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# editorials.

The administration's decision to obtain a restraining order against the black students has shaken the confidence of many students in the administration's supposed belief that problems should be solved by discussion within the college. By doing so, the administration has caused not only more alienation and distrust in a large segment of the student body, but also more confrontation and tension than existed before the restraining order was obtained. Furthermore, the decision may entail greater immediate and long-range detriment to the college than the occupation of a single building.

Not only the administration's obtaining a restraining order, but also some of their methods should be criticized. As of the last meeting between the blacks and the administration Friday afternoon, the blacks believed that progress was being made and that it might be possible to resolve the problems through negotiation; the administration claims at that time to have realized that no progress should be made and has since labeled the so-called progress "delusion." Yet on Sunday afternoon a representative of the administration contacted the blacks to inquire if the channels of communication were still open, allowing it to be inferred that the meetings would be continued. The next communication from the administration was the threat of an injunction. This was done without warning, after having misled the blacks by previous communication.

Further, the terms of the injunction originally sought by the administration were far out of proportion to the conditions that actually existed on campus. Although the administration claims that its legal advisers recommended getting as broad as possible an injunction in order to deal with any contingencies, it seems unnecessary to have a section so broad as possibly to be interpreted as meaning that the Student Organization for Black Unity could not meet on the Colby College campus.

A question raised by a number of people during the week concerns the possibility that the rumor that a sheriff would serve an injunction at 12:30 (Monday) was started in order to get white students to come to the chapel, thus creating more evidence for an injunction. If this is true, we deplore this trickery on the part of the administration. Yet, although it is impossible to reach a definite conclusion, fairly careful investigation indicates that it is unlikely that the administration actually planned it this way. This is based primarily on the fact that the administration had good reason to believe that it would get the injunction without difficulty. On the other hand, the administration did not hesitate to take advantage of the situations once it existed. The administration claimed that it anticipated no such action on the part of the white students. Such apparent naivete on the part of the administration does, however, seem to be additional grounds for suspicion. But if what the administration says is true, then clearly what it needs is more student advisers and fewer legal advisers.

This brings up the entire question of communication between the different groups on campus. As the ECHO has pointed out before, the communication between groups on this campus is terrible. The communication between the blacks and the administration concerning the problems of the blacks at Colby and the communication between the administration and the rest of the college concerning attempts to alleviate the blacks' problems both left something to be desired. The lack of communication since the chapel occupation has given rise to a number of problems that might otherwise have been avoided.

If it is possible to look on the bright side of such an unfortunate occurrence as the administration's obtaining the restraining order, many people have claimed to agree with the principles of the demands but have objected to the methods. The blacks are now out of the chapel, and there is no excuse for those who support the principles not to work actively to implement the demands. We hope no one will object to students exercising their rights of freedom of assembly and speech in picketing various buildings on campus to show their concern. We hope the people in decision-making positions will recognize the human problems involved and make these their primary concern.

## little rumbblings

### RUMOR HAS IT THAT STRIDER AND HAYAKAWA ARE PEN PALS

by James Melillo

For those people who were not present at a recent emergency meeting I would like to relate certain instances that I found particularly interesting.

The members filed in during the entire length of the meeting, some offsetting this process by leaving whenever a new member arrived. As the faculty seated itself some professors were seen removing cylindrical tubes from the seats while others preferred to sit down and absorb the tubing.

At the front of the auditorium was stationed a complex looking lectern covered with switches and dials and quietly humming. The President came forward, looked over the panel and appeared annoyed that all of the communications tubes were not functioning. In his best oratorical voice he began by briefly explaining the situation and calling on various supporters to give their opinions of the situation. It was at this point that I observed him bending over the panel, studying it

carefully and exhaling mightily.

As if they were being inflated, one person after another rose up and the Presider was standing there quietly whispering into the panel as they spoke.

At one point a professor stood up and began speaking with his own words, the Presider was visibly annoyed and the machine began to smoke a little. Sizing up the situation the Presider recognized who the non-tube men were and began to direct his attention elsewhere. This tactic proved useless as people previously unknown as trouble makers began to yank out the tubes that had been ingrained in them for so long and spoke from the heart. The machine rumbled and belched.

"Let's take a vote".

"No, it wouldn't be fair at this time, all the faculty members aren't present," said the Presider.

"Take a vote among the members that are here and report it as such."

"No, this is neither the time nor the place and anyway I never call for a vote when I feel the insurgents have any type of support, so with that in mind, I think I will end this meeting."

Above the din could be heard a secretarial voice,  
"Please leave your communications tubes on the sides of your seats as you leave. Thank you."

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### letters to the editor

Editor of THE ECHO;

In the last issue there were several letters expressing some form of outrage over the actions of the black students and against their demands. This outrage, it strikes me, is misplaced. What is very interesting is that this crisis - supposedly centered in issues involving blacks at Colby - can fly quickly to other areas; and indeed has. Charles Terrell saw this right away as did Evert Makinen. What is in question are the priorities of the college - the way money is spent; and then on to the way in which money is gotten, and indeed to the very question of what constitutes the center of an educational experience.

I would like first to remind you of the letter by Anne Dill that spluttered and fussed in indignation

We apologize for a mistake which occurred in last week's Letters to the Editor column on page 2. In a letter concerning the Pequod, the person mentioned in the letter was Elliot Jaspin. The letter was signed by Joseph A. Burkhardt. As the letter appeared, the last names were interchanged.

against the blacks in defense of the "holy work" of Strider and other administrators. Was I wrong in sensing, in that strident defense of the hard day's night of a college president, the first crack in an edifice of faith? Could that tumult of rage have been a last ditch effort to keep from understanding that beaurocratic whitey (or blackie) is living an absurd life in these waning decades of the twentieth century? Those all-day long distance phone calls. The fund raising dinners (peas, chicken, speeches, back-slapping, ego-propping, jolly bullshitting). Committee work. Sub committee work. Ad Hoc committee work. "Well we don't seem to have a quorum today so I would suggest that it would seem that there might not be much that we can begin to bring our attention to." Possibly there is a vague stirring in the depths of Anne's mind that what college presidents do is in fact somewhat irrelevant to the crucial needs to day of man, life, and the planet?

To avoid any ad hominem sense in my remarks I would like to suggest that my college president be called X; though we may regard him as probably white

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# BLACKS OUT OF CHAPEL



The seventeen black students occupying Lorimer Chapel were each served, at 8:30 P.M. Monday night with a restraining order giving them two hours to vacate the chapel. The order had been issued to the administration at about 6:15 P.M. that same night. Within an hour after the serving of the restraining orders, the seventeen blacks left the chapel. It should be noted that the administration was refused a number of times stronger versions of the restraining order including a clause which would have effectively prohibited the Student Organization for Black Unity from meeting as a body on college property.

At a meeting held at 10:00 P.M. that night it was explained by members of the white coalition group to about 150 white students that the blacks had decided not to martyr themselves. Had they remained in the chapel they would have been liable to arrest. Such action, they felt, would have moved the attention of the public from the substance of the five demands to the less meaningful but more inflammatory occurrence of seventeen blacks being arrested at Colby. Such a shift in emphasis was not thought to be in any way helpful toward achieving the goals of the original five demands.



"Riotous" Conditions in the Chapel

In an extensive interview Tuesday afternoon with two ECHO staff members, President Strider explained his views on the situation. The main considerations in taking the step of procuring an injunction or restraining order were those he cited in his correspondence to the WATERVILLE SENTINEL, printed Monday morning, and in his March 9 "Statement".



Picketing President Strider's House

Student Government has sent a letter to President Strider expressing that it "deplores" the legal actions taken by the administration and that it feels that the actions on campus exhibited no dangers of damage to the college or of injury to students as the complaint filed by the administration stated, until after the students learned that the administration had undertaken legal action.

In ECHO interviews, each Charles Terrell, Rodney Braithwaite, and Terrence Knight, expressed the view that "it's not over yet," in reference to the pursuit of their demands. The reporter brought up the idea that the administration could have purposely constructed the "riotous condition" of two-hundred or so students by planting the rumor that there would be an injunction served at 12:30 to the blacks. The theory goes that the administration was aware that informing the blacks of such action would cause the chapel to be filled by sympathetic whites, creating the threat of riot necessary to win the injunction. The three blacks interviewed expressed the opinion that this could well have been the case but that it could not be proven and was therefore not worth debating. They did express the feeling that the administration unnecessarily exaggerated the existing condition by quoting them out of context and claiming that a peaceful show of support for the blacks verged on a riot. The point stressed especially strongly by each was that they were continuing to work for the enactment of the five demands and that their choice to leave the chapel when served with the restraining order demonstrated their desire to keep the focus on the demands and not on the notoriety of their actions.

Throughout the week the college maintained two principles: (1) that the requests could not be acceded to without consideration by the appropriate bodies or the faculty and board, and that none of the questions involved could be resolved while the chapel was occupied; (2) occupation and denial of access to the chapel could not be permitted indefinitely. In regard to the second, the college became increasingly concerned about the rising tensions on the campus, among both sympathizers and non-sympathizers, about the possibility of action by outside visitors, and about the safety and welfare of the occupants of the chapel and the protection of the building itself.

He repeatedly emphasized that, contrary to rumor, the administration did not plot in any way to create conditions that would facilitate obtaining the restraining order. He explained, chronologically, what took place, from the viewpoint of the administration, and said that mistakes in judgement could have been made but that at present he felt that he had fully realized the risks involved when he chose to seek legal aid. He expressed concern that a "credibility gap" (the words of one of the reporters) existed between the administration and

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Sheriff Drummond serves Restraining Order.

