

Student Government Association works to stop overspending

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After years of overspending, Campus Life is working with the Student Government Association (SGA) to help it reduce expenditures and remain within its approved budget for the 2019-2020 academic year.

SGA's budget is used to support on-campus events, such as class dinners and the State of the College, and to fund clubs across campus. SGA has overspent in each of the past six years, according to Director of Campus Life Jess Manno. Over the past two years combined, SGA has overspent by approximately \$150,000, according to SGA Treasurer Sam Lee '20.

This year's student government is committed to the goal of reducing its spending and staying within its allotted budget. In order to do so, SGA has significantly reduced its spending on programming. It was unable to host Fall Ball this year for the first time since President David Greene arrived at Colby. Paid members of SGA are receiving lower salaries than in years past, and the amount of money being given to clubs is being reduced.

The *Echo's* own budget was reduced by approximately \$6,000 and will not be able to publish as many

issues as in years past as a result. Other clubs are also feeling the effects of the reduction in spending.

Elise Atkinson '21, co-president of the Downtown Craft Club, described her club's financial struggles in an email to the *Echo*.

"Craft Club's funding was significantly affected by the SGA budget restraints, which directly impact our ability to reach our goals: 1, provide Thursday night sober programming to support student wellness and 2, provide a creative, laid back forum for members of the both the Colby community and Waterville community to interact and engage with one another through our Tuesday afternoon meetings at the Waterville Public Library," she said. "For these downtown meetings we are working with the Civic Engagement Office for funding as well as SGA and also get resources from our community partners the public library and Waterville Creates. That said, the portion of SGA funding that we do request is crucial to maintaining our relationship with these community partners and our ability to host weekly meetings [sic]."

Student Health on Campus (SHOC) has also had to make changes after having its budget reduced by slightly over \$1,000, according to Calvin Bohner

'21. SHOC works with the College's health services to run programming about health topics on campus. The club's main events include "Mental Health Narratives," "Stress Busters," and "Exploration."

"We don't want to spend any less money than we usually do on the big events, because that's what people know us most for, and that's what has the biggest impact and the biggest reach," Bohner explained. "So our big events aren't going to be changing that much, luckily, but it means that all our normal programming is going to be a lot less than it has been in years past, which is too bad."

To help ease the transition, SGA is attempting to aid clubs in finding alternative sources of funding.

"One of the things that we've been talking about is reaching out to [academic] departments," Bohner said. "We haven't actually done anything yet. This is all very new, you know, we haven't had to do this in the past, but that is something we're thinking about."

Although it was told that SGA would not be able to pay for its annual trip to New York City for a competition, the Baseball Analytics Club was able

to receive money from a fund from the Computer Science department, according to Lee.

"There are these funds out there that have money in them that students can use, but we just don't know they exist," Lee said. "But there is money out there, so we need to go and find those sources."

Lee, in conjunction with the SGA finance committee, is working to create

a list of potential sources of funding that clubs can reach out to in the future to ensure that their financial needs are met.

According to Manno, Campus Life is helping SGA achieve its goal of staying within its budget. Manno has worked with the student government to increase communication between the treasurer and the finance committee, create a more

effective spreadsheet tool to track expenditures, and devise a method to more diligently track receipts. SGA and Campus Life are also working to increase the number of clubs that are given annualized budgets instead of asking them to request funding repeatedly throughout the year. This will help both club leaders and SGA plan ahead more effectively.



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Campus Life and SGA are working to stop overspending. As a result, the budgets of many clubs have been reduced.

Colby Student Government Association votes to recognize Indigenous People's Day in response to Isgro

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In response to the Mayoral Proclamation put forth by Waterville Mayor Nick Isgro, the Student Government Association (SGA) voted unanimously to pass a statement in support of Indigenous People's Day.

The mayor's statement declared Oct. 14 as Columbus Day, directly opposing legislation signed by Governor Janet Mills, which officially changed Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day in Maine. Isgro's proclamation described Columbus as a "skilled navigator and man of faith," urging Waterville residents to "celebrate this day with appropriate ceremonies and remembrances."

Several members of the Colby community had strong reactions to this controversial proclamation, including Josh Brause '23, a freshman class senator in SGA. As a response, Brause decided to write a motion asking his fellow SGA members to recognize Indigenous People's Day.

"Since we're in Waterville [the Mayor's proclamation] affected us," Brause said in a recent interview with the *Echo*. "So technically we were still celebrating Colum-

bus Day despite everything that we know that is wrong. The larger point is saying that Columbus isn't someone who's worth celebrating. Being able to say we can recognize that at Colby is important. We want to fight the institutions that seek to preserve this person who did so much damage to communities of indigenous people."

Brause also took the time to discuss some of Isgro's reasons behind the declaration.

"One of the big reasons that [Isgro] ended up doing that, and I recognized this within the motion, is not because of some deep-seated hatred for Native Americans, but for the [appreciation for] Italian-American heritage, despite Columbus having sailed under the Spanish flag," Brause said. "I think a lot of members of the Italian community look to him as someone who is worth celebrating for a time. But you know there are some really fundamental problems with that. There are better Italians worth celebrating than somebody like Columbus. We know the record that he had in history was really just awful."

The statement put forth by SGA was largely a symbolic gesture that

expressed their support for indigenous communities in Waterville, despite the opposition of the mayor. Some members of SGA, however, were concerned that such a gesture was inappropriate to make.

"Something else that came up is the question of [if we] should be taking political stances at all," Brause said. "We came down to deciding that this is something worth recognizing. These people are worth recognizing, and we're going to do it in the face of somebody who's trying to shut that down. We're not going to be complicit in this kind of behavior and we're going to take a stance. In the past, I think people have had a problem with SGA not being strong enough in what we stand for at Colby. I'm proud to say, it seems like a new direction this year, and we're going to fight for the values we have as a community."

Overall, the goal of the statement was not only to establish a stance on the state holiday, but also to push the College to have more conversations concerning indigenous people and inclusivity.

"This is definitely just a start, that's really important to establish," Brause said. "We're not just recognizing this and

that's it. Personally, I would hope that this puts a little pressure on the administration to support indigenous people within the Colby community and Waterville."

The pressure on the administration to recognize Indigenous People's Day began long before the start of this year. In recent years, members of the Four Winds Native American Alliance contacted administrators to urge them to recognize the holiday. Representatives from the club were unavailable for interviews.

In the 2018-2019 school year, Four Winds reached out to Dean of the College Karlene Burrell-McRae '94 to discuss changing the name of the holiday on Colby's calendar. In a recent interview with the *Echo*, Burrell-McRae explained these events.

