College announces new creative writing program

By: Mady Hand

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Colby moves up seven spots in college ranking

By Zachary Blight

Colby College was ranked 11th in the nation in the latest rankings of liberal arts colleges as published in U.S. News & World Report. The 2021 Best Colleges rankings, released on Sept. 8, places Colby ranked 11th among 365 liberal arts colleges in the nation. This marks the highest ranking in nearly a decade for Colby. Colby President Greene expressed his excitement over the news in an interview with The Colby Echo.

"It always comes back to the methodology of U.S. News, and there have been some changes, not in the way that they measure or capture what is important, but in the way they measure the changes. That's important, and we're seeing it here at Colby. Students have begun to make a wholesale effort for it to actually work well...In the end, it has to be a true community effort where people see it as a fundamental value and they commit themselves to ensuring that this is really an inclusive and diverse place," Greene said.

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By Matt Rocha Contributing Writer

Last Friday, Sept. 20, an estimated four million students set down their pencils, left their computers, and walked out of school to participate in the Global Climate Strike. This is the first demonstration of its kind, people on every continent, including sections in America. Anticipated makers take steps to heal the earth for future generations.

The strike originated because an immediate transition from fossil fuel to renewable energy sources is necessary, demonstration said the message.

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The Common Ground Fair was late in coming in Unity, Maine this week- end. The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association’s 44th annual Common Ground Coun- try Fair was advertised, "an event like no other, that brings together so many people from so many walks of life, all in the spirit of celebrating the rural traditions of Maine."

On Sunday afternoon, Primo Cuba- no's performance on the Spotlight Stage for the Common Ground Fair on Sunday.

Though many Mainers know the "hep" word, he spoke "there was no other way to say what I meant." He asked, "why can't we have a culture that recognizes that the "hep" word is "more than a gatherings of a bunch of "Farmer and Gardeners" - the people who thrive on their land."

"That's the music that I know about this in Maine?" Frey said, "I was struck by the use of color and how it related to the meaning of the word."

"I'm interested in how people view their own work and its meaning as a professor's art, Aarestad said. "I was also able to see your work and process."

"It's what the elders taught me, it is a place to dance to, it is a place to connect," Sanipass said. "Our ridges are connected to the basket, we are connected to the land."

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Maine’s new “Hands Free” law: necessary or impractical?

By Grace Dodig Contributing Writer

As a driver in Maine, I will admit I was annoyed when I heard about the new law put into effect on Sept. 19. I was pleased that I would no longer be allowed to text while driving, but all in all, I don’t have confidence that this law will probably do much to keep me safe. I will even admit that I could lose my license if I were found using my phone while driving.

That being said, I think turning on seat warmers in some newer model vehicles is more distracting than changing a song. To be honest, I am not supporting the use of cell phones while driving. I understand plenty of accidents are caused by texting and driving and distracted drivers. I simply think that this new law is a bit frivolous with all of the other distractions allowed while driving.

Technology in new cars, such as CarPlay, is arguably more distracting than a phone. Many new cars have CarPlay which is essentially your phone’s screen magnified several times right onto your dashboard. I am young and fairly technologically able and I find CarPlay difficult to navigate, so I am skeptical of how easy it is for everybody else.

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For Dodig, allowing drivers to eat fast food and drink coffee while driving is just as dangerous as using your phone.

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Best, “Nothing is more dangerous than holding a phone, for example, holding a food or beverage. If I had a hot cup of coffee in my hand and getting on campus to drive, I would be a lot more hesitant to drop that on my lap than to drop my phone on my lap in a split second decision. Also, I know a lot of drivers who eat breakfast on their way to school or work or stop and get some snacks for a long road trip. Unwrapping a bagel is a lot harder than glancing over to see which street I have to turn onto. I have even known multiple people who eat with utensils while driving. In addition, technology in new cars, such as CarPlay, is arguably more distracting than a phone. Many new cars have CarPlay which is essentially your phone’s screen magnified several times right onto your dashboard. I am young and fairly technologically able and I find CarPlay difficult to navigate, so I am skeptical of how easy it is for everybody else.” - Grace Dodig

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Weekend recap: cross country triumphs, volleyball and football fall

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The Colby cross country teams travelled to Bowdoin on September 21st. The teams crossed the finish line to take home first place with an overall team time of 2:13:20 in the 8000 meter. The Mules dominated the pre-meet, with Beau Truick ‘21 leading fourth, Colin Darlington ‘23 second and Eli Decker ‘20 winning the race. The dominant finishers by Colby placed them 38 points ahead of Bowdoin, who placed them 39 points nanting finishes by Colby. The Colby men’s team took 5th place in cross-country race at Bowdoin on October 5th.

For the volleyball team, Weekend started out with Colby playing against Middlebury this past Friday. The Mules ended up losing in straight sets but scored at least 20 points in each of them. The second set was very contested but Middlebury rallied together to win 28-26. Natalie Simonton ‘22 led the volleyball with a .400 kill percentage. Five players scored at least 20 points in first set coming from first set Morgan Sulby ‘23. Saturday featured a home double header for the women’s volleyball. Colby participated in two separate matches against opponents. Colby lost the game 24-10 giving them a 0-2 record. The next game was against Bates. Women’s volleyball will be beaten in straight sets in both of these matches. Women’s volleyball will play on the road next weekend against Bates. Colby will send a few runners to a JV meet this upcoming weekend before the weekend against Bates.

The golf team participated at the U-Maine Farmington Fall invitational which saw 45 participants, the golf team against two more top ranked teams in the north-east participating, Colby ended in 21st. The third quarter while Amherst finished the game in the fourth, non-competitive round. Colby again blocked another field goal attempt bringing the total up to three blocked kicking attempts. The football team’s next game will be away at Hamilton (1-1).
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Tufts v Colby men's soccer, Sept 28th, 2019. Tufts scored on a deep uncontested free kick for its first goal. However, Colby tied it up on a goal from senior Ben Mancini after a deep pass from senior Jordan Benny. Colby and Tufts ended up tying 1-1. (McCabe)