely flexible, allowing each class to determine the type of system it desires. It sees this new system as instituting a sense of community which is extremely beneficial for freshmen as they establish friendships at Colby. Through the surveys upperclassmen have indicated that this sense of community, or need to establish a foundation is not of particular interest to them, probably because they have now had two to three years to develop strong friendships. Upperclassmen are given the ability for greater mobility, while up coming

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Campaign 2000 - And More?

by Mike Diamond

Vice President Cal Mackenzie told the Echo Wednesday that the Colby 2000 Campaign may meet or exceed it's \$28.5 million goal within the next week.

He said, "Right now, we're within \$200,000 of the 28.5 million goal. I expect we'll go over the top within the next week or so. We have high hopes than when the books are closed at the end of the year, the campaign will be substantially over our goal. We still don't know how much we'll get. Yesterday, for example, we received a \$200,000 gift that we had no confidence that we would receive."

The proceeds from the Colby 2000 Campaign will be used to fund capital goals such as the expansion of the library and the Student Center as well as the endowment and other projects like the women's locker rooms and library acquisitions.

MacKenzie is enthusiastic about the success the College has had with the Campaign. He said, "This is extraordinarily good news. There's absolutely no precedent for it. We've raised more with the Colby 2000 Campaign than the combined total of all our fundraising campaigns within the past century."

He also told the Echo that Colby has been especially successful with regard to raising money from foundations. MacKenzie said, "We had hired a firm (Brakely, John Price Jones, Stamford, CT) to estimate how much we could get from foundations. They told us one million dollars. We've managed to raise five million."

NEW DEVELOPMENT EXPECTED

MacKenzie was cautious in estimating when another campaign such as the Colby 2000 Campaign would occur as he feared these types of

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"Many have very eloquently dubbed the gay community, 'the invisible minority,' because not only is it impossible to know whether someone is gay, but it is equally impossible for gays to find each other." p. 9.

"There is no prospect that the Reagan magic will dominate again. Concerned voices ask now whether the president can govern at all." p. 3.

"Engines are revving, but they're not those of cars.... More and more students can be heard and seen riding motorcycles on Mayflower Hill." p. 7.

"Do you receive positive and/or negative comments from your students on lecture and on class related projects?, the majority of professors answered, 'sometimes.'" p. 8.

LETTERS

Stress and the Library

Well folks,

The editors have no profundities to utter forth to you this week! Yes, it's a major stress scene at the Echo once again. If we could only tell you the half of it! - our cigarettes are burning at half mast, we are floating in a pool of coffee, and we wish we could see the light of day - that is if we could ever get out of this office! But then, everyone else seems to be in the same position; the entire student body appears to be living in the library.

Have you ever stopped to really notice the library. Each floor has its own personality and everyone goes back to the same floor - you really sort of become part of a crew.

For instance, the basement is for the people who hope the cold will keep them awake while studying. First floor, on the otherhand, is where people go who hope the noise will keep them awake. The second floor is a total social scene. If you don't know where someone is, go to the second floor. The third floor is where everyone is now, frantically studying because throughout the semester they had fallen asleep. Then there's the street, a welcome relief from the cold and the only place where you can *legally* eat, drink or smoke in the library.

People in the street are willing to procrastinate to such an extent that they will talk to anyone - even an Echo editor. They gave us some advise to help prevent stress in the next two weeks. Really, an interesting array of ideas.

Senior Sven Dubie for instance, advocates music. He said, "Listen to the new Bruce Springsteen album one hour a day. An hour of live Springsteen a day will get you through the next two weeks."

Junior Sara Dickison offered the following remedy: "Procrastinate two hours a day with at least two friends and two diet cokes."

Senior Eli Orli said people ought to "consume mass quantities of alcohol."

And, Junior Demeitra Giatas (who is now simultaneously working on six papers) said, "People ought to do their work on time."

Well everyone, good luck with it. We'll need it.

Mike Diamond
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Hall Staff/Governors - Making the Distinction

To the Editors:

I would like to commend the Student Association Executive Committee, two anonymous writers, and anyone else involved in the recent residence hall staff/governor distinction proposal. Certainly it should create a good deal of controversy in debate. I feel that it is a very progressive and intelligent piece of legislation (if there is such a thing).

The document recognizes the distinct importance and difference between the roles of hall staff members and governors. If these positions are to be fulfilled effectively, specialization indeed appears necessary. I particularly relished the prospect of week-night, on-call hall staff members on a rotating basis, as well as the requirements that Head Residents have past hall staff experience. The position of Head Resident is a uniquely challenging and oftentimes unpredictable responsibility.

Past experience on a lower level seems imperative.

The most noteworthy suggestion in my mind is the recommendation that students not hold the titles of both hall staff member and governor as "the time required of the student holding both positions would be too great for either job to be carried out effectively." These positions are essential to the quality of life on campus. Each is a great deal of work. If the students are to be represented earnestly and fairly, overzealous, albeit usually sincere candidates, should choose one position. Think of how creatively these posts would then be fulfilled. How exciting! Surely individuals with a personal interest in the matter will argue otherwise. I implore them to grit their teeth and overlook their resumes for a more honorable and selfless cause - their fellow students.

My only qualm with the

proposal is the resolution that residence hall staff should not read actual (opinion) evaluations... summaries of the scores received and copies of the actual complaints and compliments might be prepared by deans or governors for the hall staff." I'm a little nervous about how consistent and clear the summary translations would be as opposed to actual evaluations.

As a student who fears the temptation of power and local glory, I hope the proposals are passed enthusiastically. They embody ideals which consider the student first and foremost. That's good, isn't it? Heck, I think so.

Sincerely,
Scott A. Lainer '87

Mule Ethics?

To the Editors:

During last year's room search incident, those students who protested the search by writing angry letters to the Echo were accused of "cowardly" hiding behind assumed names, which I, as editor of the paper, allowed them to affix to the ends of their missives. As was explained at the time, enabling the letter writers to remain anonymous provided them with a sense of security they felt was needed in light of the perception (real or imagined) that the office of the dean of students would stoop to any level to punish members of underground fraternities.

As I have read the Echo this semester in Ireland, I have awaited a similar explanation regarding the opinion piece by "Thomas Smedley Kensington." Have the faculty members who write the column genuinely convinced the editors that their teaching positions would be in jeopardy if legitimate by-lines were assigned to the piece?

If the editors have been so convinced, it would probably be of greater value to the paper readers if the professors complaints were published as straight news stories and not as unsubstantiated sour grapes. If the angry professors can back-up their anti-administration claims in a public forum - such as an unbiased news story in which President Cotter and others are given the opportunity to respond - they might gain the sympathy and support of the Colby community.

Should the column continue to be published in its present form, readers should pay as much attention to it as they pay to the graffiti on the bathroom walls in Miller Library.

David Scannel

Seilers Can Compete With Mom

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in defense of Seiler's Food Service at Colby; this is partially directed toward Ingrid Ekstrom's article of, "White Linen at Seiler's." For three years now I have listened to a variety of different complaints aimed toward our food service. I have heard both pro and con views from both the students and from the food service management and employees. This is because I am a food service student manager and part of my job is to listen to and respond to these complaints/compliments. However, I am not writing as a Colby food service employee, I am writing as a member of the student body to explain to everyone that the food is not as bad as we have made it out to be.

We here at Colby College have been provided with one of the best food services in the country, believe it or not. If you do not believe this, try eating at some other schools which employ one of the more popular services such as SAGA or Marriott, where the phrase "Mystery Meat" originated. At these institutions you have no choice as to what variety of food you are offered, how it is prepared, or how and when it will be served; you just make a good attempt to eat and possibly identify the food. Here at Colby we have, once again, a choice, if we would just realize it.

To start off with, the variety

of food offered by Seiler's is quite good as compared to other services. It was designed with the students in mind and with much input from the students. The manner in which the food is prepared is 100% better than that of the other services. All the food is prepared fresh daily, under the highest sanitary conditions, here, on campus. This is opposed to Marriott, for example, where all the food is mass produced in the world's largest kitchen in Georgia, I believe, where it is then flown and trucked to all of their locations, heated and then served. Mmm, yummy, yummy.

I realize that all of the entrees do not appeal to all of us all of the time, and I also realize that the spaghetti is not anywhere near that of Mom's spaghetti, but what I try to keep in mind is that Mom does not have to cook for 400 people at a sitting, 350 days a year. Given the time, and careful planning put into each meal, and the demands of all of us, I think that we can at least come to the agreement that the food "ain't all that bad," in fact, I would have to agree that it is "pretty damn good" considering. I think we can also agree that Seiler's has their strong points and their weak points when it comes to this food.

The food service people are only human, (and fine humans at that I must say,) and the only way that they can improve the food is by us telling them what we think and know could be

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Dealing With California

by Russell Baker
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NEW YORK - English is the official language of California. It was so decreed by the voters on Nov. 4.

Three of every four voting Californians said yes to the officialization of English. The officializing instrument was a majority vote in the affirmative on Proposition 63, officially pronounced "sixty-three."

Thus was the officialization of English implemented among all official speakers, official readers and official writers functioning between the Sisiyou Mountains and Calexico.

"Sisiyou" and "Calexico" are not English names. Unless they change into something more comfortable to eyes and ears officially hospitable only to Anglo-Saxon sounds and symbols, Calexico and Sisiyou will become, respectively, an unofficial municipality and an unofficial mountain.

To avoid such unofficiality, large municipalities with un-English names such as Los Angeles (Spanish), San Francisco (Spanish) and Eureka (Greek) must Anglicize their nomenclature.

San Francisco will become Saint Francis. The lyrics of its favorite song will be changed

to, "I left my heart in Saint Francis."

Los Angeles will become The Angels. Its informal name, L.A., will thereafter be T.A. This means the famous LAPD will become the TAPD and the district attorney's conversation will have an appropriate Abbott and Costello quality as he explains, "I'm the TADA, not the LADA."

Eureka's Greek name, if translated literally, will become I Have Found It. In view of the obvious complications certain to afflict citizens of anyplace called I Have Found It, Eureka's are expected to comply with officiality requirements by choosing something more commonplace for users of the Queen's English.

There is considerable local sentiment, in fact, for adopting "Queen's English" as Eureka's new name. Those in favor point out that just as The Angels will inevitably be initialized down to T.A., Eureka would if it became Queen's English, Calif., soon become known as Q.E.

Moreover, the argument goes, since there is already a well-known QE2 - the luxury ocean liner - Eureka would naturally be referred to as "QE3." This would do wonders for the town's tourist business,

or so some people think.

What of Governor Deukmejian?

Yes, regrettably California's governor is named Deukmejian. Does anybody here think "Deukmejian" sounds English enough to be official? Hardly suggests a cottage in Sussex with dear old Nanny slicing into a steaming plum pudding while grumbling to the upstairs maid about poachers in the grouse patch, does it?

And what is more official than a governor? All right, maybe a senator. California has two. Names: Wilson and Cranston. It's hard to be more officially English than Wilson and Cranston. Just recently the British had a prime minister named Wilson, and Cranston sounds like a town on the railroad line between London and York. "Next stop Cranston-on-Kippers, step lively, please..."

But Deukmejian? The governor acknowledges roots in Armenia, and there is absolutely nothing wrong with that. Nevertheless, Armenian is not the official language of California.

It is an absurd situation for one of the state's most official persons to bear a name that has

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The Electronic Informer

by William Safire
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WASHINGTON - Suppose Robert (Bud) McFarlane is brought before a grand jury by the Independent Counsel looking into the Iranian ransom profit diversion.

Suppose, like John Dean, buttoned-up Bud is determined not to be the fall guy, and points at chief of staff Donald Regan as one with knowledge of wrongdoing. (We do not know that he will; we're supposing.)

Then suppose the prosecutor goes to Don Regan with sworn evidence of his supposed culpability and threatens him with prosecution and a long jail sentence - unless he cooperates with the investigation.

How would the suspect be expected to cooperate? The prosecutor would want to put a tiny transmitter - a "body wire" - under his lapel and send him into the Oval Office to have a chat with an unsuspecting president about the time mention was made of a diversion of Iran funds to the "contras."

If the president did not remember anything incriminating, the body-wired chief of staff would then be expected by the prosecutor to suggest a new

stretching of the law, and again to save the hostages. In this way, listening investigators would find out if the president was "predisposed to the commission of a crime," if the president went along with the proposed scheme, the trap would spring shut.

Of course, none of this is about to happen. Why not? Because loyal Don Regan, if accused, is not the sort to rat on his boss to save himself. And the Independent Counsel, even if eager to get higher-ups, might be loath to use this common prosecutorial technique on the highest-up.

My point in this terrible scenario is that the prosecutor has the authority to use the "body wire" in that situation. More and more prosecutors across the country have been creating investigative zombies - walking deadbeats turned into electronic informants, gathering incontrovertible evidence from suspects who do not know they are being induced to testify against themselves.

The most famous recent case is that of Ivan Boesky, who sought a reduction in sentencing by wearing a transmitter into meetings with associates, offering deals he knew to be criminal to help the

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Abroad at Home: Can Reagan Govern?

by Anthony Lewis
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BOSTON - For nearly six years Ronald Reagan governed on his terms. He reigned and ruled. It did not matter if he was inconsistent, if he said one thing and did another, if he got the facts wrong. He got the images right. He dazzled the public. He bent Congress to his will.

That is over. With the facts on Iran and Nicaragua coming out over many months and in many forums, there is no prospect that the Reagan magic will dominate again. Concerned voices ask now whether the president can govern at all. In foreign policy, especially, is this country inevitable in for two years of drift and danger?

The answer is that Reagan still can provide leadership - assuming, at least, that there are no more devastating disclosures of criminality and folly. But his leadership would have to be of a different kind: Collaborative, not royal; centrist, not driven by ideological obsessions.

The possibilities, bad and good, have been demonstrated by Reagan himself. Within one week he went in opposite directions on the Iran affair, starting down what looked like a fatal path, then correcting himself.

The first step was his interview with Hugh Sides of Time magazine. Reagan blamed "another country," Israel, for funneling Iranian money to the Nicaraguan "contras." He blamed the press - "this whole thing boils down to a great irresponsibility on the part of the press." He called Oliver North, who ran the mad adventure, "a national hero."

It sounded like vintage Richard Nixon: admit nothing, blame everyone else, be bitter. That way would surely lie a fatally wounded presidency, leaving the United States without leadership in world affairs for two years.

But then Reagan turned the other way. He faced the necessity for an independent counsel. And he appointed a respected professional, Frank Carlucci, as his national security adviser. One wonders who helped bring the president back from the brink.

The Carlucci appointment could be a significant signal. Carlucci is not an ideologue or a cowboy. He has served administrations of both parties. Most interesting, he had the sense and courage to disagree with Henry Kissinger in Spenglerian mood. As ambassador to Portugal in 1975, he urged help for the democratic socialists there while Secretary of State Kissinger was trying to write them off as harbingers of Communism.

If there is to be effective leadership in foreign policy now, it must be in collaboration with Congress. The reaction to Carlucci's appointment - relief from Republicans, warm support from Democrats - showed how much it could help. But other personnel changes cannot be avoided if the president hopes to work with Congress.

William Casey, the director of central intelligence, has tried to deceive the intelligence committees too often to retain credibility there. His latest falsehood was a dilly. On Nov. 21 he told the Senate committee that he knew nothing of an arms shipment to Iran via Israel in November 1985 - before the Reagan program - though the CIA had in fact helped arrange it with his approval.

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U.S. Attorney find out if his Wall Street friends were predisposed to lawbreaking.

The technique is undeniable legal. The Supreme Court ruled in 1971 that the consent of a person wearing a concealed device to record or transmit a conversation vitiates any justifiable expectation of privacy held by the other parties to the conversation.

The court treated such electronic transmission as just another form of informing, requiring no search and seizure warrant. The person agreeing to a police request to wear a wire, or record a telephone call, is said to be acting "under color of law," and the eaves-dropped-upon person has no defense unless a rare state law prohibits such listening in.

At the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, Fred Hess, director of the Office of Enforcement Operations, has stopped requiring that U.S. attorneys get written Justice approval for affixing body wires to plea bargainers or handing them "fixed devices" (attache cases with transmitters). "Approvals were a waste of time," he says. "The only times I turned it down was when there was no allegation of an offense." As the devices

became harder to detect and easier to hear, the technique mushroomed; now juries ask "Where are the tapes?"

I think "this dirty business," as Justice Barndis called wire-tapping in 1927, is getting out of hand. It is one thing for investigators with warrants to put a body wire on a Mafioso to get murder and drug-smuggling convictions of suspects with criminal records, or to get a bug into terrorist dens to prevent attacks, but quite another automatically to wire up every white-collar plea bargainer to drag in a net filled with wriggling inside traders.

No doubt it makes prosecutions easier for lawmen. But at what cost to all the rest of us? Most Americans like to think that when we talk to another person face to face or on the telephone, at our offices or in our homes, we are not being tested for "predisposition to committing a crime" by a police officer listening back at Orwellian headquarters.

The Supreme Court was shortsighted in providing government with the ability to intrude into every home with a bug on a visitor; now the march of technology and the habit of prosecutors has stripped every private conversation from the expectation of privacy. This hot vogue in prosecution tells us "Trust nobody" - not your co-worker, not your children, and if you are president, not your chief of staff.

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been electorally declared unofficial. Can official acts be legally official when carried out in the nation's only official English-language state by a governor with an un-English and, indeed, an unmistakably Armenian name?

The question will have to be decided by the California Supreme Court, and here arises another problem. Californians on Nov. 4 voted to retire three justices who had been intensely denounced in television commercials.

Restoring the court will require the governor to make three new appointments. But can appointment orders signed with a name not of the official language be legally official?

Only the voters of California can tell and doubtless, if asked,

they will be glad to spend two or three months watching television commercials that elucidate the complexities of the issue in punchy, dramatic, 30-second bites, and vote a solution.

What it might be is not too hard to predict since, after all, we are dealing with California. I predict they will make Deukmejian's signature official by voting a decree that he be Anglicized through the granting of a dukedom and ever afterward known officially as Duke of Mejian, Earl of Saint Francis, Marquis of The Angels and First Admiralty Lord of QE3.

In the same election, Californians will make tennis the official pastime, Mercedes-Benz the official car, tan the official color and the Pacific the official ocean.

You are reading the last issue of The Colby Echo for 1986. The Colby Echo will resume regular publication in February, 1987. If you like what you read in the Echo or can see areas where improvement might be made, please don't hesitate to contact us. Experienced and inexperienced people are welcome.

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Donald Reagan has almost no friends on Capitol Hill now. His method as White House chief of staff has been to isolate the president even further from the hard decisions - from reality.

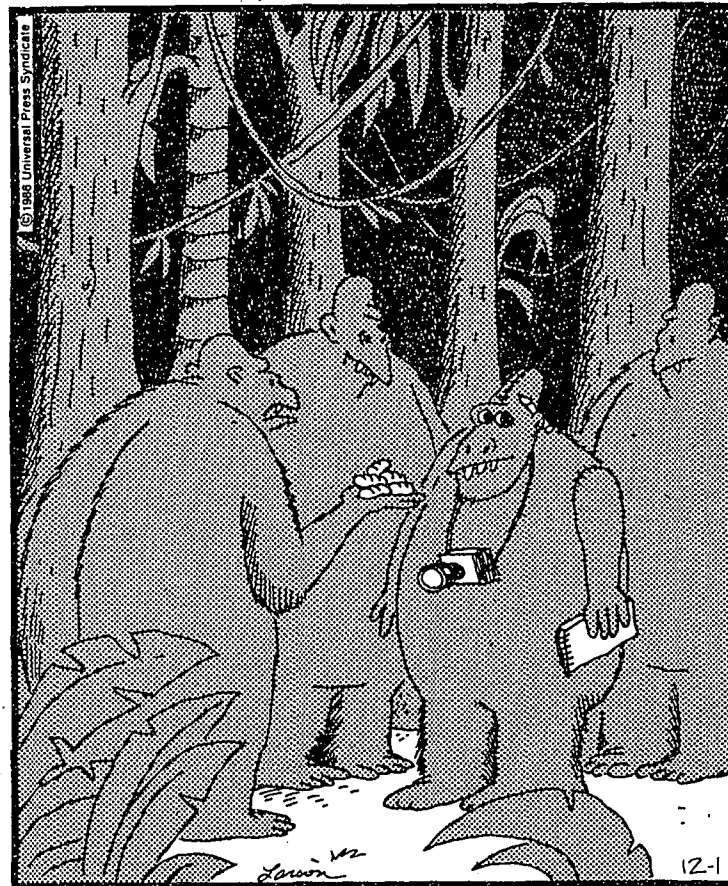
But collaboration with Congress depends on the substance of policy as well as respect for those who carry it out. There can be no collaboration if the president insists on ideological crusades. The inescapable question is Nicaragua.