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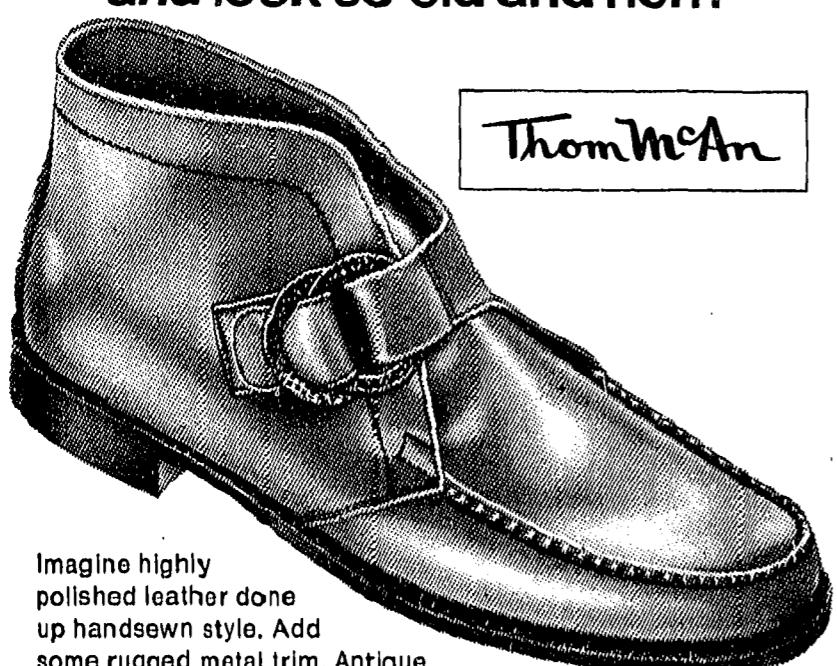
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## CONCERT

A recital by Dorothy Spurling will be held on Sunday, March 15. Mrs. Spurling is a mezzo-soprano. The concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Given Auditorium.

## SWEET BABY GREG

Tomorrow Night at 9:00 P.M. The Paper Wall will feature Greg Boardman in concert. Being a freshman here at Colby Greg presently enjoys a notoriety primarily among sophomores and freshman who have happened to catch him either at the chapel or at the now defunct North Country Fair. The Paper Wall therefore wishes to introduce Greg's talent to the entire campus.

Having just returned from an engagement at the Simmons College Coffee House in Boston it would be appropriate to state that Greg's performances this year have resulted in nothing less than a highly favorable response from his audience.

In addition to original compositions, Greg's repertoire includes selections from James Taylor, Tim Buckley, Joni Mitchell, Graham Nash, Donovan et. al. The variety of the program is sure to please all.

For those of you who have heard Greg Boardman bring your friends; for those of you who haven't, see you with your dates tomorrow night at nine at the Paper Wall.

(A slight admission charge will be asked at the door)

## CIRCUMLOCUTION CONTESTS

Thanks to the generosity of the alumni and friends of the college, more than \$400 in speaking prizes will be awarded to Colby students during the spring semester. Those who are interested in competing for such awards are invited to call at the speech office (204C M.L.) to obtain details.

Competition for the Hannibal Hamlin Prizes (open only to Freshmen) will be held on Thursday afternoon April 9th. The Julius and Rachel Levine prizes in extemporaneous speaking will be awarded on Monday evening, May 4th, and College Speaking Day will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 10th. At that time the Louise Coburn Prizes in reading, the Murray Prize Debate, and the Herbert C. Libby Prize will be awarded.

## FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT MISSED LAST WEEK

The Department of Modern Languages is sponsoring a film titled "Revolutionists" on Thursday, March 19. The showing will begin at 3:30.

## APRIL SHOWERS BRING ART SHOWS

An exhibition of Maine landscape paintings celebrating the state's sesquicentennial will open at Colby on April 4. The museums of Colby, Bowdoin and U. of Maine are among numerous sponsors of the showing which will travel around Maine this year. Hugh Gourley III, museum director at Colby, along with James Carpenter, chairman of the Art Department, and a member of the Bowdoin museum have arranged the show.

## YOU CAN ALWAYS WALK

Two more departmental teas for prospective Freshmen majors are being scheduled by the Department of Modern Languages on March 18 and Economics on March 19. Both of these teas will meet in the Smith Lounge in Runnals Union at 4:15. Many of the Departments in the College will sponsor a tea to familiarize interested Freshmen with their Major. There will be no teas for the English, History, and Government, Sociology, and the Classics Departments - interested freshmen are requested to discuss these majors with any member of the departments.

## FREE MUSIC

The Colby Symphony Orchestra will present a concert on Sunday, March 22. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Runnals Gymnasium. Students are invited free of charge. The program will feature pieces by Beethoven, Bach, Brahms, Gluck and Corelli.

## NEVER GIVE A SUCKER AN EVEN BREAK

Young Republicans will present their second W. C. Fields special on Monday, March 16. The movie is titled "Never Give a Sucker an Even Break". 75c will be charged and the film begins at 7:30 in the Lovejoy Auditorium.

## MORE PEQUOD

There will be another Pequod this year. Submissions for the spring issue may be handed to Jim Martin in 119 Woodman, Paul Hecht in 346 Woodman, or to the Pequod box in the English Department. Please get us your material...our deadline is April 17.

## YES, YOU CAN STILL GET THAT JOB

The following job recruiters will be on campus to meet with interested students. Further information can be obtained from the Office of Career Planning and Placement:

- March 17 Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.
- March 18 Niskayuna Public Schools, Schenectady, N.Y.
- March 19 South Windsor School, Connecticut
- March 20 Hudson, N.H.
- March 23 Hingham Public Schools, Hingham, Mass.

## GANNETT LECTURE & LECTURER

Nigel Nicolson will deliver a Guy P. Gannett Lecture at Colby on Monday, March 23. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Dunn Lounge.

Nigel Nicolson is the editor of the diaries and letters of his father, Sir Harold Nicolson. He is the founder of a publishing firm in England and served in the House of Commons from 1952-59.

# SCU-G RHETORIC

The regular Student Government meeting was held last Monday the 9th in the Student Government room. After normal opening procedures, Ben Kravitz reported that the student scholarship fund had been officially named "The Colby College Open Door Fund." He stated that three committees had been formed to organize the drive to raise funds: a National, a Local, and general pool to assist the other two with work. Kravitz stated that the drive was going well i.e. one parent had already pledged \$1000.

The body was informed that Pat Flanagan had been invited to an A.A.U. swimming meet to be held in Chicago, and that she needed \$50 to supplement the \$200 she had gotten from the Women's Athletic Association for expenses. Without debate the sum was allocated.

It was officially announced that Leonard Weinglass, the co-defender for the "Chicago 7", would be on campus on April 10th. A tea will be held before and a social hour after and a \$1 charged.

The student government elections have been postponed until the 18th. Petitions will be accepted up till 5 O'clock Friday the 13th. This was done due to the current state of conditions of campus.

The members for the Con-Con committee were then voted upon, except for the Faculty meeting representatives. The members are listed at the end of this article.

Discussion then centered around the election of the members to the Congress and Review Board & the Board of Trustees. The students would be chosen by the entire student body and then approved by the Student Government. It was voted to hold the elections for the Congress and Review Board on March the 23rd.

A motion to allocate \$75 for the purchase of The Ghetto Game was tabled and sent to the appropriate committee.

At this time Ben Kravitz read a letter from President Strider. The letter basically stated that the College would not tolerate any occupation of buildings. "It must be known that henceforth illegal trespass or denial of access to a college building will bring legal action as quickly as it can be arranged, whether the objectives, immediate or ultimate, are noble or otherwise." The immediate reaction was one of disbelief, for the President had in effect shunted all negotiations. Up to this point the Blacks and the administrators had stated that the negotiations had been progressing to the optimistic satisfaction of both groups. In causing this direct confrontation, the President has apparently aborted the talks. About this time a

call came to the Student Government office. It was reported that a "restraining order" had been issued and was being served to the 17 members of the Student Organization for Black Unity, on the grounds that a pre-riotous condition existed on the Colby College campus which might result in irreparable damage to the plaintiffs property, i.e. the chapel.

It was then moved that a statement be issued by the Student Government declaring that Student Government deplored the letter and the actions of the President. The motion was carried and a committee appointed to issue the statement that night.

Another reason for the deployment was that the body felt that the President was unleashing an extra-collegiate force upon Colby, e.g. the civil authorities. The primary concern was that the college has no control over this authority so that from hence forth the students of Colby College are in the hands of this authority, when they actually should be and legally are in the hands of the college.

With disgust in their words, the body broke up.

The Con-Con committees are here listed:

1. Athletic - Nancy Tindall, Ron Lupton, Sally Chester, Paul Edmunds, and Tim Fawker.
2. Admissions - Pat Duddy, Elaine Krukas, Carin Garland.
3. Bookstore - Karl Hyland, Rich Randazzo, Andy Campbell.
4. Campus Natural Environment - Nat Woodruff, Ron Libel.
5. Domestic Exchange - Pat Kress, Janet Veasey, Jay Peabody.
6. Exams and Schedules - Tim Carey, Carolyn Addison.
7. Financial Aid - Bob Gordon, Andy Starkis.
8. Financial Priorities - Nick Nash, Swift Tarbell, Dave Freeman.
9. Freshman Week - Janet Shreve, Mary Jukes, Lindy Mury, Chris Hall, Roger Sherman, Steve Rapport, Bob Juliano.
10. Honorary Degrees - Lynn Swartz, Phil Norfleet.
11. Library - Nushi Safinya, Janet Hancock, Fran Conski.
12. Committee on Standing - Hannah Graves, David Liskowski.
13. Senior Scholars - Bonnie Russel, Gary Curtis.
14. Foreign Students - John Nahra, Michael Miches, Cemal Yalapala, Jan Levine.
15. Safety - Gin Leslie, Dan Savory, Vivian Coles.
16. ROTC - Bruce Hoffman, John Crabtree.
17. Rights and Rules - Ken Eisen, Bill Shumaker, Bob Gordon.



## P&W PANTAGLEIZE

Colby College Powder and Wig Society will present their production of Michel de Ghelderode's play Pantagleize tonight and tomorrow night, March 13 and 14, at the Waterville Opera House. The production will be directed by Prof. Irving D. Suss, responsible for previous P & W successes such as Marat Sade, Cyrano de Bergerac, and Macbeth.