"I received an email last year from one of the representatives of Four Winds, and they really wanted to talk I think first about Columbus Day and wanting that to be changed to Indigenous People's Day," Burrell-McRae said. "I think for them it was really wrapped up in thinking about this idea of belonging and a sense of inclusion for the Native

American community. And even though at the moment, Colby doesn't have a large number of indigenous students, they thought it was really important to continue to champion the ideals of ensuring that the College was inclusive. So for them the first move was allowing the changing of the name. And they had gotten a lot of people to sign and say that they thought it was something important. So I went over to the Pugh Center in the office and sat with them for an hour or so talking about what inspired them to participate in these sorts of issues"

Burrell-McRae also discussed the work that other communities on campus have been doing with groups of indigenous people in Maine. She spoke highly of the Colby College Museum of Art, and their collaborations with the Wabanaki tribes to create their current exhibition, "Wiwonikan...the beauty we carry."

"A number of us had been talking about changing the holiday name before the Maine state legislature decided that they would make the change," Burrell-McRae said. "And I think that came out of the work that the Museum has been

doing with the Wabanaki people. Working with many of the communities to try and put together the beautiful exhibit in the art museum. So I think that stirred conversations for a number of us about if this is something we should be thinking about. And then the governor decided to sign it into law. So I believe the calendar has been changed to say, 'Maine state holiday: Indigenous People's Day.'"

The College will continue to follow the Maine state legislature by changing the holiday's name on its official calendar. When asked, however, if the administration planned to respond to the statement of Mayor Isgro, Burrell-McRae said, "Our standing is in the actions that we take. So with the actions we've been taking to be better, whether it is changing the calendar, making sure in moments such as convocation we acknowledge the native land which the College is built on, and so on, we do the work that you're asking. And for us, I don't think it's appropriate to respond in that way. But I think for the students, we're incredibly proud that you find your own way to celebrate and acknowledge."

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Ongoing investigation into Cancun Bar Night incident

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On Oct. 31, an alleged incident of sexual harassment and assault took place at Cancun Mexican Restaurant, involving Maggie Hamre '20, the bar's manager, and a security guard, during Colby's long-standing Thursday Bar Night tradition. The next day, Hamre posted the following on the Colby College Class of 2020 Facebook group:

"Hello everyone I highly recommend you do not give Cancun any of your business. Last night I was aggressively groped by one of the 'security' guards, pushed him off, then he shoved me to the ground. It will be reported. Cancun condones grabbing a**es."

In an email responding to the *Echo*, Hamre recalled the incident. She explained that the manager shoved her outside in response to her complaining about

the guard's alleged groping, and mentions that she has video evidence on hand, sent to her by a witness. Hamre suffered injuries from the incident.

"I luckily didn't need stitches but I have a major gash on my chin and bled all over my clothing[...]If Cancun cared about safety they would have called for help!"

Hamre continued on to discuss that as a result of her posting, two others have come forward to her, saying that they too had been sexually harassed. She decided not to report the incident, and explained the reason for her hesitance:

"I decided not to report and have a buncha [sic] white dudes try to blame me for my experience of sexual harassment then physical assault. I don't want any like investigations to come of this, but it happened!"

However, as the *Echo* spoke to Senior Co-Pres-

ident Garret Genco '20, it was revealed that an investigation had been opened.

"In terms of the reported sexual harassment incident we want to maintain the privacy of the ongoing investigation and respect all the parties involved so we will not comment on this. I apologize

that Kevin and I cannot provide a statement at this moment."

Contrary to widespread belief that Cancun would no longer be on the Bar Night list, Genco dispelled the rumor. He explained that Cancun was simply, coincidentally, no longer on the Bar Night schedule until the spring.

"We were not planning on returning for the rest of the semester so we can give more nights to other bars like Mainly Brewery and You Know Whose, as per the request from students and our class council. Furthermore, we were also not planning on returning for JanPlan because many seniors will be

gone so we don't want to organize a Bar Night at one of our bigger sites during that month."

It is currently unclear whether Cancun will appear back on the Bar Night list in the spring.

"I'll just keep warning people away from there," Hamre said, if Cancun remains in the Bar Night line-up.



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Cancun, a frequent location for the College's Thursday Bar Night, was the site of an alleged incident of sexual harassment and assault on Halloween night.

College hosts inaugural summit on climate change

By FIONA HUO
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On Nov. 9, the College hosted the inaugural Maine College Action Summit, a full-day event for college students to discuss the broadening consequences of climate change and how collaboration can be used to mitigate some of those ramifications.

The event drew over 100 students from various Maine colleges and universities including Bates, Bowdoin, College of the Atlantic, the University of Maine at Farmington, the University of Maine at Orono, the University of New England, and the University of Southern Maine. Also represented were out-of-state students from Bard College and Dartmouth College.

The Summit was a collaboration between Colby's Environmental Studies Program and the Buck Lab for Climate and Environment. Assistant Professor of Environment Studies Gail Carlson explained that planning for the summit

began in August with several students from Colby Citizens Climate Lobby club (CCL) playing an integral role.

Attendees packed into Ostrove Auditorium where the summit kicked-off. After the opening formalities, students watched a short movie produced by the Buck Lab for Climate and Environment and Emmy-winning Maine filmmaker Charles Stuart on regenerative agriculture techniques practiced at the Bumbleroot Organic Farms at Windham, Maine.

The process involves nourishing the soil while capturing carbon byproducts at the same time. The film is part of an ongoing series produced by Stuart about inspiring climate action in Maine. Colby students involved in the project include Conor Larkin '20, Megan Andersen '22, and Hania Lincoln-Lenderking '20.

Next, participants heard from environmentalist and co-founder of 350.org Bill McKibben, who

received Colby's 2015-2016 Mellon Distinguished Fellowship in Environmental Studies, via video recording.

McKibben spoke of the idea of strength in numbers and encouraged students to come together to achieve effective policies and actions. Other speakers included Sandy Buck '78. Buck is a philanthropist, long-time conservationist, and a member of Governor Janet Mill's Climate Council. Buck directed attention to environmental issues facing Maine and reinforced the notion of voting in elections to ensure elected representatives believe in and prioritize climate change.

The focal point of the day was keynote speaker Reverend Lennox Yearwood, who is an activist and founder of the Hip Hop Caucus, a non-profit with the goal of promoting political activism through the use of hip hop music and culture. Yearwood, who donned a baseball cap reading "Flint Still Doesn't Have Clean Water," addressed

the crowd with the message of resisting fossil fuel interests.

"Organized people beat organized money every single time," he said.

The reverend also recalled some of the environmental activist movements in the 1950s to remind students the long-fought struggle is not nearly over. Yearwood's speech concluded with the entire audience singing "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Simon and Garfunkel.

Following the speech, attendees were jumbled into random groups for lunch where they were encouraged to have free-range discussions on the day's topic. In an interview with the *Echo*, Cindy Nguyen '20, the president of CCL, underscored the significance of holding discussions on climate change.