For years now, Reagan has obsessively sought to overthrow the Nicaraguan government, by foul means or fair. He managed to override congressional objections and win aid for the contras. But there can be no bipartisan policy along those lines. That is something that not only the president but some of his intellectual backers are going to have to understand. Crusades lacking broad support in the country are not on any longer.

There is a model in history for a Republican President and a predominantly Democratic Senate working well together: the Eisenhower years. A fascinating book by George Reedy, "The U.S. Senate," throws much light on it. George Reedy was assistant to the Senate majority leader then, Lyndon B. Johnson, and he has great stories to tell about that age of consensus to work. I think Americans want it now. I think the Democrats in the Senate would support the president in that kind of foreign policy. It is up to Reagan.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"So, you're a real gorilla, are you? Well, guess you wouldn't mind munchin' down a few beeele grubs, would you? ... In fact, we wanna see you chug 'em!"

1st Semester Exam Period Dining Hall Hours

During the period from Tuesday, Dec. 16, through Monday, Dec. 22, the meal hours at all halls will be as follows:

Breakfast	7:30-9:45
Lunch	11:30-1:30
Dinner	5:00-6:30

Mary Low will close after the lunch meal on Friday, Dec. 19.

Lovejoy will close after the lunch meal on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Johnson/Chaplin will close after the lunch meal on Monday, Dec. 22.

Exam Survival Kits will be given to all board plan participants at their respective commons on Monday evening, Dec. 15.

Exam Breaks (Donuts!) will be offered during the Exam Period between 10:30 and 10:00 pm on the following days:

Monday	December 15
Tuesday	December 16
Wednesday	December 17
Thursday	December 18
Friday*	December 19
Saturday*	December 20

*Johnson/Chaplin only

Note: Lovejoy and Johnson/Chaplin will reopen with the dinner meal on Jan. 1, 1987.

The Spa's special hours during the Exam Period between Tuesday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 20, will be as follows:

Tuesday	December 16	7 am to 11 pm
Wednesday	December 17	7 am to 11 pm
Thursday	December 18	7 am to 11 pm
Friday	December 19	7 am to 10 pm
Saturday	December 20	7 am to 6 pm

From 7-9 am, only coffee, juice, tea, and fresh pastries will be available.

The Spa will reopen for normal hours on Monday, January 5.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!



A Weekday Party!

by Wendy Dauphinais

Does anyone know that the weekday party rule which says that parties are not allowed on school nights, has been suspended? Well, if anyone was aware of this change then they certainly fooled the administration, because the Dean of Students Janice Seitzinger said that since the rule has been changed, no one has taken advantage of the new freedom.

Approximately two months ago, the Board of Governors asked that parties be allowed in the Commons Room of the Student Center any weekday night until 12:00 p.m. The proposal was accepted by the Student Affairs Committee and the faculty, with only one restriction: on Tuesday nights the parties cannot begin until 9:00 p.m., when seminars are over.

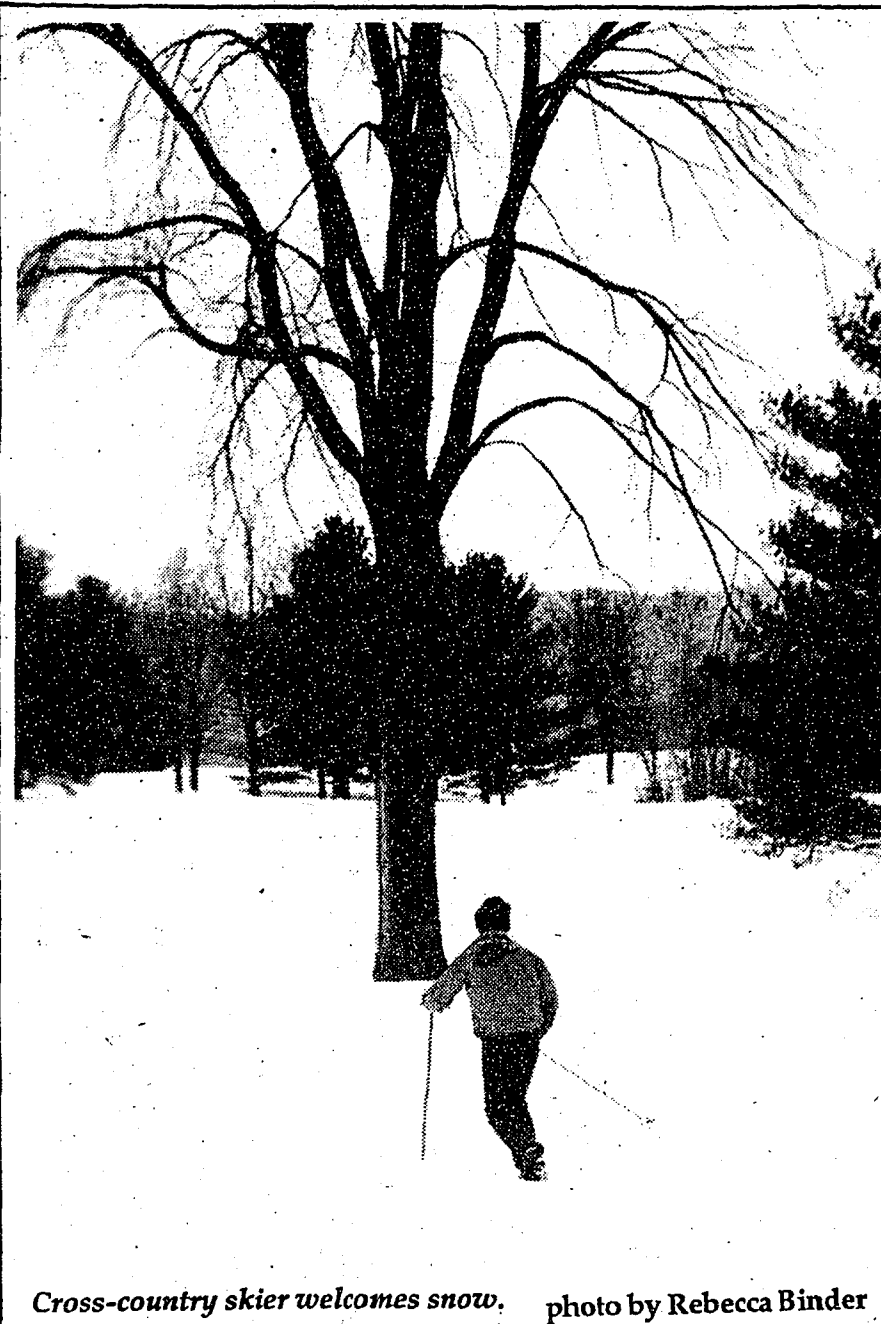
The rule for weekday parties in the residence halls remains unchanged. Small alcoholic parties in the residence halls must be approved by both the dean of students and the residence hall members. Time limits must be set, along with the amount of alcohol and the number of people.

According to Seitzinger, the

changes in the weekday party rule is on a trial basis until the end of January, when the Student Affairs Committee will decide if the new rule should continue. Director of Student Activities, John Farkas said, "Since this rule went into effect there has been no weekday parties in the Commons Room." The dean of students and the Student Affairs Committee struggled to get the rule suspended, and now they are anxious to see some successful weekday parties.

The Student Center Commons Room is open to any student group or individual that wants to hold a function. If the Student Center is not in use on a Friday or Saturday night then spontaneous parties are allowed. The person who desires to hold a party must inform the night manager that comes on at 8:00 p.m., and allow him an hour to set up and provide security.

The Student Center Board has voted unanimously that community groups cannot rent the Student Center during the school year, unless they get special permission by the board. "The reason the Student Center was built is so that it is accessible to the students," said Farkas.



Cross-country skier welcomes snow. photo by Rebecca Binder

Matriculation Book Done

The Matriculation Book signing contest has been won by Johnson Commons. At the end of last week a dedicated Johnson Commons resident took the last signee directly to the President's office BY CAR (!!) to sign his name in the matriculation book. Johnson Commons has won \$200.00 from the President's discretionary fund for their efforts in getting the Book signed. Congratulagations - what are you going to do with the \$\$\$\$ Johnson Commons?

Academia Elsewhere

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.:

A campus wide student referendum banning public smoking was passed at Bowdoin College on Monday November 17. 402 students voted; 232 voted in favor of the ban and 170 against the ban on smoking in all public areas. Following the vote the Executive Board met to discuss possible measure to accomodate smokers and non-smokers. The head of the committee handling the referendum is suggesting to the college marshall Dudley Woodall who determines the campus smoking policy, that the college reexamine the campus smoking policy. At issue are whether smoking should be permitted on the second floor of the Hawthorne - Longfellow Library and in one of the dining rooms.

Orono, University of Maine:

A herd of caribou arrived yesterday morning, in an effort sponsored by the Maine Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and several private organizations in an effort to repopulate the state with what was once a native animal. Twenty-seven of an intended thirty were transported from New Brunswick; several have died as a result of the rough ferry ride over, and the rest are in shock. They are currently being held isolated from the public at the university's deer pen - they will remain there to breed, and their offspring will be released to the wild.

Lewiston, Bates College:

Nothing's going on here this week- they're all getting ready for finals.

Middlebury, Vt., Middlebury College:

No one answered the phone here, and probably nobody listened to the answering machine either.

Seiler's Takes Students Out

by Herrick Wales

Call it human justice or call it a triumph of moral conduct, Seilers showed an act of good faith over the Thanksgiving holiday for the Colby students who remained on campus.

Sparing the students from some of the campus' institutional food delights (i.e. processed albino meat with florescent green gravy), the Seilers managers treated the 36 students to a veritable Thanksgiving feast at the Manor restaurant. At the Manor?! Yes, at the Manor.

Seilers Managers Scott and Lisa of Johnson and Chaplin Commons commented that they thought the Manor dinner would be a nice treat. "We wanted to make sure the remaining students had a good dinner."

Yet, it was recently discovered from anonymous sources that the "Manor treat" was an event that involved much preparation.

Apparently, some were concerned that the adjustment to real food would be a difficult and perhaps traumatic biochemical process. The sources stated that week-long therapy sessions were conducted for the students, among these was an elaborate taste-bud rehabilitation program.

At any rate the therapy sessions seemed to be effective as the Manor dinner seemed to satisfy all. Freshman Sean Fecteau remarked that the dinner "was without a doubt truly awesome - the stuffing was great," as he patted his tummy.

There were some significant drawbacks to this restaurant extravaganza. As Fecteau lamented, "It was kind of sad not to have the walnut tofu with florentine seaweed. But the sacrifice was worth it." How noble.

Seilers says that they will continue to sponsor this Thanksgiving dinner treat in the future.

Nikki Singh moves on campus

by Cindy Cohen

A new face to some Colby students will be seen beginning second semester when Nikki Singh, currently teaching at Colby for her first year in the Department of Philosophy and Religion, replaces Lynn Pryor as Taylor's Faculty Resident.

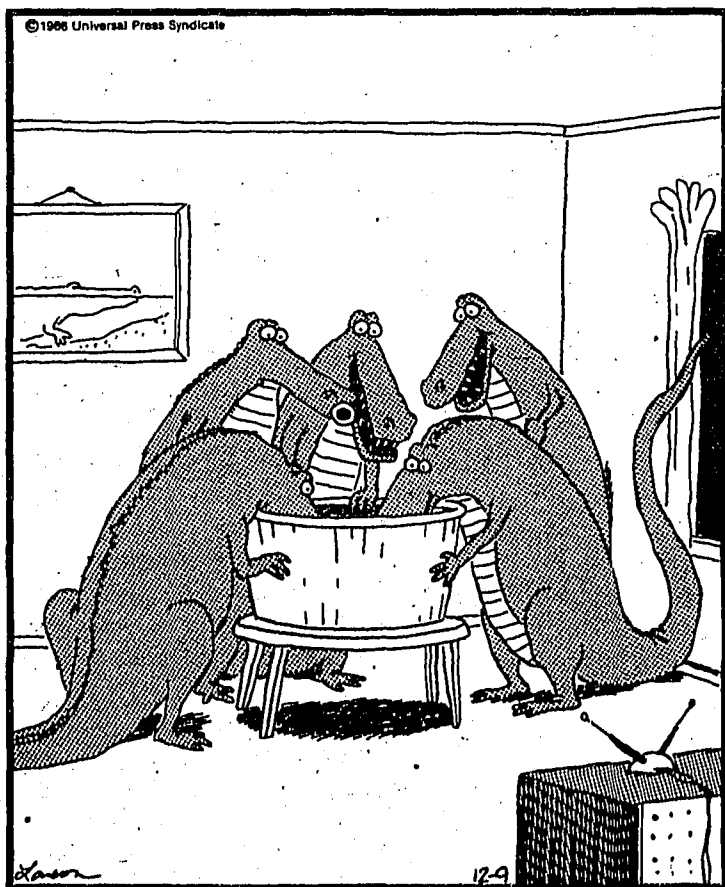
From Punjab, India, Singh came to America at age fourteen to go to school, and still returns home every summer. Dorm living will be nothing new to her as she lived in a residence hall while

teaching at the University of Northern Arizona.

Looking forward to bringing Indian culture to Colby, Singh plans to show slides to students of Indian culture and life. She plans to invite students over for Indian dinners and wants to teach Indian cooking as well. Above all, Singh would like the students in Taylor to feel free to visit her at any time, and looks forward to being able to help students academically and non-academically, and to becoming an integral part of the Colby community.

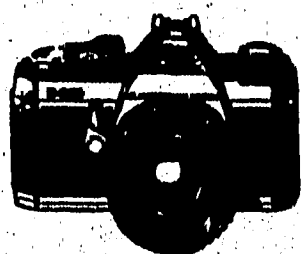
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By GARY LARSON



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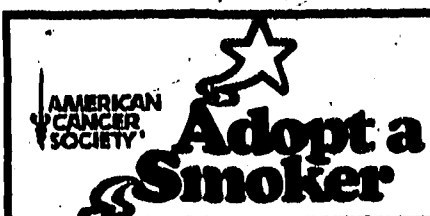
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All you want to know about Marijuana

Marijuana is the most widespread and frequently used illicit psychoactive drug in the nation.

Health Hazards:

- At doses commonly used, marijuana impairs memory, perception, judgment, and fine motor skills; increasing the risk of serious accident while performing complex tasks such as driving or operating machinery.

- Marijuana impairs driving skills for at least 4-6 hours after smoking a single cigarette. When used in combination with alcohol, driving skills are even more erratic.

- Although no instance of human lung cancer has been attributable solely to marijuana smoking, abnormalities suggestive of pre-cancerous lesions have been reported. Since many marijuana smokers also smoke cigarettes, the combined carcinogenic effect must also be investigated. There are more known carcinogens in marijuana smoke than in cigarette smoke. Marijuana has a significant negative effect on gas exchange in the lungs, greater than tobacco.

- Smoking marijuana immediately accelerates the heartbeat and, in some persons, increases the blood pressure. These changes pose a threat for people with abnormal heart and circulatory conditions, such as high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries.

- Marijuana may have serious effects on reproduction. Some

studies have shown that women who smoke marijuana during pregnancy gave birth to babies with defects similar to the fetal alcohol syndrome.

- There is increasing concern about the long-term developmental effects of marijuana use by children and adolescents. Clinicians use the term "amotivational syndrome" to describe the changes seen in some marijuana users. These include; apathy, loss of ambition, loss of effectiveness, diminished ability to carry out long-term plans, difficulty in concentrating, and a decline in school or work performance.

- New studies show that, in animals, marijuana interferes with the body's immune response to various infections and diseases. The significance of this for humans is currently being investigated.

Prevalence:

- In 1982, an estimated 20 million persons reported using marijuana in the past month, and an estimated 31 million reported using it in the past year.

- Initiation of marijuana after age 21 is relatively rare.

- Daily use of marijuana by high school seniors peaked in 1978 at 11 percent, declining to 5 percent by 1984, and was reported at 4.9 percent in 1985.

- Daily use of marijuana among college students decreased from 7.2 percent in 1980 to 3.1 percent in 1985.

Risk Factors:

- Use of marijuana, cigarettes,

and alcohol by youth is a major gateway experience into drug use in America. The great majority of teenagers who choose not to use marijuana will not use other illicit drugs. On the other hand, a substantial majority of heavy marijuana users will go on to try other illicit drugs. For example, 74 percent of those who have used marijuana 100 or more times have tried cocaine.

- Cigarette smoking by very young children is strongly related to the onset of marijuana smoking. Youth (age 15-17) who are current cigarette smokers are 5 times more likely to be current marijuana users.

User Characteristics:

- Boys and girls (age 12-17) are about equally likely to try marijuana; yet current users

age 18 to 25 are almost one and one-half times as likely to be male.

- The highest levels of daily marijuana use by high school seniors are in the west and northeast regions of the country, followed by the north central region and the south.

Patterns of Use:

- Consuming alcohol on the same occasion as marijuana is a fairly widespread practice. One out of every four young adults who has ever used marijuana say that when they used marijuana they usually had an alcoholic drink.

- Almost 75 percent of marijuana-related emergency room cases are reported in combination with other drugs. The combination of alcohol and marijuana accounted for more than half of these cases (51 percent).

Supplies of Marijuana:

- Shortages of Colombian marijuana are possible in part as a result of a large-scale herbicidal eradication campaign in 1985. Resumption of herbicidal eradication in Belize would also prevent that country from increasing production. It is unclear how much of this void will be filled by traffickers in other source countries.

- Domestic marijuana accounted for approximately 12 percent of the total U.S. supply in 1984. Sinsemilla and high-potency cannabis continued to account for a large percentage of the U.S. cannabis crop in 1984.

- The potency of confiscated marijuana has increased over 275 percent in the last decade.

Globe Santa

-Colby donates \$440 so far

by Heather Anderson

The following article appeared on the front page of The Boston Globe Monday, December 8. Globe staff reporter Douglas S. Crockett authorized its reprint in the Colby Echo:

When it comes down to feeding your kids on Christmas Day or giving them a present, the answer is obvious. Kids have to eat. And the woman known as Beverly knows that only too well.

"Kids have to eat," she wrote Globe Santa this past week as she told a story of one tragedy after another and of two children now facing a Christmas of nothing.

She told of an accident that left her disabled, of medications costing \$125 a month, of a death in the family and how she now has legal custody of that person's 10-year-old boy, of the struggle of her 13-year-old daughter who is attempting to help in any way she can.

Divorced and now in her forties the South Shore mother asked only that Globe Santa help her children with a few gifts on Christmas Day.

"I thought I could make ends meet but each month it seems to get worse," she wrote.

"With the living expenses, rent, heat, etc. and medical bills, I have a hard enough time buying food and clothing for Tommy and Meg.

"I want to give them something under the tree on Christmas but I truly have to make a choice between food and Christmas.

"And kids have to eat."

She explained how 13-year-old Meg has been doing odd jobs, running errands, babysitting to help out.

"But how much can a 13-year-old do and still go to school?"

"This is going to be Tommy's first Christmas without his mother and it's going to be sad enough for him without her.

"I'd like to do something to help him through this unhappy time and I'd also like to give something to Meg to thank her for the help she's giving me.

"If you could be of some help to me this Christmas I would really appreciate it and it would give Meg and Tommy a little happiness during this sad and lonely Christmas."

The letter was countersigned by a social worker who vouched for its truthfulness.

Globe Santa will help Tommy and Meg this year.

- But they are just two of some 50,000 such children asking only that they be remembered on Christmas Day.

Globe Santa can provide toys and gifts for these children only through the donations of readers determined to see that no child be forgotten.

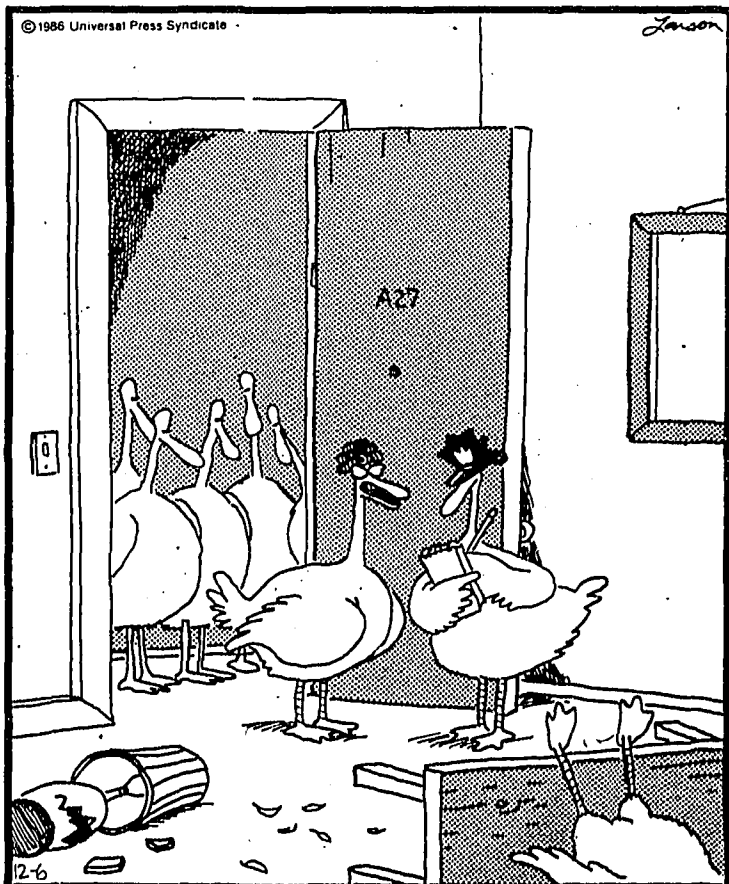
Help Globe Santa now.