Anyway, right now you are probably wondering who or what Pantagleize is. Well, it is after all, a play -- the first of Ghelderode's to be seen publicly in England when the Proscenium Players gave a series of performances in October of 1957. So what? Well, it has a moral, this play, that is. It is that in our atomic and auto-disintegrated age, this age from which dreams and dreamers are banished in favor of the scientific nightmare and the beneficiaries of the future horror, a fellow like Pantagleize remains an archetype, an exemplary man who has nothing to do with intelligence and a great deal to do with instinct. Ah ha. Panty is a who. He is an innocent. Maybe even a holy innocent or a wholly innocent, like the blacks who were in the chapel. Think about them.

Key roles are shared by Michael Moschos, Nancy Anthony (a senior who has graced the P&W stage many times, always warmly received and enthusiastically), and Cemal Yalimpala. According to clandestine ECHO sources, Moschos has admitted that Wells Pile "doesn't have enough feeling." Classics authority Sarah Eileen Vose has asserted that Pantagleize is "about revolution." Pantagleize is the hero of the day. Well, this production has a Turk playing a Black.

## CANDIDATE SHUMAKER \* GUTS

A week from last Wednesday, Bill Shumaker, during his show on WMHR, played a line from the Doors' "Soft Parade":

When I was just a boy in seminary school, there was a man who put forth the proposition that you can petition the lord with prayer - that you can petition the lord with prayer - that you can petition the lord with prayer - YOU CANNOT PETITION THE LORD WITH PRAYER.

With that sentiment as his keynote, Bill Shumaker declared his candidacy for the Presidency of Student Government.

Last Tuesday, he met with ECHO reporters to discuss his positions on various issues and his feeling about the political situation at Colby.

**Interviewer:** What do you think of the system as developed by Con-Con and the possibilities of working within it?

**Shumaker:** The system developed by Con-Con was an improvement over the system



that we had before in that certain channels for solving problems on the Colby campus are somewhat more clearly delineated than before. However, while the Constitutional Convention was an improvement I don't think it was very much of one. There is still an awful lot of confusion as to how to get certain problems solved. The problem is that the Constitutional Convention was set up with certain problems in mind. One of these, for instance, was dormitory autonomy. I think this problem has a good chance of being solved by the system set up by the Convention.

The future, however, may show that problems may arise which don't fit neatly into this machinery. The best example of this at the moment is the crisis with the blacks in the Chapel who maintain that Con-Con was essentially irrelevant to their demands - because no one in Con-Con was even thinking about minority problems.

**Interviewer:** But what if the system does clog up and even dormitory autonomy is

not accepted by the Trustees; what are your recommendations for action then?

**Shumaker:** In that event, a change in tactics would be required since obviously if the system doesn't work then our ends must be attained through some other means. This would be a good example of a time when we would be forced to go under the system. What I would be likely to do in this event (that dorm autonomy were passed by committee and refused by the Trustees) would be, after consulting with other members of student government, to call an all-campus meeting and lay the problem before the students. In this case, the situation would be a rather clear-cut one; there would be a program that the students had overwhelmingly requested to be put into effect, the program was sent through all of the so-called proper channels, and was refused by the administration. The program would not at all be an unreasonable one, as demonstrated by colleges like Middlebury, and would require no tremendous upheaval in the college's organization. The next question

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## REVIEW:

# chutzpah theater ↘ melfi & ionesco

by Robert Parry

On Saturday night in the Mary Low basement, the Chutzpah Theatre group presented two one-act plays: Leonard Melfi's "Stars and Stripes" and Eugene Ionesco's "The Future Is in Eggs." A central theme in both plays was the disappearance of human sensibilities in the modern world; both portrayed men assuming animal characteristics.

"Stars and Stripes," set in present-day New York, attacks the ugly, de-personalized attitudes that pervade lovely afternoons, whether spring, summer, winter, or fall. Henry James, played competently by Dan West, is a balloon salesman in Washington Square Park; during the afternoon, he meets a weird collection of reincarnated literary giants. Amy Lowell (Hope Gottlieb), Edna St. Vincent Millay (Judy McDivitt), Herman Melville (Ken Eisen), Walt Whitman (Steve Shuman), and Emily Dickinson (Ida Dionne) all pass by infecting the optimistic Mr. James with various strains of complaints and insane assertions. The characters, other than James, intersperse their dialogue with bird calls, apparently indicating how cuckoo they all are. The dialogue of each character revolves around certain recurrent lines, which act as leitmotifs: the one for Whitman and Melville exclaims, "Who killed Huckleberry Blueberry?/ The FBI and the CIA know the answer." By the end of the play, the once ebullient Henry James, confused and discouraged, has become diseased by the virulence of the persistent bombardment of these absurd, malevolent declarations, and at the end, he finishes with a symbolic "Chirp, chirp, chirp."

The director, Steve Shuman, effectively overcame the limitations of the set by breaking with the traditional picture-frame stage. The characters roamed through the audience selling flowers and balloons, begging for money, and giving the bird. Ken Eisen, who played Melville, was excellent as

an angry young misanthrope, and Steve Shuman and Hope Gottlieb, who filled in for two missing actors, also gave fine performances.

"The Future Is in Eggs" is an example of Ionesco's relentless attacks on the bourgeois mentality. Ionesco accuses the middle class of sacrificing human value for the cannibalistic rapacity of the capitalist system. In this sequel to "Jacques or the Submission," two families -- the Jacques and the Roberts (Bill Stanton, Kim Miller, Laurie Heyward, Mark Frisch, Barbara Koerge, and Shipp Webb) -- have been waiting three years for Jacques (Joel Simon) and his three-nosed wife Roberta (Dorothy Donovan) to finish coitus and get on with the propagation of children. Ionesco equates the creation of children with the production of cogs for the grinding machination of the white civilization. Jacques represents the last vestige of human dignity and uncorrupted human emotions. The parents attempt to smother his honesty and vision with demands that he accept his responsibilities as a member of the white race.

Finally, Jacques submits and, as he agonizes in labor pains, Roberta begins to lay eggs. The ecstatic adults carry the eggs out to Jacques for hatching as they gleefully proclaim the future roles the embryos will fill. "What are we going to make of the spring?/ Sausage meat! Cannon fodder! We'll need some for omelettes! Some can be athletes! And we'll put some aside to eat ourselves." Jacques interrupts the celebration by calling for "pessimists, anarchists, and nihilists." But he is drowned out with cries of "Production, production," as the stage is submerged, like our own society, under the excesses of that production.

Unlike "Stars and Stripes," "The Future Is in Eggs" was seriously hampered by its confining stage setting in Mary Low basement. Director Peter Devine failed, where Shuman succeeded, in transforming the limitations into advantages.

Except for one graceful sprint across the room by Simon, the cast accepted the traditional delineations of the stage. The acting was, in general, competent although some important lines were muffled by the disorganized motion on stage. Joel Simon, who directed Chutzpah's first play "Little Murders," conveyed the fragile humanism of the hero with masterful precision and simplicity. Bill Stanton was a convincing Father-Jacques, and Shipp Webb and Dorothy Donovan performed well in minor roles.

The plays were presented twice because of a large, over-flow crowd attracted by the student theatre group's growing reputation. Last semester's "Little Murders" had been a remarkable success.

## SAVING NATURE pollution lecture

"Man is a blind, witless, low-brow, anthropocentric clod who inflicts lesions upon the earth." This is a quote from Ian L. Mc Harg, chairman of the department of landscape architecture and regional planning at the University of Pennsylvania, who will initiate the Clara Southworth Lectures here at Colby on Thursday, March 19. The lecture will be delivered at 7:30 p.m. in Runnals Union.

Time recently described him, an eminent landscape architect and city planner: "with his Scottish buss, fierce beard and piercing eyes Mc Harg is a cross between Jeremiah and a kind of male Rachel Carson".

As an outspoken critic of pollution, Mc Harg recently published a book titled Design with Nature which will be the basis of his discussion. In his book the author blames our "seabrous towns and mined landscape on man's arrogant assumption that he can build anything anywhere and get away with it." Mc Harg concludes that the only non-fatal solution is "to plan with nature instead of against it face to face."

Ian Mc Harg was born in Clydebank, Scotland fifty years ago and grew up in Glasgow. He decided early to devote his life to "giving to others the benison which nature gave to me." His plans, however, were interrupted by World War I and seven years service as a British paratroop officer. After the war, Mc Harg came to the United States and studied at Harvard earning three degrees between 1949 and 1951.

In 1954 as a noted Scottish city planner, Mc Harg was invited by the University of Pennsylvania to found the first department of landscape architecture and regional planning in America. Today he is still teaching at Penn, is a partner in a planning firm in Philadelphia, and travels around the United States lecturing on pollution.

Although Mc Harg is one of many pioneers in his field, today he is the nation's "most visible apostle of using ecology for planning and turning a profit in the broadest sense. He blames lack of planning on the arrogance of both capitalism and Christianity."

Despite his severe criticism, however, Mc Harg believes that the United States can reverse the present situation, replan the cities, curb pollution, and halt suburban chaos.

Mc Harg says, "America is a rich land -- 90% of the people live on 2% of the land. The answer to our environment problems is diffusion. The 100 million more people we expect in the next few decades could be settled in 100 new cities. We have everything we need: the land, brains, wealth, technology. We only need the desire -- and leadership."

This is the first of the Southworth Lectures which are made possible by the endowment established at Colby by Mrs. Constant Southworth, a Colby graduate and well-known interior decorator and designer.

## REVIEW:

# BEATLES IN THE SKY

The Beatles Redeemed

by John Brassil

First, I would like to dedicate this article to Miss Nancy Hammar, who reads it.

In the two weeks since the "Get Back" album was reviewed things have happened. Apple has released two new Beatle records, one a collection with ten old numbers (eight of them appearing for the first time on an album) the other a single. The significant work is the single but the album deserves some comment despite its status as a tried and true production.