"Within the climate movement, it is important to note that each individual has a different experience and perception of climate change," she said. "I think we need to realize that the

world isn't split into 'those that acknowledge climate change's existence' and 'climate deniers.' It's not 'Democrats believe in climate change' and 'Republican's don't.' Rather, people are fundamentally divided on how to address the climate crisis."

On the topic of finding solutions for the climate crisis, Carlson outlined several research projects currently conducted by Colby faculty and students. Such projects include research by Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies Justin Becknell who investigates how tropical forests help mitigate climate change. Professor Carlson herself teaches a course called "Climate Change, Justice and Health."

"The Buck Lab for Climate and Environment supports students and faculty who are doing climate change work through research grants, community engagement projects, student internships with Buck Lab partner institutions, programming, and career mentoring," Carlson noted.

The Summit wrapped up with afternoon workshops. Participants were given the freedom to choose which ones to attend. Laura Drepanos '23 attended a workshop led by Maureen Drouin, the executive director of the Maine Conservation Voters, a political action committee that promotes climate action and government response.

"I've been curious about how to get involved with climate action in Maine, so I enjoyed hearing about the work that the Maine Conservation Voters do," Drepanos said. "I also feel much more informed on local politicians' stance on climate change after this workshop and believe this will help me become more politically involved in the future."

While the ideas of the summit remain fresh in many minds, Carlson said she hopes to see the summit become a regular event hosted by Colby and other nearby colleges.



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Students from across the state gathered in Ostrove Auditorium to listen to speakers and participate in conversations.

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A closer look at local election, referendum results

By **MATT ROCHA**
Local News Reporter

Last week, Nov. 5, Maine's residents voted on two statewide referendum questions. Question One addressed Maine's infrastructure, asking residents if they were in favor of a \$105 million bond issue, the proceeds of which would go toward Maine's roads, bridges, railroads, airports, transit, and ports. If the Question were to pass, the federal government would contribute an extra \$137 million.

When put to a vote, Question One passed in a landslide. Over 75 percent of voters supported the measure.

Question Two concerned an amendment to the Constitution of Maine that would expand the civil rights of persons with disabilities. If a majority voted in favor of Question Two, then they would grant persons with disabilities the option to sign petitions in an alternative manner. Like Question One, Question Two captured over 75 percent of the vote, passing by a significant margin.

In Waterville, approximately 1,900 people voted on the statewide questions. Nearly 80 percent of residents voted in favor of both Question One and Question Two.

Several mayoral elections also took place in some of Maine's largest cities. In Portland, four candidates pursued the mayorship. Kathleen Snyder clinched the election with 7,100 votes, a bit under 40 percent of the total vote. Lewiston saw three candidates vie for its mayoral position. Mark Cayer earned the win with over 50 percent of the vote.

In Auburn, Jason Levesque won, as did William Doyle in Saco. Levesque captured 60 percent of the vote, while Doyle secured just under

55 percent.

In the municipal elections, Waterville had 15 positions up for grabs: four city councilor positions, three board of education positions, seven charter commission positions, and one Kennebec Water District Trustees position.

The Ward 2 City Council race presented the first upset. Flavia Oliveira defeated incumbent Phil Bofia to secure the City Council spot. With 151 votes, Oliveira got 57 percent of the vote. Incumbent Margaret Smith ran unopposed for the City

downtown apartments lie in Ward 6). Claude Francke filled the seat after securing more than 55 percent of the vote.

Following this election cycle, Waterville's City Council, which has seven seats, will see a total of three new councilors. In the Ward 2 Board of Education race, incumbent Greg Bazakas handily defeated challenger Shaun Caron. Incumbent Joan Phillips-Sandy ran unopposed in Ward 3 and garnered 195 votes, while incumbent Julian Payne collected 292 votes in Ward 5.

The majority of positions voters chose were Charter Commission spots. Catherine Weeks ran unopposed and earned the Ward 1 position. The Ward 2 Charter Commission spot was the most contested race of the election cycle. Phil Bofia defeated Maureen Austrook by seven votes. John Robertson, the race's third candidate, acted as a potential spoiler, taking home 41 votes. Colby's own Lutie Brown '22 captured the Ward 3 position, and Hilary Koch defeated Mayor Nicholas Isgro in Ward 4. Along with his Board of Education position, Payne won the Ward 5 Charter Commission seat. R. Arthur Finch won Ward 6's spot, and Ronald Merrill narrowly beat Robert Vear.

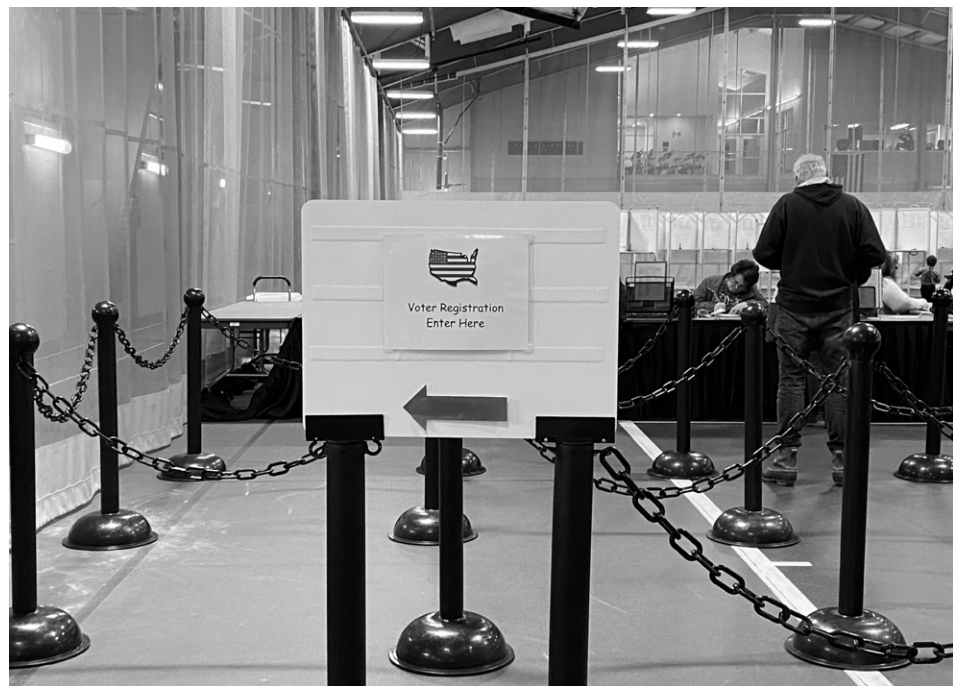
In an interview with the *Echo*, Payne discussed his Charter Commission victory and his plans. When asked why he ran for the Charter Commission, Payne said, "I've been involved in politics for eight years in Waterville, and with many of the problems I see, I've been talking about and referring to the charter." Once it was time for a new person to be elected to the Charter Commission, "it was imperative for me to get on there. I often refer to the City Charter for advice...