Colby students donated \$270 to Globe Santa in 1984. As of this past Tuesday, December 9, students and faculty contributed \$532 to this fund. On behalf of Globe Santa and its children, thank you for caring.

A cumulative check will be sent from the Colby community on Monday, December 16. To those of you still wishing to make a donation, send money to box #1219 in care of Globe Santa via campus mail.

One thousand dollars is Colby's current goal. Every student's support is needed and any amount of a donation is appreciated. One dollar from every member of the Colby community would make this goal attainable. Colby could make a difference in a child's life, if only for a day.

THE FAR SIDE BY GARY LARSON



"Well, from across the hall I could hear this heated argument, followed by sounds of a scuffle. Suddenly, there was this tremendous, blood-curdling 'quaaaaacck!' That's when I called."



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photo by Rebecca Binder

The Greens: Group Movement in Global Action

by Betsy Kuller

"They say, 'First I'm going to get rich and then I'm going to do good, well, it's never happened.'" John Rensenbrink, a Greens party activist who came from Bowdoin to speak at Colby, used this example to demonstrate the opposite of the Green Party's attitude.

The Greens party is neither a left wing nor right wing political party. It is an international "group-movement" which aims at a fundamental transformation of political and economic structures and processes. While this project is certainly ambitious, Rensenbrink emphasizes that their approach to social and political change is not reckless and superficial. He stated, "I'd like to speak at the gut level in our interesting and complicated society using a sense of cultural roots and fashioning projects to the community." The Greens movement believes in promoting social reform, and emphasizing community involvement in local issues. By the time the movement becomes significantly influential in terms of global politics, the Greens are determined that the values and progress of their group will be clear and be socially supported.

One of the ways the Greens promote their values on a widespread scale is through "watchwording" key phrases which explain important Greens values. "Looking beyond the industrial society where industry is," as Rensenbrink says, "deleterious to the existing human conditioning" and results in unequal opportunities, waste, poverty, war and ecological devastation. "Think globally and act locally" is a logo used to present the Green's values on a clearer, more personal level than most political organizations. "Thinking of the future" is a way of asking "what kind of world would you think is congenial for your children?" "Let your means be appropriate to your ends," was coined from anti-Vietnam protesters where "violence is not the best way." Rensenbrink remarked, "The history of revolution is not real happy." The Greens refer to themselves as "a new kind of party" where one questions how the internal process works and is free to express individual opinions.

In order to format their values clearly, the group compiled a list of "ten key values." The emphasis is placed on the group activism by wording the values in terms of how the goal is to be accomplished and why that particular value could be an answer to a social and/or political problem. Rensenbrink emphasized these values as essential to the future of the planet. He believes we have to be serious about our values. These are the "ten key values" proposed by the Greens movement:

1. Ecological Wisdom-"Preliminary environmentalism" How

do we live within the resources of our planet and apply them to an energy-efficient economy?

2. Grassroots Democracy-

"How can we ensure that representatives will be fully accountable to the people who elected them?"

3. Personal and Social Responsibility-"How can we respond to human suffering in a way that promotes human dignity?"

4. Non-Violence-"How can we, as a society develop effective alternatives to our arrived patterns of violence?"

5. Decentralization-"How can we encourage the flourishing of regionally based cultures rather than a dominant monoculture?"

6. Community-Based Economics-"How can we reconstruct our patterns of wealth distribution?"

7. Post Patriarchal Values-"How can we replace the cultural ethics of dominances and control with more co-operative ways of interacting?"

8. Respect for Diversity-"How can we emphasize our mutual interdependence while requiring mutual respect?"

9. Global Responsibility-"How can we be of genuine assistance to grassroot groups and poverty in the third world?"

10. Future Focus-"How can we make the quality of life, rather than open-ended economic growth, the focus of future thinking?"

Above all, Rensenbrink emphasizes "The need for your values to be consistent with your growth," which goes back to the watchword, "Let your ends justify your means."

Chip Hauss, a professor in the Government department at Colby, is a firm supporter of the Greens movement and shares the Greens' belief that nuclear war, or an equally destructive global crisis, is a definite fact of the future. These values, therefore, according to this movement, are not just an attempt to prevent our own destruction, but a means to allow the survival of the human species beyond the imminent crises they believe we face with the future.

Immediate success is not likely for the Greens "party-group", although they have significant voting percentages relative to other independent and liberal parties. The steps forward are slow and cautious, by design, as they are not sure of what they would accomplish directly, if they actually found themselves in a highly influential position.

Their statements concerning power and their thrust towards a "post" patriarchal and a "post" industrial society suggests that their position might be intended for a post-crisis period whether it be a social, political or economical crisis. The very name "Green" suggests that in order for their reforms to be carried out, there must be a complete "rebirth" from "grassroot," the very dirt of the ground, where there are no skyscrapers with which to compete.

Lubeck Program Offers a Taste of Germany

by Jodie Caruolo

This is the final article in a four part series about the Colby Abroad Program.

The Colby in Lubeck, Germany Program is another alternative to the extensive language requirement at Colby. Unlike the other Colby programs abroad, Colby in Lubeck is offered only during the second semester. The prerequisite is at least one semester of German taken here on campus. High school German courses are not honored because the courses students take in Germany are extremely intensive.

The faculty affiliate in Lubeck, Margrit Lichterfeld, aids the

German professors at the Trave Gymnasium. Students are required to complete three intensive courses equivalent to German 122, 123, and 124. Then they are required to take a fourth course that is an introduction to German culture and history. Fifteen credit hours and full language credit are obtained by completing the program in Lubeck and the final grades are calculated by Lichterfeld.

Colby students stay with German families during their semester in Lubeck. The young people of the families study with the American students, immersing them into the German culture. The students travel together, taking tours of

Lubeck's museums and galleries, Hamburg, the German Democratic Border, and East and West Berlin. Arthur Greenspan, head of the Colby Abroad Program feels that the exposure to the foreign culture is both personal and academic. It causes the student to "come to terms with what it is to be American." Each student experiences the same classes and academic experience, but their application and reactions to the courses can be totally different. The Colby in Lubeck Program, as the other Colby Abroad Programs, offers great opportunity to complete the foreign language requirement, while experiencing a new and quite different culture.

Cycle Craze Revs Up at Colby

by Priscilla Phinney

Maybe you've noticed an increase in the number of motorcycles zooming around campus, or heard a bit more frequently the sounds of motorcycle engines being revved up this fall at Colby. Although only nine or ten students own motorcycles, they represent a significant increase from the one or two of previous years. This year's bike owners see no particular reason for the increase, other than the fact that it's just a great idea that has begun to catch on. "It's because of the visibility of the people who first got them," said senior Chris Devine, owner of a 650cc motorcycle.

Devine and David Wolfson originally bought a 340cc Suzuki last fall, then sold that to buy a 350cc bike in the spring, and went for their 650cc this fall. "It's big, heavy and extremely fast," said Devine. "It can go from 0 to 50 in about two seconds." Devine and Wolfson use their bike mostly for fun, riding out on back roads "as fast as possible," according to Wolfson. Their ideal motorcycle ride does not include a helmet, because as Devine said, "That is half the fun of a motorcycle - riding without a helmet. Besides, at 60 mph, a helmet won't save your life."

Dana Friedman, a senior living off-campus, bought his bike because "I needed transportation, it's cheaper than a car, cost only \$300 and can be ridden anywhere from woods to the Interstate highway. Friedman doesn't recommend driving such a small bike on the highway though because, "you'd get sucked up by a passing truck if you did." Since his motorcycle is not only a recreational bike but also his only means of transportation, he will continue to ride it in the winter whenever the roads are clear and dry.

Matt Moran is another off-campus biker whose motorcycle is his chief form of transportation because he couldn't afford a car. "It's incredibly fun," he said. "But that's not why I bought it - I

needed it." Moran has had his Kawasaki 450 for a year and a half, buying it for only \$175. He once rode it from Waterville to New York, a 2-day trip that took 17 hours of riding time. "It was entirely different than traveling by car," he said. "I was alone, it was an adventure, and I met a lot of other motorcycle enthusiasts."

One motorcyclist who was

interviewed declined to put his name in print because his parents would be opposed to him having a bike for safety reasons. Like Devine and Wolfson, he bought his bike for recreational purposes; in fact, he bought it from them. Asked if he'd want to see a motorcycle club or gang of some sort start at Colby, he said, "it would

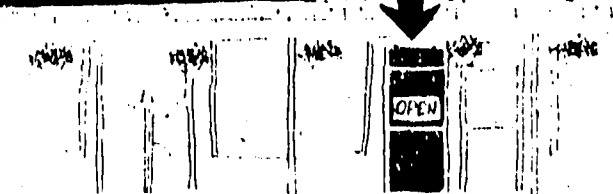
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Professor-Student Interaction: Prof's Perspective

by Karen Buckley

In a recent survey conducted by the *Echo*, Colby professors were questioned about the amount of response they receive from their students in relation to classes and/or class related projects such as labs and films. The questions involved referred not only to formal class evaluations but also to communication between teachers and students during the course of the semester. The survey is based on a 29% response rate.

In response to the question "Do you receive positive and/or negative comments from your students on lectures and on class related projects?", the majority of professors answered "sometimes." Although all professors indicated that they welcomed and/or appreciated such comments, the reasons given were varied. Some indicated that while many comments were positive, "it is difficult to determine if they are sincere or intended to improve the student's standing." Other professors noted that while comments are welcome, grumbling is unwarranted when a student has not done his or her share of the work.

Constructive criticism is most helpful for some professors in determining what class activities are successful, which ones

need to be modified and can be used or not used again. One professor wrote: "Feedback in any form is welcome, but I'd rather it be on what the students are doing rather than on what I'm doing. If what I do makes learning and growth happen, that's what I'm interested in. Or if nothing's happening, maybe I can figure out why."

Economic professor Chuck Grim noted that while students may not always like a certain topic or project, he tries to make his class understand his motives. "Even if they don't agree," said Grim, "at least they can appreciate that I have good reasons."

For some professors, the fact that many students often do not make comments is somewhat troublesome, since it is difficult to modify an approach if problems are unclear. English professor Phyllis Mannocchi feels that students "must treat their parents in the same indifferent way. We're simply supposed to be there for all eternity, good or bad or mediocre." Mannocchi further noted that student's lack of life experiences may also be a reason for the lack of questioning of what is happening in the classroom. "Students now accept what I say as an older woman." However, she also

feels that female professors confront difficulties because of the problem of accepting a female authority figure. "Students have different expectations of women in that there is a greater demand for their time." Mannocchi added that while she welcomes students who come to her office, she must be strict about her office hours to avoid becoming "the Mommy role model."

Sociology Professor Fred Geib stated that "if students don't criticize, it's because they don't know enough to criticize. Just because it comes from a podium does not necessarily mean that it is true." He feels that students don't tend to examine their own experiences in relation to what happens in the classroom unless it relates very well to personal experience. One of the problems with student comments is that "if someone says 'that was a good class,' it's kind of invidious, because it means that the others were not so good." Geib feels that professors ought to be recognized by their students when they go beyond the requirements of a course, such as in the case of extra movies, help sessions, and other such outside activities.

One foreign language professor felt that when students don't respond, their feelings

must be critical, if not negative, about the class. "This always bothers me, not only for professional reasons, but because I as do most teachers, I think, take such silent criticisms personally. We need encouragement as much as our students do."

Many professors also recognized students' silence as their right to privacy. Students should not feel obligated to make comments. Reasons for this are varied. Some saw it as students' desire not to be labeled a "brown-noser." Other students are either simply shy or fear that negative responses will be reflected in their grade. Geib feels, as do most other professors, that there is no basis for this. "Students often personalize it too much." Grades are usually based on number or point systems which professors use to include classwork, exams, and papers, and in some courses, class participation.

Students many times will not comment due to the large size of some classes. Although it would help if students would question points made in class, "understandably the large size of a class or the unwillingness to interrupt or to reveal seeming ignorance often inhibits students."

In response to a question dealing with the usefulness of end of the semester evaluations in planning for future semesters, most professors replied that they were "sometimes" helpful. However, others felt

that students don't make enough helpful critical remarks. Many times comments are "the class is interesting or boring." Students are often capable of evaluating the class only well after it is over. However, according to one language professor, "very few students use that opportunity to do so with the professor. That is the kind of thoughtful feedback we'd really like."

Many other factors come into play when considering student-professor communications. For example, the personality of a professor and of a student will determine the approachability and willingness to approach, respectively, in a professor-student relationship. Moreover, professors who are soon to be considered for tenure may be more involved with their publications than with developing student relationships. Finally, a student taking a course in his/her major and/or with a professor they have had before may be more likely to develop lines of communication with a professor than one who is entering a field for the first time. Overall, however, constructive comments aid in developing communication lines which are an important part of the education process for both student and professors.

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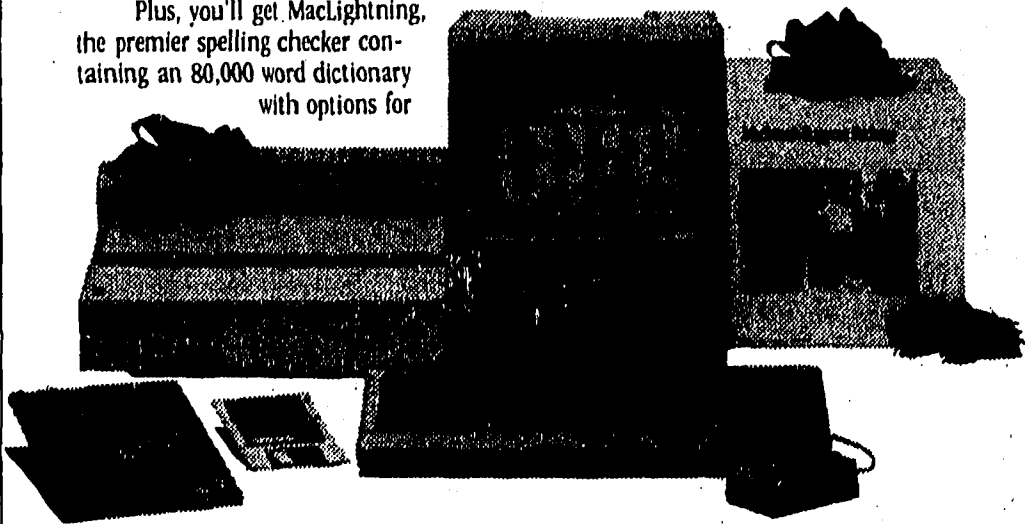
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While students study, children still play. Who wants to be a student?

OPINION

Off the Cuff

On The Road

by Jim Sullivan

I can remember every person with whom I've travelled back and forth to Colby in the past few years. Given, there's a certain amount of drudgery which accompanies each journey, but there's also a unique aspect to these road trips which makes them seem worthwhile. Each trip fosters its own experience in which people are somehow drawn to each other. There's a sense of intimacy which grows out of a shared experience. The longer the trip, the tighter the bond. I don't mean to say that the roots of lifelong friendships always begin to grow in the cockpit of a car, but there is something there. It almost seems to be a shared sense of urgency which attracts car-mates. People are more open, friendlier-like they are just before a hurricane, a severe rainstorm, or a blizzard that thrashes through town. People lose that sharp Colby edge and seem to act more sincerely in a car than they do in the dorm, the dining hall, or the library.

Cliques abound at Colby and it's hard to really get to know someone when you have to wade through the muck of the clique's projected personality. When you hitch a ride home with someone who's not one of your close friends, the muck seems to thin out to a manageable degree. It doesn't matter if you're sitting next to who, you consider one dimensionally as a granola, a brother, or a computer jock - most car loads travelling down I-95 are a hodge podge, a cross-section of the Colby Community. The closeness of a car forces you to interact, and nearly all the time it's in an honest and open way. Nine times out of ten the stereotypes are blown out the car windows.

At some point, we all tend to label each other and it's refreshing to destroy those Colby labels. Sometimes it's hard to imagine that a person whom you've at least nodded to before actually has a life outside of Colby. It reminds me of the shock I received when I saw my first grade teacher

driving a car. I couldn't believe that she was capable of anything more than chalking a board or mixing paste for art projects. She really was human and Colby students do exist in reality too.

It's not difficult to remember the trips: The ones that you talked through so that the four hour journey was squeezed into what seemed like an hour. You remember the car that had no heat and your frozen blocks of feet. There's the time the muffler cracked in half on the highway and you all got out in the rain and crawled under the car to wire the tail-pipe up. There's the snowstorm that forced you to inch along at 30 mph and you all couldn't believe how much snow Maine got. It's about knowing each other outside Colby. It's the Big Indian near Freeport, 295, Exit 6A, \$1.15, \$.30, Cat Mousam Rd., the Kennebunk Rest Area, the 'Waterville 7' sign. It's all these things, seen collectively, by one car, rolling down the highway. There's something to it.

Wake Me When It's Over



Imagination

by Scott Lainer

The following article is the conclusion of a two part mini-series. (unfortunately, not starring Jacquelyn Smith and Lorenzo Lamas)

"Imagination is crazy. Your whole perception gets hazy...." Once again, that zany Barber Shop tune was running its musical course through my equally zany head, and I got to thinking about Colby administrative innovation. Specifically, I labored over the concept of Jan Plan. Several weeks ago, I read an enthusiastic article, espousing the wonders of the January Program - a month long opportunity for intensive study in a single field of interest. I wonder, though, if the January Program hasn't lost some of its innovative punch over these last twenty years, give or take a Jan Plan.

In the dictionary, (I know, don't you hate people who quote from the dictionary?) to "innovate" is to "bring in new methods, ideas, etc.; make changes in." Jan Plan used to be chiefly a period of intensive

independent study. Now it is, in large part, a time to take a semester course or major requirement during an abridged period. Certainly there are unique cultural and intellectual opportunities made available during this time. I spent an invaluable sophomore year Jan Plan in the Soviet Union - an experience I will always treasure (geeze, that sounds corny on paper). And courses concerning photography, pottery, Tolkien's sources, Emergency Medical training, meteorology, and various other topics surely sound wholly unique, stimulating, and intellectually broadening.

Still, although I hate to be greedy, why can't "we" fully place the emphasis of Jan Plan smack where it was originally intended to be - on a month long break from standardism? Independent study, travel, various work and study programs at home, and non-required, intellectually creative courses should be the only norm. January should not be a continued on page 10

Homosexuals: The Invisible Minority

by Derek S. Mitchell

Articles appearing in the last two issues of the *Echo* in support of Micheal Diamond's editorial calling for the creation of a support system, directed at the Gay and Lesbian community (currently hidden within Colby) were actually quite enlightening. It is refreshing to find that there are some within our community who can see through to the basis of one of Colby's and the nation's biggest problems. But the request itself seems very unrealistic. Let us not forget the attempt made to create a Gay Straight Alliance only a few years ago.

Fraternities were said to be the cause of the group's demise. And it seems that this claim is not just another of many attempts to throw the general community's problem on the backs of the fraternities. There are students at Colby who desired to become a part of the first stages of the group's development, three years ago, but they say that they were harassed by the fraternities. Now being seniors, they are a resource to the root of the problem.

One student reports, "At the first meeting, frat members blocked the entrance to the building. When we tried to meet again, they lined the doorway and threatened everyone who came in, some even wrote down names. It was awful because after that no one would submit themselves to that abuse." I asked about the general community's response, thinking that surely they wouldn't put up with such idiocy. According to this student, the student body

responded in the same way it does to any issue that threatens the lucid, liquid pool of ignorant illusions we tend to immerse ourselves in. It was ignored, a week later it might as well have not occurred. Another student who was there at the time backed up the above statements. When asked why the meeting times weren't privately announced she replied, "That would defeat our purpose. The group was supposed to be a statement to the Gay community [telling them] that there are some who sympathize with them, and will accept them for who they are. That they didn't have to be afraid. But we were wrong, they had a lot to be afraid of... Colby just wasn't ready for it then." The urge to ask this student whether she thought Colby is any more 'ready' now than it was before was irresistible. Her answer was lengthy and thought provoking.

