New orientation program garners mixed reviews

By CORAL BUCKTURCH
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On Aug. 28, first years arrived on campus to begin their Colby experience. Not only were they new to the College campus, the students took part in a fresh iteration of the orientation experience. This new spin on orientation featured returning students as Orientation Leaders (OLs), who were in charge of guiding the first years to orientation events through deafening affirmations, important discussions and facilitating connections and friendships.

In the past, the role was filled by Community Advisors (CAs), and students would oversee the majority of their time with others who lived in their dorms. This new OL program changed that, and every Orientation Group ("O" Group) was comprised of around 25 students from a variety of degrees and orientations.

Director of Campus Life Jess Manno, who oversees this new initiative, explained, "Campus Life’s inspiration behind the program was to give our first-year students opportunities to connect with each other—first years outside of their residence halls and outside of their CAs’ orientations."

The second opportunity, or goal, was to provide an additional leadership opportunity for students on campus. If you weren’t able to be a CA because maybe you didn’t have the amount of time to devote all year long to that type of commitment, or perhaps CAOT and the outdoor leadership camp aren’t something that folks are interested in, we wanted to be able to have another sort of formal leadership commitment that could get students involved on campus mentoring younger students.

"We heard that one of the number one things First Years were looking for [sic] was the ability to connect with folks outside of their residence hall.

"The way it was designed, and the topic discussed definitively at least spread the messages of inclusivity and positivity, and overall what Colby stands for very well," Cubanski said in an interview with the Echo. "They did an excellent job with the organization, because obviously that’s very hard to build up a program from scratch, but I think that in terms of the way they organized it with various O groups meeting and the way they incorporated CAs into discussions, I think there was an excellent way to show how both you have all of these resources. I think they differentiated repouserable responsibilities was done well in that Ols had their roles, so did CAOT, leaders, so did CAs, and I think we were incorporated well together," Cubanski said.

On campus opinion about whether or not the OL program achieved its goals is divided.

"I’m not sure that in the orientation sessions, they had the time and freedom to do many more things. I know from the orientation sessions I was a part of with the Orientation Leaders, there’s very much an expectation of what events are happening and everything that happens and there wasn’t time to do any open-ended bonding things," Perrier-Bridge said.

However, OL Jewish Student Group’s (JSG) "I saw the effect of the OL program differently. I do think it achieved that goal [of making connections between first years]. I saw my (first) years around campus more, and a lot of them still hang out with each other. Also, I think that the other goal was to facilitate group discussions, and the CAs do a lot, so it’s hard to ask them to be doing orientation too," Renisson said.

Renisson did also note that the volume of first years in each O Group "probably differs a lot." He said that the program would have to be "rockier" than future programs, so it wasn’t any different for the Ols that they were meeting those new people, they were learning their names, but they weren’t actively engaging with those new people, "It wasn’t a relationship that they were forming," the CA said.

The OL training program was also a topic of conversation. On the one hand, Cubanski said she felt well-prepared to fill the role: "It was all crammed in such a short period of time, and we spent a lot of that time doing group-building activities... well, now we’re all friends, I don’t think that we had a good sense going into it of what we were actually supposed to do."

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Garfield told the
SGA that he felt the
program was
great, but there are
areas that could be
improved. He said that
the orientation program
was a great way to
make sure that people
were prepared for
the first day of school.

"We've still in the pro- cess of getting that feed- back from both [OU and COOT]."
Refocusing on these plans, Warren added the closed classroom: “We must keep our eyes on the prize. There is no time for hyperbole. Now is the time for action. The people who are calling for serious change who are saying that we need to reform our schools, who are saying that we need to make our teaching profession sustainable, who are saying that we need to make our schools more inclusive, who are saying that we need to make our schools more equitable—now is the time for action.”

Warren concluded her speech with a call to action: “For those of you who are looking for a chance to do something meaningful, for those of you who are looking for a way to make a difference, for those of you who are looking for a chance to help and to be heard, I am going to ask you to join us. We need you.”

In conclusion, Warren’s speech focused on the need for urgent action to address the pressing issues of education reform, teacher sustainability, and educational equity. The audience was encouraged to take part in these efforts, highlighting the importance of collective action in creating meaningful change. Warren’s words serve as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for educational justice and the power of collective action in effecting positive change.
1,500 visitors for Homecoming who’s missing out?

From Oct 4 to 6, Family Weekend will once again take place on campus, bringing the three-day event to its third year. This year, 1,500 guests are expected to arrive at Colby, most of whom will be alumni. The weekend will feature events throughout the days, with each day having its own theme to engage students and alumni alike.

Be Homecoming royalty

The Colby Outing Club has a blemished history, and is remembered as the club that once held a brawl in the 1930s. The brawl occurred at the end of the club’s orientation week in 1937, and was caused by a dispute over the use of the club’s facilities. The brawl was the extent of out-of-control behavior by the club, and the club has since worked to improve its image.