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Julian Payne
Member of the Board of
Education and Charter
Commission for Ward 5

Council position in Ward 3, the ward in which Colby's campus lies.

In Ward 5, Richard Foss upset incumbent Jay Coelho by a sizeable 20 point margin. Leading up to this election, Ward 6's City Council position remained vacant (Colby's



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Waterville residents voted at the Thomas College Field House for the Maine Referendum elections.

I really understand the strengths and weaknesses of the charter," Payne stated. Along with the seven members elected to the Charter Commission in this past election, the City Council must appoint three more members. Payne would like to see Isgro appointed to the commission. "I'd like to see Nick Isgro on there because he's been navigating beside us for six years as the mayor. I think he knows a lot of the issues well," Payne noted.

He also commented on issues he hopes the Charter Commission can address in the near future. He asked, "do we want to keep the Republican and Democrat labels behind the candidates names?" Payne supports the removal of partisan labels from Waterville tickets.

Another issue Payne identified pertains to the employees of the Waterville school system. "At present, you can be an employee of the Waterville

school system and receive health care and benefits and vote on the same budget. And I actually think that hurts the process. It actually casts a shadow of conflict of interest over the process," Payne said.

The preservation of Waterville's ward system is most important to Payne. "The main reason for me to get on the charter was that it's imperative to keep the ward system for the community, for the residents of Waterville." In the ward system, "you're closer to the people you represent. You understand the neighborhood. I've been in this community, in Ward 5, for 25 years," Payne stated.

On top of that, "the poor neighborhoods often get neglected without a ward system," Payne added. What scares Payne the most about the ward system's absence is the essential disenfranchisement of Waterville's residents. "Colby now has a very strong hold in Wards 3

and 6. As the election just proved in Ward 3, because Colby students could vote in Ward 3, [Lutie Brown] had a massive, massive lead on the other candidate who ran, Neal Patterson. So if you got rid of the ward system you could essentially have the whole city run by Colby students or Colby faculty," Payne said. He added, though, "that's not really a reflection on Colby, but it would be any institution that has that much voting power."

Payne talked about his fellow future Charter Commission members, too. He believes the dynamic of the commission will be interesting. Some members on the commission tried to recall the mayoral election, while he and other members actively dissuaded the recall. "It will take a lot of calm and a lot of working together to get what's best for the city from the present bunch of candidates," Payne said.

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Student Artist Feature: Samantha Huss '23

By MILO LANI-CAPUTO
A&E Reporter

Samantha Huss is a first-year student at Colby, and music plays a big role in her life.

Huss says music has been a part of her life since she was in elementary school, when she got in trouble for writing song lyrics on pieces of paper during class. At Bronxville High School in New York, she participated in musical theater, as well as two a capella groups and the honors choir, played trumpet in her school's honors and jazz ensembles. Huss plays the guitar, trumpet, trombone, piano, ukulele, and she sings.

At the College, Huss is a member of Mayflower Chill, an a capella group with which she rehearses four to six hours a week. She is also in an unofficial student band called Melted Sundaze, and will likely perform with them soon. Huss plans to take music theory classes at the College to help broaden her songwriting.

Huss has been composing and recording songs since she was 14, but her creativity has earlier roots.

"I would write down things in class when I was in elementary school, and I would get in so much trouble," said in a recent interview with the *Echo*, "and then my dad one day was like, 'Well instead of doing this during class, why don't you just sit down with a

notebook and write things down, and keep them?' So I started writing them and working on them musically, and I learned more about music [in this way]." Huss said that most of the instruments she plays were self-taught for the purpose of songwriting. She plans to learn the banjo next for a song she's currently working on.

"[My music is] kind of like a mix between folk and indie...I have a melody in my head and then I'll write lyrics, and it's usually about something that's going on in my life, not to be too Taylor Swift-y... and then I'll add other instruments in that I feel like fit the song, which is why I want to learn the banjo, because I have this one song that I feel like would be perfect with the banjo, but I don't know how to play the banjo, so I want to learn," Huss said. "Every instrument that I've learned besides trumpet, trombone, and saxophone has been to accompany my music. I don't think I play piano, but I can play chords, so I learned piano because I wanted to add it to a song."

Huss said that she hasn't released any songs online, but plans to someday.

"I feel like once it's out there...you hear about artists all the time who are writing songs and then they get picked up by someone, or people listen to it, and then they change their style to fit what's more main-

stream and what people want to hear," Huss said. "I just feel like once I put it out there, I'm not writing music for me anymore, I'm writing it to get listeners. My goal is to have 100 songs written and recorded before I put anything out..."

Huss told the *Echo* that she has written 42 songs as of now. The role music plays in her life is more important than fame and fortune.

"If someone said, 'Would you rather be super famous and have your music warped like that, but get to play music full time, you make enough money, you travel, you're world-known; or just keep using GarageBand forever?...I would keep GarageBand-ing. I do music cause it makes me really happy, and no matter what funk I'm in, or if I have 10 exams tomorrow, or if I just got my heart broken, no matter what, if I sit down and play some bad song, and just write some crap, then I'll feel better... I know that if I lose the power to just write what I want to write when I want to write, it would become a chore and it would just lose that individuality... I think the best songs are the ones that have a big meaning to the person who wrote them, they're just about something personal, even if it's not explicitly said in the song."

While Huss' debut album may not have hit the shelves yet, stay tuned for her performances in Mayflower Chill and Melted Sundaze.



Courtesy of Samantha Huss

Samantha Huss '23 plans to continue her love of music at Colby, through classes and extracurriculars.

A Look at Colby's Sustainability Efforts



Colby's solar power plant which, supplies about 16 percent of the College's electricity.

Courtesy of Colby College

By SONIA GRIFFEN
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This article is part of a series on Colby's sustainability.

This year, Colby was ranked number one in the Association for Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) 2019 Sustainable Campus Index. The College was also the fourth such institution to declare net zero carbon emissions. But how did Colby get to this place?

"The College has had a long commitment to sustainability, and this includes some strong faculty engagement, including a number of faculty who have since retired," Associate Professor of Environmental Studies Philip Nyhus said in an interview with the *Echo*.

Many of these faculty mem-

bers helped create the Environmental Advisory Group (EAG), which Nyhus is currently a part of. It was founded in 2000 and is a group of administrators, faculty, and students who seek to advise the president and Colby community on environmental concerns.

Since 2000, collaboration between administrators, faculty, and students has allowed work to be done in making Colby sustainable. Many senior honor theses have focused on this topic. A specific student that Nyhus notes for her work is Jamie O'Connell '08, although there were many students before and after her that played integral roles in making Colby go carbon neutral.

O'Connell compiled a thesis called Carbon Neutrality at Colby College, where she laid

the groundwork for greenhouse gas emissions accounting.

