

Colby students headed to the polls on Super Tuesday



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Colby students who registered to vote in Maine headed to the Elm, in downtown Waterville, to vote on Tuesday. Only 39% of Colby students voted in the 2018 election cycle, a lower percentage of students than at other NESCAC schools.

By **FIONA HUO**
News Reporter

Colby students joined thousands of Americans to vote on March 3, also known as Super Tuesday. Super Tuesday is the biggest voting day of the Democratic primaries, determining the allocation of 1,344, or 34%, of the Democratic Party's delegates. A total of 14 states voted for their preferred candidate: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Vermont.

The votes cast on Tuesday determined how delegates vote at the Democratic National

Convention (DNC) in July. Delegates are often party officials at state or local levels. Most delegates are also pledged delegates, which means they are mandated to vote for a specific candidate at the DNC who reflects the views of the people they are representing. The number of delegates a state is allocated is based on its population.

There are a total of 3,979 pledged delegates across all U.S. states and territories; Maine has 24 delegates. To secure the nomination, a candidate needs a majority, or 1,991 delegates. Candidates must reach a 15% popular vote threshold to receive any delegates. A total of 155 dele-

gates have already been awarded following the Iowa and Nevada Caucuses, as well as the New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries.

Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders was in the lead before Super Tuesday with 60 delegates. He was followed by former Vice President Joe Biden, with 54 delegates. Among active candidates, Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren had 8. Bloomberg had none. Delegates were also pledged to both former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar, but both announced before Super Tuesday that they would be ending their campaigns. They have since endorsed Biden.

At the time of publication on Tuesday night, the Associated Press called Alaska, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia, and California for Biden. Colorado, Utah, and Vermont were called for Sanders.

The Republican Party has also held its primaries. However, President Trump is not facing many challengers. His only major opponent is former Governor of Massachusetts Bill Weld, who has not garnered enough support to appear on the ballot in Maine.

In Maine, the primary is considered closed. This means that voters have to

be registered with either the Democratic or Republican parties to vote. The *Echo* reached out to Colby Republicans, who declined to comment before publication.

President Greene sent an email to students on Monday night urging them to exercise their right to vote. He cited that only 39% of Colby students voted in the 2018 elections.

Co-president of Colby Votes, Lily Wilson '20, wrote in an email to the *Echo*, "we have worked to make sure that students know how and when to vote, as well as registered voters in Maine throughout the fall. Colby Votes also worked with President Greene and Colby Security to make sure that the shuttles would stop at The Elm on Tuesday to make getting to the polls as accessible as possible."

Colby students reported a variety of reactions after voting. Crowding at

the polls in the late afternoon caused extended wait times, explained Sarah Bozuwa '22.

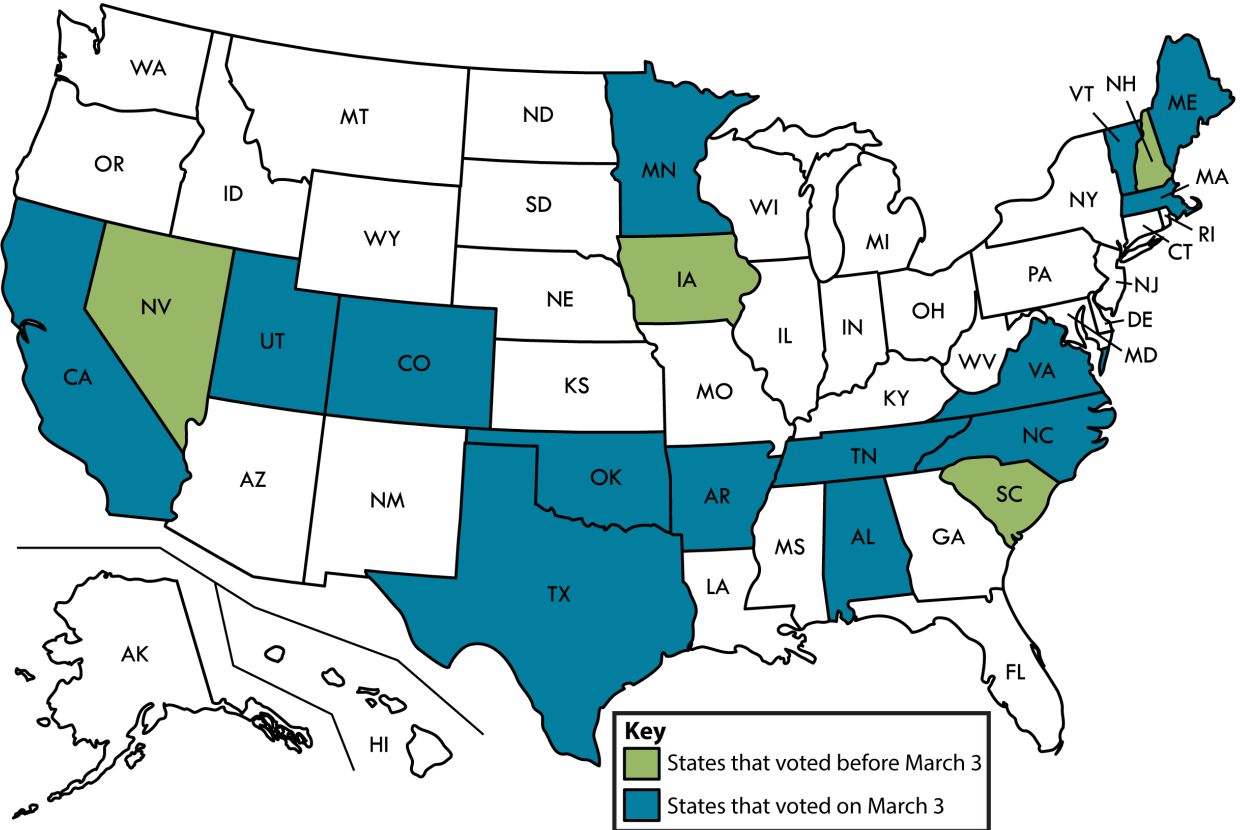
"I unfortunately have a [last] name in the A-F section, and spent, I believe, over an hour in line. So, that was not ideal. There were other Colby students with other last names that were going through in ten to fifteen minutes time, so that was frustrating. I'm still really glad and really thankful that I was able to participate in this incredible process, and performance of duty."

Daniel Farr '21 appreciated his voting experience. "I've never voted in Maine. It's an important election and it brings me closer to the Waterville community," Farr said.

The Democratic primary was not the only subject on the ballot on Tuesday.

Mainers also voted on a state-wide referendum on vaccination laws for children. A group called Mainers for Health and Parental Rights proposed the referendum in an effort to reject a vaccination law passed by the Maine legislature last year. The law requires all children enrolled in the Maine school system to be vaccinated by 2021, and it eliminates non-medical and religious exemptions.

Unlike the presidential primaries, voters do not have to be registered with a specific party to cast their ballot on the referendum, and the referendum to overturn the vaccination law was rejected by voters.



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14 states voted on March 3. The 14 states follow Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina, all of whom hosted Democratic primaries in February.

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Colby chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby pushes for voters' recognition of climate policy

By CONALL BUTCHART
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On March 3, both the Waterville and Colby communities converged on the Elm, an event center, to vote in the Democratic primary and on the vaccine law referendum. The *Portland Press Herald* reported surging voter turnout across Maine, and in Waterville particularly.

Some concerned citizens used this primary as an opportunity to highlight their concerns about climate change and about how potential presidential candidates would approach the issue. The Colby College chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) banded together with Waterville locals to raise awareness about the issue through a climate strike at the Elm.

Charlie Cobb '22, who organized the demonstration, said that he hoped the strike would push voters to consider climate when at the ballot booth. "The goal of the strike is to inform people [about] presidential candidates' climate action plans and encourage them to take this information into account when voting," Cobb said.

The Colby CCL is part of the larger Citizens' Climate Lobby, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization that aims to empower citizens personally and politically. The Colby Chapter specifically has focused on passing a piece of legislation called Energy Innovation and Carbon Fee

and Dividend Act, which would attempt to reduce emissions, create jobs, and

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support small businesses.

The Colby CCL has a history of activism in the Waterville community. In Sept. 2019, the CCL coordinated a climate strike in conjunction with the Global Climate Strike. Members of the Colby CCL were also involved in organizing the inaugural Maine College Action Summit held at Colby on Nov. 9, 2019.

Cindy Nguyen '20, a president of the Colby CCL on public perceptions of climate change in the past.

"Within the climate movement, it is important to note that each individual has a different experience and perception of climate change,"

Nguyen 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 'Republicans don't.' Rather, people are fundamentally divided on how to address the climate crisis."