"Hey Jude" seems to be the title of the album. On some copies, the package is identified as "the Beatles Again". Allen Klein, bossman of Apple, decided that "TBA" was too pretentious a title while "Hey Jude", already an established \$ winner, would surely cause the hoppers to buy. Apple also had trouble deciding exactly when to release this thing. Incredibly, Apple has stored two Beatle LP's away -- the "Get Back" album and another collection produced last October, unreleased in the United States of America. Well, the powers, being men of great wealth and no doubt much wisdom, decided that since the GB album was so horrible they would release the remaining Beatle singles which had not appeared on the previous catch-all albums (Yesterday and Today and also side two of Magical Mystery Tour). This action accomplished two things: a) we can now hear a lot of great Beatle songs in stereo b) critics of "Get Back" album were less likely to risk their careers by getting too down on the Beatles.

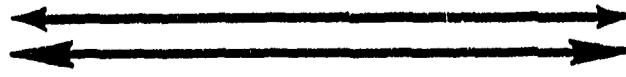
Well, it sort of worked. Hey Jude may have been the greatest Beatle song ever, with the exception of Strawberry Fields. Rain is important because it marked the beginning of the

experimental stage. Think of it. There was John Lennon sneering it out in stereo. A magnificent experience like falling into a bathtub full of Listerine or jumping into an ice cream cone filled with parrots and dried onion skins. Also, the single version of "Don't Let Me Down" is a miracle screamer. It strikes lazy chords so well and bubbles and slaps you around into a subdued frenzy. The record is essential to a person because it spans the entire history of the Beatles in one way or another excluding the ten days in merry England. Still, that IS Elvis singing Lady Madonna.

Now, there is a new single. I talked about "Let It Be" earlier, two weeks ago. This version is not off the getback album and is not as good as the original. Although the GB album is sloppy, Let It Be was helped by that sloppiness in terms of spontaneity and effect. On the single, the creative force of the composition is lost, sounding listless in comparison to the live version. I seems a little too ecclesiastical to be very special -- you'd think Yoko was establishing a convent and needed a anthem or rally song. Hummmmm.

Side two, "You Know My Name Look Up My Number" is amazing. Greater than Hey Jude. An Everly Bros. start, crawling into hard rock, cascading through a crooner welcoming all to Slager's then Paul comes on with a husky, sultry sexy, 1:46 seconds of Dean Martin crooning. Real rasping control. John Lennon plays the bushman and then a little pinky tee. Finally, a NEW genre is born -- country club rock. An epic. Four minutes and twenty seconds.

The Beatles are back on top. -- A second Renaissance has begun, tempered by constructive failure and a new haircut for John.



Statement by  
President Robert E. L. Strider

March 9, 1970  
10:00 p.m.

The college permitted, for a number of reasons, the occupation of Lorimer Chapel on the Colby campus to continue for a week. There were those who felt this course to be unwise, but the administration considered it important to allow time for adequate communication with the Student Organization for Black Unity. Several meetings between the students and the administration were held. It became clear that the students were not willing to leave until certain "demands" had been met.

Throughout the week the college maintained two principles: (1) that the requests could not be acceded to without consideration by the appropriate bodies of the faculty and board, and that none of the questions involved could be resolved while the chapel was occupied; (2) occupation and denial of access to the chapel could not be permitted indefinitely. In regard to the second, the college became increasingly concerned about the rising tensions on the campus, among both sympathizers and non-sympathizers, about the possibility of action by outside visitors, and about the safety and welfare of the occupants of the chapel and the protection of the building itself.

It was difficult for the administration to reach the decision that a temporary restraining order was called for. The ultimate objectives of the students in many ways were consonant with college policies and goals. But the decision became inevitable as it appeared more and more likely that the occupation of the chapel, with its attendant dangers, could be ended in no other way.

and we have only grown stronger on this point. We have brought a piece of the chapel with us; the spirit that was mobilized while we were there will continue to serve us until our ends are reached. We have committed ourselves and ask you to do the same; it is useless for you to state your cognizance of the necessity for change but not to commit yourself to any actions that would begin to implement changes. It has probably come as no surprise to you that the tone of this letter is critical but at the same time we hope you appreciate the urgency with which we regard the need for you to take positive action towards our demands.

The Student Organization  
for Black Unity

STATE OF MAINE  
KENNEBEC, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT  
Civil Action  
Docket No.

THE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES OF COLBY COLLEGE, a corporation organized and existing by law and having its principal place of business in Waterville, County of Kennebec, State of Maine

Plaintiff  
vs.  
STUDENT ORGANIZATION FOR BLACK UNITY, an unincorporated organization and members thereof

Defendant

Issued at six-twelve o'clock P.M. this 9th day of March, 1970.

James L. Reid  
Justice, Superior Court

The court's records concerning the original action sought by the college were as follows:

1. The plaintiff is a duly organized and incorporated educational institution located at Waterville, Maine, providing a post-high school education for its students.
2. The defendant, Student Organization for Black Unity is an organization composed of members of the Student body at Colby College, and the individual defendants are members of said organization.
3. On March 2, 1970, the individual defendants in the name of the defendant Student Organization for Black Unity, took possession of the building of the plaintiff known as Lorimer Chapel and located upon the campus of the plaintiff at Waterville, Maine, without the authority or consent of the plaintiff.
4. The plaintiff has made demand upon the defendants on several occasions since said March 2, 1970, for restoration of possession of said Lorimer Chapel to the plaintiff.
5. The defendants have refused to quit the premises of Lorimer Chapel; have exercised exclusive dominion and control over the use of said building; have obstructed all normal college activities scheduled for said building; and have declared their intention to continue in possession

## STRIDER; BLACKS; THE COURT

The task of the college now is to press rapidly for appropriate action in the areas that reflect these concerns, as the relevant committees and other groups may recommend to the faculty and the Board of Trustees. The procedures established by the Constitutional Convention in the fall must be put to work. The commitment of the college to equal opportunity and to redress of the injustices to black society over centuries must be reaffirmed and, it is hoped, concretely expressed within the capacities of Colby as an institution.

March 9, 1970

To the Colby Community:

We have been through a crisis at Colby in the past week occasioned by illegal occupation of the chapel. It was a particularly difficult time for us because of the innate sympathy and deep concern all of us have for the cause of equality of opportunity in education. But this kind of action is not the way to bring about constructive change, nor will it be in the future at this college.

It must be known that henceforth illegal trespass or denial of access to a college building will bring legal action as quickly as it can be arranged, whether the objectives, immediate or ultimate, are noble or otherwise.

/s/ Robert E. L. Strider

March 10, 1970

President Strider:

As a consequence of the events of March 9 in which you presented a complaint to civil authorities on the occupation of Lorimer Chapel by the Student Organization for Black Unity, and were awarded a restraining order directed against such occupation, we have left the chapel. Let us congratulate you on your consistency in avoiding the issues. Once again you have concerned yourself with the notoriety of our actions and not with the realization of our goals. Let us say though, that this time the notoriety of your actions stands paramount.

You might recall that an argument you used against our recording one of the meetings we had was that "statements could be pulled out of context". This, you felt, would be detrimental to all parties concerned. Yet you yourself do not limit your tactics; thus, you take statements made by our group out of context and cite them as "inflammatory" and take hastily written messages of unknown origins as being inducements for rioting. Who are you kidding when you advocate "an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual respect!"

The institution of our goals is still our primary concern

### TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER WITHOUT NOTICE

This matter came on to be heard on Plaintiff's verified Complaint, and amended verified Complaint and Affidavit attached thereto seeking a temporary restraining order without notice pending hearing and a determination of its Prayer for an injunction, and it appearing to the Court that immediate and irreparable injury to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's property may result before Notice can be served, and a hearing had thereon in that there is adequate reason to believe that a riot of serious proportions may result at any time upon the Colby Campus as a result of defendants' continued occupation of the Lorimer Chapel. The information supplied to the Court by the verified Complaint and verified Affidavit and Complaint is sufficient to reasonably cause fear that the taking over of the Chapel by the defendants together with student activity on the Campus and the specific incidents set out in the Complaint and Affidavit could indeed result in violence and violent acts which might cause substantial destruction to property on the Campus of the plaintiff and even more serious the possibility of substantial injury to many persons, including the defendants, which said injuries are by their nature irreparable.

Notice and hearing before granting a temporary restraining order should not be required because of the imminence of the threatened damage or injury set out above.

Therefore, on plaintiff's motion, it is

ORDERED that the above named individual defendants be and hereby are restrained until March 17, 1970 from occupying or holding possession or exercising dominion or control over Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

It is further Ordered that plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction be and hereby is set down for hearing before this court at the Kennebec County Courthouse, Augusta, Maine, on March 17, 1970 at ten o'clock A.M.

This temporary restraint is ordered without the requirement of security as provided in M.R.C.P. 65 (e) for the reason that the court has found that the plaintiff is a financially responsible entity.

Plaintiff is hereby directed to cause to be served upon defendant a true copy of this order and a copy of plaintiff's complaint and amendments thereto and attached affidavit by:

- (1) Service of the same upon the individual defendants by giving the same in hand or by reading the same to them or any of them.
- (2) Posting the same in at least three (3) conspicuous places upon the grounds and campus of Colby College, and to file proof of such service with the Clerk of the Kennebec County Superior Court.

and to exercise such exclusive dominion and control over the use of the building for an indefinite time in the future.

6. The defendant, Charles Terrell, has acted as leader or spokesman for the other individual defendants.
7. Other students at said Colby College have aided and assisted the defendants by establishing a picket line and by public declaration of support of the activities and aims of the defendants.
8. The plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges upon information and belief the defendants will remain in illegal possession of said Lorimer Chapel and that the continued possession by the defendants of said Lorimer Chapel creates imminent danger of the defendants, or those persons in active concert or participation with them, of:

inducing, promoting or participating in unlawful disorder, civil disobedience, riot, or tumultuous assembly on the campus of the plaintiff;

inducing, promoting or participating in unlawful or illegal entry into or occupation of buildings, offices, classrooms or other premises of the plaintiff;

inducing, promoting or participating in the illegal and unlawful interference with the officers, agents or employees of the plaintiff, in the conduct and performance of their duties.