"Somehow, Colby is afraid of anything different. I don't know why but it just is the way I've found this school to be. The students, and the Faculty are insensitive, the administration makes a lot of statements but no one puts their butts on the line for anything except parties and fraternities... Look at the way the Minorities are treated here, or the way women are treated which in some ways is worse. If Colby had any sensitivity there would be more minorities here, there would be no Stu-A sponsored porno movie, the community would just be more comfortable and gay students could come out of the closet and stop the lying. People would be able to say what they feel and sign their

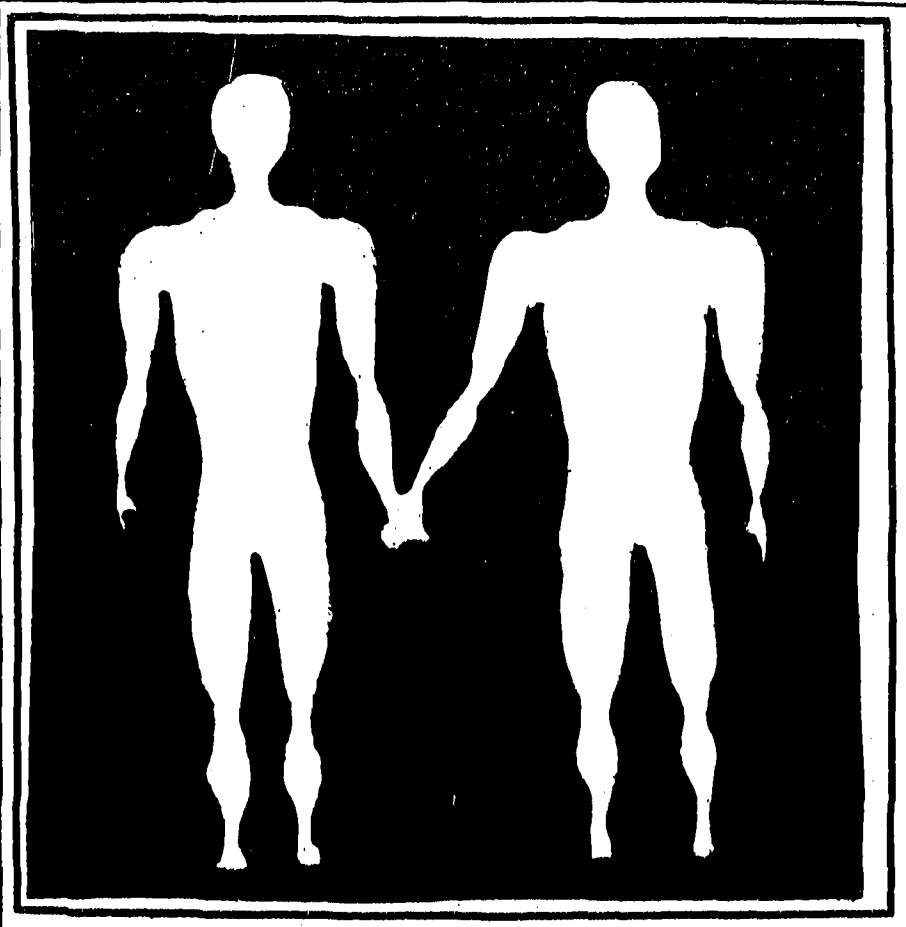
names, you know what I mean?"

In other words, no she did not feel that Colby has any place for an open Gay community. "Colby just hasn't grown up enough yet."

It seemed to me that the entire thrusts of the preceding articles on the issue hinged on the belief that there was actually Gay students at Colby who want to be open about it. This may

Colby are either the perfect setting for "drinking with the boys" or "meat houses" similar to the singles bar type setting where one pounds a few to get an excuse for letting one's hair down in the company of the opposite sex. A gay student has little place in either scenario, especially if everyone knows who they are.

Many have very eloquently dubbed the gay community, "the



appear to be a bad assumption seeing as how none have come to light. Imagine if you will, the social pressures placed on them to do the contrary. The woman above is right when she implies that Colby is a sexist community (a heterosexist one at that). If we face facts, it is apparent that the parties at

invisible minority," because not only is it impossible to know whether someone (a hallmate perhaps) is gay, but it is equally as impossible for Gays to find each other. This must cause a great deal of hardship to the "closet gay" because to confide in someone who they suspect might mean exposing him or

herself. This would be another argument for the creation of a healthy support community which would act as a catalyst for interaction between Gays.

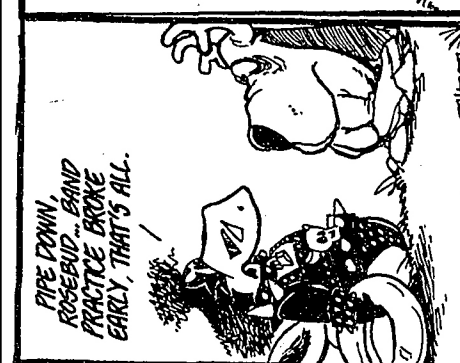
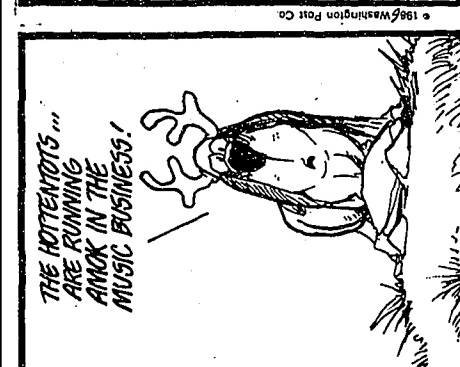
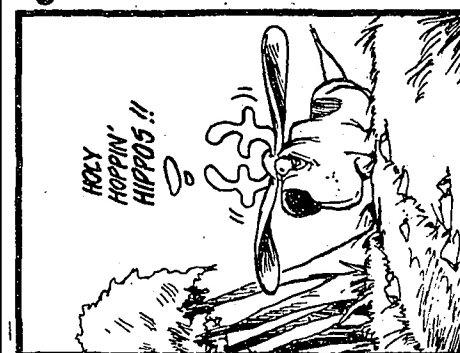
There are notes scrawled on the walls of the mens' bathroom stalls. Some tell of secret (but not so secret) meetings between gays for the purpose of fulfilling sexual needs. I don't know whether or not these notes are true, but wouldn't it be a shame if they are; if people are forced by our community to isolate themselves from us and from each other to such an extreme that they must reconcile the problem in this way; if because of our blindness, and insecurity, some people cannot publicly be themselves without the threat of being physically mistreated?

I don't know if Colby is ready for such a step, a lot can happen in three years, indeed a lot did. But was it enough? The fraternities are gone (sort of), but it is possible that their negative aura is still as much a part of Colby as the positive is. That intolerance, arrogance and a tendency toward violence would yet again threaten such an attempt to aid a minority in need. I hope if it does there is enough of us who care around to combat it. I hope that enough Colby students, faculty and alumni remember the bond of the one common denominator: We are all people. And act accordingly, with speed and fairness to stop the destructive forces in our community from condemning the Gay community in Colby now and those to come, more years of isolation, loneliness and despair.

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BLOOM COUNTY by Berke Breathed



Mule News

by Thomas Smedley Kensington

Couldn't we get a better print face for "This Week at Colby"? This is the only Administrative publication that is really looked forward to by Colbyco employees, and the text looks as though it is vibrating... there are a's that look like bisected o's, and s's that look like \$, and upper case A's that are identical with upper case R's - give us a break, please!

Speaking of "F.Y.I.," what happened to their colloquial expression seminar? We want more! So often one hears faculty speaking of administrators and vice versa and using such quaint phrases as "two bricks short of a load" or "doesn't have both oars in the water." Let's continue the seminar and seek out the meaning of these phrases and perhaps the reasons why they are so frequently used.

One of the aims of this column is to look beyond the Colbyco hype and to present some opinions, news, and information to the company employees in the faint hope that one day real tolerance will return and our company will once again be a college. Our unofficial motto is "the truth will set you free." If anything we write is incorrect, please advise us (i.e. if that planter for the Hill House doesn't cost \$2,800 then please set us straight). We want the truth, and we prefer our motto to what seems to be the current Colbyco motto - "Arbeit macht frei" (and we know where that comes from).

Speaking of German expressions, we hear that once again our president is giving the editors of the *Echo* more "FLAK" about this column. Mr. President the problem is not this column! This column is only the result of the real problem which is the intolerance of ideas different than those of the company power elite... and the FEAR that this intolerance generates. But, more of this fear later...

Well all isn't bad at Colbyco. This campaign is almost over and almost over the top - quite an accomplishment for all of the people involved! And our leader has been chosen from one of the nation's top college administrators - again a remarkable accomplishment and one certain to bring fame to Colbyco - congratulations!

Despite all the \$ and all the fame Colbyco is

gathering, we would like to suggest that we seem to have lost a great deal of humanity in the last few years. We sincerely hope that this loss is unrelated to our recent gains. We feel it would be in the community's best interests if we began to care for our members as people rather than "publications" or "dollars contributed," or as 'think like I do.' Wouldn't it be great if tolerance returned to Mayflower Hill?... not just tolerance of racial or sexual differences, but tolerance of ideas... the tolerance of views different from those promulgated by the Colbyco Power Elite. When this happens we can say that we "Celebrate Diversity." We suggest we look inside ourselves and try for this ideal.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"I'm sorry, ma'am, but his license does check out and, after all, your husband was in season. Remember, just because he knocks doesn't mean you have to let him in."

• Wake Me

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time of drudgery and cramming, but should rather be regarded as a time of unparalleled creativity. Colby is a potential bastion of originality and intellectual excitement, a potential world of variety and imagination. "Potential" - "capable of coming into being or action."

What's that? You can't think of any independent projects or fresh and interesting topics to occupy your time for a single month, much less three? Okay then - here are a few campus oriented ideas:

- Research the tree in the middle of the Foss/Woodman parking lot. Why was it left there as an unavoidable hindrance? Was it just a comical prank or does it serve some nostalgic purpose for some quirky alumnus? (And do the number of directional arrows in said lot break any collegiate parking lot records?)

- Trace the development of the Hillside Complex. Why were the ceilings left as heinous-looking concrete slabs? Were they purposely left unattended as some artistic statement, or did the architect go home and think: "Wait a minute, what am I doing with all this extra plaster?"

- Is Colby really a Homogeneous Heaven? Hint: Make sure it's a standard study. Don't be too creative, now.

- For you biologists and sociologists, study the mating rituals leading up to the patented "one night stand." Are BEVERages an ever-present

ingredient? Do people really believe in love at first blurry sight? How sweet.

- Could competition from the internationally "compassionate" and politically "open-minded" Colby Crossfire really put the *Echo* out of business? Conduct interviews. Exactly what year did God choose our fair nation as his personal favorite? I'm sure it's in the Bible somewhere.

- Trace the development of the Colby Perspective handbook and the campus tour. Can each potential student really expect a diverse chicken in every liberal arts oriented pot? Compile statistics: How many lawyers does Colby churn out per year, as compared to, say, Bowdoin?

- Study administrative policy. Why are we to expect random room searches once again? Does this mean we can now cheat on tests, as long as nobody catches us?

- Conduct an extensive architectural study of the Student Center. Was the community room really directly patterned after the set for a musical version of *Romeo and Juliet*?

- Study campus dorm damage. This could occupy several Jan Plans. How does one go about ripping a sink out of a men's room, jerking a receiver off a dorm pay phone, or shattering the glass door of the Student Center divider? Exactly how many of these individuals will be our future chemists and physicists?

- Study the innovation of Jan Plan. What will the Sugarloaf skiing be like this January? Wake me when you get back, okay?

Jan Plan Criticized

Letter to the Editor:

When I came to Colby earlier this year, I expected great things from the school and from one of the aspects of the school, the Jan Plan. In the middle of the semester I was contacted by a former high school teacher of mine, who now runs a very successful one-man photography studio in North Carolina. He offered to take me on as an intern during January and teach me both the photography and the economics involved in such a business. As I am now in the process of deciding whether or not I wish to become a professional photographer, I was ecstatic at the idea. This was the opportunity I needed to help me make my decision. When I was first accepted at Colby I had hoped to do

something photographic during my first Jan Plan.

I went ahead and starting planning on going to North Carolina during January. Then I was informed of something not in any of the school's literature - freshmen are not allowed off campus during Jan Plan. I was surprised a bit confused by this, as I had originally planned, as I stated before, on doing something that would help me make up my mind. It seemed to me that such a policy was against the liberal arts "we encourage the students to do things" attitude put forth by the school's literature, plus the comments about "student apathy." I wasn't planning anything apathetic.

I found out that it was possible to appeal this rule, and so I did. I was rejected on the grounds that I was a freshman, and that as such had to have

some exceptional academic, not vocational reason for going off campus, or there had to be a death-in-the-family type excuse (yes, I did consider arranging an "accident" for my brother, it is that important to me). The concept of not allowing a freshman off campus on the grounds that he hadn't been on campus that long really disturbed me. I restated my proposal, proved (I thought) that it had to be done this year for vocational reasons, among others, and re-appealed. I was again rejected, just because of the Faculty's requirement that a student's first January be spent in a regular January offering." (Quote from second rejection notice from the Registrar's office.)

I tried again, this time hurt and confused, pointing out in a letter to President Cotter that the "Colby Perspective" mag-

azine sent to all prospective students said that: "The January Program of Independent Study... is a time to live out your "just once's" and "if only's" - to explore... learn skills, investigate careers... and ultimately, to gain greater insight into yourself, your goals, ambitions, and aspirations."

I also pointed out that nowhere in any of the school's literature was this overly-restrictive and ridiculous rule stated in any plain terms. I admit that if you were looking specifically for that rule, you might be able to find it on pages 30-31 of this year's catalogue. The President's reply implied that these vagaries were specific and obvious, something which no one with whom I have talked can accept.

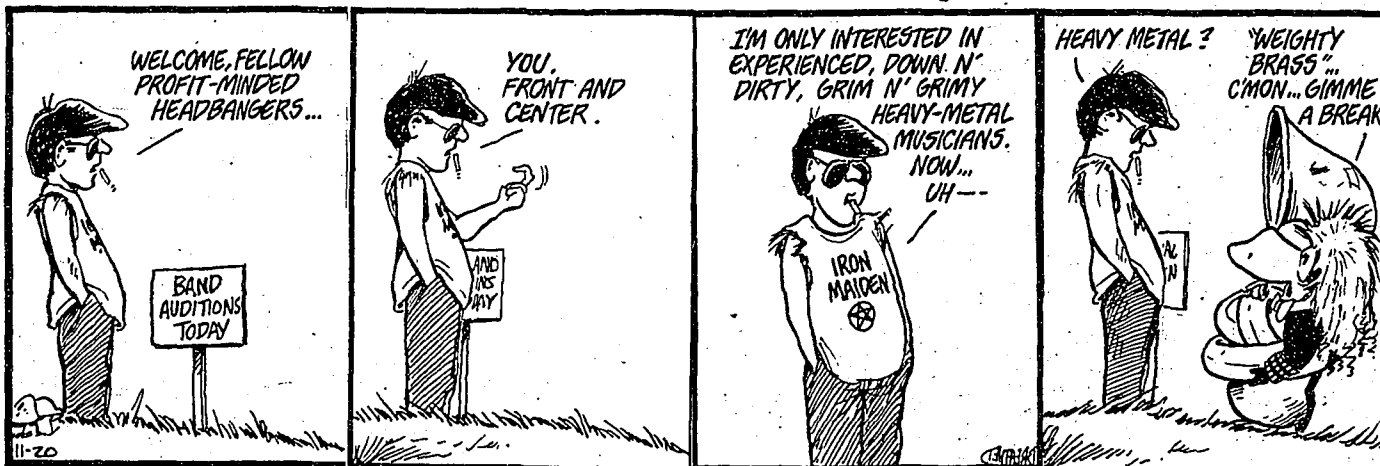
Now, I am confused, disappointed and angry. I feel that I have been deceived, lured from Virginia to a campus of sub-zero temperatures (which I

don't mind too much) and exceptionally inflexible administration (which I do mind) by false promises and unclear statements. I cannot believe that a school which is supposed to encourage individual growth and exploration can be so incomprehensibly restrictive. It makes no sense. Heck with student apathy, what about administrative apathy? Is the administration so fixed in its ways that it must stick to rules that consistently violate its stated purposes? Growth of the individual at Colby, it seems to me, is encouraged by the administration in the same way plant growth is stimulated by herbicides. Of course students are apathetic - they have run up against a bureaucratic brick wall, and have lost their taste for tilting against windmills.

David Coleman

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



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Displeasure with Physical Plant

Dear Editors,

I am writing to express my displeasure with some of the employees of Colby College and Colby's policy as it relates to them. The personnel of the physical plant and some of the other workers that Colby contracts at times seem to have little regard for students, their privacy, and their property. Workers have been installing a new sprinkler system in my dorm, a project that I will concede is necessary even during the middle of the semester. On two occasions, without prior notification, workers entered my room and installed new pipes. I was not present at either time, and the work necessitated rearranging my belongings, in one case clearing off my entire desk. Although some attention was given to neatness, the holes in the wall did generate some dust and rubble, something which

my computer sitting below did not appreciate.

This is not the first case that I have been disturbed by Colby workers entering my room. Last year I was missing a mirror in my room and asked B & G if I could have one installed. I was grateful that I could. When the workers arrived to install it I happened to be at the other end of the hallway and watched as they inserted their master key and opened the door without even knocking. Their excuse was that I knew they were coming. It seems that it is usually not a question of any wrongful intent, but a matter of ignorance.

A simple note a day or two in advance would have been little trouble, and I could have cleared off my own desk and covered my computer. The workers must have some idea when and where the

construction will take place or they should have. It is our right as students on campus to be warned in advance, and given the option of planning ahead. Something a little more specific than "We will be working in the dorm during the next two months" is required.

If there is a policy about college employees entering students rooms for legitimate reasons (as these were), then it needs to be clarified and enforced. If there is no such policy then there needs to be one. For many students, this issue is of greater immediate concern than the related issue of room searches that has received much attention during the past year. Colby should make sure that its employees are well aware of student rights and concerns. There is no reason for the less than open communication between students and workers that now exists. More specific communication will alleviate much student aggravation and allow the workers to do their jobs more efficiently.

Richard Lanzl

Bookstore Tyranny

Letter to the Editors:

The administration at Colby College is responsible for establishing one of the finest learning institutions which is recognized by people and businesses throughout the United States. They are constantly trying to upgrade the facilities that are available to the students presently on campus. They are even responsible for the termination of fraternities on campus, but it was considered necessary to maintain the credibility of the college. However, it is insulting that the Colby Bookstore still remains independent from the school, as it continues to over-charge students for books and supplies.

The students on campus are dependent on the bookstore for books and supplies at the beginning of each semester. They have a monopoly on books and supplies, and they use that advantage to exploit students. The professors throughout the college provide the bookstore with the lists of the textbooks which are needed for a particular course of interest. We, as students, do not have the time or energy to find alternative, cheaper sources of the required texts, so we are left with no alternative but to patronize the bookstore.

There are detrimental effects that are caused by the bookstore entrepreneurial activities. For one, students occasionally go without purchasing their books because of the high prices that they cannot afford. So they progress throughout the school year unprepared for the classes they attend. A second aspect which relates to the high prices, as well as the bookstore's policy, is the returning of textbooks to the publisher. The bookstore sends back books that are left on the shelves after five weeks. Students try and maintain an economic balance with their funds by purchasing books sporadically throughout the year, depending upon when the professor elects to make use of them. One aspiration of each student is to hope that the professor will not have time to use one of the books; therefore the student does not have to

return to the bookstore and be subjected to the offensive prices.

I, for one, have purchased a book titled "Statistics" by Donald Koosis, which has the suggested retail price marked on the cover as \$10.95. However, I unwillingly spent close to twenty dollars to have the text for my class. The store is aware that we are obligated to accept their prices; therefore they can charge an astronomical amount over the retail value.

If that is not enough, the bookstore also cordially supplies us with the service of purchasing our used texts. Once again they make a substantial return on their money because they know someone will need it for the following year. The bookstore then under-orders for the following year to account for the used books that they have purchased for the students. Some students rely on their own resources to re-sell their own texts without using the bookstore as a middleman. Students going into business for themselves should be an indication that the bookstore is monopolizing the disturbing generosity of its clientele. However, a more permanent solution should be administered so that students do not have to subject themselves to the bookstore's capitalistic ideals.

Why are the prices so high? Is it because they lose money during the summer and want to amend for their losses during the school year? Is it the rent that is imposed on them by this institution? Whatever the case may be, Colby College is recognized as a non-profit organization and that should also apply to the bookstore. One solution is to buy the bookstore and have it operated by the students. That way, the school would provide lower prices as a non-profit organization, and the students would be provided with a financial break. According to the Administration, Colby purchased the fraternities in a cry to maintain the high standards of the institution. It is also responsible for building the "Student Center" so that the campus could be united. Now how about helping the student body by ending the tyranny that is inflicted by the bookstore?

Kyriak Pappas

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Point/Counterpoint

by Greg Dumark
Jim Sullivan

Oftentimes in the world there are differing perspectives on some of the most crucial issues of our day. Questions of deep-seated ideologies often become polarized into basic issues that shape the world we live in. Issues of such magnitude require a forum for debate; in the name of such a necessity comes point/counterpoint:

HUGH: I think Bill Cotter at Colby sporting events acts like a statue.