By law, the demonstration had to be a certain distance from the voting precinct. As a result many students and residents at the Elm did not see the strike. Aidan Sites '22, for example, didn't see the strike personally but knew of its existence.

"Apparently it was behind the Elm," Sites said. However, she did note the importance of considering climate change policy when voting.

"I do think that the climate is super important for voters to think about when voting for presidential candidates as we are in a climate crisis right now and changes need to be made," Sites said.

Hannah Davidsen '22 also did not see the demonstration, saying that "it was very chaotic . . . and [people at the voting precinct] were more focused on making sure people were in the right lines."

Davidsen said that she considered the strike to be an important tool for disseminating information.

"I think it's definitely a good idea, especially if there's information on all the candidates' platforms on climate change because that was a big issue for me when I was voting," Davidsen said.



Courtesy of Jackie Florman '22

Students partook in the Climate Strike on March 3. The goal of the strike was to bring awareness to climate policy.

Additionally, she remarked that having the information given to voters could be effective, as many people may not have the opportunity to fully research such complex issues themselves.

Sonia Lachter '22 did see the demonstration but expressed some confusion about the intentions of

the strike.

"I couldn't tell what they were getting at. Either they should've said which candidate they think is best to combat climate change or waited for an election with some more clearly climate-related issues at hand," Lachter said.

Climate change and cli-

mate policy remain issues that captivate voters, especially college-aged voters. Colby students will likely remain at the forefront of these contentious debates in the Waterville community, and Mayflower Hill will continue to serve as a nexus of important policy discussions.

New furniture to be installed in Dana dining hall over spring break

By BIA MALASPINA
News Reporter

Students who frequently eat in Dana may have been shocked to find that the beloved booths were removed from the dining hall this past January and replaced with sets of small tables and chairs. This temporary layout will remain in the dining hall until spring break, when Dana will install brand new furniture throughout the space. The *Echo* spoke with Marietta Lamarre, General Manager of Dining Services, about what prompted the changes to Dana's layout and design.

"Dana's got an old look to it," Lamarre said. "The furniture looks a little outdated, so the goal was to make it more modern."

Lamarre recounted the work that's been done in Dana over the past several months by Colby Facilities.

"They did the carpeting in the lower level during the summer. They took out the carpeting in the meeting rooms and the booth area, and closed the wall up on the booth area because there's going to be a new booth configuration. They also completed all the painting."

The *Echo* also spoke with Mina Amundsen, Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Campus Planning, about the recent renovations in Dana. She also shared that Facilities wanted to give Dana a more modern look.

"The changes to the dining hall furniture were part of an overall refresh of the dining hall, responding to student feed-

back about the space and experience," she said

"The furniture installation is the third phase as the pieces take a few months to arrive after they

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are selected and ordered," Amundsen continued. The vision was to have a contemporary space that felt inclusive, and was flexible to accommodate a range of seating needs and choices."

Both Lamarre and Amundsen wanted students to play a major part in the selection process for new furniture. Several examples of seating, fabrics, and other materials were brought to Dana during a lunch period in the fall semester. During this time, students were able to give their feedback and vote for the furniture they preferred.

"They brought in samples and I can't even tell you how many we looked at," Lamarre exclaimed.

They also wanted to be sure that renovations made cleaning and other

maintenance easier on the dining staff. Amundsen explained that this was accomplished through a collaboration with Facilities, Dining Services, and Campus Life. "Basic criteria were aesthetics, durability, as well as ease of use, ability to stack, and clean surfaces thoroughly. The shortlisted choices, along with options for colors and patterns, were reviewed in the dining hall with students."

Lamarre added that the new furniture was also chosen with sustainability in mind. "Facilities made sure that all of the new furniture was sustainable," she said. "The fabric on the booths can be washed. It has a finish on it so that it can be cleaned very easily. Taking the carpet out over the summer was a big move because the new

flooring is much easier to take care of."

Student reaction seems to be fairly mixed. Some are excited for a change of scene, while others are skeptical about the introduction of new furniture.

In a recent interview, the *Echo* spoke with Artricia Nou '21 and Laura Sokoloski '21, two Dana-loyalists who have frequented the dining hall since their first year at Colby.

"I eat at Dana one to three times a day!" Sokoloski remarked.

When asked how she felt about the changes in Dana during January she replied, "I like that you can fit more people at the tables, but I miss the booths. You could grab a few friends and just sit and talk."

Nou also described her fondness of Dana's booths but added that she was

looking forward to some of the changes to come after spring break.

"We used to sit at the booths for hours! If no booths were available, we'd be really disappointed. I think the new set up will be cool because it won't

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split the booths up, it'll be an open space," Nou said. "When the booths are back, I think I'll probably spend a lot more time in Dana. It's comfortable to sit in."

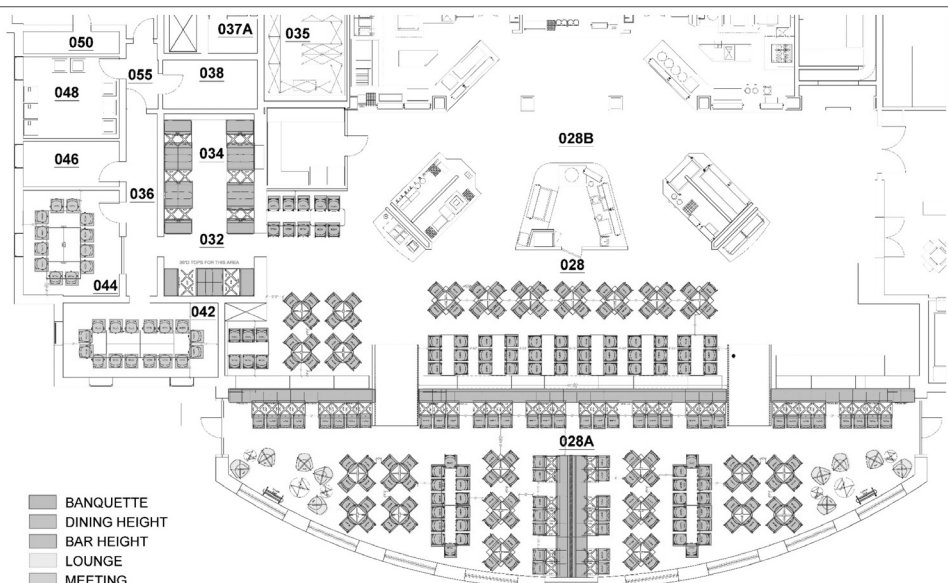
Sokoloski, however, seemed a bit more worried about the changes to come. During January, Dana staff put out photos of what the new furniture will look like.

In response to these photos, Sokoloski said, "it looks a little hospital-y. But I'm sure it'll all turn out well. I feel good as long as it doesn't decrease the amount of seating. There's already not enough seating as it is." According to Amundsen, the seating capacity in Dana will remain the same and may even include a few more seats than before.

Overall, students will have to wait until the end of March to judge if they enjoy the new Dana furniture. At best, they should hope to see a new dining hall with a contemporary and colorful look.

Colby College Dana Dining Hall

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Courtesy of Colby Dining Services

The Dana Dining Hall blueprint for the planned renovations that will give the dining hall a more modern aesthetic.

Quarry Road Trails offers three Ski Free Days

By SONIA LACHTER
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Quarry Road Trails had its last Ski Free Day of the winter season Feb. 22, a program it puts on to increase attendance.

In the winter, Quarry Road offers cross country skiing, snowshoeing, fat tire biking, sledding, and dog walking. On Ski Free Days, certain costs are waived to make these activities available to everyone.

Caroline Mathes, co-chair of Quarry Road's events and marketing committee, told the *Echo* that there are three Ski Free Days a season. The first is in December, during which ski rentals and day passes are free and a complementary ski clinic is offered.

In January, the focus is on mountain biking, fat tire biking, and snow-

shoeing. February sees Winter Fun Day, which includes free day passes, fat tire bike demos, and free snowshoes.

Mathes said that the program began three years ago as an alternative to the Winter Carnival program they used to have, which "got really big, too big to handle."

Through the three smaller events, Quarry Road is trying to expand their reach in Waterville and beyond. Mathes said that "we try to get exposure not only to skiing, but what else happens at Quarry Road."

About a third of attendees at Ski Free Days are newcomers, Mathes estimated. She wants people to return after this first time, however: "I hope that percentage decreases every time, so that people have [already] been," she said.

Sarah Rockford '15, Program Coordinator at the Center for Small Town Jewish Life, was motivated to go to Quarry Road because of the last Ski Free Day.

"The last Ski Free Day I attended at Quarry Road reminded me why I do actually love winter in Maine," she told the *Echo*.