9. The plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges upon information and belief that unless the defendants are restrained or enjoined the defendants, or those persons in active concert or participation with them will undertake some or all of the aforesaid actions, and as a result the plaintiff will be greatly damaged.
10. The plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law and will suffer immediate and irreparable loss, costs and damages.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff prays that this Honorable Court:

1. That the defendants, and all other persons in active concert or participation with them be permanently restrained and enjoined from taking or holding possession or exercising dominion or control over the use of Lorimer Chapel,
- inducing, promoting or participating in unlawful disorder, civil disobedience, riot, or tumultuous assembly on the campus of the plaintiff;
- inducing, promoting or participating in

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(though not necessarily, as more blacks trundle down the road). One question that a college might ask itself is whether or not its president should be an intellectual and ethical leader of the school, or whether he can function as a prestigious fund raiser and PR man only. In other words SHOULD NOT the college have a right to ask and to help its president to be what it, and he, would want to be? If American colleges are now caught in a trap of beaurocratic specialization, and if the president attends five fund raising dinners a month....then who is minding the store? That store being life. The life of (let's just say) 1,600 people involved in learning and growing. Well we would guess that those 1600 had best attend to themselves. Maybe occupy the chapel now and then.

The life of a college. Where indeed does it lie? Where is the center. Is it in objects - buildings, facilities; or does it lie in a quality of experience and thought, and in good teaching? Students today tend more and more to value the inner life. But we can see that administrators tend to suffer from 19th century American (Roman Empire) hangups - or allow themselves to parrot the concerns of people who pump the bucks to them. They see growth as something measured in buildings and money. "Bigger and better" "More is better". They fall into the trap of beaurocracy as well, and perpetuate themselves for no reason outside of themselves. They become a separate body at a college, and no longer teach. They staff themselves and staff the staff. (Just imagine a staffed staffer staffing a staffed staff). For instance, President X finds that he is away so often on fund raising business (flying at considerable cost, natch) that he is way behind on his office work. Therefore he hires an administrative assistant. Then as the funds roll in, he finds that it will take a new secretary to keep track of things. This means re-decorated office and new file cabinets (the best natch. Appearances bring more money). At this point Vice Pres. Z informs the Pres. that the new salaries and decorating have used up the funds he got and he'd best heist himself away to a few more dinners. Etc etc. And all that the blacks are asking is scholarship help for about thirty kids. Ah reason. Where does "college" "student" "teacher" fit into all this? We'll all have to keep asking that.

Well, I'm just a poor old impractical art Prof and am probably guilty in some of your minds of not knowing what I'm talking about. As a reasonable man I will indeed entertain that possibility. But I will point with some small pride to the film workshop set up by yours truly this fall with funds kindly given by the class of 1954. \$1790.00 was available. We now have a workshop capable of filming and editing in three film guages-and of putting together a very professional quality product. I did, however, commit a few sins in this. First, I converted existing space. And secondly, I didn't go in the red..didn't even spend all the money (we have \$600.00 left). An article last week in the ECHO spoke of our problem with staff at the art department. We must (because of space - and especially because of the need for energetic personal contact between student and instructor) turn away hundreds EACH SEMESTER. What are our options, outside of asking for more staff? We trim ourselves to the essentials. We add in special topics. We create extra curricular workshops. We double up spaces. AND we encourage ideas and suggestions. And we (at least I) think often of quitting the whole mess.

It is evident to me at least that the priorities at the college are out of whack (and believe me I would just love to have an addition to the art building TOO); and that we are in times that are HUMAN times and in deep need of HUMAN action. The trouble with college administrations is that they are

geared to dealing with services and things. What has come out of the chapel occupancy and indeed many of the crises throughout the country in recent years is the fact that the administrations (not the individuals comprising them necessarily) are incompetent. They cannot cope. When they stall for time, urge "reason" et. al they are actually saying that they can DO NOTHING. They ask people to be "practical". But in our life we have seen that "practicality" is often only an excuse for rotting away the fiber of wholeness in our living. Feelings, beliefs, and the dreams that gave us the Sistine ceiling, the airplane, the cathedral at Chartres are sidetracked, thwarted and put off under the excuse that they are impractical..or need further study. And all the while the MacDonald stands proliferate.

If our western world has indeed been governed by the sort of reason that college administrators speak of.. and our papers and books tell us that it has.. then why are the ecologists giving us little more than the end of the millenium before the curtain falls on Man? Reason (of a sort) has given us germ warfare, oil spills, DDT in our livers, and of course, the Bomb. On the other hand the reason of the Sierra Club, of Rachel Carson, and many others.. perhaps including the black students in the chapel ... has gone unheeded.

The meaning of the Book of Revelations is disputed; but the words in the King James Version are clear. "Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ BE with you all. Amen"

Sincerely,  
Abbott Meader

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Monday, March 9, 1970

Speaking as a student of Colby College, I am using the ECHO to register my complete disgust with and contempt of the administration of this college. I write of the legal actions taken by the administration to end the occupation of Lorimer Chapel by seventeen black students. I do not concern myself, as of this writing, with the demands of the black students. Though I support them wholeheartedly, it is not their merits that concerns me at the moment.

I do not trust the administration of this college; I have not trusted it for about a year now. I have, however, always held to a basic belief in humanity, feeling that all people are able and desirous of dealing with others honestly.

I first believed that the administration's seeking an injunction against the "Chapel 17" was an act grossly underestimating the sentiment of the student body, an act of simple stupidity. It was much more.

At about 11:00 a.m., Monday, Dean Rosenthal called Charles Terrell and told him that the administration was seeking an injunction to force the blacks to leave the chapel. He told Charles that the injunction would probably be served at about 12:30 p.m. Between the hours of noon and 2:00 p.m., two, perhaps three-hundred white students, mostly sympathetic to the blacks, arrived at the chapel. At approximately 12:45, I saw Dean Rosenthal leave the campus. I assume he went to Augusta. At about that same time, the administration began to argue in court in Augusta that the number of people in the chapel constituted a riot condition and that these droves of humanity would cause severe damage to the college and perhaps serious injuries.

Thus, Dean Rosenthal's phone call to Charles Terrell was the act that actually created the "riot condition" in the chapel. The injunction was granted because of this "condition". My own feeling is that the injunction should have been served on Rosenthal and those who connived this play with him.

What all this amounts to is that Dean Rosenthal cried, "Wolf!" and students came running. They were duped. As another student has observed, the administration used each one of the two hundred or so students who went up to the chapel and peacefully showed by their presence that they supported the five demands of the black students.

I was one of those students. I do not like being duped. I do not like being used. I do not like the administration of Colby College and I doubt that I will ever believe the words of an administrator while I remain here. I do not like Colby College. It deserves to remain lily-white which it almost certainly will, now. I hope President Strider who expressed such concern over the college's image at last Wednesday's faculty meeting, realized how such a lily-white situation can effect the image of a "liberal institution" such as Colby.

Sincerely,  
William C. Madden



March 7, 1970

An Open Letter To  
Evert Makinen

Dear Evert,

I want to make three specific comments on your "Open Letter," but first of all I would like to congratulate you on having been born in the U.S.A. and not, let us say, in the U.S.S.R. In the latter country General Peter Grigorenko has just been committed to an asylum for the criminally insane as a result of his advocacy of the cause of the Crimean Tatars, exiled by Stalin to Central Asia at the time of the Second World War. Although the Tatars have now been officially "rehabilitated," Kosygin and Brezhnev are no more eager than was Stalin to have them return to the Crimea. Hence General Grigorenko's efforts on their behalf interfered with "business as usual" to a sufficient degree to warrant his being taken out of circulation.

To the best of my knowledge neither President Strider nor President Nixon has declared you insane as yet. Again, my congratulations!

Now for my three comments:

I. In your letter you state: "The issues seem reasonable enough, and if anything they are remarkable for their moderation."

I presume these words also apply to the demand that in a few years' time the student body at Colby College shall be at least 10% Negro.

This particular demand raises at least two questions in my mind:

a. Approximately 0.14% of the American population is of Polish

extraction. Should steps be taken to ensure that in a few years 0.14% (not more and not less) of the Colby student body will be of Polish extraction?

b. In the South there are colleges with 90-100% of the student body consisting of Negroes. Shall these colleges reduce the proportion of Negro students so that they will reach a ratio of 10-12% Negro students at about the same time as Colby?

II. In your letter you see the danger of "further alienating Blacks (capitalized!) from whites (not capitalized!)," if the Negro students' demands are not met, but in the same breath you express the fear that not meeting these demands will "convince Black (capitalized!) and white (not capitalized!) youth together of the effete (are you using this word in Agnew's sense?) and pernicious character of contemporary American institutions."

This particular statement of yours raises at least two questions in my mind.

a. What is it you fear: further alienation of blacks (of any age) from whites (of any age), or further alienation of youth (of any color) from the Establishment?

b. Considering humanity's experience on this earth over the past 10,000 years or so, isn't it quite possible that the opposite will happen from what you expect? Isn't it possible that giving in to the Negroes' demands may lead to further alienation between the races? Isn't it possible that, just as the Negroes' patience has apparently come to an end, so also the patience of the white majority of this country will eventually come to an end if the small minority insists on continuing to needle, insult, even physically assault the overwhelming majority?

III. The general tone of the reasoning in your letter reminds me very much of the reasoning used by Hitler in the twenties and early thirties in his successful campaign to instill in the Germans a compulsive feeling of self-pity that then cried out for compensation and over-compensation. This reasoning boils down to something like the following: "We have been treated so badly, so shamefully for so long, that now we are entitled to do almost anything we want and be forgiven for it."

It does not seem to me, Evert, that this is a healthy basis from which to start improving race relations.