MOORE: I disagree. I believe he looks more like a life-size cardboard poster-person.

HUGH: I think President Cotter is in the same league as Santa Claus; they both sneak around at night and we never see them. Each is a mythical figure in his own right.

MOORE: I'm going to have to disagree with you on that one, Hugh. I've heard that there are people who work in Eustis who think they've seen him.

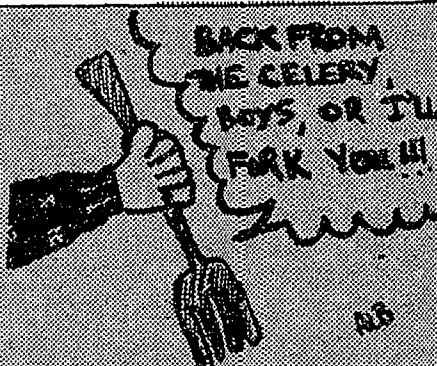
HUGH: I like the new lightweight trays at Seiler's because I can really load the tray with that fine Seiler's cuisine. Plus, because of their great aerodynamics, I can maneuver through the meal time crowds with ease.

MOORE: I disagree. I prefer the heavy, lead-lined trays because they build up my muscles. I don't get down to the field house much and I need all the bodybuilding I can get.

HUGH: The new tray returning conveyor belt at Roberts curves to the right when it ought to go to the left. The International tray Returners Commission has long since banned the right curving

returners in the name of Safety and have gone to the left-handers. I am appalled that Seiler's has violated such rules.

MOORE: Well, there you go again Hugh, I disagree. I saw someone get their hand sucked into the lefthand tray returner and then their whole body. Let's stick to the right-handed Tray Returner and play it safe.



HUGH: I believe that the toughest girls at Colby may be found around the toaster in Dana every morning at 8:15. I'd rather try to buy stock at the New York Stock Exchange than try to toast a slice of white bread.

MOORE: Once again I'm going to have to disagree with you Hugh. The toughest girls at Colby are armed with forks and squeezers in front of the Roberts salad bar. Once I saw an opening on the tray runner in front of the salad bar. I desperately tried to lay my tray down in the only available spot but a petite girl about five foot tall hip-checked me and my tray sending me sprawling into the yogurt.

HUGH: I think you're going to agree with me on this one, Moore. The downstairs section of the pub ought to be converted into a quiet dorm.

MOORE: Sorry Hugh, but you are just not being practical. With all those tables down there it's got to be a 24 hour study area.

HUGH: I think Colby ought to start up a small franchise of Dunkin Donuts on campus for Security personnel.

MOORE: Hugh, those guys are busy. In between calling Arbo's, writing out parking tickets and closing parties early they don't have time to stop at any donut shop. I think each car should have its own donut machine so as not to jeopardize campus security.

HUGH: Moore, I think both of our interests are at stake here. The girls at Colby should keep wearing those new long sweaters that are now in fashion. Hell, Moore, after the freshman fifteen and the sophomore thirty you don't want to see what's down there.

MOORE: Be more objective, Hugh. I think we ought to be able to make a fair and accurate assessment of what's down there. Those sweaters could turn an innocent date into a nightmare.

HUGH: Well Moore, you've tuckered me out. I guess we can't agree on anything. I'll just leave you with this observation:

Murph looks like Ellie.

MOORE: No Hugh! Ellie looks like Murph.

Seilers

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improved. Believe me, they listen to us when we give them some input; Ms. Ekstrom, "a piece of your mind." Come on now, we attend a very selective institution for higher education, we must know how to communicate by now. We all find ourselves guilty of saying, "Tonight Seiler's really has outdone themselves," but instead of flagging down a manager or filling out a comment card and offering a suggestion or two, we just blow it off and hope and pray for something better next time. Don't do it to yourself. Seiler's is there to serve Colby College and the only way they can do it best is by getting input from us, and friendly input at that, please. I say please because I become terribly embarrassed when a student comes to the Seiler's manager and gives him/her a really bad time because one of the milk machines ran out or that they can't get two entrees at once. I am embarrassed to attend the same school with someone of that caliber - someone who is 21 years of age and cannot handle him/herself in a mature enough

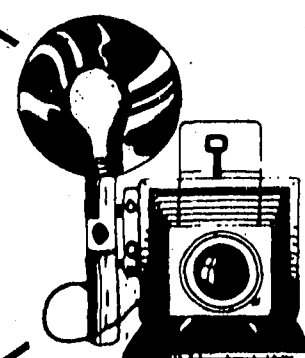
manner so as to ask nicely. You have no idea what kind of impact friendly, constructive criticism, compliments, and just all around niceness has on the food service employees, not to mention the results it yields. I will almost guarantee that if a student approaches the dining service with a reasonable complaint, presented in a reasonable manner, that the change requested will occur within one week. I have seen it happen with those students active and responsible enough to come forward.

Seiler's is an incredible tool just waiting to be put to use, we just have to come forward and use it. Not only are they always willing to, but are excited to put on special dinners and events. I think those members of Chaplin Commons who attended the Medieval Dinner in Foss will agree. Seiler's is there for you, to serve you well; they are all friendly people and are more than willing to talk to you about changes. If that is too much of a barrier for us to overcome, see the Dining Room council reps from your common and tell them your problem, and make sure they do something about it! Do us all a favor and speak up - but please let's not give food service people "a piece of your mind," none of us can afford to give any away.

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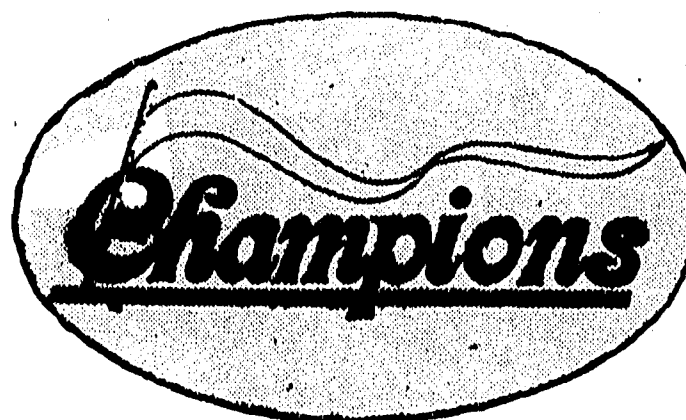
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Japan and Colby - Women Equal?

Having been in Japan for almost three months, I have observed first hand the second-class citizenship of Japanese women that Americans always hear about in the States. Male dominance in most institutions remains basically unchallenged, and the Japanese women's movement is the subject of mockery rather than serious consideration. In my homestay family, all my otoosan (father) has to say is "Rice!" and my okaasan (mother) jumps up, scurries to the rice cooker and -voila! -there is more rice. Likewise, Japanese women's mannerisms indicate the way they have been conditioned to be submissive: they speak quietly in little-girl voices, they giggle with their hands over their mouths, they look down when they speak, and they are continuously apologizing and excusing themselves.

So, what does this all have to do with students at Colby, the liberal arts college that doesn't discriminate (according to the catalogue) on the basis of race, color, creed or sex?

A lot.

My observations of Japanese women have naturally made me extremely sensitive to the liberation of women. I am presently taking a course on Japanese women and have been reading material written by Japanese feminists. While there are a few "radical" feminists who have really changed the patriarchal system, most of these writers' perspectives can be compared to that of American women in the 1950's who were just beginning to break out of their traditional roles as housewives and mothers. Being a "liberated" Western woman, then, has made it all very easy for me to criticize, complain, and wonder in dismay why most Japanese women remain at home, raising children. It has also made it very easy for me to scoff at the backwardness of their liberation movement and

to think of women in the United States as incredibly liberated, independent beings. After all, it is acceptable for American women to play rough sports, to pursue careers, to choose their own husbands, etc. But, I wonder, have American women reached the ultimate stage of liberation?

I don't think so.

You don't need to look very far to see the agenda that lies ahead for the attainment of true equality by American women. Nationally, of course, there are issues such as the E.R.A. and pornography. But right in your own backyard - right at Colby - men and women are not equal.

Being an athlete, an example that immediately comes to mind is the renovation of the women's locker room which has been "on the drawing boards" for several years. While I don't have the exact statistics here in Japan, I know that the men's locker room has many more benches and lockers than the women's locker room. Moreover, the men's locker room is larger, it has baskets where the men's rolls are put in for them (they don't have to wait in line), and most men's teams have their own designated areas. The important thing to note is that the two locker rooms are definitely not equal facilities. And, despite and ad hoc committee of concerned coaches who have done extensive research on the renovation, and who have even written several proposals, and despite a large donation (by a former Colby female athlete) specifically for the renovation, this inequality remains.

It may seem exaggerated to draw an analogy between the treatment of women in Japan and the treatment of female athletes at Colby, but, sadly enough, it can be done. As in Japan the decision makers at Colby are mostly male (the majority of the Administration, the Trustees, the Athletic

Director, etc...). Therefore any decisions that are made are most likely made without equal female representation. The issue of the women's locker room, in my opinion, is a perfect example of what can happen when a women's issue is brought before even "liberated" male decision makers: it is not completely discarded, but it is not seriously considered either.

My point, then, is two fold. First, American women (and especially Colby students who have more privilege and opportunity to make an influence in society) cannot assume that because they have equal legal rights and many options they are necessarily equal or liberated. The delay of the women's locker room renovation exemplifies this. Second, because the discrimination of women is not as blatant as it used to be in America (and still is in Japan), it is easy to be blind to it. American women must recognize subtle discrimination and act against it. In a sense, the easier part of attaining equality has been accomplished and the harder part lies ahead.

Meredith Magie
Class of 1988
Kyoto, Japan

Note: The author of this article, away for the year, is not aware that the much needed locker room renovation has just recently been completed. Located near the training room, the new locker room is a vast improvement over the old facilities. Women athletes at Colby appear to be pleased with the long-awaited renovation. Clearly, however, the author's point should not be ignored because of this one (albeit significant) improvement.

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*"Did you have too much to drink?"
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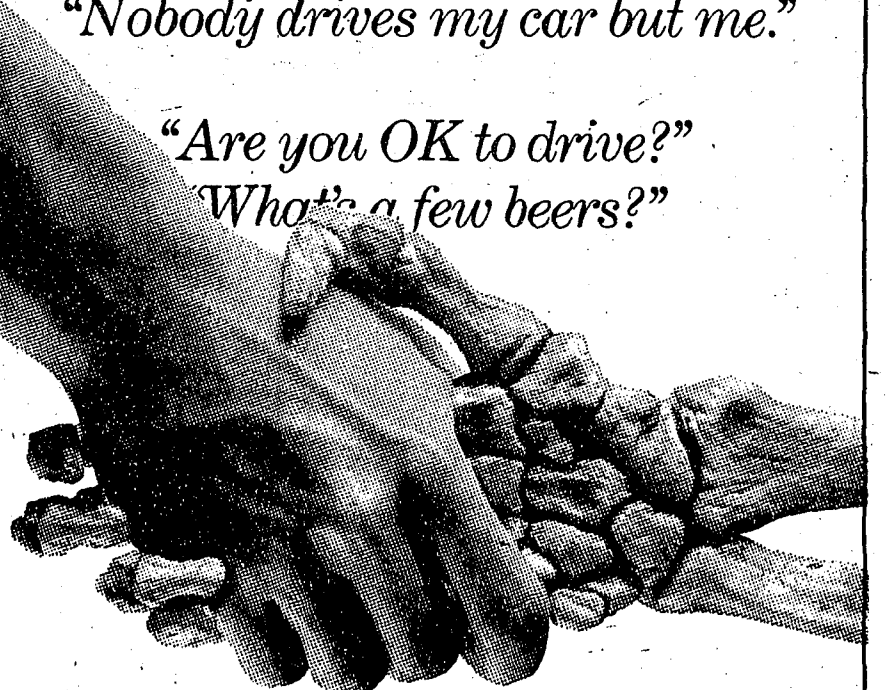
*"Are you in any shape to drive?"
"I've never felt better."*

*"I think you've had a few too many."
"You kiddin, I can drive
with my eyes closed."*

*"You've had too much to drink,
let me drive."*

"Nobody drives my car but me."

*"Are you OK to drive?"
"What's a few beers?"*



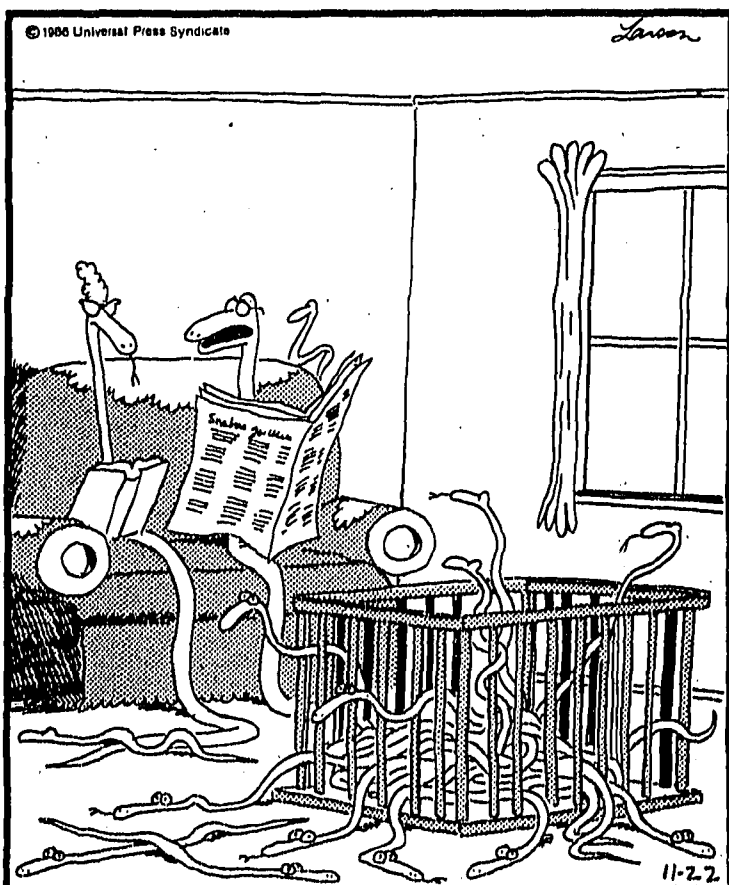
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WAA: Geering Up for a Great Season

by David Bullock

The 1986-1987 Winter Activities Association is looking forward to an exceptional winter season, and is currently conducting a review of previous winter activities to determine how this year's season can be improved. John Farkas, the Director of Student Activities, is supervising the Association with Jon Nash acting as student coordinator. Under them are Dave Fernandez, Johnson Pond coordinator and David Rand, cross country ski trail coordinator. A third student is yet to be appointed as the Sugarloaf and Carrabassett ski bus coordinator.

The most promising project the Winter Activities Association is currently undertaking has to do with Johnson Pond. The pond will be flooded one to two times a week and, under a new system, will constantly be cleared for skating.

In addition to this, a stereo-system will be set up by the pond during open hours, new lighting is to be installed and new goal cages have been obtained for use by I-Play

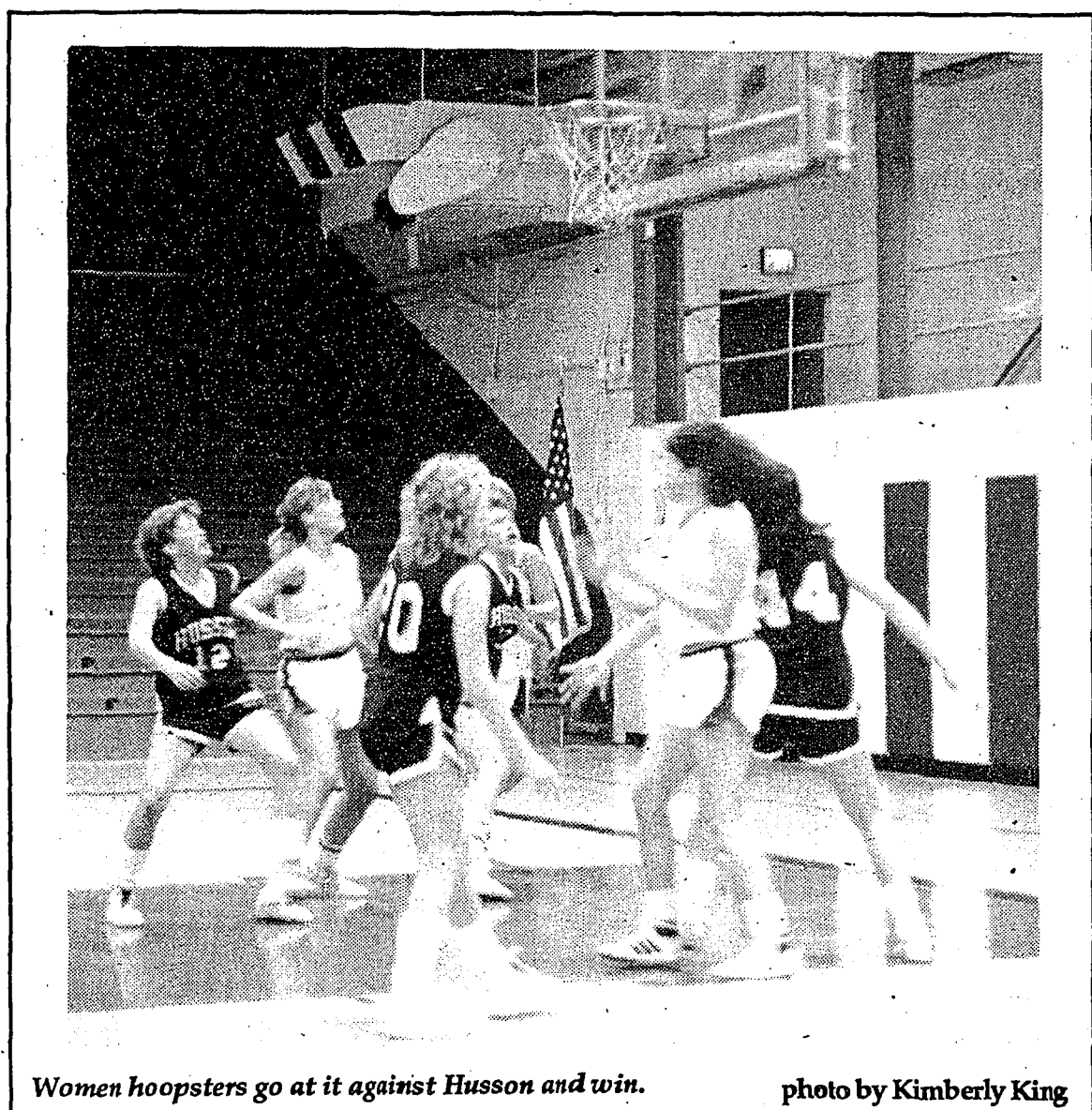
hockey and other clubs. The Winter Activities Association is also considering the possibility of having fires by the pond's edge and occasionally providing beverages.

For skiers interested in going to Sugarloaf or Carrabassett Valley, a bus will depart every Saturday at 8:00 A.M. Breakfast will be served in Roberts at 7:30 when cold cuts and drinks will be provided to make a bag lunch. It should be noted that Carrabassett Valley is a new stop for the bus and apparently offers excellently groomed cross country ski trails.

Lastly, new cross country trails have been cut behind the field house which will be maintained by newly purchased

professional grooming equipment (an updated trail map can be obtained from the student activities or outing club office). Also, new cross country skis can be rented from the outing club.

In all, the Winter Activities Association is very enthusiastic about the coming season and hopes that many will participate. Take advantage!



Women hoopsters go at it against Husson and win.

photo by Kimberly King

Men's Hoop Victorious

by Christopher Watt

The Colby Men's basketball team started the 1986-87 season in fine fashion, running its record to 3-0. With victories during Thanksgiving break over Tufts and Suffolk, and a win this past weekend over Brandeis, the Mules were off to a respectable start. Although these three are not opponents on Colby's schedule this year, the hoopsters demonstrated that they will be a force to be reckoned with.

On the Friday after Thanksgiving day, when most people were at home still recovering from the previous day's turkey eating binge, the Mules were in Boston to take on NESCAC rival Tufts University. The Jumbos, having lost career scoring leader Greg Davis to graduation, were seemingly outmanned. Tufts came out of the gate quickly, however, led by forward Vern Riddick (18 points, 12 rebounds), and the Mules held only a narrow advantage at halftime, 34-30.

The second half was a different story, however. After shaking off the opening game jitters of the first half, Colby's

superior depth and talent began to prevail. They were able to open up a 20-point lead midway through the period. The Mules were paced by the dazzling debut performance of freshman starter Matt Hancock. His 26 point, 11 rebound effort (including 13 straight free throws) helped the Mules to a 80-64 victory. Also contributing to the Colby attack were tri-captains Chris Powell and Chris Vickers, with 12 and 10 points respectively. Senior forward Bill Maher added 10 as well for the Mules.