Quarry Road publicizes Ski Free Days through flyers and through social media, which has become increasingly important, Mathes said. They also use ColbyNow because "that seems to be a pretty effective way to contact the Colby population."

They are focusing on finding the best ways to promote their events by asking "how did you hear about this?" on the registration form at ski free day.

Mathes said that while Quarry Road has many events throughout the

year, they are "not quite the same as the winter ones," as these are the only events that are made free.

Mathes also said that she is working on a mountain bike, music, and beer festival for this upcoming August. The event will not be free.

Another priced event is a triathlon planned for April 4. It will be a five kilometer ski, five kilometer run, and 1 mile paddle on Messalonskee stream.

The difference between these and the winter events? "Ski Free Days are for more exposure to the area, whereas these other ones I'm talking about are money-making events."

Looking at the winter season overall, Mathes thought that attendance at the ski trails has increased this year. In particular, she saw more students renting equipment this year.

"Usually a roommate will come who has skis

and they give lessons to their friends and they're renting."

Rockford's ski buddies were a group of mixed-experience skiers like Mathes described.

"A group of us meandered (flopped) through the woods on wobbly cross-country skis while graceful, experienced skiers glided past. Our clumsy form did nothing to dampen the experience of getting out in the snowy woods, and the Ski Free day made it possible for us to try a classic New England winter pastime."

One way that Mathes and the rest of the Quarry Road staff tries to get attendance up is through raffles, which she said "give someone incentive to come or get involved." She said that it is "pretty typical" that they will do a raffle at events like Ski Free days or fall festival.

Mathes wants students to invest even more in their outdoor recreation.

"I'm trying to encourage students to get their season pass in the fall, because we have a discount in November," she said. "So it's really reasonable, it's \$31 for the season. That's [season pass purchases] increased also; I have more and more people participating in that."

Mathes said that there are students involved in Quarry Road through their Civic Engagement requirement for the Alford Commons.

"I think there's [a] pretty good connection with Colby as far as community volunteers out of the downtown dorm," she shared.

Rockford summed up her experience at ski free day: "It's hard to believe we have such a gorgeous natural resource literally in our backyard!"

Colby Government department conducts 2020 polling

By MATT ROCHA
Local News Reporter

In conjunction with the *Wall Street Journal*, the Colby Government Department released its first poll on the 2020 elections on Feb. 18.

The Government Department worked alongside national pollster SocialSphere to survey Mainers on a variety of national and Maine-specific issues. This poll is the first in a series the Government Department will conduct before the upcoming 2020 election.

According to the Government Department's webpage, the survey's purpose is "to engage students in elections, particularly through data science, and to provide new information and thoughtful commentary on the 2020 election."

The poll uses both landline and cellular telephone calls and online surveys to collect information.

The Government Department questioned a politically diverse group. Of those polled, 30% identified as Democrat, 28% as Republican, and 42% as independent/other. For the 42% classified as independent/other, 15% leaned Democrat, 12% leaned Republican, and 14% did

not specify.

Most respondents intend to vote in the 2020 presidential election; 91% said they "definitely will vote." No one placed their likelihood to vote at less than "probably will vote," which was chosen by only 9%.

The poll also asked people for their opinions on the federal and Maine state governments. About 13% of people were pleased by the federal government, while about 36% were angered. The rest had a neutral opinion on the federal government.

Respondents generally viewed Maine's state government more favorably than the federal government; 18% regarded it favorably, while 15% regarded it unfavorably. Two-thirds of respondents feel optimistic about Maine's direction, while one-third feel pessimistic.

Professors Daniel M. Shea, Carrie LeVan, and Nicholas Jacobs lead the project. The *Echo* spoke with Jacobs about the polling process and its results.

Jacobs said that because Maine is a small state with few polls surveying its citizens, identifying trends can be difficult. That being said, the polls did produce interesting results.

Jacobs said that "Susan Collins' favorability has significantly declined, even since she was reelected six years ago. Her favorables in comparison to the president are largely better, but she's only outperforming Donald Trump by a little bit," He continued.

"This is surprising because Susan Collins is an institution. She should be able to stand apart from the president and should be able to run on her own merits."

Jacobs believes that people "increasingly conflate their evaluation of Collins with that of the President." He noted that Collins' declining approval ratings is a new phenomena worth studying.

Before the Government Department's new poll, CNN's 2008 exit poll provides the last reliable numbers pertaining to Collins' favorability.

In 2008, Collins stood as one of the most popular senators in the country. Although Barack Obama headlined the ticket, Collins, a Republican, still won every county Obama did.

Since 2008, Jacobs believes that "one big thing has changed. Donald Trump is at the top of the ticket."

Split-ticket voting was once

common, but Americans increasingly embrace straight-ticket voting.

"One thing we hope to do with this poll is to figure out a little bit more about why [we see this phenomena]. I've suggested that it's being driven by the president," Jacobs said.

Considering Collins' favorability ratings and the eight months between now and election day, during which a lot can change, Ja-

cobs believes, "We're in uncharted territory for Collins' political future."

Jacobs also spoke about how polling in Maine tends to be more difficult than in other states. The Government Department called cell phones in an attempt to collect answers, which is an expensive but effective method. Jacobs thinks cell phone data makes the poll results more representative. The results capture the opinions of both rural and

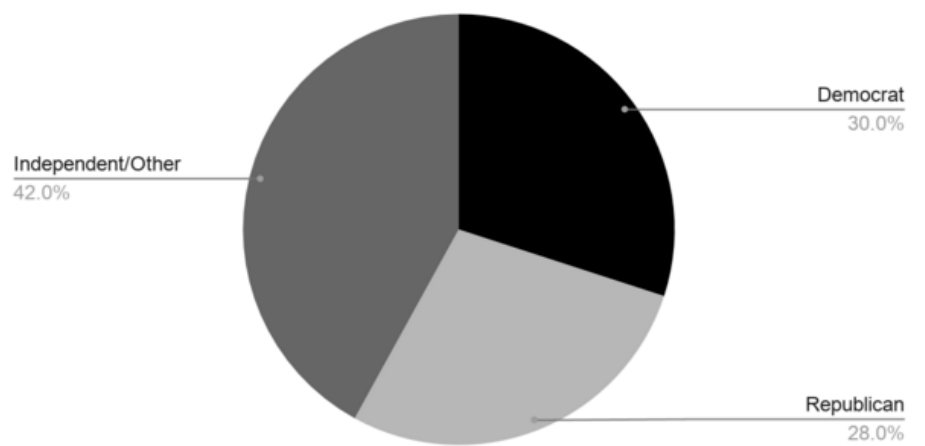
urban Maine.

"Maine has some interesting divisions within the state, not just urban and rural, but downstate and upstate," Jacobs said. "We really strive to get geographic diversity, and we have excellent coverage across all of Maine's sixteen counties."

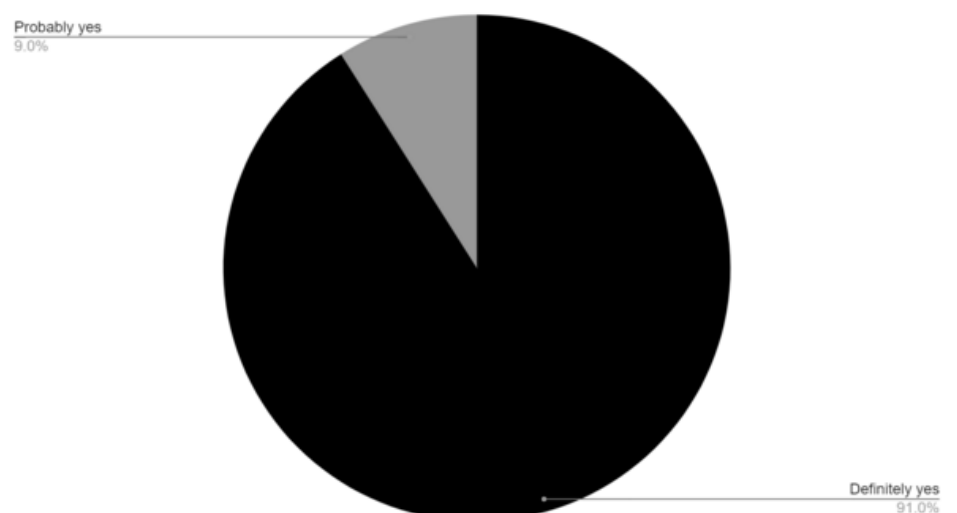
In the future, the Government Department will conduct three more polls, at least two of which will focus on Maine.