Yours, as ever,  
John Kempers

March 9, 1970

Dear President Strider,

I am a student at Colby, and I officially represent only myself. However, I believe there are a number of students here with views similar to mine. I am writing this letter for several reasons, one of which is that it does not seem to me that, outside of overt

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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY

In announcing our candidacy for Student Government office we are not at this time attempting to present a specific number of proposals within a set and rigid program. It seems quite obvious that all the candidates involved are basically concerned with the same issues. Everyone knows what the relevant problems on campus are and realizes that to a great extent our first attempts at achieving our desired goals must go through the new channels just now becoming operative. Many people have strong feelings as to the effectiveness of these channels in breaking down the communication barriers so strongly present between the administration, faculty, and students, as well as those present within each constituent body. One thing is definite - this structure will be tested no matter who wins the election. The issues are here, and the time of truth is upon us.

In light of this, it seems that your problem is not one of selecting a party platform but rather of electing to office those individuals who can adapt themselves to any and all issues which are brought before them. Those in office must be able to judge the needs of the students and react accordingly to those pressures and challenges which are ever present and so often changing. No matter how promising a structure looks on paper it is only as strong as those individuals who will be backing it.

Steve Orlov ..... President  
Nick Nash ..... Vice-President  
Bob Gordon ..... Treasurer  
Claudia Caruso ..... Secretary

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unlawful or illegal entry into or occupation of buildings, offices, classrooms or other premises of the plaintiff;  
inducing, promoting or participating in the illegal and unlawful interference with the officers, agents or employees of the plaintiff, in the conduct and performance of their duties.

2. Set a time and place for hearing upon said prayer for a permanent injunction and order such notice to the defendants as the Court deems proper.

### MOTION

Plaintiff moves for a preliminary injunction in this cause enjoining defendants from:

taking or holding possession or exercising dominion or control over the use of Lorimer

# 9 Excerpts

Excerpts from Ben Kravitz's speech at the chapel.

Student Government could not agree on a course of action or policy. Instead we offered our facilities and \$100 in order to promote the flow of communications between the Student Organization for Black Unity and the student body. Through the improvement of these lines we have learned more about the philosophies and principles which the "Chapel 18" espouse. The more we examined the issues the more we all realized that the key problem was one of priorities. From this vantage point, we realized that any meaningful discussion of the demands must include an examination of the financial and ideological priorities of the college. Thus, we passed a motion urging school officials to immediately reevaluate the established priorities.

Further discussion led to the conclusion that Student Government should make a more definitive statement about the issues raised by the black students and the actions they have taken. Few people argued with the principles of the Chapel 18. Student Government feels that the implementation of the demands will unquestionably benefit the entire Colby community.

Student Government also feels that the frustration of the continual effort by the Blacks to realize their goals through various channels makes their current actions appropriate. Therefore we adopted the following motion:

The members of Student Government support the principles of the Student Organization for Black Unity and the actions which they have taken for the cause of

disadvantaged minorities.

I have described the resolutions in the context of their development. Obviously this was not a hasty process, and involved more thinking and reasoning than the simple wording implies. The Student Government, in voting their support, believes that the "demands", and the non-violent and orderly action of the Student Organization for Black Unity are reasonable. The government also decided that the college administration should not have to bear the entire responsibility for these goals which the whole community desires. To help realize these goals, Student Government has initiated a campaign to raise scholarship money for qualified members of disadvantaged minority groups who want to come to Colby, but could otherwise not attend. Thus we are both urging the administration to do their part, by implementing the 5 demands and we will also try to do our part to meet the many needs that these demands do not cover.

These scholarship funds will be available to all disadvantaged groups such as Appalachian whites, ghetto blacks, and our own Maine Indians. For while it may appear that the occupation of Lorimer Chapel revolves around the issues of increasing black student enrollment at Colby, we feel that the issue is really much wider. The basic issue is that qualified minority group members, regardless of financial position, deserve the opportunity to undertake a college education. It is clear, therefore, that the basic issues of this particular incident are merely manifestations of the far more universal problem of the inequities of our present educational system. Thus, it is the solution to this more fundamental problem which is now being sought by the Colby blacks.

The five demands have focused attention on some of the most fundamental problems of Colby College. We believe that their implementation will add to the education and stimulation of all Colby students, faculty members, and administrators.



THE MAN

Chapel;

Inducing, promoting or participating in unlawful disorder, civil disobedience, riot, or tumultuous assembly on the campus of the

plaintiff;

Inducing, promoting or participating in unlawful or illegal entry into or occupation of buildings, offices, classrooms or other premises of the plaintiff;

Inducing, promoting or participating in the illegal and unlawful interference with the officers, agents or employees of the plaintiff, in the conduct and performance of their duties.

The grounds in support of this motion are that unless restrained defendants will undertake some or all of the aforesaid actions, and as a result the plaintiff will be greatly damaged.

Immediate and irreparable injury, loss and damage will result to plaintiff by reason of the threatened action by or on behalf of the defendants as more particularly appears above, and plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

If this preliminary injunction be granted, the injury, if any to the defendants, if final judgment be in their favor, will be inconsiderate and such that will be adequately indemnified by bond.

MOTION  
And plaintiff moves for a temporary restraining order

restraining defendants from:

taking or holding possession or exercising dominion or control over the use of Lorimer Chapel;

Inducing, promoting or participating in unlawful disorder, civil disobedience, riot, or tumultuous assembly on the campus of the plaintiff;

Inducing, promoting or participating in unlawful or illegal entry into or occupation of buildings, offices, classrooms or other premises of the plaintiff;

Inducing, promoting or participating in the illegal and unlawful interference with the officers, agents or employees of the plaintiff, in the conduct and performance of their duties;

Pending hearing and determination of plaintiff's prayer for a preliminary injunction, on the ground that immediate and irreparable injury loss and damage will result to plaintiff before notice can be served and a hearing had thereon, as more fully appears from this verified complaint.

Dated: March 9, 1970

THE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES OF  
COLBY COLLEGE

By Robert Strider  
Its President

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many students; but he reminded the ECHO that he was obligated to listen to the desires of other constituencies of the college besides students. He said that the legal actions were supported by the Alumni Council, about half of the trustees, or all he had contacted, many faculty members and all major members of the administration. Although the blacks interviewed expressed the feeling that some small amount of progress had been made in their deliberations, R.E.L.S. called this a "delusion" on their part and restated that no substantive work could have been accomplished while the blacks remained in the chapel.

On Tuesday, Student Government released a statement that "deplored" the administration's use of legal force. The Student Organization for Black Unity released a letter to R.E.L.S. that criticized him for continuing to dwell on the tactics of the issue rather than the substance and stating that his own tactics were devious. A demonstration calling upon R.E.L.S. to lift the restraining order was held on third floor Eustis involving about 150 students. About 200 students picketed the President's house between 4:30 and 5:30. In a meeting at 9:30, the S.O.B.U. outlined their general plans to periodically confront the administration and then give them a span of time to accede to the demands. They called upon the 200 white students present to assist them actively.



## RUMBLINGS

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Elections for Student government officers are coming up next week and for the most part are being ignored. The reasons are varied from the Black Unity crisis to the lack of parties and information of independents. I feel that I am neither qualified nor informed enough to comment on all of the offices and candidates but I would like to speak to the office of the president.

Though the president has only one vote on the board he is a major influence in both policy making and priority decisions. During most meetings the president sets not only the mood or tone but many times either tempers or strengthens Student Governments stands on various issues. With much informality at Stu-G meetings the president is in a good position to run things along his line of reasoning. This is not to say that Stu-G is a pawn of the president but he does wield definite powers outside of those delegated to him in the charter.

There are several candidates running for the office, three at last count. I will not endorse any one candidate but would rather speak out against Fred Osborn. On the recent Roberts Union bulletin board there was a quote "Neutrality in the face of crisis is immoral". This quote typifies Fred. I am not talking about composure or level and clear thinking but rather middle of the road; mediocrity. We the voters are a youthful creative group full of vitality who look to Stu-G as a leader not a hindrance in student affairs. Though I admit that Fred is a leader in compromising both arguments and issues he none the less is acquiring the ability of ambivalent rhetoric (acquired through long hours of speaking into two telephones at the same time with different conversations). Fred's stands seem to change with the feelings of the crowd a sort of sliding principles. One day he wears an arm band supporting the black students and the next he can be found writing letters chastising the blacks for their actions. When helping with news releases during the height of the crisis Fred could be found delivering these releases to the

administration before they even reached the students. It is actions like these that has gained him the support of "Money Man Williams" for the presidency. In a time of tension Fred Osborne has not only proved himself incompetent to me but to many of the more prominent people involved in the chapel incident.

**SHUMAKER** *Con't from pg. 5* is that since the system does not work, what are the students willing to do outside of the system to achieve their goals.

Interviewer: What sort of tactics would you recommend?

Shumaker: Well, this, of course is a matter to which I and my advisors would give extensive thought before the meeting, and hopefully we would be able to come up with several alternatives to action while at the same time leaving ourselves open to further suggestions from the student body. I would hope that we would be able to take some sort of action that would be directly relevant to the problem that we were trying to solve. One idea which comes to mind immediately in this particular problem would be to ask that all the dormitories meet and set their own rules without regard to administration guidelines. But, of course, before a problem could be solved like this, the judicial aspects of the affair would have to be taken into account. Hopefully, this would be somewhat simplified by the badly needed judiciary reform which I hope could be accomplished very shortly.

Interviewer: What do you feel are the major issues of your campaign?

Shumaker: All the candidates are interested in pretty much the same things: we're interested in dormitory autonomy, triple jeopardy, pass-fail, course critique, and academic change. While I think my party has proposed a few more things which could be done to improve the campus, concerning use of the unions and reconsideration of library and traffic fines, I think these are problems that might come up during the year anyway. We all know pretty much what needs to be changed on this campus. I think the big issue in this campaign is how are we going to go about changing it.

My candidacy and the candidacies of those who run with me represents a lack of faith in the administration's methods for achieving change. Although we feel that the methods framed by the Constitutional Convention could bring about constructive change, in our past years here we have seen innumerable examples of times when students have been willing to submit to the process of reason (which the administration has proposed): times when the students have gone through hours of debate, have done everything in their powers to be reasonable only to find the administration utterly unwilling to reconsider its position or take any kind of action at all.

