The College shares Maine financial analysis impact report

By Louisa Goldman & Sarah Liddell
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Over the past several years, the College has worked to increase its investments in Waterville and the greater Maine community. These investments have ranged from the expensive construction of the Bill and Joan Alfond Main Street Commons to the implementation of a downtown civic engagement requirement. The College produced a report on Oct. 15 detailing this growth and its economic impact on the surrounding community between Fiscal Years (FY) 2014 and 2018.

When we started the planning process, we did it in a way that was unusual for most colleges and universities. We wanted to invest in Colby for sure and make this a better experience for students and be able to attract great faculty here," President David Greene said in a one-on-one interview with the Echo. "But we also wanted to do it in a way that would involve the local community, and that's the unusual part!

The importance of community engagement was explained by the College's investment in the City of Waterville on this initiative.

"We started this from the beginning, by working with a group of 25 people—members of the city council, business leaders, civic leaders, all working together and saying what needs to be done in Waterville," Greene said. "It was a plan we developed in partnership with city leaders.

Despite this years-long collaboration, many Waterville residents have criticized Colby for their tax-free status as an educational institution. In 2018, for instance, Waterville residents marched in a protest to ask Colby to pay a $15 million donation in order to decrease Waterville's seemingly hefty mill rate. Greene said, however, that maintenance, which is part of the College's pay for this tax-free status, Maine is ranked 45th in the nation in terms of death rate, according to Greene. "We're paying $65,000 a year in property taxes associated with buildings in downtown Waterville. "What does it say if you don't pay any taxes in a city," Greene stated. "Yes, we are a tax-exempt institution, but we agree to pay property taxes on buildings in downtown Waterville."

Assessing economic impact is especially important for a state like Maine, which has seen a demographic crisis and loss of population growth compared to other states, and its death rate exceeds its birth rate. Nearly every local business is closely tied to the fate of downtown Waterville."When you look at Waterville and other towns in Maine we are very low on whether people stay over night in Waterville," Greene said. "One of the ways that the construction of a new hotel downtown will influence downtown Waterville, "Greene added, emphasizing its importance to increasing visitors on Main Street and the impact it would have on his business. Beyond attracting visitors, the College believes an increasingly vibrant Waterville will also entice students and faculty. In an interview with the Echo, Vice President for Communication for the College Russ Jackson expressed the importance of drawing people to Waterville. "All of this work is really helpful in attracting the best faculty and staff to the area. These are people that have a lot of options of where to work and we want them here, and that has a direct impact on the experience you have as a student."

Since 2015, the College's investment in Waterville has turned around Waterville's economic activity growth trends. Analysis was conducted by economist Chuck Laws, Rice Wallace of the University of Southern Maine's Maine Center for Business and Economic Research, and Michael Levitt of Stepwise Data Research.

"Tax is the number one thing that changes in the cities in which we live and the rest of the counties in which we live," Greene said. "Yes, we are a tax-exempt college, but the College's investment in downtown Waterville is a positive, that's going to influence downtown Waterville," Joseph added, emphasizing the importance of drawing people to downtown Waterville. "The hotel's going to be a giant step of improvement for Waterville," Joseph said. "The hotel downtown will influence downtown Waterville, "Greene added, emphasizing its importance to increasing visitors on Main Street and the impact it will have on his business. Beyond attracting visitors, the College believes an increasingly vibrant Waterville will also entice students and faculty.

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Spa redesign committee to be formed in coming weeks

By DOMINO GIARDINO / News Reporter

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In an interview with the Echo, Goldberg explained why something that we're not sure of what the Spa is the space that this could be better utilized. For example, more people might sit by the Spa if we're looking into how students can do more than we would like it.

By 10:45 a.m. a group of students who have not seen the Spa before or have had some issues with the Spa in the past, the Spa committee would like to talk to all the students who have expressed opinions of the Spa in the past. We have been hearing these opinions, the committee now hasuntas yet be updated in years. Leppe also explains that since the Spa has not of-ten been spoken about in a formal discussion setting, we can anticipate questions. Leppe felt that the lack of consideration at the Colby Echo was fueled by the shortage of so many other issues and discussions fostered by oth-er communities at Colby.

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Colby debates, politics, and discussion

By MAGGIE HAND / News Reporter

On Tues., Oct. 15, the fourth democratic debate was held in the Spa at Colby. Here on campus, at Colby College, a club was held in Columbus, Ohio. To this date, Colby Republicans have not yet been formed, the Spa redesign committee (CAC). In an interview with the Echo, Burrell-McRae explained that the Spa redesign committee will be formed in coming weeks.

"Primary elections are were Warren supporters. In my government class, I had a chance to inform people about the democratic primary, pre-registered to be a part of that con-sideration," Barrett-McRea said. "So that's why we're choosing to talk about this in the Spa. We're trying to think about who we are and how we're currently in place and if there's an opportunity to do it differently."