The Government Department Poll Results

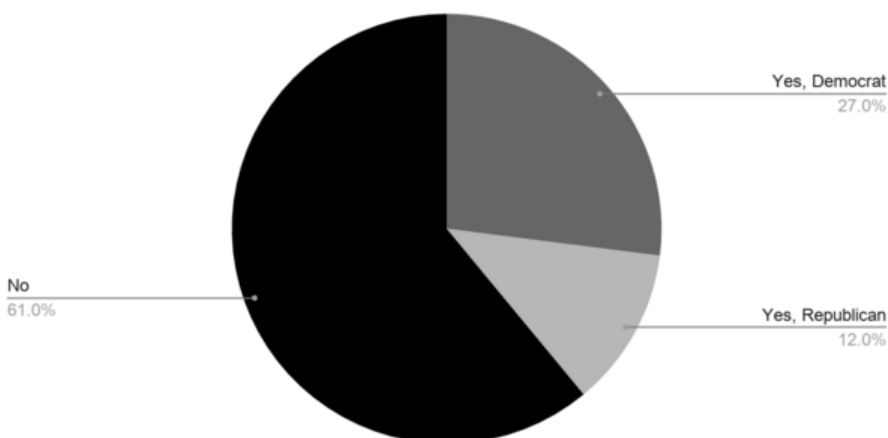
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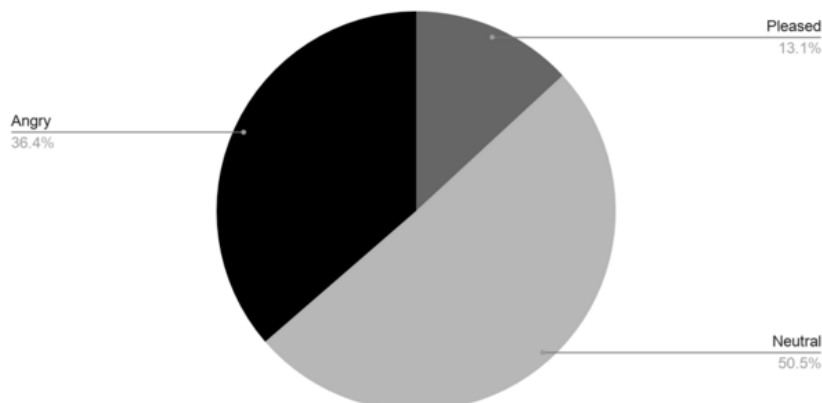
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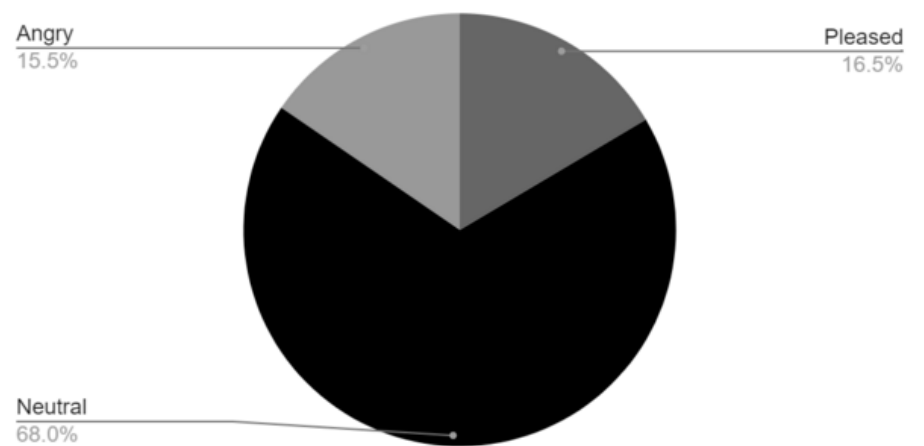
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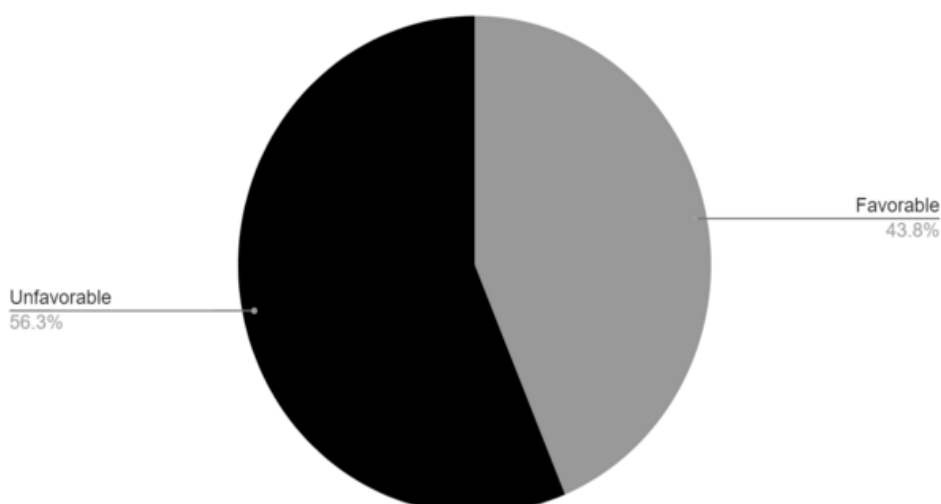
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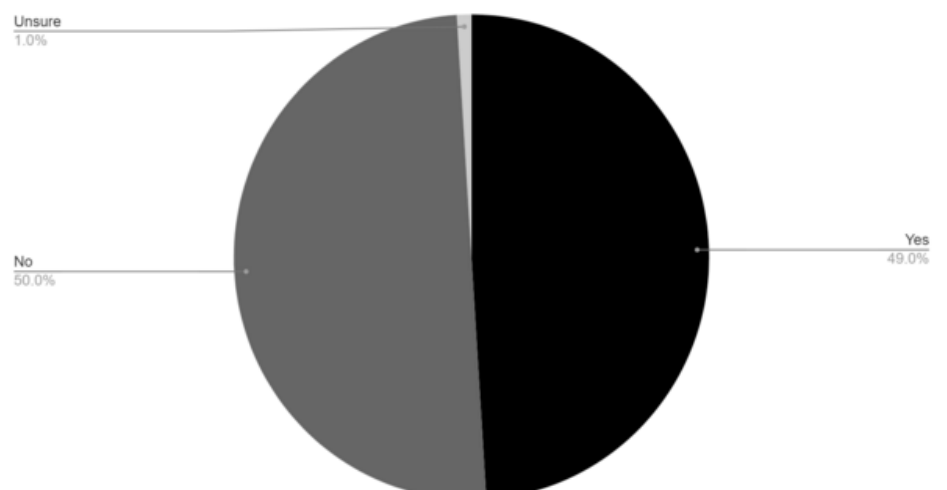
How would you rate your view of the Maine state government?



What is your opinion of Senator Susan Collins?



Senator Susan Collins voted to acquit Donald Trump. It was a vote against removing him from office. Do you think she made the right decision?



Let's Get Ready! Free SAT prep engages local Waterville students



Photo Courtesy of Betsy Hamre '21

High schoolers pooled their study materials for Let's Get Ready, which they get for free, along with tutoring from college students.

By **CLAIRE BORECKI**
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Every Monday and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., Diamond begins to fill with high school students. 50 to 80 students from area high schools come together for a unique program.

The students are loud and energetic; they greet each other and high-five their instructors (who are all Colby students) before eventually separating into small classes in Diamond and Lovejoy. All of the students can be found in Dana dining hall at 5:45 p.m., eating dinner with their tutors and enjoying Colby's unlimited access to ice cream.

These students are coming to Colby for an SAT preparation course, but it is nothing like the well-known Kaplan or Princeton Review programs. This program is free to any student who wants to learn, and their small classes of around seven to fourteen students are taught by Colby students.

The program, called

Let's Get Ready (LGR), has had success in a number of cities in the United States. Its price tag (or lack thereof) and its college student "coaches" are the most unique - and most successful - aspects of LGR.

LGR provides free SAT preparation courses

Let's Get Ready was founded with the goal of ensuring a future in which students, regardless of socioeconomic status, have the support they need to get equal access to higher education.

to high school students from historically underserved communities of low-income families and first-generation college students. These students

also benefit from admissions mentorship and guidance from college students themselves.

LGR was founded with the goal of ensuring a future in which students, regardless of socioeconomic status, have the support they need to get equal access to higher education.

Since its founding, LGR has served more than 30,000 high school students from low-income backgrounds, mentored by 8,000 trained volunteer college coaches in partnership with schools and organizations. Their programs stretch from Lewiston, Maine to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The coaches for the Waterville program are all volunteers from the College. Two students are hired every year as supervisory site directors. They work to organize and oversee coaches and high schoolers and to perform the administrative duties needed to run the program.