"[She] looked at our carbon budget here at Colby so we could see how much carbon we actually use in our energy because until we could track that it was hard for us to identify how we could reduce it," Nyhus said.

Since Jamie's work, the college has had many initiatives that have led to net zero emissions. One of the most significant of these initiatives was the switch to biomass, with the completion of the biomass plant in 2012, which is used instead of oil to create heat and hot water. Colby also uses sustainable energy.

"About 16% of our electricity comes from the 5,300 solar panels up on Washington Street, about 10% of our electricity is co-generated from the steam

that comes out of the biomass plant. We have buildings like Schair-Swenson-Watson which are geothermal heated and cooled, and we've done a lot on things like conservation to reduce the amount of energy we use," Nyhus said.

Another important part of the project is carbon offsetting, which other students have researched in their senior theses. Carbon offsetting is important because Colby still uses some carbon, especially through transportation.

Colby has reached out to other schools, both for advice and to give advice.

"When the school was preparing to build its biomass boiler, it looked to see what Middlebury had done. We learned from their experiences so they had one biomass boiler so we put in two so there would be redundancy so if one was getting fixed, there were some issues with moisture if I recall with wood chips before they're getting burned, and so our system was built to account for that," Nyhus said.

The project to have net zero emissions has significantly benefited the school and the environment.

"It's been a win-win because we've reduced our emissions and we've saved money. We save significant money on switching to biomass from wood that's sustainably harvested within 50 miles of campus compared to oil, especially because oil prices can fluctuate pretty dramatically. Certainly from an emissions standpoint the less energy we use, the less energy we have to pay for," said Mr. Nyhus.

Conia's Corner

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BEFORE I LEAVE,

BRUSH MY TEETH,

AND GRAB MY JACKET.

AND WHEN I LEAVE FOR BREAKFAST,

MY HEAD IS HATTED.

I'M TALKING:

SNOW ALL ON THE GROUND, GROUND,

THE LEAVES ARE FALLING DOWN, DOWN,

IT'S ICY ALL AROUND, ROUND.

BLUNDSTONES ON MY FEET, FEET,

THEY ARE NOT L.L. BEAN, BEAN,

THE GRASS IS NO LONGER GREEEEEEEN.

FIRST SNOW, HERE WE GO,

GOTTA LET MY PARENTS KNOW.

TAKE A PICTURE ON MY PHONE,

CAUSE IT'S NOT LIKE THIS AT HOME.

I'M A CALIFORNIA GIRL,

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SNOW, SNOW, SNOW, SNOW.

SNOW, SNOW, SNOW, SNOW.



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Menswear for Mules: Workwear for all!

By ZEKE EDWARDS-MIZEL
Contributing Writer

It was Thomas Jefferson who told us that nothing is certain except death and taxes. There's another thing we are guaranteed in

If we distress clothes to make them looked lived in, what is wrong with wearing a brand associated with manual labor that we don't do?

this life: the appropriation of workwear. Workwear has been and always will be borrowed from the working class and worn by the fashionable.

Levi Strauss made his fortune by selling his durable, copper-riveted pants to gold miners in San Francisco. Levi's were appropriated by Easterners on their

Western dude ranch vacations when they saw jeans on cowboys and ranch hands.

Filson, one of my favorite brands, was originally sold in Seattle to those daring enough to venture towards the last frontier. Their vintage Americana canvas designs age handsomely. Today the brand is headed by a former Ralph Lauren executive, thus completing Filson's transition to a luxury brand. Filson was able to rebrand for the high-end customer thanks to its history of providing clothing that could see adventurers through the Alaskan wilderness.

Canada Goose was created when Sam Tick saw an opportunity to make a better jacket for Canadian Rangers. These jackets went on to become popular on arctic expeditions, and now they've become status symbols. Although the Canada Goose jacket's original purpose was to be ideal for extreme temperatures, now this commitment to insulation benefits the brave souls walking back to their dorms.

Dickies got their start making denim bibs, and now they make about every work uniform imaginable. Additionally,

ly, the Dickies 874 work pant has risen to stardom thanks to skaters and is now an essential part of my life. The leg that refuses to lose its

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crease will always leave an impression on others. Dickies, faithful to their longtime customers, has also created streetwear line in order to not dilute the purity of their workwear.

Carhartt has had an astronomical rise in popularity over the last few years. Whatever the garment, I know I'll find its boxiness and drapiness tremendously appealing. Just like the rest of these brands, Carhartt started off as function over form. It

has remained true to its roots and, in doing so, has earned a cult following. Carhartt knows staying faithful to the original is the key to their success. To allow themselves to expand without jeopardizing their original niche, they created the Carhartt Work in Progress line, which has allowed them to collaborate with trendy designers and create pieces that are unfit for the construction site.

However, is this appropriation of blue-collar culture acceptable? Workwear will forever be part of fashion. As long as workwear is not worn in a mocking or ironic sense, I do believe that it should be treated just like any other garment. If we distress clothes to make them look lived in, what is wrong with wearing a brand associated with manual labor that we don't do? Workwear becomes mainstream thanks to its reputation for durability and affordability. By maintaining their standards, manufacturers have been able to increase their consumer appeal without alienating their original customers. That's all that matters.



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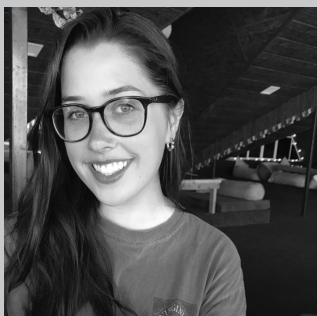
For Edwards-Mizel, workwear brands such as Filson, Dickies, and Carhartt are popular for their classic approaches to fashion and their durability.



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The Echo staff shows off their collection of workwear boots to keep their feet dry while remaining stylish and on trend.

Music Recommendations from the Echo Staff!



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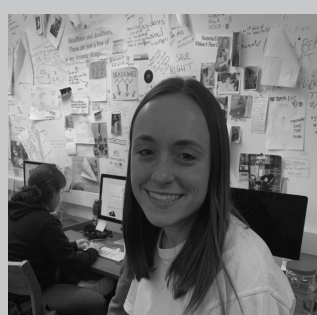
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Room checks: An invasion of privacy

By COLIN ALIE
Contributing Writer

The year is 2019. What few rights to privacy that were once enjoyed are now, tragically, no more. Corporations worldwide have been gradually expanding upon their accumulation and manipulation of user analytics. There is now an unspoken tradeoff that comes along with using their services: users consent to allow their own information to be included in already-massive compilations of data.

If you think these entrance fees are exclusive to social media and online presence, you may be sorely mistaken. Here at Colby, the entrance fee is not limited to the form of tuition. When they register to live in college housing, each and every student implicitly consents to enduring a series of room checks throughout the semester.