On Saturday of that same weekend, the hoopsters went up against the Rams of Suffolk University. The Mules, more evenly matched in this contest, were still able to come away with a narrow 89-85 win. The first half was controlled by Suffolk. Mike Slattery scored 15 of his team high 24 points in the initial stanza to pace the Rams. They took a 47-43 lead into the locker room with them at the intermission.

The second half saw Colby make a fine comeback. Tri-captain E.J. Perry (game high 25 points, 7 assists) poured in 16 second half points to lead

the Mules to victory. His solid 4-of-6 shooting from 3-point range was a key factor. Fellow tri-captains Vickers and Powell were also key performers once again, with 18 and 17 points to their credit, respectively. Both pulled down 8 rebounds for the Mules.

This past weekend, the squad traveled to Waltham, Massachusetts to battle the Judges of Brandeis University. Colby was able to outlast Brandeis, 73-69, to earn their third straight victory. After spotting the Mules a 9 point first half lead, the Judges made things interesting. Behind the scoring duo of Jamie Borque (18 points) and Rob Toomey (14 points), Brandeis took a 58-54 lead with 9 minutes to play.

The Mules, not to be outdone so easily, battled back to tie the score at 67. After Colby took the lead with less than a minute to go, Powell was fouled. With 20 seconds left, he nailed two clutch free throws to put the visitors up, 71-67. Hancock, 10 of 12 from the foul line, hit two more free throws with 8 seconds to go to ice the victory. Powell and Maher led the offensive charge for Colby with 20 points each, followed by Vickers and Hancock, each with 12.

The Mules open up their home season this Wednesday at Wadsworth Gymnasium against perennial patsy the University of Maine at Presque Isle, and finish up their pre-Christmas schedule this Saturday at Salem State College. The team then journeys to California to test their skills (and improve their tans) against west coast powers Pomona and Redlands before returning to the frozen wilds of Waterville during the second week of January.

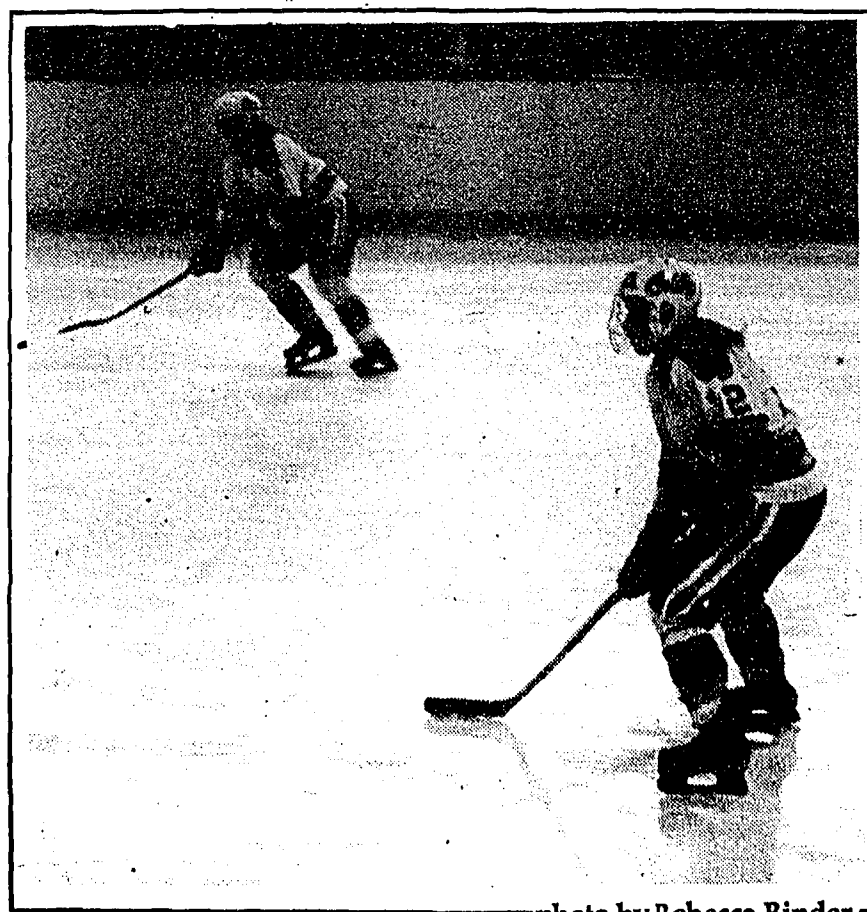


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Women's Hockey: Ice's Polar Bears

by Deborah Parsons

The Women's hockey team opened the season with a home game against Bowdoin. Leah Basbanes led the team with the first goal of the season, assisted by Tanya Mead, in the first period. Going into the second period playing "wonderful hockey," Robin MacWalter scored first, with assists by Basbanes and Mead who eventually had four assists throughout the game. Mead assisted the following goal of Tracey Roberts along with MacWalter.

The third period proved to be

quite disastrous. Roberts scored the final goal for Colby, assisted by Basbanes and Mead once again. Taking Colby by surprise, the officiating suddenly turned on the Mules. Harsh penalties were called, and Bowdoin craftily stole two goals, both of which were scored when we were down a man. In the third period alone, seven undue penalties were called on Colby. Paige Alexander played an impressive game saving 23 out of the 25 shots on goal. Overall, the Bowdoin challenge was a fine way to commence the season.

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Women's XC GO to Nationals

by Sarah Redfield

The Colby women's cross country team sent Jeanne Guild and Jill Vollweiler to race in the NCAA Division III Nationals. The race was held by the state university of New York on November 22. Guild and Vollweiler qualified for this race by being among the top 11 runners in the New England division III national qualifying meet, but due to NESCAC ruling, the team was prohibited from racing at the Nationals. The top teams from each of the 12 regions in the U.S. competed at the Nationals. There were 116 runners, the best division III cross country athletes in the country.

The course was on the tri-county golf course. The women ran on four inches of packed snow and ice. Along with horrendous racing conditions, the course itself was extremely hilly with tight, icy turns. Passing was nearly impossible. Despite the poor conditions and the intensely challenging course, Guild and Vollweiler ran well. Vollweiler, a freshman, placed thirty-ninth overall with a time of 21:22. Cleary Vollweiler had an

outstanding season and it is expected that she will return to the Nationals for her next three seasons.

For co-captain Jeanne Guild, running in the NCAA Nationals was the perfect way to finish off her fourth cross country season. Over the four years Guild has improved from being a good solid runner to an outstanding, talented runner. She placed 50th with a time of 21:35. Guild, who never utters any negative comments, stated that this course was "very, very hard." The winning time run by Lisa Koelfgen from St. Thomas, was 19:14, two minutes slower than what the women usually race at. Not surprisingly, St. Thomas placed first.

For an idea of how Colby would have placed if not for the NESCAC ruling, SUNY at Cortland placed 9th overall, and Colby beat Cortland at the ECAC's in October. Despite the disappointment in not being able to race at Nationals, the women's team is proud to have Guild and Vollweiler represent the team and Colby at the NCAA 1986 Cross Country Nationals.

Swimmers Off to a Good Start

by David Russell

Last Saturday the Colby men's and women's varsity swimming and diving teams opened their seasons with victories over the Brandeis Judges. The men won by a score of 119 to 94 and the women swam to a victory of 117 to 94.

The men started off with a 1-2 finish in the 400 medley relay

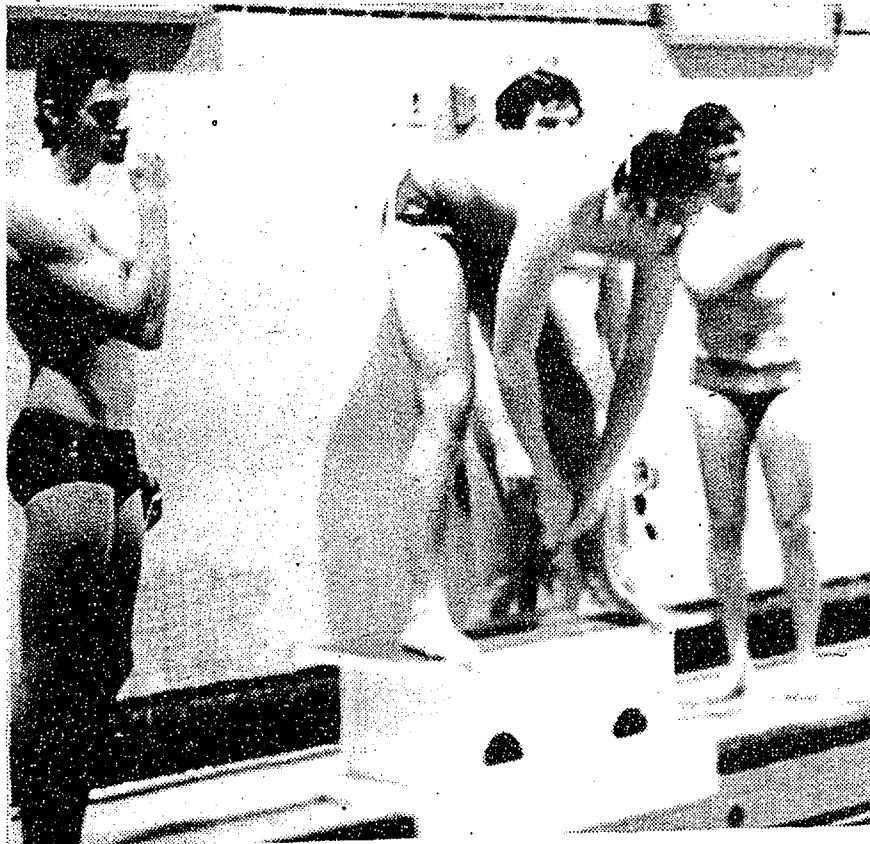
and continued to dominate throughout the meet, winning four of the nine individual events and placing second six times. Freshman Doug Belkin won both the 1000 yard and the 500 yard freestyle with sophomore Isser Gallogly and senior Peter Marshall close behind in both events. The Colby men finished up the day by repeating their 1-2 finish of

the first event in the 400 yard freestyle relay. In the one meter diving, freshman Bill Busineau turned out a promising performance in his first diving competition ever.

The women performed just as well, regardless of the fact that several members of the team were sick, also placing first in four of the nine individual events, second in five events, and winning both relays. Jennifer Massengill, a junior from California, won both the one and the three meter diving.

Both teams hope to improve on last years records of 6-4 (women) and 4-5 (men). The men seem to have benefited heavily with the addition of 11 new swimmers, six of whom are freshmen. This can be seen in the fact that freshmen made up 8 of the 19 top three finishers last Saturday. The Colby men and women are excited about the prospects of an exciting season as are second year Coach Robby MacDonald, assistant Coach Dana Hodges and the new Diving Coach Matt Curran.

The women continue their season tomorrow, travelling to Salem State and the men swim against UMO on Saturday.



On the block and ready to go.

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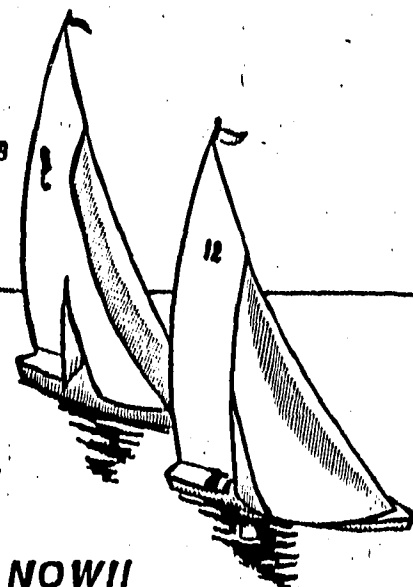
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• Women's Hockey

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Travelling down to the Providence College Invitational, the team went in with confidence. They started out with a decent first period against Providence, who had two goals at its end. But then their unyielding confidence slowly started to erode during the second period. Providence was scoring rapidly, one after the other. At the period's opening, goals were snatched within two and a half minutes. Providence added five to their total of goals at the close of the period, causing Colby to start shakin' in their skates. Providence was a powerful team, overpowering Colby 11-0 Friday night. Providence will probably go on to win the collegiate championship. A step up the ladder from Colby, Providence grants full scholarships for its women.

More along the same footing as we are, Princeton was the next competitor. As Princeton set foot on the ice, and "overwhelming aura" permeated the rink. Colby started to tremble, feeling nervous and intimidated before the game began. Colby's play reflected their inner feelings of fear, as Princeton dominated 10-1. MacWalter scored with an assist by Mead and Roberts. Princeton took what little momentum Colby had away. Coach Pfeiffer claimed "we shivered and quaked our way through the game." It was the "jerseys that defeated us more than the players." Pfeiffer proudly states that he has an exceptional group that gives a lot of support to one another. If anything, the game proved his team was "loaded with character." Everything is a group effort, and no one ever points a finger to another.

Sunday morning, they woke

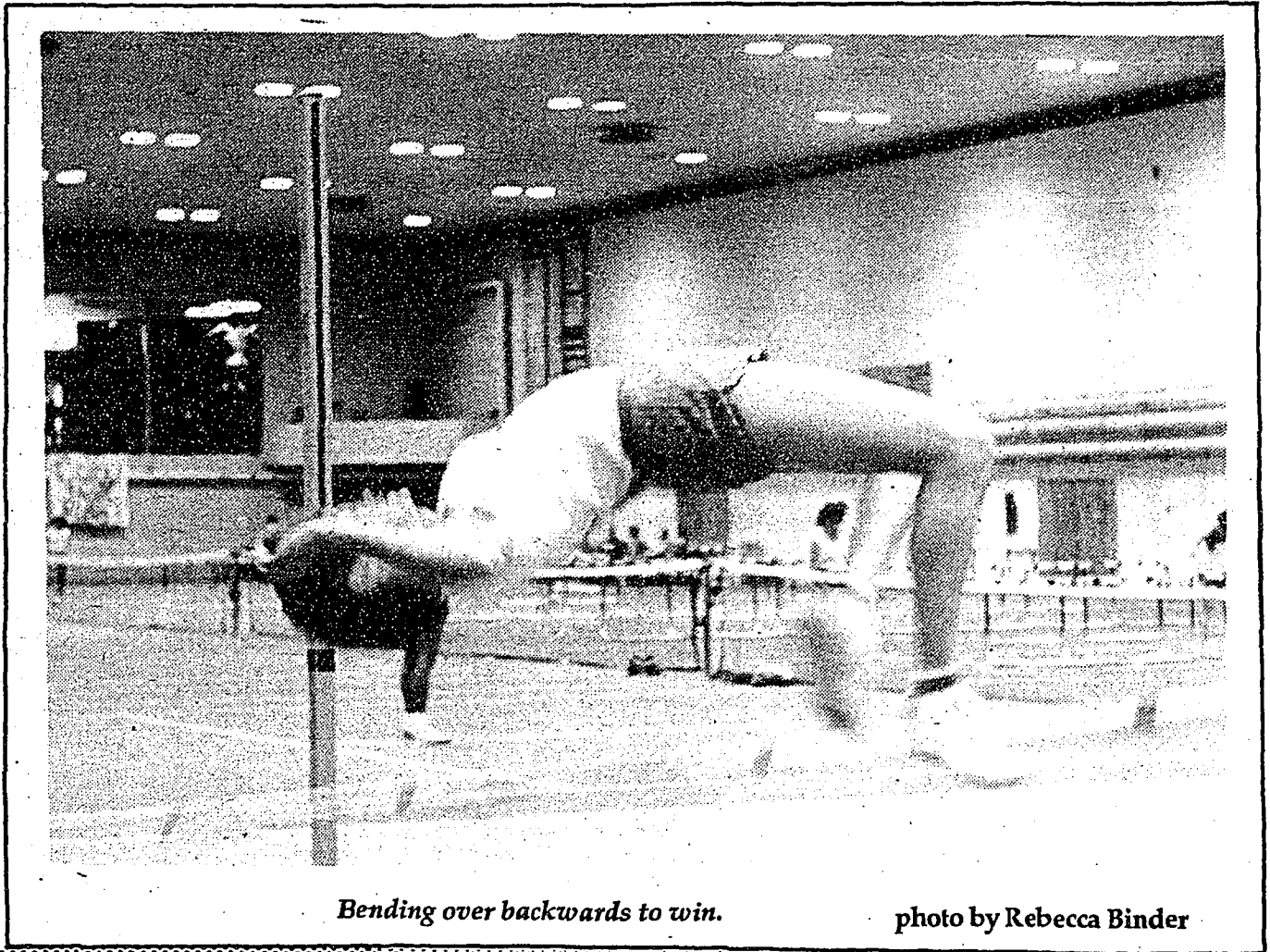
up to play Rochester Institute of Technology. After the first two shellackings, it was hard to build up confidence. Realistically, Pfeiffer thought of it as an "even game." RIT came away with four goals, but they were "funny goals."

The three games, Pfeiffer says, "proved that we can play anybody, we just need confidence." Over the weekend, the team grew a lot. It was a good experience for them to play these most prestigious teams. For they were a "key stepping stone" to Colby's future play. As Pfeiffer says, "You got to play the big guys to get yourself going!"

• Eastwood

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"Heartbreak Ridge" is no "Rambo." It isn't aggressively muddle-headed - the low body-count probably has something to do with this. Instead, "Heartbreak Ridge" is almost wistful. Though it may not realize it, it seems sadly out-of-date as its aging, Cosmo-reading Sergeant Highway.



Bending over backwards to win.

photo by Rebecca Binder

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

Record: 3-0

Last Game: Colby 73 Brandeis 69
Next Game: Dec 13 @ Salem State

Women's Basketball

Record: 2-2

Last Game: Colby 54 Wheaton 57
Next Game: Dec 13 @ Salem State

Men's Hockey

Record: 2-1

Last Game: Colby 4 Holy Cross 1
Next Game: Dec 13 Home vs Salem State

Women's Hockey

Record: 1-3

Last Game: Colby 0 RIT 4
Next Game: Dec 28-30 Colby Invitational

Men's Swimming

Record: 1-0

Last Meet: Colby 119 Brandeis 94
Next Meet: Dec 13 Home vs U. of Maine

Women's Swimming

Record: 1-0

Last Meet: Colby 117 Brandeis 96
Next Meet: Dec 12 @ Salem State

Men's Squash

Record: 0-7

Last Match: results not available
Next Match: Jan 14 Home vs Bates

Women's Squash

Record: 1-2

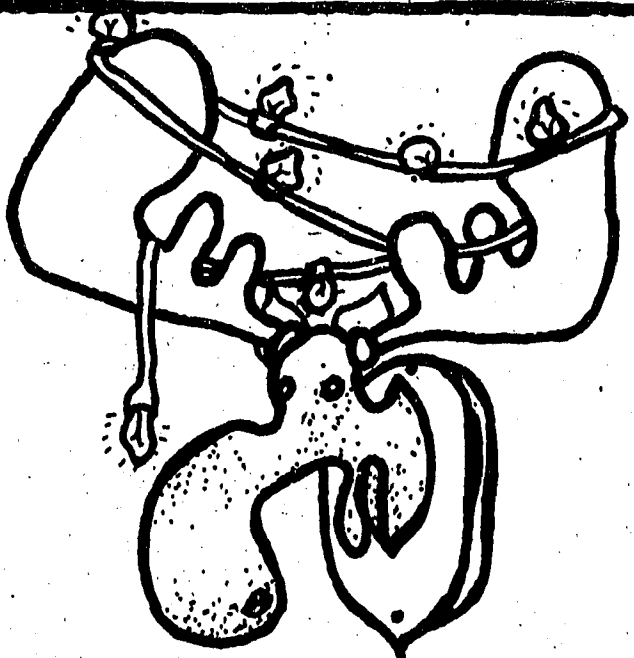
Last Match: Colby 6 Bates 3
Next Match: Jan 17 @ Amherst

• Room Draw Policy

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freshmen are given the option to either nourish their friendships or move onward, depending upon their needs.

In the past room draw has been a nerve-racking and harrowing experience. Some have even gone as far as to call it the biggest boil on the buttocks of Colby College since registration. But the room draw committee has worked long and hard, and this simplified and equitable system could be just what we need. Cross your fingers.



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- your p.m., Emily

TIN

Thanks for a great semester! I'll miss you in January - Send me a post card or two.

Kath

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COMPETING QUADS:

After 40+ hours of TV watching last week in the cave, doing a semester's work in one week, Kathleen is dying to come out and come out she will, Friday night. You can count on it and maybe even the semester will end with THE CONTEST at a score of 10-5, 211 whipping 210. Ed, Mike, Rob and Will, aren't you embarrassed?

Colleen:

It's good to see you smile; it makes it easier for us too- Thanks

Michelon Woman-

Have you found any of the fifteen yet? I've settled for a few of the other sixteen-hundred.