Betsy Hamre '21 has volunteered as a coach for two semesters, and is now



Photo Courtesy of Betsy Hamre '21

Let's Get Ready students do exercises to prepare for the SAT. The program is funded by grants, such as one from the Alford Foundation.

one of the site directors. She told the *Echo* that she wishes she had had an accessible program like LGR when she was preparing for standardized tests in high school.

"We are the only free SAT tutoring program available in central Maine," Hamre said. "So we have students traveling quite a bit to learn with us. It's our responsibility to support these students."

The coaches and site directors emphasized the importance of the quality of their work and their role as representatives of Colby as a whole, saying they strive to use their skills to make a difference in the lives of their students.

"We hope our personal experiences and narratives can help students navigate their own transition to college," Hamre said. "I am amazed at the commitment and talent of our Colby coaches who dedicate four hours of their busy weeks to the program. LGR is an example of Colby stu-

dents engaging in the outside community to promote educational equity, teamwork, and student self-confidence."

As of this spring, LGR has been on Colby's campus for four years. In this time, over 300 area students from 14 high

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Betsy Hamre '21

schools, and from just about every town within a 30-minute radius of Waterville, have been taught and provided with free dinners.

To keep LGR free and accessible, the program relies on grants and generosity, often from local programs. The well-known Alford Foundation has supported the program through grants. And, of course, the program relies on the hard work of the College, its students, and the high school students themselves.

Though the students do incredible work on their own, the program is overseen by Director of Maine Programs Katie Flood.

"I wanted to first thank the Colby students and the staff in the Community Engagement Office for all their help and hard work supporting Let's Get Ready," Flood told the *Echo*. "This spring we have a student whose commute to the program is an hour each way! The connections that our students have made with their coaches of course are vital to what we do and is definitely what keeps them returning each night of the program."

Mules menswear: The Colby uniform

By **ZEKE EDWARDS-MIZEL**
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With spring nearly upon us, it's important for us to look inside our closets as we put our Canada Goose jackets and Carhartt beanies away until next winter.

Have you found yourself wondering why every pair of boots on campus appears to be slip-on? Well, if you find yourself on the hill, you may want to follow the Colby tradition of wearing boots with two pull tabs.

Blundstones, often lovingly called "Blunnies", have gone from a work boot worn by Australian tradesman, better known as "tradies", to a boot utilized to make it safely to and from the apartments.

If you find yourself over-boozed, have no

fear, because the laceless design makes these guys easy to slip on and off no matter what state of mind you're in.

If you do find yourself desiring laces, please consider supporting a local business and purchasing duck boots from L.L. Bean.

However, don't go through the effort of lacing them up. Please make sure to wear the laces as loose as possible, so everyone can hear your heels dragging and picking up the floor as you meander through the hallways. The less heel you have remaining on your sole, the better. For the sake of my eyes, and everyone else's, please do not wear the low cut ones.

What's that jacket you see everyone wearing? It's called a Barbour.

It captures the essence and simplicity of the British countryside, and its large pockets are able to hold your shotgun shells when you go hunting with your dad, or eight beers when you go out with your boys.

It implies you're sophisticated, but not showy, which is why this jacket has become synonymous with WASP culture. You appreciate the labor that goes into maintaining it. You know you can't wash it; that you're supposed to wax it.

Yet you've owned it since high school and have never re-waxed it once, but at least you know, which is half the battle. This jacket looks best behind when worn while driving your family's SAAB or 1980s Volvo.

Students frustrated with College's handling of winter-time parking violations

By **TYLER BUCKERIDGE**
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Students and Colby Security are often at odds with one another over parking violations and student car tows. The major points of contention seem to be the way Security notifies students about their cars being towed and the high fees charged by tow companies.

A number of students have shared their experiences and frustrations with the *Echo*, including Molly Smith '21, whose car was towed after leaving it in the Mary Low parking lot over President's Day weekend.

"I got called at midnight, while I was asleep, by Security saying, 'you need to move your car now or we will,' but I was asleep, so I couldn't and didn't get the message until morning. I went straight to campus on the shuttle at 8:00 a.m., but it was already gone," Smith said.

Smith found this frustrating due to the short notice she received from Security before her car was towed. Campus Life sent an email to the student body on Thursday requesting that all cars be moved out of the Mary Low parking lot by 5:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Smith did not see this email, and was unaware that her car needed to be moved.

This was just the beginning of an expensive and disruptive process for Smith, who had to attend a family event in Connecticut.

"I got a friend to drive me to the tow company at 9:30 and they were closed for the weekend, so not only did they take our cars but they took them without giving us a way to get them back that weekend."

Smith was further inconvenienced because she had medication in her car. "When they take cars, they don't know what's inside," Smith said.

Smith was unhappy with the lack of notification from Security, but took even more issue with the way the tow company handled the situation and the towing fee. Smith "started following different

tow trucks to their locations" in order to find her car.

After locating it, she "went up to the tow driver and said 'you need to give me my car please' and he said, 'yeah, for an extra fifty bucks.' So I got fifty bucks taken straight into his pocket [sic] just so I could get my car back. That was on top of the 100 they charge anyway, so 150 total."

Smith was not the only student who ran into issues with extreme towing and storage fees. Carson Ford '23 came back to school at 9:20 a.m. the morning after JanPlan break for her 10 a.m. class.

At the Bob's lot, "I drove around for ten minutes trying to find a parking spot and there was not a single one available, so I parked in the dead worst teacher spot to try to be polite to the situation, and then I left my car there for three days because I forgot it was in a teacher spot."

When she returned to his car, it had been towed. "Mind you, my car is registered, they have my plates, they know whose car it is," she said.

Ford said that she was not notified that her car had been towed, "so by the time I figured out my car was towed and could go get it, it had racked up fees and cost two hundred and forty dollars to get it freed. There were also three tickets from Security on my car when I went to pick it up."

Ford felt that the whole situation could have been avoided with an email from security informing her that her car would be towed.

"If the they had told me, I could have got it immediately, but they didn't tell me even though my car is registered," Ford said.

She also felt that the lack of available parking on campus played into the issue: "I pay for a parking pass, which means there will be a spot for me to park my car in, but there are no spots."

Similar experiences with tow companies and security's ticketing practices are not uncommon at the College. An anonymous first year spoke about the experiences they had

with parking on campus. They have received eleven tickets so far this year.

"Security will give you a ticket anywhere; your car could be in Los Angeles and they will ticket you," they said.

This individual recalled an experience with a tow truck driver who was in the process of towing their car. "I was walking up to my car, and found that it was halfway loaded onto a tow truck. I asked the driver not to tow my car because I was present and could move it. He said 'okay, that'll be one hundred dollars cash, which upon handing to him he put directly into his wallet,' they said.

This incident has not been the end of this student's parking troubles, as they have found themselves unable to pay his tickets from the school. The student offered to write tickets for security in order to pay off their own parking fines, as a form of poetic justice.

"I'll do whatever you need me to do to pay off some parking tickets," the student said in an email to security.

The student has an upcoming meeting with head of security Bob Williams regarding this offer.

Others are frustrated with how parking violations are handled by the College. The lack of communication with students about towed cars was a common theme, and many expressed that faster notification could alleviate much of the issue.

The other major issue was the way it seemed that some tow drivers seek to profit off of students.

This attitude applies to security's ticketing practices as well; it is common sentiment that the school is using parking violations as a revenue stream. Students feel security should focus on other methods of raising money that don't involve inconveniencing students and taking their time and money.

Students agreed that increasing available parking spaces could solve most of these problems. Regardless, in order to find a resolution, there must be a dialogue between students and security.

Conia's Corner

The *Echo* Room: an experimental poem

Today was Super Tuesday,	That line was too long,
I spent it in a good way.	And people were wrong,
I went to vote,	Because signs were not clear to see.
This poem I wrote,	
And soon in my bed I will lay.	There were just a few doors,
	In the lobby you could fit more.
The polls were held at the Elm,	People than fit,
The staff there were quite overwhelmed.	Through that small slit,
	And so there was traffic galore.
I cut them some slack,	
But those at the back,	The staff were very keen,
Wished they could be at the helm.	On meeting voters' every need.
	The registered the throngs,
The issue was last names A to G,	And fixed what was wrong.
It was better to be L or Z.	Their services were quite supreme.

The Colby Museum of Art's director leaves after 13 years

By MILO LANI-CAPUTO
A&E Reporter

Last Wednesday, President Greene announced that Sharon Corwin, Director and Chief Curator of the Colby College Museum of Art, will be leaving the

the museum, supervising expansions, countless exhibitions, and even led the creation of the Lunder Institute for American Art. Much of her work has led to the strengthening of ties between the students and the museum.

the museum be relevant to the Colby student experience?" she said.

"[I was] looking and working with faculty to bring the objects that we have in our collections and exhibitions into the different disciplines that

students and community members in their everyday lives as well.