On top of the existing pre-break closing room checks, students are now forced to maintain an additional two-week-long facade of cleanliness and healthy living in order to pass an additional

round of room checks instituted by the College this past spring semester. CAs outlined the goals the administration has for these room checks in dorm emails, stating that “the health and safety component of the break checks are in addition to the break closing process to allow residents the

concerns mentioned above are those of the College, not of the students, and may be better phrased as “infractions of the student handbook.”

These checks have generally received mixed reviews. Proponents of the new room checks may argue that they serve as a method of con-

gratulating students whose rooms pass inspections. It’s a way for the College to tell its students, “Hey, you have empirically proven that you have hygiene at its most basic level down pat – congratulations for meeting the lowest bar possible.” One such advocate for these checks, Jack MacPhee ’21, recounted the rollercoaster of emotions he rode during his room check.

“After failing last [year’s health and safety check] for string lights draped over a pipe, I had my doubts about escaping with a clean inspection sheet, thinking I could have missed something. But I was ecstatic when I saw that there was not a hazard to be found and I had a perfectly safe room,” MacPhee said, whom many consider to be a candidate for the distinguished honor of the Campus’s Most Improved Roommate.

On the other hand, the students whose rooms have not yet been checked for irrefutable evidence of health and safety may be living in constant fear that their own domiciles are, in fact, unsafe. With some students even going so far as to hang their certificates of approval out on display for the rest of the

dorm to admire (and possibly seethe in envy), it’s not hard to imagine that those still awaiting their verdict may become increasingly nervous.

If not the College, what governing body will officially declare a student’s living habits as minimally acceptable?

There are also students who are quick to point out the flaws of the current system in place, which does come with at least one loophole. Some of the more perceptive students may have caught on to the fact that although the exact time of the room check is purposely not shared with residents, the window of all room checks is less than two

weeks. Meaning, whatever glaring health or safety misdemeanors are contained in one’s room can be addressed just in time to receive a stamp of approval from the College. Once the room checks have been conducted, students may theoretically regress to their normal living conditions with no regard for the rules set out in the handbook.

It goes without saying that Colby’s validation should be of the utmost importance to their student body – if not the College, what governing body will officially declare a student’s living habits as minimally acceptable? Or, at the very least, not yet at a reprehensible level of squalor? It is thus absolutely critical that the appearance of clean and healthy living quarters be maintained for the thirty seconds per semester that Colby staff spend in each room for an inspection.

As checks wrap up this Friday, Nov. 15, feel free to breathe a sigh of relief and bask in the glory – or commiserate in self-pity – of the results of your room check. That is, until the next round.



Claire Cahill | The Colby Echo

While the College claims that room checks are meant to guarantee the safety and wellness of students, Alie questions the true value of such brief surveys.

opportunity to address concerns throughout the year.” To be perfectly clear, these

gratulating students whose rooms pass inspections. It’s a way for the College to tell

Security Corner: Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

By BOB WILLIAMS
Head of Campus Security

Every week, Colby Director of Security Bob Williams writes about a security issue that may affect the student population.

Well it’s happened. No matter how much some people hoped it wouldn’t, it did. And like every other time it happened for the first time, it caused havoc. This time was no different. The first snowfall of the year has arrived. And just like last year when it came for the first time, drivers forgot everything they knew about winter driving. There were numerous vehicles off the road on the interstate and driving was slowed to a snail’s pace on the secondary roads.

Now I might understand it if all the vehicles off the road were from states that didn’t get snow. But they aren’t. Most of them are from Maine, where we get snow five to six months a year. Wow, that’s depressing, six months of snow. It’s almost like every spring,

everything people learned about winter driving vanishes. Bam, gone.

For all of you that haven’t driven in the snow before and for those of you that need a little re-

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fresher, here are some winter driving tips.

Benjamin Franklin said, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Winter comes every year whether we like it or not, so get ready for it.

Tires—make sure you have the right tires for winter. At a minimum you should have all-season tires on your vehicle. If you plan on driving a lot in the snow, definitely get snow tires. There is a huge difference between

all-season tires and snow tires. Even snow tires have their limitations. Don’t think that because you have snow tires you are invincible. They make getting around better but it doesn’t mean you can be stupid about your driving.

Vehicle checkup—make sure your vehicle is ready for winter. Check your antifreeze to make sure it is rated for extreme cold. Your windshield washer fluid should be kept topped off with fluid and if possible use the winter washer fluid. Most windshield wipers on vehicles are made for three season driving. Guess what, winter is the fourth season. Winter wipers are made not to freeze up as quick and there is a huge difference between winter wipers and summer wipers. Even with winter wipers, keeping your windshield clear when it is freezing rain out is merely impossible.

Before you go—have a plan. Make sure you have warm clothes and your cell phone is charged before you leave. Some sand or kitty litter and a shovel is always

handy if you get stuck. A couple minutes of shoveling and a little sand could get you out. The alternative is waiting two hours for a wrecker. You can read articles about making an emergency winter travel kit. There are places in the country where you need enough items to sustain yourself for 24 hours or more. Generally speaking, in Maine you aren’t going to get snow bound and have to ration a candy bar for days. You might get stuck in the snow or go off the road and have to wait a few hours before someone comes along to help you so be prepared to stay warm for a few hours. Keep your vehicle’s gas tank filled to at least half full in case you do get stuck.

Clean all the snow off your car before you drive. It helps your visibility and snow coming off your vehicle can cause a hazard for other drivers. The law in Maine is your windshield has to be clear of snow. This would also include clearing all the frost off your windshield. This would be for all of you that

don’t clean your windshield off before you drive to the gym in the morning. Yeah, I see you. You probably didn’t see me because your windshield was covered with frost.

Stay home—it never fails. Several times a year during a big storm I would get called to the interstate for a vehicle off the road. The storm would be big enough that most schools were canceled, except for Colby. State government offices would be closed. Everything was closed. I would wade through the waist deep snow to the car to find an elderly person sitting in their car. I would check to see if they were okay and they always were. The conversation would go something like this:

“Where you are you going?”
“Portland.”
“What are you doing in Portland?”
“I’m going to coffee with my friends.”
“You do realize that this is the worst storm of the year and it’s not safe to be out.”
“Yes, but it’s Tuesday and I go to coffee every Tuesday in Portland.”

The point here is if you do not need to go out, don’t, even if you are only going a few miles. Every vehicle on the road during a storm is a potential hazard. Of course you wouldn’t be the hazard, it’s always the other vehicle. Trust me, it doesn’t matter which vehicle spins into the other vehicle, the outcome is never good. Every year the State Police have five or six cruisers totaled during storms when they get struck by other vehicles. I know firsthand how this feels. The fewer vehicles on the road during a storm the easier and quicker it is for highway departments to clean the roads.

