

NEWS BRIEFS**Cotter Clarifies****purpose of Pugh Center**

In a Feb. 4 letter to SGA Vice President Jon Gray and members of the Pugh Center Alliance, Colby President William R. Cotter clarified the purpose of the Pugh Center, in light of discussion about whether other student groups should be housed in the facility.

In the final report to the Colby Trustee Commission on Multicultural and Special Interest Housing, the Pugh Center was described as "a space that would provide meeting rooms for student organizations devoted to gender issues, as well as racial, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity, in one location where social and educational programming can be provided for all students to enjoy."

Dean Jeri Roseboro reviews the clubs housed in the Pugh Center, Cotter said, and decided whether they meet these criteria. Thus far, Cotter said, no groups have been asked to leave, but Roseboro has spoken with some groups about improving their programming.

HR Applications

The Head Resident application process for 2000-2001 is currently taking place. Applications for the academic year 2000-2001 are now available in the Office of the Dean of Students (Lovejoy 110). Being an HR is a valued and important position on campus and is an opportunity to make an impact on the student body while learning leadership skills.

The position is open to next year's sophomores, juniors, and seniors who possess a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

Winter Carnival this weekend

This weekend is the annual winter carnival. Events include a Snow Sculpture contest in which teams of six compete to win a \$200 gift certificate to the Olive Garden, a broomball tournament on Johnson Pond, a Human Dog Sled Race for a trip to Sunday River, and a Scavenger Hunt to win a trip to Boston and gift certificates to L.L. Bean.

A fireworks display over Johnson Pond will take place Friday night, followed by a balloon party in the Spa. The Valentine's Day Semi-Formal will take place on Saturday night in the Page Commons Room.

German identity lecture tonight

Tonight, at 7:00 p.m. in Lovjoy 215, Micheal Ermarth, Professor of History at Dartmouth College will present a lecture on "Americanization, Judaization, and German Identity: The Eternal Return of Modernity Myths as Cultural Cliches."

This lecture's relevance is heightened by the recent rise of the ultra-right wing government in Austria and the concurrent rise in neo-nazism.

Shosa to give Geology lecture

Dr. Jennifer Shosa, Professor of Geology at Cornell University and Tenure Track Candidate for the Department of Geology, will speak on Friday at 4:00 p.m. in Olin 01. The lecture will focus on "Gas Sealing in Sedimentary Basins: Mechanisms and Implications." Refreshments will be served at 3:30 outside Olin 01.

Blue Lights to hold invitational Saturday

The Blue Lights Invitational Acapella Concert will be held on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Lorimer Chapel. Other schools who will be attending include the MIT Logarithms and the Harvard Veritones and a secret, but assuredly, very special guest.

Tschanz to give recital Sunday

A Piano Recital/Dedication Concert will take place on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Given Auditorium. Sponsored by the 1999-2000 Music at Colby Concert Series, the Dedication Concert is being held for the new Baldwin Concert Grand Piano. The concert will feature pianist Cheryl Tschanz performing music by Chopin, Liszt, Mendelssohn, and Schumann. This piano concert is open to the public and free of charge.