"That's the beauty of it; it's not just in the classroom, it's co-curricular. We have yoga classes [and] we're doing all this work around wellness. [The museum] can be a place you come to just escape the day, and to contemplate and reflect, and be quiet for a moment, be still for a moment, and then it can be a place where you come to meet a friend, it can be a place where you meet a community member. It's a great bridge between Waterville and Colby."

Corwin will soon be moving to Chicago to take her new role as CEO of the Terra Foundation.

"I will be helping oversee and lead the Terra Foundation's mission, which is to support and advance American art studies, scholarship, [and] creation internationally," Corwin said. "I'm really looking forward to continuing to build partnerships and collaboration. That's always been a key part of my work here—something I believe deeply in. I'm looking forward to supporting other institutions and other scholars and artists through the resources of the Terra Foundation. It'll be a learning curve, and one that I'll embrace... It'll be a new challenge, which I think is healthy."

While Corwin is looking forward to using her new platform to make a difference in people's lives, she will miss Colby, too.

"I'm going to miss the people. I'm going to miss the engagement with students, the opportunity to mentor students, to teach students, to be a part of their lives.

I'm going to miss the community that comes in here. When you see these school groups coming to visit, doing art activities, in our galleries, that's one of the most rewarding

work down for a minute and strolling through the galleries to remember why we do this. But the thing I will miss the most will be the people."

Corwin spoke more broadly about her goals moving forward.

"I want to leave and have an impact on the world, through art. I think art can make a difference in people's lives... That's what's been so rewarding to me here: everything from the first grader who comes into this museum for the very first time [and] this is the first museum they've ever been in, to a Colby student who has a transformative internship that changes the trajectory of their career, to a visitor who maybe drove up from wherever, who is able to just spend time in our galleries and have art change their perspective on something. That's work worth doing."

President Greene is currently spearheading the international search for a new museum director. Whoever it is, they'll certainly have big shoes to fill.

"I'm going to miss the people. I'm going to miss the engagement with students, the opportunity to mentor students."

Sharon Corwin
Director and Chief Curator

things. I'm going to miss the staff. This museum team is a group of people that I admire so deeply. I'm going to miss the faculty and staff here at Colby, who I've built strong partnerships with. I'll miss the art, and it's great art, and there's nothing like putting your



Courtesy of Sharon Corwin

Director and Chief Curator of the Colby College Museum of Art Sharon Corwin will be leaving the College on June 1.

College on June 1 to become CEO of the Chicago-based Terra Foundation for American Art.

Corwin was first hired by the College in 2002 as Lunder Curator for American Art, and within four years, she had moved up to Director of the Museum. As director, Corwin helped transform

"It's a museum that's seen tremendous growth, through its staff, through its collections, through its facilities, its programs, and its engagement with students," Corwin told the *Echo*. "That was one of the things I had really focused on during my time here: asking the question, 'How can

are being taught here at Colby," Corwin said. "It was really a big part of our mission to be relevant, not just to art and art history, but to disciplines throughout the curriculum... That's been enormously rewarding for me."

Due largely to Corwin's strong leadership, the museum has reached Colby



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Corwin will take on a new role as CEO of the Chicago-based Terra Foundation for American Art.

The Shamrock Shake returns from a year-long hiatus

By ZACHARY BERGMAN
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March is upon us, which means that the Shamrock Shake, the green, mint-flavored milkshake served at McDonald's restaurants for a limited time in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, has returned from its 11-month-long hiatus.

The *Echo* spoke to Nick, a staff member at the McDonald's on Main Street, about what the shake's return means of McDonald's staff.

"We all love it because it's different; it's not just the standard three flavors that we offer, obviously, so it kind

of gets you in the mood for St. Patrick's Day. I mean, you can see all the decorations and stuff," Nick said, referring to the glittering, green shamrock symbols hanging from the ceiling.

"To be honest, I like it in the beginning [of Shamrock Shake season] when many people don't know about it yet, because then we're not stuck making a lot and there's more for the staff to enjoy."

Nick described the clamor for the shake once customers realize that it's back. He said that he witnessed customers buying shakes in large quantities to bring back to their

families, or to put in their freezer to preserve them for when McDonald's stops selling them. Sometimes, Nick said, customers have even requested to purchase bottles of the syrup used to make the shakes.

This year, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Shamrock Shake, McDonald's is also selling a mint-flavored Oreo Shamrock McFlurry: a blend of vanilla ice cream, Shamrock syrup, and Oreo bits.

"That's been a bigger hit than the shakes themselves," Nick said.

Some Colby students expressed excitement for the return of the Shamrock Shakes.

"I think Shamrock Shakes are underrated and I miss them all year," Noah Schimanski '21 said. "I actually make a concerted effort to get shakes in March because of Shamrock Shakes."

Jack MacPhee '21 also praised the Shamrock Shake.

"I'm very glad they're back," he said. "I think it's a very underrated drink, and I'm looking forward to getting one in the near future."

Anna Piermattei '21 described the excitement she feels each year when the Shamrock Shake is made available at her local McDonald's.

"Every single year I look forward to March 1st specifically for the return of the Shamrock Shake, and the first one I had this year was



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McDonald's signature St. Patrick's Day drink, the Shamrock Shake, is now available at participating restaurants.

on March 1st, the day it came out... You know, you forget what it tastes like [while it's gone]. You think, 'it's green,

it hits you, and it's mint, it's soothing, you taste it. It's a great, great, milkshake," Piermattei explained. "The worst day of the year is when they take it away and you don't realize, and then you never knew that that was going to be your last Shamrock Shake."

One student, however, levied heavy criticisms against the Shamrock Shake and those who drink it during an interview with the *Echo*.

"Shamrock Shakes are back but they're overrated and not good," Patrick Forelli '21 said. "They're just green and colorful and survive on simple-minded people who are attracted to shiny objects and find the name intriguing."

Shamrock Shake supporters were disappointed and angered to learn that there were students at the Colby who do not share their love for the cold blend of vanilla ice cream and Shamrock Shake syrup.

"Your opinion is wrong," MacPhee said, addressing Shamrock Shake haters. "That's all I got to say."

"I would say that [people who don't like Shamrock Shakes] didn't have a childhood, because the Shamrock Shake is a quintessential part of any kid's childhood," Piermattei added.

The Shamrock Shake is available now for a limited time at participating McDonald's restaurants.

"I think Shamrock Shakes are underrated and I miss them all year"

Noah Schimanski '21
Shake Enthusiast

it's a milkshake,' and then



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Although it has some critics, the Shamrock Shake has been praised by many Colby students as a great way to celebrate the St. Patrick's Day season.

Student-run Colby College circuit court SHALL be added

By COLIN ALIE
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In the United States of America, the parties involved in a civil case have the right to appeal a court's decision to the next higher court, theoretically all the way up to the US Supreme Court, the highest court in the nation. This is true from sea to shining sea – that is, except for our little corner of Waterville, Maine. Here, a student has the chance to appeal a civil allegation such as a parking ticket or a disciplinary notice once and only once. This is not only irresponsible, but a disservice to the pursuit of justice that this nation claims to value too highly. It has even been alleged that the author himself writes with a pointless superfluous verbosity – fie, folly, and fodder! It would serve well to take these critics to some tribunal for their formal adjudication. Rather than have members of the administration determining the fates of Colby students, it should be right and just to implement a local, student-run circuit court on Colby's campus to rule on these matters.

Ask a member of the College's administration who's been sufficiently spoon-fed, and they'll tell you that dissent is at the

heart of what Waterville's great institution represents. In fact, in an email recently sent out to the student body, Colby's very own impartial arbitrator and card-carrying member of the "Powers that Be" club, David Greene, writes how those at the College "are committed to ideological... diversity on campus."

Truly, dissidence is just another sign of the times. If ever there were a setting for the cultural zeitgeist to be over-the-top contention, it would be right here, and right now. In fact, the *New York Times* recently ran an article that claimed that "the United States is already the most litigious society in the world. We spend about 2.2 percent of gross domestic product, roughly \$310 billion a year, or about \$1,000 for each person in the country on tort litigation, much higher than any other country." Naturally, this begs the thought of what a glorious micro-society Mayflower Hill would become if each and every Colby student were provided with this \$1,000 as a subsidy to use toward paying court fees.

How many countless times have students failed to provide adequate atonement in the wake of a minor squabble? A trivial tiff? Or even, say, an

immaterial quarrel? Moreover, what better way to pseudo-celebrate what minuscule pinnacles are won in typical college disputes than by using a highly-technical and arduous litigation process? Just imagine, for sake of frivolity, a class-action lawsuit filed by the student body seeking compensatory damages for the faulty WiFi. Or, a headline-drawing trust-busting case against the "Spa," formally known as the Cotter Student Union. A motivated student might even take their own suitemate to student court for refusing to wash the dishes despite a well-documented agreement of responsibility in the form of a chore wheel taped on the fridge.