Slow down—it’s the best thing you can do. It is no secret that snow is slippery. It takes longer to stop when it is slippery. The average following distance is three to four seconds. When it is slippery out that should increase to six to eight seconds. It only makes sense it takes longer to slow down and stop. When accelerating you should do so slowly.

Roll on—your tires have to be rolling to gain traction and be able to steer your vehicle. When your tire is locked up and not rolling the vehicle will push in the direction of the momentum. You cannot steer your vehicle when your tires are locked up and not rolling. Most vehicles today have ABS (Antilock Braking System) brakes. This allows the tire to roll when you brake so they do not lock up, allowing you to slow and stop, as well as steer. If you feel your tires lock up, pump the brakes to slow the vehicle down. This will allow you to regain control of your vehicle.

Skidding—things are getting real now. When your vehicle goes into a skid there are many variables to consider. The type of vehicle, front wheel drive, rear wheel drive, all-wheel drive or four wheel drive. The type of skid, wheel spinning or locked up, over or under steering, or fishtailing. They all are handled a little differently. It is probably better that I refer you to a website that describes how to correct the particular skid you are in based on the variables. I highly recommend searching how to correct various skids on the internet.

Be seen—use your headlights. During inclement weather always turn on your headlights. It may not provide you any benefit to seeing better, but it allows you to be seen by other vehicles.

Never say I didn’t know if was slippery. From November through April it is cold and often slippery in Maine. You should continually be checking the road conditions. Road conditions can change every few hundred feet. Spring is no different, maybe even worse. It warms up during the day and the water runs across the road. As the sun goes down and the temperature drops, the snow that melted and ran across the road freezes. One minute you’re cruising along listening to music, and the next minute you’re skidding off the road.

Here’s the short of it. If you need to go out in a snowstorm, be prepared, and slow and easy does it.



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Women's Hockey gears up for the start of the season

By **KEVIN AHN**
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With the fall sports season coming to a close, the college will look to start up what is sure to be an exciting winter sports season. Nov. 15, will mark the start of the season for several teams, among

them is the women's ice hockey team, which is scheduled to be the only home game of the night. Heading into the season, the women look to take on number 6 ranked Williams College in their season opener. Last year, the Mules split the series with Williams 1-1, leading for an

exciting matchup to start of the season. The first game against Williams ended as a loss for the Mules, falling 1-4 to the Ephs. The very next day, however, the Mules rallied and earned a victory over Williams 3-2 and would not play them again throughout the rest of the season.

Overall, the Mules ended 12-10-3 last year, splitting their conference play 8-8. The women will look to use an experienced squad of 15 upperclassmen and a talented fresh core of younger players to make a splash this season. Speaking with the *Echo*, senior and Assistant

Captain Cassidy Holzer '20 gave her thoughts on the upcoming season. "After our improvements and success seen last season, we're all ready to take on whatever comes our way this season. We're proud to have made a name for ourselves within our league and will no lon-

ger be seen as the underdog in the competition. We're thrilled for the challenge of playing the defending NES-CAC champions this coming weekend. Ready to make the last year in the Alford Rink one to remember." The puck drops at 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 in the Alford Arena.



Courtesy of Colby Athletics

After years of making considerable improvements to the program, the Colby Women's hockey team will look to make a statement at the start of the year as they take on nationally ranked Williams College Ephs. Last year, the team split the series, Nov. 15 sure to be an exciting game. Additionally, Nov. 15 will mark the start of the winter sports season with the Women's hockey team starting off the home events for the winter.

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Colby Football wins CBB second year in a row

By WILL BEDINGFIELD
Sports Reporter

The Colby football team closed out their season with a contest for the books. The Mules secured the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin (CBB) trophy Sat. night with a 47-34 win over Bowdoin's Polar Bears. Dick McGee Head Coach for Colby Football Jack Cosgrove has started off his fruitful tenure on Mayflower Hill with two of such trophies in two years.

Colby's closing game ended the season on a high note. Despite the Mules' troubles scoring early this season, a 63 yard pass from Matt Hersch '22 to Andrew DeFranco '20 on a

slant route put Colby comfortably in the red zone. Hersch's nine yard toss to Rory Glavin '21 saw Colby take a seven point lead on the very first drive. At this point Bowdoin flipped a switch, scoring three unanswered touchdowns to end the quarter at a daunting 21-7.

The Mules were determined to play a better second quarter, attempting to scrape out of the hole they had dug themselves. Committing to a strong run game tends to pay larger dividends as the game progresses and dividends were paid in the second quarter. Lead-back and captain Chris George '20 continued his

fantastic senior tour with a three yard touchdown run on the first drive of the quarter. Colby found the endzone again this quarter with touchdown run from Devin Marrocco '22, who had himself a three touchdown performance against Bates two weeks prior. A CBB hero of sorts, Marrocco brought the Mules within eight points of Bowdoin ending the half at 20-28.

Yet the first half could not have ended without some rivalry drama. With the half nearly over, Colby forced Bowdoin to punt from their own half. A botched snap saw the ball sail over Bowdoin's punter, but somehow he

recovered it and kicked to the Mules. The ball never left Bowdoin's half, giving Hersch a hail-mary opportunity to potentially tie the game. While the long-ball fell incomplete, a late hit on the Colby Quarterback Matt Hersch '22 sparked both benches into a brawl before they could be separated and sent to their locker rooms.

The third quarter was admittedly less action-packed, seeing the Polar Bears score six points to Colby's none. Yet this was only the beginning of the Mules' oppressive defense, suffocating Bowdoin's attempts for the rest of the half. Colby forced a whopping three interceptions, a fumble, and

their share of turnover-on-downs, not allowing another point from Bowdoin. George Eisenhauer '22 led Colby's defense with seven tackles, his third fumble recovery of the season, and his first interception. All of this was without the help of NESCAC leading tackler Marcus Bullard '21 and starting corner Asher Inman '20. Colby's defense may have been the deciding factor in Saturday's bout, taking halftime adjustments to heart and giving the offense favorable field position time and time again.

The game still had to be won, and Colby was down 20-34 going into the fourth and final quarter. The offense delivered an astounding

four touchdowns in that time, totalling 27 points and ending the game 47-34. Colby's dominating performance started with another touchdown to Glavin, marking the score 27-34. Then the Mules really turned on the jets. Running back Chris George '20 found the endzone three times in the fourth quarter, each time on 26 yard runs. The captain could not have asked for a better last game, scoring four touchdowns, running for 151 yards, and totalling another 32 yards in the air.

Colby's roller coaster season ended on a bright note, with chants of "CBB" and "Ring the Bell" after the most exciting game of the year.



Courtesy of Colby Athletics

Chris George '20 mid-play against the Bowdoin Polar Bears. George was a major component and contributor to the Colby offense, racking up an impressive 183 yards for the Mules and even more impressive were the staggering four touchdowns that George scored. Three of these touchdowns were crucial fourth quarter scores. The Mules would go on to win with a comeback from down 14 points to win the game 47-34.

