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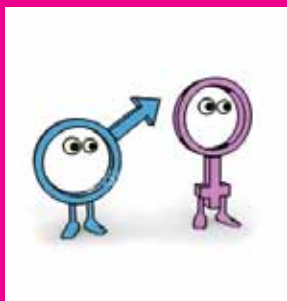
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Shortly after assuming the office of the 16th President of Colgate University on July 1, the former Provost, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and professor of political science at Miami University of Ohio, Dr. Jeffrey Herbst completed his move to Colgate on July 26, taking up residence with his family at Watson House. After being selected by the presidential search committee and unanimously approved by Colgate's Board of Trustees in November, Herbst made frequent visits to campus in an effort to understand Colgate as a university and the students, faculty and staff who drive it.

This week, Herbst sat down with *The Maroon-News* to discuss his experiences so far as well as his goals for the future.



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Since her departure in the spring of 2009, there has been much speculation on campus about the legacy of Herbst's predecessor, President Rebecca Chopp. Now President of Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, Chopp's term at Colgate began in July of 2002 and ended abruptly on July 1, 2009 after an unexpected announcement in Febru-

ary that she would be leaving the university. Pointing specifically to "capital projects" such as the Robert H.N. Ho Science Center and the Case Library and Geyer Center for Information Technology, products of her fundraising campaign, "Passion for the Climb," Herbst called Chopp's presidency, "a great success."

"Obviously she came in after

there had been some tumult on campus," Herbst said.

Like many aspects of Colgate life, much of Chopp's presidency was adversely affected by the fallout from the now infamous and tragic car accident that occurred on Oak Drive in the early hours of November 11, 2000. The deaths of four students in a drunk driving accident in which an intoxicated Colgate junior was behind the wheel devastated the Colgate community and shaped much of the policy under Chopp's administration.

"But," Herbst said, "I think in terms of just about every indicator, the university became significantly stronger under her administration."

Regardless of Chopp's successes, Herbst stressed that Colgate must continue to improve.

"A university is always a work-in-progress and no university is ever going to stop and say 'oh we're fine,'" Herbst said.

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Crowded New Class Causes Challenges

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The incoming Class of 2014 is one of the largest in Colgate's history. Of the 850 first-years enrolled, a historical number of multicultural students are now a part of the Colgate community. The number of international students at Colgate has risen from five percent to over eight percent. A larger class size has also brought up several logistical issues in relation to student life and academic planning. Colgate has been working hard to manage the increased number of students by making changes to student dining, class registration and housing.

The Curtiss E. Frank Dining Hall (Frank) is the main source of on-campus dining, and as such, has been particularly affected with the sudden growth of the student body. Although 70 seats have been added to the dining hall, Colgate Dining Services is encouraging the use of other pre-existing dining options instead of commissioning any physical construction to the dining hall itself.

"We made some changes at the [Cutting Edge Bistro], we're offering a lunch program to attract

people there so we don't have an overcrowded situation at lunch time [at Frank]," Director of Dining Services George Murray said. "110 Broad is open for dinner for the group down there, so we have made changes to accommodate the number of people. So far it's been working pretty well."

The O'Connor Campus Center (Coop) is another possible meal option for those wanting to avoid the congestion of Frank during prime meal times. Murray is confident that Dining Services will be able to effectively and efficiently deal with whatever issues the increased number of students might bring throughout the upcoming school year.

Besides physical space constraints, the excess of freshmen caused concern among many students that enrolling in their class of choice would be difficult for the fall semester due to limits on class size. The Office of the Registrar attempted to curb scheduling issues through various preemptive efforts even before students arrived on campus. Although temporary staff was hired and additional classes were added, problems still exist.

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Dalai Lama's Legacy Lives On



SITTING PRETTY: The Dalai Lama's chair returns to campus thanks to the joint actions of two generous alumni.

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Many of the buildings around campus have been outfitted with new furniture to accommodate the increase in Colgate students this year. However, there is one oversized wood and leather chair that is unlikely to ever be replaced by a new and improved model.

It's not just any chair, but the Dalai Lama chair, the dais on which His Holiness the Dalai Lama sat during his lecture as

Willie Schwartz a part of the Kerschener Family Global Lecture Series at Colgate in April 2008.

The chair, commissioned by Stickley, Audi & Co., headed up by Ed Audi '89, is now gracing the hallway leading up to President Jeffrey Herbst's office on loan from alumni James Capalino '72 and Willie Schwartz '72.

For Schwartz, the chair represents a physical tie to his alma mater, something he said was difficult to feel after graduation.

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