Risking redundancy, it's safe to point out that it would truly behoove us all to give in to the modern era, which is trending overwhelmingly in favor of suits and countersuits. It should be no trouble at all for the administrations' eagle-eyed culture vultures to kill two birds with one stone, so to speak, by avoiding the wild goose chase of student chastisement altogether and flock together under the concept of autonomous justice. After some thoughtful

consideration (or even, none at all), the notion of ceding the task of students' reprimand to the students themselves makes total sense. A student-run courthouse would follow all the established criterion of any other modern house of tribunal, but on a much more controllable scale. In this idyllic alternate reality, Colby students would be able to apply for Colby-funded jobs similar

introduced for students to be court stenographers, paralegals, bailiffs, and, of course, legal representatives. Of course, more consequential roles such as judges and mid-recess entertainers would be elected at the start of each term, in a similar fashion to how student representatives who serve on Colby's Student Government Association are determined.

lawyers on the College's retainer. Since the overwhelming majority of cases presented to this courthouse would be relatively inconsequential, trials stretching more than several hours should be expected to be few and far between. This means that students would be able to go to classes in the morning and court for the afternoon, or vice versa. But in cases where this doesn't work out, perhaps to some, the greatest byproduct of this concept would be an entirely brand new excuse to miss class. What right-minded individual, or even a Colby professor, would deny the privilege of their students to serve on the student jury duty?

To those who somehow still see this idea as anything short of brilliant, you'll see your day in court soon enough. Regardless, in the meantime, the author eagerly invites constructive criticism, and even tolerates oppositional slander, to be sent to his email cmalie21@colby.edu. The major takeaway should be that there are improvements left to be made. Rest assured, in the constant struggle between academic good versus academic evil, honesty shall prevail!



Claire Cahill | The Colby Echo

Alie argues that the College should implement a student-run civil court circuit to help students settle their disputes and seek justice.

to the ones already in existence across campus—tour guides, mail center workers, lifeguards, and help desk jockeys, to name a few. The difference? The demand for these jobs would suddenly plummet once opportunities are

Students who present claims to the court or who are summoned to appear in court would be able to elect a team of students to proceed litigiously on their behalf, or, alternately, be provided with one of the student

The Guth Truth: Top five ideas for new varsity sports

By BEN GUTH
Staff Writer



As we continue to Dare Northward with a relentless pursuit of achievement and seeing Colby succeed on a national level, doesn't it feel like it's time for some new varsity programs at Colby to improve our overall chances of success? I mean, it's clear that some of our teams are just not getting the job done, and the more obscure the sport, the better the chance we have at claiming a national title. My sister's school, the tiny Haverford College in Pennsylvania, comes to mind: for many years they were the only college in the country

with a varsity cricket program, effectively making them the best varsity college cricket team in the country. With that being said, here are a few possibilities for some new additions to our athletics department:

#5: Water Polo

A rather shameless plug here if I say so myself. As a member of the currently club water polo team I think it is about time we take the next step and become a varsity-level program. While there aren't many small varsity programs on the East Coast, it would provide some awesome opportunities for us to travel to California and hopefully reach the point where we are able to beat the team from Claremont-Mckenna, where I was rejected from early decision. Having my own team become a varsity program and the chance

for some great revenge? What could be better?

#4: Beer Die

Every Colby student has heard the legend that beer die was supposedly invented here many years ago. Even if it isn't true, we could really cement our place as the premier beer die school in the country by making a varsity program. Recruiting and coaching would not be a problem for this one, as there are ample students on campus as well as alumni who would love to make this a reality, while being incredibly skilled at this competitive sport.

#3: Downhill ice skating

You might ask how we would construct the facilities for this one, as downhill ice rinks are hard to come by. However, anyone who has ever walked around Colby before any salt has been

put down, or tried walking the treacherous path that leads from the senior apartments to hillside during the winter, can attest that these rinks exist already exist all around our campus. Unfortunately, I came to know this better than most, as I was recently involved in a tragic fall on one of these rinks. However, with some skates and training, I could turn tragedy into triumph and bring home a national championship.

#2: Whack-Bat

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this sport, I will direct you towards viewing Wes Anderson's whimsical take on Roald Dahl's classic story *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. The 2009 film is an achievement in stop motion animation and includes heavy hitting voice actors such as George Clooney, Meryl Streep, and Bill Murray.

In the movie, whack-bat is a sport that involves hitting a burning pine cone with a plethora of other rules that seem confusing. I honestly don't understand the sport, but it's from a good movie and seems cool so I thought I'd put it down.

#1: Buzkashi

An absolutely electric sport that does not get nearly as much recognition as it should, Buzkashi translates directly into "goat pulling" and is popular with Central Asian communities in countries like Tajikistan. The premise is simple:

teams of riders on horseback compete to throw a headless goat carcass into the other team's "circle of justice." There seems to be no solidified set of rules, but due to the fact that we would probably be the first college in the United States with a varsity Buzkashi program, we could make them ourselves. We already have fields that could be used for the sport along with local stables we could borrow horses from, and as for the goats, there's a lot of farms around here right?

From grunge to growth: Building community in Heights

By NOAH SCHIMANSKI
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Heights has historically been known as "the" residence hall that many students would call "gross" or "grungy." The reputation of this residence hall goes back many years. It was a frequent flyer at the top of the dorm-damage list before Colby stopped charging students for common space damage. The historic reputation left Heights with a rowdy crowd and often deterred residents that were looking for an inclusive and safe place. Often dominated by a few athletic teams, Heights was known as a haven for loud weekend evenings. That all looks to change with the newest change to the housing process at Colby.

In a new change to the housing application process this year at Colby, suites in Heights are now no longer a part of the traditional room draw. Instead, groups of students must apply to live in Heights and fill out an application. The application includes questions about inclusivity and how the applicant will make the Heights community stronger. This process is targeted at making Heights a place of an inclusive community.

In the application description, it says: "It is

the hope that residents in the Heights Suites will be engaged in positive role-modeling and demonstrate a desire to advance their personal leadership development and skill-building, with the potential for unique opportunities and programming to foster this development."

Through chatting with other students, this had made a difference in whether or not they would consider living in Heights. The students that I have spoken with have been excited to see how this will change the attitude of students living in Heights. This new level of engagement and respect is exciting for the Colby campus as there will be a new standard of the community in Heights. Looking forward, Heights has the potential to foster a community for students of all different class years.

The change in attitude has been seen this year across the board in the housing process. Along with changes to the applications for both sets of apartments, it seems like this will send the Colby community in a positive direction. The CAs and new the Director of Campus Life, Jess Manno, have shaken up the housing process at Colby and it looks to be for the better!



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Weekend Recap: Spring sports are finally here!

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Women's Track and Field

This weekend, Middlebury hosted a Division III women's track and field meet. Colby took the 18th spot of the meet with some impressive individual results. In the 400 meter race, Annah Rossvall '22 ran in 59.64 seconds and took 9th place. In the 800 meter race, Meghan Garrett '22 took the 15th place. In the mile race, Meredith Griffin '22 ran in 5:18.69 minutes. Christina Speliakos '22 ran the 60 meter hurdles and took 8th place with a time of 9.41 seconds. One of the best results of this meet came from sophomore Sharde Johnson '22 taking second in the high jump competition. She jumped over a 1.75 meter high bar on her second try. Lily Matson '22 landed 16th in the triple jump with a 10.82 meter jump.

In the relay races, the Mules also had a solid performance. In the 4x200 meter race run by Margaret Bannon '21, Katie-Marie Roy '23, Annah Rossvall, and Lottie Franck '23, Colby secured the 10th position. Finally, Colby took the 11th place in the distance medley race thanks to Olivia Cella '23, Charlotte Freniere '23, Elizabeth Marsh '22, and Catie Riley '21. The Mules are back at it this weekend at Tufts.

Men's Track and Field

The Men's track and field team had a little bit more trouble this weekend at Springfield, Massachusetts. Colby ended 23 out of 24.

Starting out with the individual events, Robbie Graham '23 took home 12th place in the 1000 meter race with a time of 2:36.75. Tanner Burton '21 had the best perfor-

mance of the weekend, arriving 5th in the 60 meter hurdle race in 8.35 seconds.