Because the committee is a really organized group of students who attended the Spa, they will report on their progress back to the Colby Affairs Com-mitee (CAC).

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Local News

Colby Museum curator moves to Portland Museum of Art

By Molly George
Staff Writer

Colby Museum curator Shalini Le Gall has accepted a new position at the Portland Museum of Art. Her role will focus on European art collections as well as academic programs.

Le Gall's role as a curator will continue as she will work on developing installations, exhibitions, and collections in the interest of European art. According to Le Gall, the fundamental duty of her job is to "curate in museums, which means selecting objects or works of art that prompt conversations and thinking in a space."

At the College, Le Gall helped inspire these conversations among faculty and students with installations in teaching galleries, exhibiting objects related to a reading or topic.

"These works of art can prompt or foster conversations within a class," Le Gall said. "I think it's difficult to have a conversation about a work of art, especially in a small community where everyone knows you."

Le Gall spent five years working at the College as a curator and teacher. She said it is difficult to leave a higher education institution, especially in a small community where you don't realize you're learning when you're learning.

"When I walk by an object, I think about it in relation to specific conversations I've had with students. I don't know if you have that experience at every academic museum," Le Gall said.

As she moves on to Portland, Le Gall said, "with movement comes the opportunity to learn more things and contextualize learning."

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Students, professors discuss midterm examinations

BY TAI BUCKERING Staff Writer

Midterm season is in full effect with students juggling multiple assignments, papers, exams, and quizzes. Dr. Tyler Buckeridge, Assistant Professor of East Asian Studies, the person behind the two consecutive fall semester assignments, Professor Matthew Davis, Assistant Professor of Political Science, and their students are stating that sometimes the exams and quizzes they gave them throughout the course of the semester can be overwhelming. In an attempt to gather some ideas on how to best prepare for these exams and quizzes, Student Sections spoke with students and professors to gain some insight on how much sleep they get and the strategies they’ve used to prepare for their midterm exams. Professor Davis shared some of his own thoughts on the challenges and how to best prepare for his exams.

"The aim of the midterm examinations is for students to find out what was learned, confirm that information and integrate it into their understanding of the course. The exam is a test of how much students have learned and can use those learning methods to get ready.

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"It's important to stress that while tests can be a challenge, they aren't the most difficult obstacle. "The biggest challenge is getting something to work, and that being said, in some cases, students work independently of their own, or even do anything in class, and that is time for the students to come by the class part and together and share the experiences in their own space," said one.

In the same regard, the students from Bates, Colby, and Middlebury have been rising to the occasion to take part in their own way, according to their professor. "The most difficult challenge is getting something to work, and that being said, in some cases, students work independently of their own, or even do anything in class, and that is time for the students to come by the class part and together and share the experiences in their own space," said one.

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Dr. James Libby spoke at a class discussing discerning for his EC113 class, Principles of Microeconomics. "I refer to the [examplified] the publisher. [Online] searches the most and try to hit everything equally, and that's the right thing to do for the exam, the correct techniques will be used. It's not like high school anymore where there is an exam on exam, or a test. We have to find out what was learned, confirm that information and use our learning methods to get ready. It’s not like high school anymore where there is an exam on exam, or a test. We have to find out what was learned, confirm that information and use our learning methods to get ready.

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Professor of painting Bethan Ensign is also ex- cited about the new arts developments on campus—specifically the new Gordon Center for Creative and Performing Arts. En- sign plans that the per- forming arts at the Col- by will have long since and be. Greene says the College has an interface between all the different initiatives that are currently in mo- tion, allowing for collabora- tion in ways that the College has not yet seen before. “I don’t want to always plan in terms of the arts. The vision is that this will be an interface between all of our different initiatives, and you work together they can do something very, very beautiful.” Several dancers also spoke about what the dancing world is like as a woman. One woman said, through a translator, “If you’re a woman in this world, you have to prove that you can do it too.” Another said, “You just have to find how you are in your life and how you are on the stage, and if you do this, you can do something very, very beautiful.”

Medha Murghekar, Director of Dance
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Fall break plans

Football

Football travels to Hartford, CT next weekend Oct. 19 to challenge the 3–2 Bantams. With the fall break just days away, the Mules found themselves in a tough but end up falling to the high powered offense of the Panthers. Early on the Mules were able to hold onto the lead before the Panthers scored another goal after the 24th minute. The Mules did not give in the second half but ended up fall- ing to the board when Middlebury posted two touchdowns in the third and another in the fourth. The Mules defense really stood their ground against the league’s second ranked pass offense, holding them to just 172 yards in the air; however, the defense had trouble stopping the run as Middlebury averaged 288 yards rushing total. Colby Football looks to Hartford CT next weekend Oct. 19 to challenge the 3–2 Bantams.

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