Future homecomings

Future Homecoming events will be held on campus, with each event having its own theme and attractions. This year, the theme is “The Great Outdoors,” and the event will feature outdoor activities such as hiking, kayaking, and camping. The event will take place on Oct 6, and will be open to all students and alumni.

The Colby Outing Club is one of the oldest and most active student organizations on campus. The club was founded in 1914, and has been a part of Colby’s history ever since. The club has a long list of accomplishments, including hosting the first alpine skiing competition in New England in 1920, and organizing the first cross-country skiing trip in New England in 1924.

In the past, the club has faced challenges, including issues with membership and leadership. However, the club has persevered, and has emerged as one of the most active and influential student organizations on campus.

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Coffee and vibes on Saturday night

By Matt Gau "A&E and Opinion" Editor

This past Saturday night, Sept. 28, the Mary Low Community Art Gallery presented a coffee and vibes event. It was one in a long line of weekly entertainer showcases. Shortly after 9 p.m., the coffee house's lights were dimmed, and the stage was bathed in a warm, soft glow. As patrons sipped their acoustic gait, Ethan Poon '20 took the stage, and started to play. His sound was calming, as a slow, acoustic music was interrupted by about 10 minutes of stories of friends and family, as well as his personal experiences. His music was soothing, and allowed the audience to unwind and take in the moment. This was the perfect way to end the week, and allow everyone to relax and enjoy the performance.

"It might add a really chilly element to the entire event. Not everyone can pick up a paintbrush and make a work of art, but almost everyone can tell a story from the front of them." - Theaster Gates

The Mary Low Community Art Gallery was also collaborating with Gates of Miami, which brought in the students of color. It was an incredible chance. "We have a lot of party tunes. She too held the attention of the student body. The performers made the Mary Low Community Art Gallery a place where people can go to relax, to enjoy the acoustic sad music. May it be a way to make the world a better place."

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Always stay alert and aware of what’s going on around you. The more aware you are, the less vulnerable you are.

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Eliza Mell `20 carries the ball up the field during their game. Mell scored two goals this past weekend, one against Utica and one against Hamilton. The Mules had a double victory weekend and are now ranked 17 in the East Coast Conference. Your weekend recap with the Colby College Mules.

**Sports**

**College and one against Hamilton College. The Mules had a double victory weekend and are now ranked 17 in the East Coast Conference.**

Chris George `20 led Colby’s offense this past weekend against Hamilton with two touchdowns. Despite their hard fought game, the Mules were not able to walk away victorious. George went into the game as the third-ranked player in rushing yards. The Mules will take on the Williams College Ephs this upcoming weekend.

**Womens Tennis**

Chris George `20 scored her first goal in conference against Hamilton with two touchdowns. Against Hamilton, the Mules went down in the first half and three goals in the second half before Colby got a chance to strike. Charlotte White `21 would score a goal late in the game to help Colby get a chance to win the second game 25-15. That very same momentum would carry over into the second game against Springfield College, the Mules jumped out quick and struck back winning the next four points and carrying that momentum through the game which they won 25-15. That very same momentum would be carried over to the second game, but they hung by a thread. The Pioneers won the second game 25-16. Game three was hard fought by the Mules. After an early deficit, they fought their way partial-way back into the game before losing 25-12. Both teams were solid, and the Colby Mules took forward to a game against Boston on the road on October 2 at 7pm.

**Womens Soccer**

Colby College hosted the Division III regional tournament over the weekend. Jon Weinger `23 grabbed an early tie victory over a Spring Hill College single before falling to the Branford thrust-taker in overtime with a 2-1 score. Jon was the Mules’ assist, who struggled the entire game. Against Utica, Mell and Cassidy both recorded easy goals, and Hannah Nolte won the season to seal the deal. The Mules are looking forward to having Williams College on our home turf next weekend.

**Men Soccer**

The Colby Men’s soccer team traveled to Hamilton as well. The Continentals got out to an early start which carried through the back half of their “falling” weekend. They netted two goals in the first half and three goals in the second half before Colby got a chance to strike. White would score a goal late in the game on an assist from Halle Schwanman `23.

**Volleyball**

Colby Volleyball had a pair of matches at Bates college this weekend. In the first game, the Mules went down in the first set quickly. In the second game, the story was similar. Bates looked at the attack, and the Mules couldn’t finish off the hole they’d dug up losing match one 1-0. Elisabeth Middlebrook `22 led the team with 7 kills while Nicole Petherbridge `22 had 8 kills in the second game. The Mules jumped out quick and got a quick 4-1 lead off of a few differences. Moises Celaya `22 made his third start of the season, keeping his 100% streak. The game started falling in Hamilton’s direction from there. In the fourth set, the Mules would score these touchdows, leading 42-10 by the end of the half. Colby came out of the half with some fire, but they couldn’t work all the way back. Chris George `20 came out with two more touchdowns, but it wasn’t quite enough as the Mules fell 45-24. Colby now sits 0-3 for the season. Colby hosts Williams College next weekend for Homecoming.
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