The Mules were solid in relay races with Benjamin Smith '22, Rob Durst '20, Aidan Sweeney '22 and Cameron Labree '23 capturing the 15th place in the 4x400 meter with a time of 3:31.14. In the 4x800 meter race, Nick Peterson '22, Robert Dettman '20, Robbie Graham and Ben Mellor '22 ran in 8:15.75 and arrived in 10th place. Finally, the best relay race of the weekend came from Ben Mellor, Benjamin Smith, Nick Peterson and Robert Dettman. They took

home the 9th place in the distance medley relay with a time of 10:46.04. The Mules will battle this weekend at Tufts.

Women's Lacrosse

It was the season opener for Women's Lacrosse last Saturday against Tufts. Last year, Colby lacrosse had a 9-7 record and were 5-5 within their conference.

Despite the cold, over 250 fans showed up to cheer the team on. After last year's loss against Tufts, Colby was trying to start the year off strong with a win. Unfortunately, after an early lead, the Mules ended up

losing 19-5. Grace Langmuir '21 scored the first goal for Colby. Eliza Dean '22 also had a goal in the first half but the standout performance came from Annie Eddy '23 who scored a hat-trick in her first game for Colby.

Although Tufts scored 19 goals, Mules goalkeeper Emily Podgorni '22 saved 12 shots from the Jumbos.

Tufts did well to control possession and were able to make 44 shots compared to only 16 by Colby. Another factor leading to the Jumbos' win were Colby's 17 turnovers, compared to 11 by Tufts. Tufts' top scorer was Emily Games '21, who

scored 5 goals in the match. The Mules have a busy week ahead, with a game on Saturday against Williams and one on Sunday against Plymouth State. Both of these events are home, so go cheer them on!

Men's Lacrosse

Saturday was also the season opener for the men's lacrosse team. Last year, the Mules had an 8-7 record with 201 total goals.

This weekend, they played away at Tufts and unfortunately, lost 24 to 10. Despite the loss, the team showed great promise and talent against the reigning NESCAC cham-

pions. Matt Rocha '23 played 54 minutes and saved 14 shots, while Jack Rickards '22 scored 4 goals and CJ Hassan '20 scored 2 off 11 shots.

Tufts had 48 ground balls while Colby only had 27 in addition to having 37 more shots.

One positive takeaway from this match was that the Mules only had four more turnovers than Tufts. In addition, Colby's keepers were able to save a total of 20 shots, compared to only 13 from Tufts.

Throughout the game, we saw the depth of Tufts as fourteen different players scored. Men's lacrosse will be back at it this weekend at Williams.



Courtesy of Colby College Athletics

Senior Captain CJ Hassan was able to help the Mules score two goals this weekend against the Tuft's Jumbos. While Hassan played a great game, the Mules were unable to come away victorious.

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Playoff results: squash, basketball, and ice hockey

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Men's Squash

Colby Men's squash kicked off the weekend's playoff events with matches Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Harvard University. Friday's event was the quarterfinals of the College Squash Association (CSA) National Collegiate Men's Team Championships. After a successful 11-9 season, the Men's team was ranked fifth nationally, earning them a match with the fourth ranked Bates in Friday's championship bracket.

The Mules played two hard-fought games against the Bobcats earlier this season, losing each by slim 5-4 margins. Sadly, this match fared much worse, resulting in an 8-1 defeat, as Charlie Beauregard '20 earned Colby's only win. Luckily for the senior class, the season wasn't over with that loss. Men's squash moved directly into the consolation semifinals on Saturday and with a win, the consolation finals Sunday.

Saturday's match drew the eighth-seed Jumbos of Tufts University, whom the Mules hadn't played yet this season. The match was a close one, with Colby scraping out a 5-4

win and a spot in the consolation finals. Colby's wins came from the likes of Alex Spafford '22, Alexander Kurstin '21, Jack Vanderhorst '23, Ryan Santoro '22, and Duda Voldman '22.

Moving on to the consolation final, the Mules found themselves facing Bowdoin, with an opportunity for redemption against another Maine school. Again, Colby scraped by with a 5-4 victory with wins coming from Spafford, Vanderhorst, and Beauregard, as well as Chase Holding '21 and Dylan Tymkiw '23. The CSA tournament wrapped up Colby's team season, with the single's championship to be held next weekend in Philadelphia.

Women's Ice Hockey

Colby Women's hockey hosted their first NESCAC Quarterfinal this Saturday against the seventh ranked Bowdoin Polar Bears. Colby's attempt to sweep Bowdoin after 2-1 and 2-0 victories way back in November could not be certain. Since their meeting, Colby has maintained an impressive form culminating in the highest seed in Colby's history. The Polar Bears, on

the other hand, seemed to fall flat, with an 8-13-3 record that landed them well short of .500. Yet anything is possible in the NESCAC playoffs, especially with such a heated rivalry.

Despite an impressive performance from Bowdoin goalie Dani Marquez, tallying 31 saves, Bowdoin could not withstand the Colby attack. The Mules broke a tense stalemate that lasted into the second period with a goal from Lexi Cafero '22, assisted by McKinley Karpa '22 and Tess Dupre '20.

Karpa found her way back into the box score early in the third period, converting on a power play opportunity with assists from sisters Bri Michaud-Nolan '23 and Aimely Michaud-Nolan '21.

Goalie Nina Prunster '22 earned another shutout, facing 17 shots and maintaining tremendous form that can only carry over to the semi-finals.

While the scoreline may suggest utter dominance from Colby, Bowdoin's efforts were valiant, but insufficient. The Polar Bears recorded a single faceoff more than Colby, but were held 0-4 on power plays, as Colby's defense held true after each wave of attack.

The Mules are moving on



Courtesy of Colby College Athletics

Dylan Tymkiw '23 won his match against Bowdoin College in five games. His match helped the Mules overcome Bowdoin, winning 5-4 overall. In addition, Tymkiw was named first-team NESCAC.



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Noah Tyson '23 played a great game against Tufts University, despite their overall loss. Tyson gained 19 points for the Mules in their game, as well as having 13 rebounds in their game. While the Mules might have lost the NESCAC title, the team will continue to play in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

to the NESCAC Semifinals to be played in Middlebury, Vermont against the number three ranked Amherst Mammoths. Both teams have been dominant this season, have carried their momentum to the post-season, and hope to crush the other.

Men's Basketball

Men's basketball has enjoyed its best season in recent memory, putting together stunning performance after stunning performance, and culminating in a double overtime thriller last week to send Colby on to the NESCAC Semifinals.

Saturday, Feb. 29, Colby fought Amherst in the NESCAC Semifinal, which proved nearly as exciting as the quarterfinal. Playing at Tufts University, Amherst jumped ahead from the start with a 10-0 lead. Colby found their shooting rhythm quickly, rallying back to cut Amherst's lead to six points, to trail 38-32 going into halftime.

Fighting for the right to play in the NESCAC Championship on Sunday, the Mules found

motivation for an 8-0 run to take the lead 40-38 with just under 16 minutes left. Down again, Colby leaned on Matt Hanna '21 and Noah Tyson '22 to land a pair of threes to find a four point lead with just over two minutes left. Hanna ended the game leading all shooters with 22 points, shooting 8-18, while Tyson recorded a double-double tallying 15 points and 13 rebounds. The Mules completed their comeback, warding off Amherst shooters to end the game 65-61 and earn their spot in the Championship game the next day.

With a chance to win their first ever NESCAC Championship, Colby faced Tufts on their home court. The game would be close from the start, with Tufts seeded number one and Colby at two, but the result was everything fans could hope for. A close first half was in jeopardy, as the Jumbos broke in front with a 41-28 lead until Colby clawed their way back to reach 45-31 at the end of the first half.

The Mules finally found their way in front with a Tyson three

and free throw with 3:40 left to make the score 64-63.

The captivating game only became more intense as the teams traded baskets until a 3-pointer from Tufts' Eric Savage took the game to overtime just when Colby thought they'd won it all.

Tufts carried their momentum through to the end, winning 102-94 in an absolutely heart-breaking final for the Mules.

Voyeur and basketball fanatic Aidan Cyr '20 was at the game:

"As a spectator it was incredible to support a team that put everything on the line for each other, and demonstrated a true winning mentality. So many electrifying shots and big stops. The team has a super bright future, but shout out to the seniors for amazing careers and leading the team on an amazing run!"

Colby Men's basketball has nothing but potential, and this young team should feel nothing but proud of the historic season they put together. Although the loss may sting, there's no doubt the boys will be back for more next season.



Courtesy of Colby College Athletics

Senior Captain, Tess Dupre celebrated an amazing game against Bowdoin College on Feb. 29 in the quarterfinal NESCAC tournament game. To date, Dupre has made eight goals for the Mules as well as having 13 assists. In addition, Dupre has been named to Second-Team NESCAC, a great honor! The Mules will travel to Middlebury College to compete in the NESCAC tournament semi-finals on March 7 against Amherst College.