To prospective students:

Almost four year have passed since an initial packet, created by Ms. Burrell, was put together for prospective students of color. The multicultural house proposal that Students of Color United for Change were fighting for in 1994 was rejected and a compromise was reached: The Pugh Center. The following are some important questions to ask about Colby, and ultimately other schools that you are considering:

- How much of a difference has the Pugh Center made? Have the concerns and suggestions of the Students of Color United for Change been effectively addressed by the college?
- What is the atmosphere like at Colby? Will I be comfortable here for four years?
- What are the support systems for students like here at Colby? How do they compare to other schools (larger institutions as well as other small liberal arts schools)? How many faculty of Color are there? How many Deans of Color are there? How many staff members of Color are there?
- In what ways might my experience at a predominantly white institution put me in the position of being a “representative” of my race? How often will I be called upon to “teach” or educate white students and professors about race and racism?
- What does racism (institutional and individual) look like here?

These questions can be used as a starting point for your investigation of Colby as well as other Colleges. Ultimately it is up to you to critically read the material we have provided and formulate your own questions.

Sincerely,

Students United for Change 1998

If you would like to reach us with any questions feel free to email us care of soar@colby.edu or write to:

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