The events of this last weekend are an excellent example of this situation. In the middle of negotiations which showed every sign of being fruitful, of being about to bring forth very productive results - the administration for reasons best known to itself suddenly decided to break off negotiations with the Student Organization for Black Unity and have recourse to the law. I think the many times the administration has done this sort of thing has convinced all of us that their methods are very limited in effectiveness. And we all feel that in all likelihood it will be necessary for students to resort to other means to attain their goals.

Interviewer: Considering what you just said and considering the events of the last few days when the administration by the use of trickery has broken whatever good faith it might have had with the Student Organization for Black Unity, are you very pessimistic about the possibilities of constructive change within the system?

Shumaker: Yes, I am. I think it's very unfortunate that the administration has so often used committees for the purpose of delaying action rather than for the purpose of bringing about action, because when the administration sabotages the system in this way, frustrates the students and demonstrates that the system the administration provides is also designed to prevent the students from attaining change, then there can be no choice but to forsake the system, go under the

system, and use other methods to bring about the improvements that this college so badly needs.

Interviewer: Would you lead or support movements of national concern, like the Moratorium March of last fall?

Shumaker: I certainly would. I think at this time in our nation's history it is becoming apparent that college students are the group which is most aware of the problems the nation faces right now, and I think the more aware Colby students can become of these problems and the more they can make their voices heard the better the students and the nation will be for it. I would gladly work to support and give leadership to a movement such as last fall's Moratorium or this spring's Environmental Teach-in.

I think there's a good deal the College can do to get involved in these problems. Colby College has many million dollars in endowment money, and all of these funds are invested in corporate securities. With great difficulty, we have managed to secure a copy of the Colby College Treasurer's report, which lists all of the corporations in which Colby holds stocks and bonds and we are at this time going through this list of corporations to determine whether any of these are major pollutants. Should we find that they are, I think it would be not only possible but salubrious if the students of Colby who feel very concerned about pollution were to put pressure on the administration to use the stock proxies which they hold in these corporations to induce the boards of directors to cease polluting the air or water of the area in which they operate.

Bill Shumaker is nineteen years old. He was born in London, England, and grew up in Providence, Rhode Island. During the past week, Shumaker has organized a party operating under the slogan "Turn Stu-G Around: GutS - Go Under the System." Other members of the ticket are: Mike Gitlin, vice-president; Dick Kaynor, Academic Life chairman; Mark Frisch, treasurer; Amy Sosland, secretary; and Mike Hayey, NSA representative.

# NEWSBRIEFS

## THE BAND BAGS COLBY

Bob Saglio, Social Life Chairman, reports that the Band Concert, postponed last month will not be rescheduled in the spring due to a European tour that the band will soon be taking. The concert is being rescheduled for Homecoming next year. Ticket refunds can still be made in the Treasurer's Office.

## MEDITATION LECTURE

Joe Clark is returning to Colby to begin another series of lectures on Transcendental Meditation. The first lecture is scheduled for Thursday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lovejoy Auditorium.

## WHY SETTLE FOR LESS?

Last Tuesday evening black freshmen and whites sympathetic to the issue of black demands staged a walk out in Given Auditorium during a freshmen class assembly to discuss majors. Dean Rosenthal began the program and Professor Perez of the Psychology Dept. Shortly after Dr. Perez began speaking, Black leader Terry Knight raised a question about the availability of courses or majors in the contemporary problems of blacks. With Professor Perez's reply that there were none, Knight and about fifty others walked out of the meeting.

## POETRY READING

Samuel Cornish will give a poetry reading at Colby on Friday, March 20. The reading will be presented in Dunn Lounge at 7:30 p.m. Cornish is widely published and has been an editor of a magazine for the past several years.

## EARTH FIRST

The Colby Environmental Council and other campus organizations is coordinating a series of lectures, films and panel discussions on Environmental problems. The first scheduled program is on March 12, at which time Governor Curtis will discuss Environmental problems in Maine. Other events are scheduled throughout April, with the main emphasis on April 22—the nationwide Earth Day. While it is necessary that attention be focused on these problems, it is equally important that the necessary action be taken to solve them. If any group or individual is interested in contributing ideas contact Nat Woodruff or Debbie White. Watch for further notice of scheduled events.

## TOURNAMENT OF TOURNAMENTS

Competition in table tennis, pool, billiards, bridge, and chess is being arranged in Roberts Union. Interested students may sign up for any of the tournaments.

## WHEN YOU'RE THERE, ASK THEM IF IT'S THE SAME FOR EVERYBODY

From the Director of Financial Aid:  
Financial aid applicants for 1970-1971 may pick up materials in 402 Eustis. Completed applications must be submitted to the Financial Aid office by Tuesday, April 7.

## PETER SERKIN!!!

The Colby Student Music Associates is sponsoring Peter Serkin, pianist, in concert on Wednesday, March 18. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Given Auditorium. Tickets should be obtained before the concert date.

## RETURN ENGAGEMENT

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## PURE POINTS

Last Tuesday the Financial Aid Committee of the college met and passed a motion that would revise the present financial aid policy of Colby. There were three parts to the motion. The first clause set the required grade point average for financial aid at the same average as that required to remain in school. The next section maintained the present average of one-third of the student body on financial aid. The final clause stated that all financial aid would be given in full and that no cuts would be made to gain funds for new scholarships. A rider was attached to the motion stating that it would not be implemented unless the necessary additional funds could be obtained. The vote on the motion went as follows: for the four student members and Dean Rosenthal; opposed Treasurer Seope, Director Financial Aid, Hickox; the rest abstained. This motion will now be given to the faculty and if it is voted on favorably it will go to the President and the Board of Trustees for final approval.

## BECOME A RIGHT ARM

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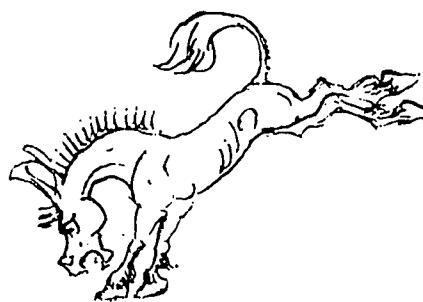
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# MULE KICKS



by Dave Rea

Over the course of the last few years, one of the prime concerns of a great part of the Colby community has been the lack of interaction between Colby as a college and the surrounding community of Waterville. Many people feel that Colby sits isolated on Mayflower Hill, almost totally aloof from the town that harbors the college. This separation is bridged somewhat by the various service projects that students can do (at the Hilltop School, the YMCA, etc.), but the real way in which Colby and Waterville join is by the athletic facilities and groups that are associated with them.

Colby does not limit the use of its fieldhouse and Alfond Arena only to Colby students and faculty. The town of Waterville has these facilities open to them for certain times when Colby students are not using them, so that both college and town can benefit from the many aspects of sport which the fieldhouse offers. On any given evening, there are a great number of people, both young and old, who come in from Waterville to play tennis, swim or just shoot a few baskets to keep in shape.

Of equal importance is the Alfond Ice Arena. In addition to the many exciting games which the Colby Mules provide for the literally hundreds of townspeople to see, the rink also is allotted to the Waterville Skating Club for their use in preparation for the fine exhibition that was given on Winter Weekend. However, of particular note is the Waterville High School hockey team which has daily use of the rink during season and, with the opportunity to use this fine facility, has risen to prominence as a hockey power, not only in Maine but also in all of New England. This year's Waterville team could be New England's champion team, a possibility made available by their continuous use of the Colby rink.

In addition to the facilities available to Waterville people, there are athletics-related organizations, most specifically the Quarterback Club, whose purpose is to act as backers for the Colby athletic program. In this way, those who do not use the Colby fieldhouse can still have a very active and important role in the school's athletic program.

While Colby College and Waterville still do not interact as well as they might or as well as could be hoped for, it is unavoidable that the two should meet on some grounds. Through the many facets of the Colby athletic program, be it the games that are played here, the facilities available for general use or such organizations as the Quarterback Club, the gap between Colby and Waterville is somewhat bridged, only on an informal basis, but in a way that lends itself to a more stable level of interaction.

# tennis

by Frank Apantaku

The first Colby College Invitational Indoor tennis tournament will be played on Saturday, March 14 starting at 10:00 a.m. and continuing on Sunday, March 15 starting at noon in the Colby gymnasium field house. It is being organized to provide the college team a chance to get accustomed to tournament play "jitters" before the Florida trip during the Spring Recess.