To the cast of Arsenic and Old Lace- Outstanding performance! Thank you for an enjoyable night.

Unis,

'86 will soon be gone
Are you sure John S. left your clothes on.
'87 will be an awesome year.
You, me, the caribbean and lots of beer.

- Chasemonster

Broadway Musical Review- What fun! Thanks!

Patty-

Pictures are fun especially when they're yours.

Karen: There is nothing like a chocolate high, but those withdrawal symptoms are killing me.

ZETES - WE HAVE ALL YOUR BEER DIE THAT YOU LEFT IN A CAN ON A PIANOSATURDAY NIGHT.

Karen- Who will I be a spaz with? Rachel, who will we blame? Jeremy- who will I watch GH with and cry to? Tom- who will I laugh at? Have a great Jan-Plan! (while I freeze!) I'll miss you guys! Love, J

Brenda and Pam-

Thanks for the letters and the cookies. They meant a lot. You're the greatest. Heidi

Ski-

HBWOBI!! Gone, out for pizza with MD. Who?!! Babci called. It's snowing at home and the low today was 10. We still have to do lists. Did you see my earrings? 1-4-3

Les, Pam, Jodie, Cathy, Brenda and Kelly:
Thanks.
Heidi

To the Crew: I'm not nervous!! You guys are awesome. I couldn't have asked for a nicer group of friends! How sentimental! The t-shirt is great

and everyone was jealous of me! I hope you are all consuming my share of you know what during these weekends on the lively campus of Colby College. I must admit that I don't envy your social lives.. I'm sorry. I miss you all dearly. Keep in touch.
Whoop Whoop.

Franny and Boomer and Jen R.
Scoot right! Scoot left! Move those legs! These next four weeks are a killer and I feel for you guys. Hope the season starts out well. I do wish I was on the ice with you guys but remember "Live is Life!" Say Hi to Coach for me and tell him to keep his hat on!
Whoop! Whoop!

Artah-

The tears that I am crying isn't pain tears.
They're made to disguise my guilt and also my shame.

I forgive you and I'm asking you to do the same while we weren't together. I was also a human being. Everyone's doing it! Good Luck!

Twiggy and Scarey,
Sorry to hear about the season, I feel guilty now! Now that the season is over you can get on to bigger and better things.. You're seniors and I want some details on the daily celebrations. Thanks loads for the letters and I hope the rest of the year is a breeze... Courthouse and You Know Whose bound!! Love Bed

Vanessa, Where are you? I hope you haven't already eloped with Arnie! Or maybe you're lost in the "fog" of Foss Woodman, I know how strong it can get there! Let me know what's happening.
Your long lost friend in France, Courtenay

Sheila and Tammy, Now that you guys have a car at your service, I don't want to see anymore 80 mph tickets! You don't want to be suckered by the Maine States, they're only Nards!! Sorry Tam, Tell Britt that I went to Dijon and I'm learning all the "nice" french words! Miss you guys!
Love Court

Stu McLehouse, Tim Oakes, Matt Moan, and Pete Mueller-
Congratulations on graduating! Good luck to you all! Take care
Sue Maddock

Sheila-

I am so excited for August 22, 1987 that I just don't know what to do with myself till then! How are you?
Congratulations!!
-Sue

R-O-M-Vinnie!

Have a wonderful Christmas! I am so excited to visit you in Spain! The door is always open in Florence! Roughly one party!
XOXO R-O-Y

Cece-

Snow Cow is sending much love at Christmas time. Please come to Italy in the Spring- we'll go skiing and do face plants and angels together
XOXO Snowcow

S.P.

- hit many station wagons lately?
S.C.

JEB

Here's to a super Jan-Plan!!

Love Keb

K-

Words can't describe what I feel for you.

-A

Thanks everyone who helped with the fete. You made our birthdays really special. We love you guys!

Sheri, Edie and Carol

SLAM QUEENS IN 312:

Although we have our differences, you know I still love you guys. Good luck next semester! (No K., not in Egypt!)
- stud from 315.

President Cotter-

You're looking good on the slopes at Sugarloaf this year!

-the b.c. club

Hi Brad!

A, you're adorable
C is for Christa who is a Cool dude.
S is for Scooby who is So hahsh.
L is for me saying dinner was Lovely.
(and you are too, of course)

Chest -

Keep your tag record up in England - Don't disappoint us! By all means, don't forget your heart pills!

Love, Your Roommates

Anne C:

Whose laundry will I bring downstairs; who will I buy things for; who will I lend scissors, glue, needles, egg to; who will beg me for change or for chocolate; whose refrigerator will I put my o.j. in; who will supply the hall with magazines; where will we watch tv or take naps; who will I bother and be silly with and wake up and whine to; and who will you complain to now? Yes, Annie-Baby, I'll really miss you. Best of luck.

Much love and smooches, J.

Grandpa Joe said "proudly," "with a proud expression," "feeling mighty proud," "in a proud frame of mind" "with proudness protruding from his mouth" "in a proud kind of way" - "I'm proud of us, I think we have removed ourselves from academic probation!!" Gramma Josephine responded "with a grin" "grinning all the while" "her face like a huge grin" "in a grinning manner" "Me too!!"

Issa-

Yes! Score! Is that Fair? HBWLH, Oh come on Susan! F--- you ski, just pull me up? We know you'll be an HBSAM! Good Luck!

Snoopy-

Just a reminder: You're very special to me.

-Steve

I can't wait to see you Scooby Ooby!

J:

Be careful what you wish for because, it might come true.

Has Frosty melted?

Eileen: Saturday night was great! I'll always remember that party and you. Save the next dance for me, because Je t'aime (still).
-THE "Breakdancer"

Luc- Will Saladale and the Willowgrove mall get visited in my honor this year? I'll miss our reunion! HAVe a great Christmas! I miss you! Love Sue

Gregg-

Heard you were getting the GOOD THANG so I left you this note.

-Grabs

G- You are what you eat, so if you sprout horns and mol don't come to me for your feed!
The Plant Eater

Jenny G-

Sorry about your Anniversary Celebration - the champagne was a bad year anyway!
Love, The QUAD.
P.S. Merry Christmas

To my Quadmates and Jon G:

I can't tell you how much I'll miss you this spring! Please write often and I'll visit you all... or something... Good Luck! I love you all, SKI

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Meal Plan

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imately \$2,150. These rates are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

Given the increase cost, however, most students interviewed were still in favor of the new meal plan. Senior Melissa Tuck commented, "It [the meal plan] will be nice because I could go to dinner later. Sometimes I'm not hungry right away and if you don't go at the right time you get stuck with a rush. The dining halls are so crowded. Did you ever try to eat when they're moons of people yelling at you. Besides, sometimes when I eat I want someone waiting one me as opposed to me waiting on them."

Junior Paige Alexander similarly noted, "I think it's a good idea because you're not under pressure to eat. Right now lots of students miss meals and it's a shame. Who wants to stop studying to eat dinner."

There was some discontent expressed over the new pricing structure. Junior Kristen Foss said, "Actually, when you think about it, it's somewhat unfair. If you take the Missed Meal Plan, you're getting the same amount of food even if you're not missing meals."

Bikers

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probably be a lot of fun, but I wouldn't join. I want to keep it as low profile as possible."

Other bikers didn't express much interest in a club either. Said Moran, "It wouldn't work because no one really rides in winter. I do because I sort of have to." Devine and Wolfson felt a club wasn't necessary either. "We don't need a club, but we do all have jean jackets," Wolfson generalized about his fellow bikers.

For those of you who want to join the growing trend and try a motorcycle of your own, Moran recommends going to "The Starting Line" located in Fairfield. Be careful though, because as Devine warns, "Once you get one motorcycle, you keep wanting something bigger and bigger and bigger..."

Campaign 2000

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campaigns are not always in the best interests of new College development. He noted, "We will spend a good part of the January Board of Trustees meeting talking about long term fund-raising goals. I believe that a process such as the Colby 2000 Campaign has a lot of inefficiencies and we should think about fundraising as the needs arise."

For example, we are presently in the discussion stage about a possible expansion of the museum, an all weather outdoor track and more faculty office space. We shouldn't have to wait to fill a bucket, for example, with items such as these before we begin raising money. The College should be thinking about fund raising all the time."

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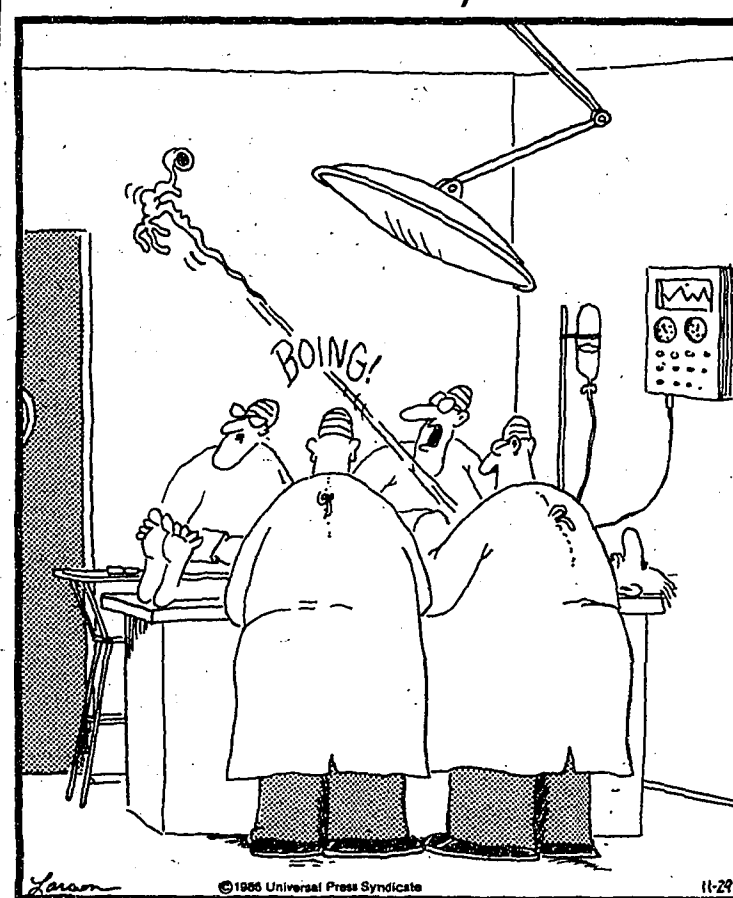
complaint. He told the Echo, "I don't think a hundred dollars a year is unreasonable if you divide that up by the number of meals. Also, it's good because more people will take advantage of the Spa."

Seilers representative Dan Eusebio agreed that the Missed Meal Option Plan would both increase attendance at the Joseph Spa and improve campus social life. He commented, "The plan hopefully will bring more people into the Spa and improve the social atmosphere. It's picked up a lot already from last year. And, I hate to say it, but I think the beer's been a big help. Also, however, people have come for social reasons. With the new meal plan, this will only improve."

Student-Activities Vice President Heather Cameron is also confident that the new Missed Meal Plan will be a benefit to the student body. She told the Echo, "When people miss a meal for a meeting or a sport, they will now be able to go to the Spa - something they should be doing now already anyway. Also, and more importantly, the new Missed Meal Plan will make the Student Center more the center of campus. I think people will begin to use it to its fullest potential."

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Whoa! Watch where that thing lands
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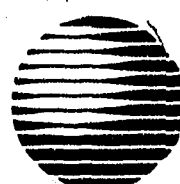
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Arsenic and Old Lace: Meaningless Fun

by M. Daigle

That musty odor emanating from the Strider Theater the weekend before Thanksgiving was not the dead bodies in the cellar of that old Brooklyn house, nor the body in the window box, but it might have been Joseph Kesselring's play "Arsenic and Old Lace," presented by Powder and Wig.

While the performance of this old play was energetic and well received, the play itself is in need of some fresh material. It has not aged well, a feature that hampers the efforts of a first-time director, such as Jo "Muffy" Guthrie. Some of the lines referring to pre-World War II Brooklyn and the references to Brooklyn as a neighborly place as opposed to New York fail to be topical anymore. In fact they failed to be topical the year after the play was published.

Once you got past the idea that the play means anything and settle in for some fun, the evening was enjoyable. It is, after all, the kind of play they don't write anymore. Thankfully.

Director Guthrie gathered a young cast full of energy, if a little short on fine acting skills, and hit all the high spots of the comedy.

The Brewster sisters, for those who came in late, have a cute little habit of poisoning old men and burying them, with full Christain honors, in their cellar, dubbed "The Panama Canal" in honor of their insane nephew, Teddy, who thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt. Isn't that a riot?

As the crazy aunties Nancy Munro and Michelle Kutchta were a little indistinguishable. Fortunately they referred to

one another's name once in a while.

Mortimer Brewster, played frantically as necessary by John Bookis, meanwhile finds out about the gentlemen in the cellar and immediately plans to urge them to seek more permanent quarters.

Added to this wild and crazy mix is another nephew, Jonathan, played loudly by Andrew Palmer, and his cohort, Dr. Einstein played by Franc-Eric Wiedmar. Jonathan is, of course, insane, and has killed a dozen men around the world. Einstein is a plastic surgeon who rearranges Jonathan's face after each murder. Anyway they descend on Brooklyn and add to the fun.

The play actually requires some close timing and physical acting of its cast. For the most part the cast was okay. Much of the dialogue by some of the minor characters who seemingly appear out of nowhere and clutter up the stage was less than swift, and at times the production dragged. Since the subplots in this play are minimal, and the humor they generate unnecessary, some careful cutting might have allowed more room for the main story to progress.

Given the material, the overall effect was successful. The set, designed by the director, was a delightful period piece as were the costumes designed by Whitney Keiting and Noriko Miyakoda.

Generally, the main characters fulfilled the light demands of the roles. In addition to the aforementioned leads, Richard Marcu as Teddy and Melissa Hruby as Elaine were adequate in their supporting roles.

Death of an Anarchist: Rousing Success

by Laurie Kopf

Just when Colby students had finished off the last of their summer earnings on a Domino's large pizza with extra cheese, and thought that they were doomed to spend the last of their nights on campus trapped within the confines of the twenty-four hour study cubes, the Theatre Workshop saved the day by offering a fulfilled evening in Strider Theater open to all students free of charge.

This evening of free entertainment centered around the presentation of Dario Fo's farce, Accidental Death Of An Anarchist. Fo based his play on the an investigation that took place in Milan, Italy in 1969 which resulted in the death of a Milanese railroad worker. The railroad worker, who was also a participating member of a small group of anarchists, had been accused in a bombing incident, and somehow or other throughout the course of the investigation was pushed out the window. The police tried to cover up his death and make it appear to be an accident. However, their stories did not match; each policeman told of a

different set of circumstances which led to the anarchist's death. So the Italian court opened another investigation, but the judge in the case ended up closing the case and avoiding the real problem, convicting the policemen of foul play. Therefore, Fo took it upon himself to study all the different accounts of the death and to write a play on the conclusions he made from those accounts.

Colby's interpretation of Fo's play was excellent. Jeff Casto, Marcus Ratliff, Doug Kaplan, Bill Hamilton, Abott Meader, and Edie McGill brought the play to life for Colby audiences. They all illustrated the enthusiasm and dedication necessary to make the play a success.

Doug Kaplan, who played the Maniac, although hindered by laryngitis, had the audience on the edges of their seats waiting to see what he was going to do next. Jeff Casto, as Bertozzo, and Bill Hamilton, as Pisanini, were very convincing investigators. And together with Abott Meader, the Superintendent, the trio handled the fighting and other action-packed scenes with ease. Their

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Broadway Musical Revue Review

The performers of the Broadway Musical Revue wowed audiences several weekends ago with their fabulous tribute to famous Broadway numbers. Dedicated to love and romance, the show presented the lighter side of life in the most entertaining way, with such tunes as "I Feel Pretty" (West Side Story), "I'm Reviewing the Situation" (Oliver), and "Tom, Dick or Harry" (Kiss Me Kate).

The company, comprised of fifteen students ranging from freshmen to seniors, from biology majors to philosophy majors, all turned out truly professional performances.

Everyone was beaming and exuding such energy that one couldn't help but get caught up in it all. Each performer appeared comfortable with the blocking and choreography and handled himself with ease on the multi-level stage.

Some particularly notable numbers: Anita Terry and Brent Rankin, who sang "I Don't Need Anything But You," were simply charming in their innocence and openness; Anita's complete turnaround in "Dance Ten, Looks Three" was surprising in its unabashed sexuality, but not enough to take anything away from the quality of her singing; and "Standing on the Corner,"

featuring Mike Bukauski and John Reynolds, added a different tone to the show with its perfect four-part harmony in the barbershop quartet style. Unfortunately, there's not enough room here to applaud all 20 performances individually, but you can be sure that all were super.

On the technical side, the lighting was handled well. Different colors for different moods and the use of the spotlight proved effective in enhancing the atmosphere of each performance. The four-level stage created the illusion of bigger space than actually available and literally added dimensions which helped incorporate a large variety of blocking. Finally, the cabaret-style seating for the audience was appealing in the intimacy it invoked, as opposed to sitting in rows of auditorium seats. The only problem with the set up was that all of the action on the stage could not be seen from every chair.

Special congratulations go out to Patty Cirigliano and Melissa Ruff for their excellent work as co-directors and producers. Obviously, by the quality of the production, they put a lot of thought and time into the show. All of the cast should be very proud of their efforts and the rest of us should be waiting breathlessly for the next Broadway Musical Revue in the spring.

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Anarchist

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roles demanded a variety of different talents, including singing, which the trio, joined by Marcus Ratliff, the Constable, handled so well that the Colby Eight members should be worried. Also, Brian McCabe, the stage manager, although he held the smallest of the roles made his entrances memorable.

However, although the play on the whole was excellent, there were a few slight problems. For one, Doug's laryngitis, despite the fact that he handled it as well as could be expected, did present a hearing difficulty for those in the back rows. Also, the role of Maria Feletti, played by Edie McGill, was not as powerfully portrayed as the others and therefore lost some of its importance. It seemed as though McGill spent too much time watching the floor and was not as comfortable as the others with her role.

These few problems, though worth mentioning, did not take away from the success of the play as a whole. The students while leaving the theater all seemed pleased with the play, so much so that their satisfaction could be seen by the huge smiles on their faces while walking out the door.

The fun and excitement did not end with the final bows of the actors; more fun was still to be had. After the play the Theatre Workshop offered a question and answer session on the play and actors. This session was very well received and added the final touches to the evening's success.

Thus, once again, the Colby theater group has presented a successful and entertaining production. Accidental Death Of An Anarchist, the last of the Colby productions this semester, ends the semester well and leaves Colby students anxious to return for Jan Plan to await their next production.

String Quartet's Colby Debut

On Sunday, November 23, Colby's newest faculty members, the Portland String Quartet, made their campus debut. The new artists in residence gave their inaugural concert to a full house in Given Auditorium. The performance consisted of three pieces, two classical quartets, from Hayden and Beethoven, and one romantic work from Cesar Franck. Each piece gave the audience a clear example of the talents of this chamber ensemble.

The quartet, comprised of violinists Stephen Keckskemetchy and Ronald Lantz,

violinist Julia Adams, and cellist Paul Ross, led a seminar on chamber music and the art of performing in a small group to several of Colby's music students on Friday Nov. 21. In the seminar, members of the quartet worked individually with student performers, critiquing their styles and making suggestions on ways to improve their overall performances. The quartet will be returning to act as instructors in a Jan-Plan on the history of chamber music. As artists in residence, they will be performing extensively both on campus and in the Waterville area in the years to come.

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by Vincent Canby

NEW YORK - "Heartbreak Ridge," which stars Clint Eastwood, who also directed and produced it, is about United States Marine Corps Sgt. Tom Highway, a character made to Eastwood's impressive measurements as a man, an actor and an icon of the popular cinema.

By 1983, when the film begins, Tom Highway has been on active duty in the Marines longer than most of the men serving with him have been alive. He won the Medal of Honor at Heartbreak Ridge in Korea and fought with valor in Vietnam, another war that

wasn't won. His wife has long since divorced him. He drinks too much, gets into too many barroom fights, and is baffled by his new recruits as they are infuriated by his idea of discipline, which includes calling them "ladies" and questioning their sexual preferences.

Says his much younger superior officer, "You're an anachronism. you ought to be in a glass case with a sign saying, 'Open only in case of war.'"

In "Heartbreak Ridge" Tom Highway finally gets his war and the chance to test his men in serious battle, where the bullets are real, men die and glory is won. In the thick of it he even finds the opportunity to shout, "All right, you devil dogs, let's take that ... hill!"

The war? Grenada.

To describe "Heartbreak Ridge" as a "Green Berets" for the 1980s is to overstate the obvious. It's also to underrate the informed economy and humor of Eastwood as a film maker and an actor. "Heartbreak Ridge" a movie at war with itself, has the same effect

on the viewer. It requires a certain crazy vision to transform the American invasion of Grenada into the equivalent of Iwo Jima.