Colby Men's Rugby hosts conference finals

By CONSTANTINE FLEURY
AND
JOEY FLEMMING
Contributing Writers

On Nov. 9, Colby Rugby faced off against Plymouth University for a chance to reach the New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU) conference final. This game is crucial to not only go to the NERFU finals, but also to continue in the race to regionals.

The Mules started off strong. They booted the ball down the field while the fierce back line pressured the Plymouth State full back into fumbling the ball. Out of nowhere, Nate Goddu '21 recovered the ball and scored, his first try for Colby. Steven Ditzler '22 was a sharpshooter, attempting seven kicks and converting all of them. Most notably was the conversion of Goddu's try. It was an impossible angle and an impressive range, unfazed, Ditzler kicked the ball through the middle of the posts and added two extra points on the board for Colby.

A little later, in the first half, Aidan Cyr '20 decided to put the opposition on skates. Indeed, he picked up the ball from a scrum and juiced his way around three defenders to score another try. With 13 minutes left, the Mules obtained a lineout inside Plymouth State's territory. The ball was overthrown, but Demetrius Ramirez '20 caught the ball and ran it to another try.

Shortly after, in a very similar situation, Colby controlled the lineout and passed the ball all the way down the line until it got in the hands of Mack Fisher '21. At this point, Fisher turned on the afterburners and flew by Plymouth's defensive line to score a try.

Finally, with a minute left to play in the first half, Colby had possession within five yards of the try line. Scrum-half Will Bedingfield '22 saw an opening and drove through the Panthers' defense to score another try. Colby's defense was like a brick wall, keeping the Panthers scoreless in the first half. At half time, the score was 35-0 in

favor of the Mules.

The second half started as the first half ended. After eight minutes of playtime, Cyr pulled something special out of his bag of tricks. Plymouth State was passing the ball to try to get space outside, but out of nowhere, Cyr intercepted the ball, ruan and danced his way to the try zone to make the score 42-0. Plymouth State, however, showed great heart and continued competing.

Shortly after Colby's try, their efforts were rewarded. They used their power to move closer and closer to the try zone and were able to score. With 15 minutes remaining, Plymouth State obtained a scrum close to Colby's try zone. Their scrum had been dominating Colby's all game, and they were able to take advantage of that by pushing their way for another try. Nevertheless the Mules pulled off an impressive 42-12 win over the Panthers.

Colby head Coach Leo Lafaiali'i's techniques worked like a charm. Colby used their quickness by kicking the ball repeatedly down the field and creating a lot of pressure on the Plymouth full back. Although the Panthers were dominating the scrum for most of the game, Colby used their fast defensive line speed to make tackles early and prevent momentum.

Colby moved on to the conference finals against Holy Cross University on Nov. 10, who beat the University of Maine Farmington 52-7. This was the Mules' first trip to the championship game under Lafaiali'i, as they looked to cap off their historic, undefeated season by taking home the NERFU cup. Not only would the winner of this game be the NERFU conference champions, but their team would also earn a bye-week before playoffs, crucial for late season games when injuries are high.

It was the second game of the doubleheader weekend for the Mules, and after routing the Plymouth State Panthers 42-12 the Mules set themselves up nicely to go into the championship game; however, this win came with

the loss of lock Kyle Slager '20 and prop Goddu, along with multiple minor injuries that the squad would have to play with in the game against Holy Cross.

At 1:00 p.m. the Mules received the kickoff from Holy Cross and quickly went to work. After only eight minutes, a Colby scrum on the Holy Cross five meter line led to the first score of the day, a try touched down by Jamenard Exavier '22 in the far corner of the try zone. Ditzler, who held a 100% conversion rate, narrowly missed the kick from the seemingly impossible angle. The Mules were up 5-0 after eight and went back to work to add to their lead. Unfortunately, the Mules turned the ball over soon after the kick, leading to Holy Cross responding with their own try and conversion, putting them up 7-5 midway through the first half. Soon thereafter, Ramierz touched down his own try which Ditzler converted to put the Mules up 12-7. To Colby's dismay, Holy Cross was able to respond with their own try, tying the game at 12 just before half. The Crusaders

potted a penalty kick, putting them up 15-12 going into halftime.

After consulting with Coach Lafaiali'i, the Mules were reinvigorated to battle the next 40 minutes. With the help of several substitutions, both sides had fresh legs to compete for the glory of being NERFU champions. After a multitude of scrummages that led Colby into Holy Cross' half of the field, the Mules were rewarded with a penalty that Ditzler placed between the uprights to tie the game at fifteen.

After 30 minutes of back and forth between the sides, the Mules found themselves in Crusader territory with a penalty. Coach Lafaiali'i opted for the team to take the kick, which Ditzler nailed once again, putting the Mules up 18-15, with eight minutes left in the match. All the Mules had to do was hold back Holy Cross until time was up. Unfortunately, the Mules were unable to control the kickoff and Holy Cross took over in Colby's half of the field. The Mules battled in ruck after ruck, keeping the Crusaders from advancing past the 22. Two untimely penalties gave

Holy Cross the opportunity to touch down the game ending, and winning, try, but the Mules held them up time and time again.

Eventually the Mules received a scrummage in their favor which looked to lock up the game. All they had to do was secure the ball in this scrum and kick the ball out, they were unable to do just that. The Holy Cross scrum took away the ball and picked the ball into the try zone. The Mules lost the match 20-18.

Reflecting on the weekend, Cyr said the following: "This weekend was an immense statement of character for our team. We played potentially the best game of rugby I've played since coming to Colby against Plymouth State on Saturday.

Our kicking strategy was executed to perfection in the first half, and we relied on our toughness and defense to carry us through the second half. On Sunday, it was a testament to the commitment and heart of anyone who played for us in the second half of a brutal back to back weekend. Our bodies were punished from the

game before but we left the excuses on the sideline, and everyone gave more effort than any captain or coach can ever expect. After a herculean goal-line stand at the end of the game by our guys, Holy Cross was eventually able to win the game with no time left on the clock, leaving us with no chance to respond and take the lead back.

While we didn't come away with the win, we are still in the playoffs and salivate at the opportunity to see those guys later in the bracket. Thank you immensely to Colby for broadcasting the games for the first times in club history, as well as to our amazing fans who gave us an immense boost in both games. We are excited and ready to play UMass Dartmouth this weekend on our home field, and hope to see people back out there braving the cold and supporting this incredible run."

Though the Mules were faced with this heartbreaking defeat, they still look to move forward in the post-season. Colby will host The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth at home Nov. 16.



Courtesy of Calvin Wetmore

JC Magnotto '20 beating a Plymouth State player up in the lineout, giving Colby possession shortly after. The Mules dominated Plymouth state on set pieces like lineouts such as the above. Quick play from the rucks kept Colby confidently up throughout the match.