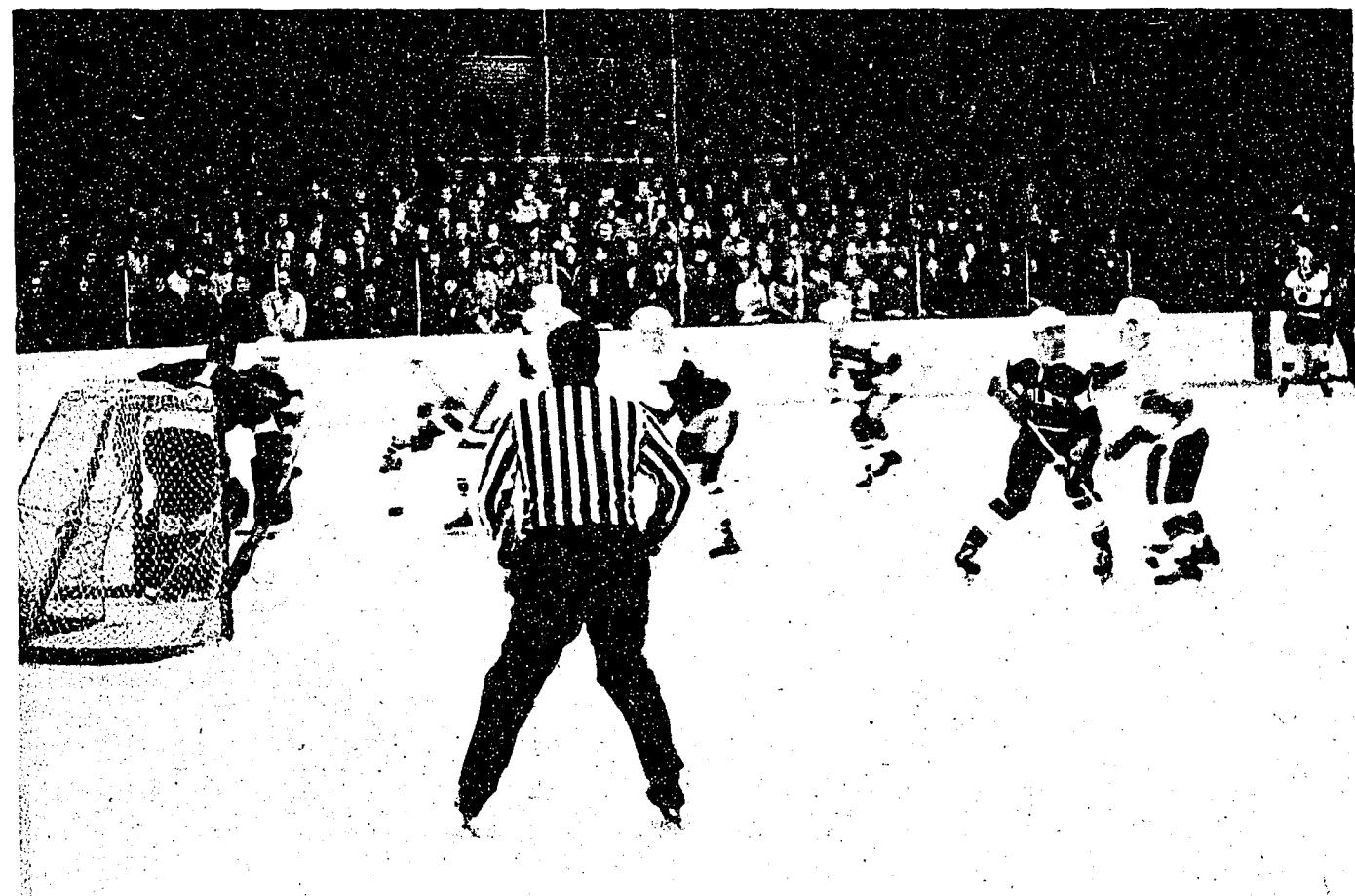
Vying for the 12-inch Rose trophy and other assorted prizes donated by Sterns, Levines, Peter Webber and other leading stores in town, will be the top-speeded Guy T. Filosof, Professor of French, Dave Freeman, Richie Irvine, Eric

Joerg and Frank Apantaku may pull an upset victory. Joining in this tennis festival will be several prominent local players of whom John Osborne, Ian Holmstrom and Bernie Laliberte are notable mentions.

But the greatest thrills should come from seeing some of the Colby professors, Jan Hogendorn, Wayne Smith and Gene Hilinski pound away attempting to become the first winner of the Rose Trophy.

Whatever the outcome, it should be an exciting weekend of the very best in tennis. And may the best of the contestants receive the trophy away from Mrs. Helen Strider, the guest of honor.

# MULES LOSE TO BOWDOIN



Playing before a capacity crowd at the Bowdoin Arena the Colby varsity hockey team fell to a strong Bowdoin squad for the second time this season, 4-2.

The win was Bowdoin's thirteenth straight Division I victory and gave the Polar Bears a 17-2 record overall. The Mule's loss was their first in seven Division II games and set their seasons record at 13-8-1.

In the fast moving first period Bowdoin took a 1-0 lead at 5:22 when a defenseman's long slapshot deflected off the skate of another player into the goal.

The Mules, however, came right back and evened the score 14 seconds later when center Dave Williams banged home the rebound of a shot by Colby defenseman, Ship Wood.

Play continued at a fast pace and near the middle of the period, Colby took a 2-1 lead as winger John Bowey put a loose rebound past the Bowdoin netminder after another slapshot by Ship Wood.

A minute later three Bowdoin players combined to tie the score which remained 2-2 to the end of the period. The Mules outshot Bowdoin 8 to 3 in the first period.

Bowdoin scored what turned out

to be the winning goal at 12:25 of the second period, when a Polar Bear wing scored through a screen on Colby's goalie, Howie Haase. A little more than a minute later Bowdoin added another goal on a deflection shot to give the Polar Bears a 4-2 lead.

In the final period, Colby outshot Bowdoin 12-9, but was unable to beat the Bowdoin goalie again.

The loss almost ended any chances that the Mules had to make the Division II playoffs. On Sunday this became reality when Middlebury and Merrimack were awarded the last two play-off spots.

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action, many students have attempted to clearly and directly put forth their views to the administration. The issue is, of course, the occupation of the Lorimer Chapel.

Firstly, let me present my own views on this issue. I do not support the action taken by those in the chapel because they have not made it apparent that they had previously actively sought other means to attain their goals. I saw nothing in the "Echo" throughout the year referring to any grievances on these matters. Also, despite many attempts to ascertain what other steps they may have taken, I have been unable to find that they had tried other methods. This letter is not meant, however, to be an endorsement of the administration policy. I have been led to understand that you had been approached concerning some of these matters; and in any event, as head of this institution, the initiative should have been taken by you, and should not have had to be borne by the students. I realize the college had already taken some steps in these matters, but there seems to be no evidence that the administration ever tried to consider proposals of the students of its actions on these matters. Even the dubious committee was never put into effect after Con-Con.

In any event, the black students are now

to the point of absurdity, to seek a court injunction to evict anyone from any chapel, so long as they are not actively infringing upon the rights of others. It would certainly be unwise to seek such an injunction before the Wednesday faculty meeting, where, I understand, there will be an opportunity for some of the demands to be acted upon. I do not believe that on any of these demands the two factions are very greatly separated. At this point, a court injunction or any form of reprisal would only serve to hurt the college. It would appear to be infinitely wiser to attempt to maintain lines of communication between the administration and those occupying the Chapel and their sympathizers. Any form of punishment would serve only to alienate the administration from its students, something no university desires, especially a small school like Colby. Right now, what is needed is not reprisals, but honest negotiations, with neither side forcing the edge of its power, through which both sides could "save face". After that, perhaps in agreement to these negotiations, a conscientious effort should be made by the Colby administration to increase the participation of the students in policy decisions and to actively inform the student body of the administration's activities.

Sincerely,  
Richard Schwartz  
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## LETTERS TO EDITOR

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March 6, 1970

Dear Mr. Melillo:

In a copy of the ECHO which came to my attention I noticed that you shed tears for one John Sinclair, who I got to know personally very well and who is, believe me, no credit to the human race. This man has nothing to offer mankind; to the contrary he would destroy us all and takes pride in this.

Yet you, a kid from Colby who has lived insufficient years to form mature judgments, who does not know Sinclair, are so irresponsible as to misuse the public prints to seek to release this person on society.

I should tell you at the outset that I am only a few years older than you, having graduated one year ago. Like you and like many thousands of others like you I, too, was a damn fool and thought I knew all the answers and presumed to pass judgment on others and institutions about which I was pitifully informed. In fact I was the editor of my college newspaper and today I am far from proud of the ass I made of myself shooting down all of the same targets fired upon by every campus.

You should look in the mirror and see there the reflection of a conformist, a solid member of a new Establishment which mouths the same slogans, hates the same hates, worships the same idols and causes. There isn't one original, courageous thought amongst ten thousand Jim Melillos and the ironic thing is that you and your carbon copies actually believe that you are the brave, bold activists set nobly apart from the stupid masses.

The copy of the ECHO I read is a copy of every other campus newspaper. It belabors the same tired old issues with the same religious fanaticism. While at the same time it completely ignores a great variety of problems facing us as a people today. As far as our student editors these problems do not exist. All that matters is hatred for Pigs, so-called student rights, sneering at the President, modern music, the right to get hooked on drugs, and the crime of all discipline as compared to the right to do anything one wants. What a bore! What evidence of the

immaturity of a college student! The wonder is that he does not have the intelligence to recognize himself for what he is, a half-baked, poorly educated fool who heatedly mouths the nonsense of his fellows. Or that he doesn't realize that in a very few years he will look back sadly upon what he was and wish it could be wiped from the slate of his life.

My God, Melillo, how does a sane person get steamed up over a psycho who, as you write, is oriented toward dope, Rock and Roll, and fucking in the streets? If your stupid appeal in his behalf should return Sinclair to the streets and he, out of this world on drugs, and toting a radio blasting out Rock and Roll, should encounter your mother, sister, or wife and fuck her on the streets I suppose you would consider this perfectly okay and would solicit funds to reduce his sentence. Man, are you sick.

Where in your publication is there indignation at the students who destroy college property? You have a chance to receive an education because alumni and business coughs off a lot of dough for buildings. But you don't give a damn if some oaf who thinks he's the smartest bird in the world settles great issues by heaving bricks and setting fires. The kids you uphold, think on resort to kicking and toy-throwing and tantrums when they don't have their way, when they don't like the way things are going, or when someone tries to settle them down. This is today's college activist. I don't like the way it's run, says he, so I'm going to scream and kick my heels, hurray. Oh, Brother, Brother.

I wish I had my college years to live over. I'd fight like hell for real responsibility on college papers. I'd fight to have them do more than behave like mouthpieces of the campus minority of presumptuous fatheads who have the gall to sit in judgment on better men than they'll ever be. Since graduating I have run into plumbers, bank tellers, clerks, bus drivers, and hundreds of other uneducated people who have shamed me by their superior knowledge and judgments. I am a hell of a lot more humble than I was in college.

You should be, too. Brother, you don't know everything. You proved that clearly when you came up with those favorites of your kind, dissent and civil disobedience, in blasting

the Faculty Appeals Board in that drug case.

To put it kindly, you, Jim, are a typical contemporary stupid college kid without the brains to recognize your own naive stupidity.

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