Chief among the good things in the film is the character of Tom Highway, a comparatively complex variation on a cliché. He's a man who, having been "married" to the corps for over 30 years, late in life starts reading Harper's Bazaar and Cosmopolitan surreptitiously seeking to discover something of the nature of women in the writings of prophets like Helen Gurley Brown.

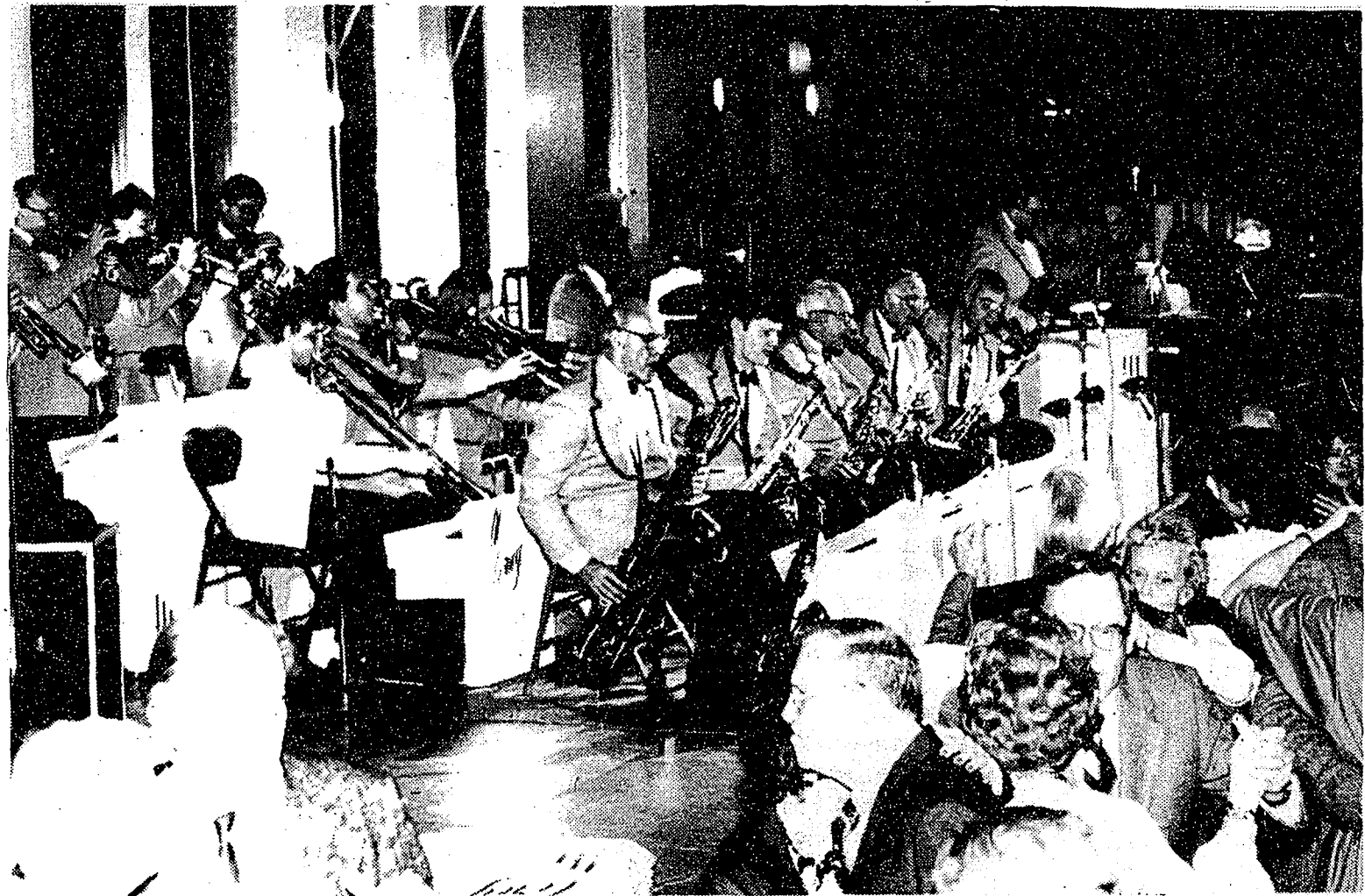
As the gritty, raspy voice sergeant, Eastwood's performance is one of the richest he's ever given. It's funny, laid-back, seemingly effortless, the sort that separates actors who are run-of-the-mill from those who have earned the right to be identified as stars.

Also entertaining is the dialogue in James Carabatsos's screenplay, much of which is so rudely, inventively, hilariously obscene that it apparently prompted the image-conscious

Marine Corps to withdraw the support that had been given to the film during the production.

The supporting cast is headed by Marsha Mason (as the sergeant's exhausted ex-wife), Mario Van Peebles (as the most outspoken member of the sergeant's rebellious platoon) and Eileen Heckart (in a small role as a barmaid). they're all first-rate, but especially successful is Eastwood's direction of the actors and of the entire film, at least up to the military operation that provides what is meant to be a rousing climax.

The Grenada invasion is treated more or less as it was reported in official communiqués - quick, clean, efficient. The only Grenadians we see cheer rapturously, and the only enemies are Cubans. Unintentionally sight-gaps abound. Even the dimmest movie goer is likely to find that the aircraft carrier transporting the marine to their objective looks bigger than Grenada itself, which diminished both the suspense and valor factors.



Al Corey's band plays on their fortieth anniversary in the Student Center.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING - DECEMBER 4, 1986

1. Hope Warden, All-Campus Room Draw Chair presented the Room Draw Proposal for Spring 1987, which is based on the results of the latest room draw surveys. Under this plan, juniors and seniors will participate in an all-campus room selection procedure while a percentage of sophomores will be allowed to retain their Commons. The Board approved the plan unanimously. This plan will be submitted to the trustees.

2. The Board also approved unanimously with 1 abstention, "The Missed Meal Option Plan," which allows students who miss meals to receive credit at the Spa for that day after dining halls close. This plan is awaiting survey results and subsequent further approvals.

3. A proposal was also submitted to the Board of Governors which outlined changes to and described certain current aspects of the HR/RA selection process, evaluation procedures, role description, and relationship with the student government.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING - DECEMBER 8, 1986

1. A proposal by BAR requiring that a soda machine and food must be provided at all major parties was approved by the Board. This proposal also outlined suggestions for better alcohol responsibility at Colby.

2. The Board approved certain changes to the HR/RA Proposal.

RESIDENCE HALL STAFF SELECTION PROCESS:

a. "The position of HR should be a promotion for good RA's. RA's judged to be effective should be given first priority in the selection of HR's." (8 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions.)

b. "A non-variable committee must interview all HR applicants and must make the final selection (by majority rule) of all HR's." (13 in favor, 2 abstentions.)

c. "Variable committees must make the final selection of all RA's" (13 in favor, 2 abstentions.)

d. "There must be two non-hall staff seniors and two senior HR's on each of these committees." (14 in favor, 1 abstention.)

e. "Evaluation by hall residents should be readily accessible to the selection committee and should weight heavily in reassessments and in particular, promotion to HR." (unanimous)

f. "Evaluations should be handed out and collected by governors rather than by residence hall staff. To ensure honest responses, anonymity should be preserved for the respondents to the surveys." (12 in favor, 3 abstentions.) The procedure by which governors will collect these forms was tabled until the next meeting. The Dean's office might prepare copies of the all actual comments and summaries of the statistics. It was suggested that the evaluations be changed.

RESIDENCE HALL STAFF ROLE DESCRIPTION:

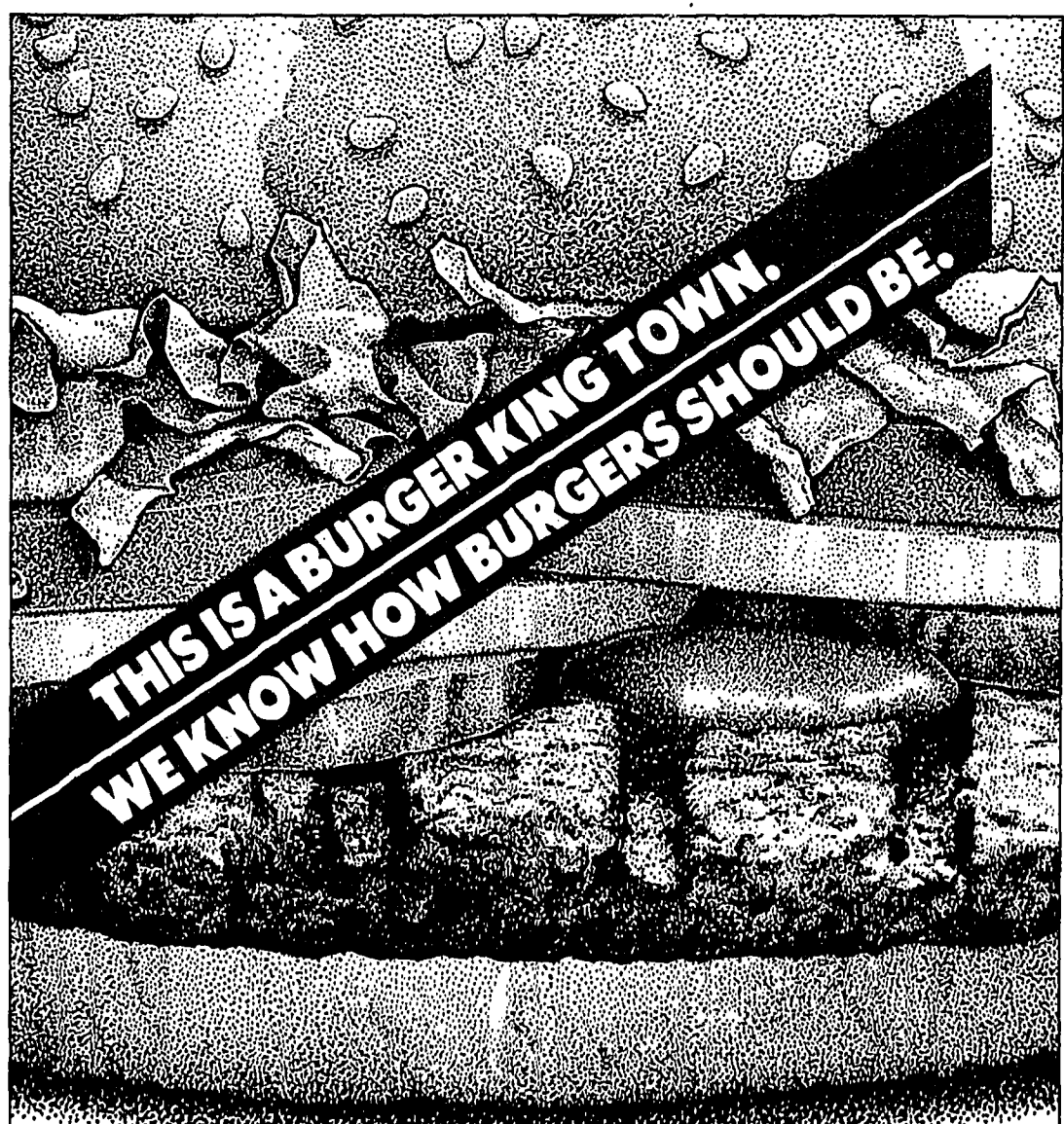
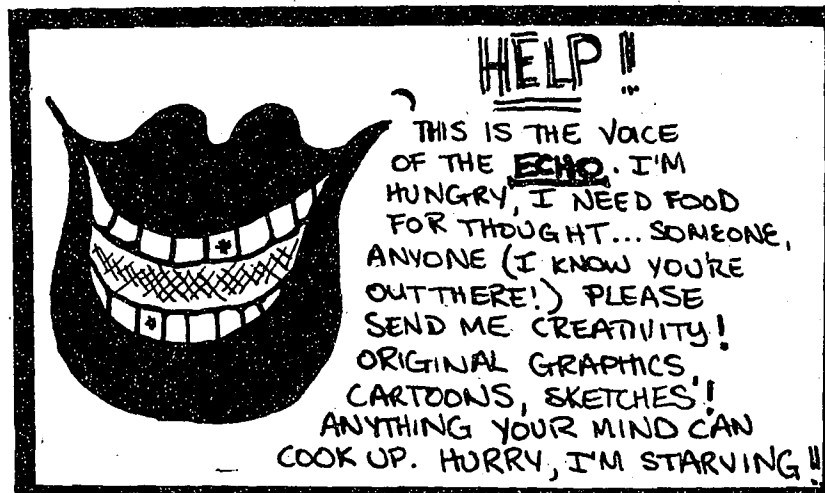
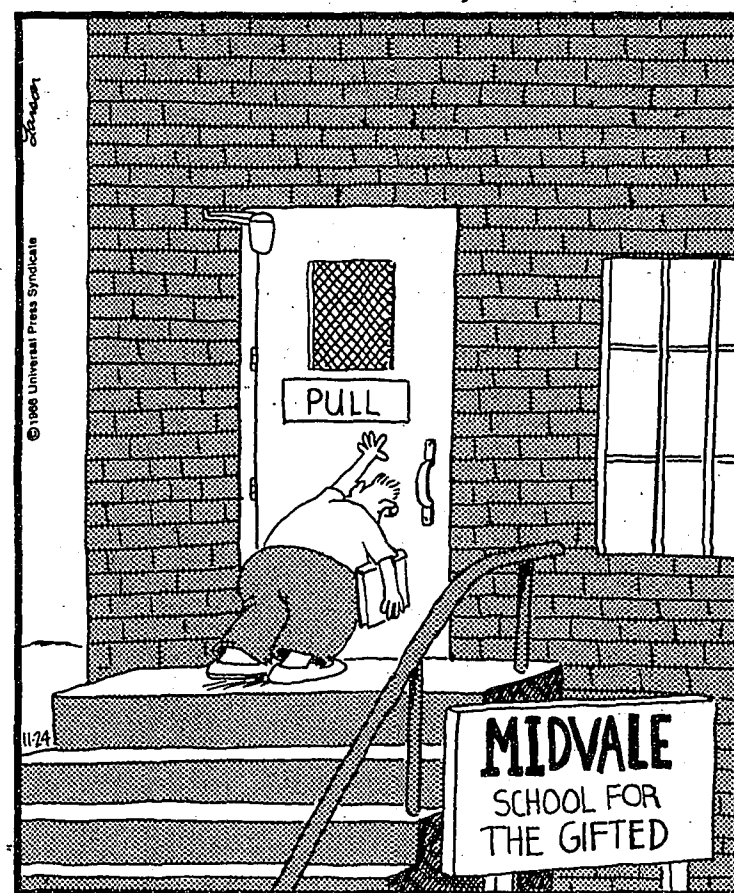
a. "One residence hall staff per commons must be on duty each weeknight." Weekend duty procedure remains unchanged.

RESIDENCE HALL STAFF RELATIONSHIP WITH STU- DENT GOVERNMENT:

a. An RA/HR must relinquish his/her position as hall staff if elected to the STU-A Executive Board or if elected Commons President. RA's will be allowed to be governors if they feel strongly enough that the roles will not interfere with one another. (Straw Vote: Unanimous.)

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By GARY LARSON



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1 Waterville Road • Oakland
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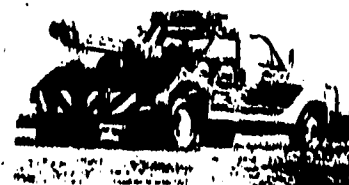


- 15 % discount on all parts, service, and labor with Colby I.D.
- State Inspection Station
- Tune-Ups, Oil Changes, Tire Changes
- Automatic Transmission Specialists
- 24 HR Wrecker Service

ROAD & WRECKER SERVICE
24 HRS. DAY 873 - 9507
NIGHT 873 - 2786
2 LOCATIONS

HOURS:
MON-FRI
7am - 9 pm
SAT-SUN
7am - 8 pm

**1 Self Service Island
1 Full Service Island
ULTRA GASOLINE
93.5 OCTANE**



BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Dance all night with the
best lighting & sound system
north of Boston

PARTY AFTER HOURS
EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY
UNTIL 3 am
Doors close at 12:30
Special drink prices

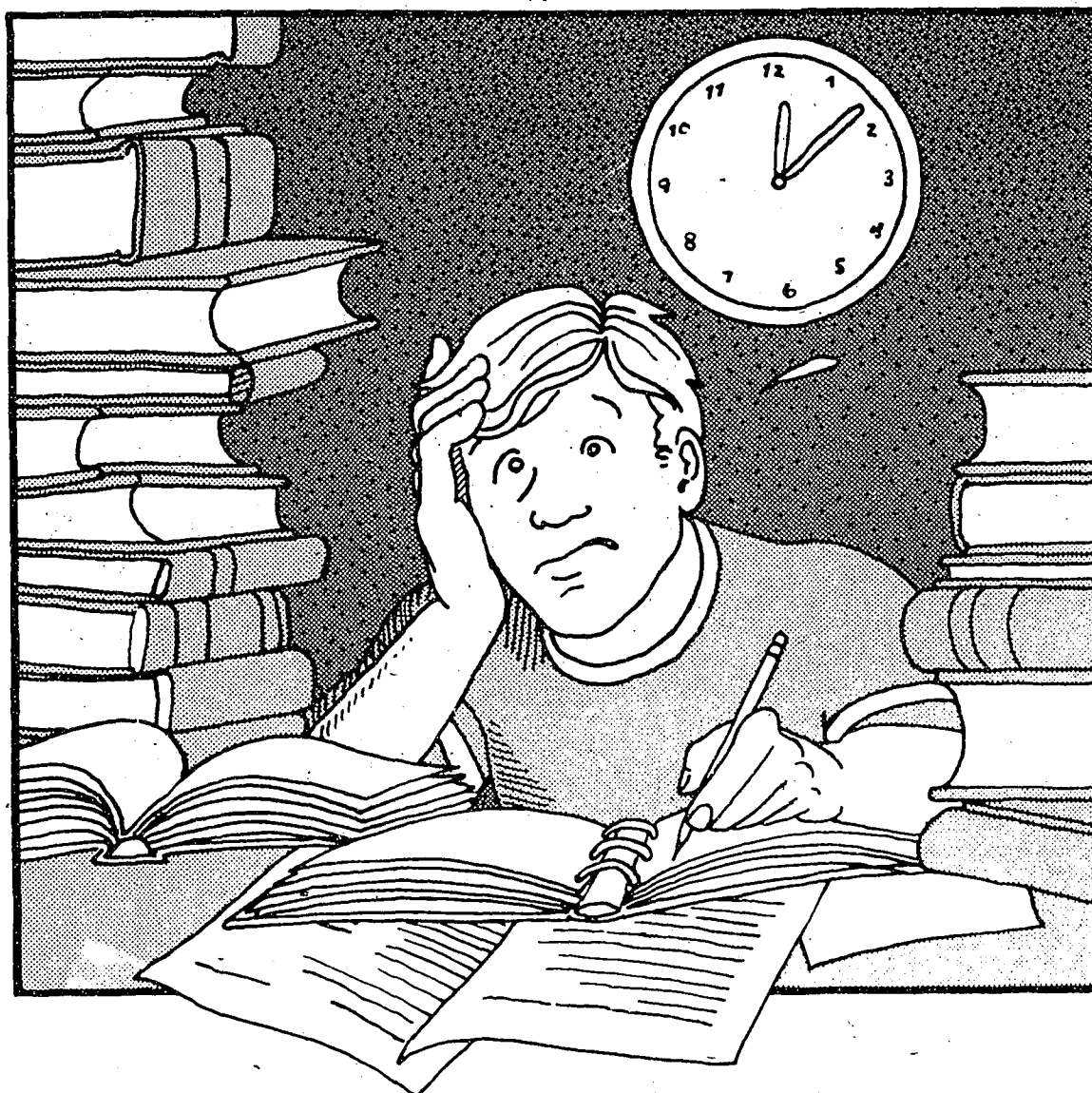
THURSDAY
Heineken Night

SATURDAY
Open until 3 am

FRIDAY
"Midnight Madness"
\$500 in cash and prizes
Open until 3 am

HOLIDAY INN
375 Upper Main Street

BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL?



Domino's Pizza Delivers[®]

30 minutes or FREE!!

No Problem!!
You Too
shall pass!!!


Before you burn out on studying, pick up the phone and call Domino's Pizza. In just 30 minutes we'll deliver hot, delicious pizza right to your door.
No problem!

Our drivers carry less than \$20.00.
Limited delivery area.

Dinner for four

Present this coupon to receive a 16" pizza, one item, and four 16 oz. bottles of Coke only \$8.99.

Customer pays bottle deposit and sales tax. Offer good at locations listed.

 Offer expires: 1/31/87
Fast, Free Delivery[™]

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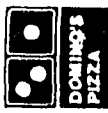
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ROOM: _____

\$2.00 off

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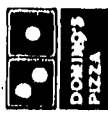
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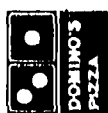
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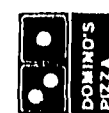
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